



The Arndell Advocate

September 18th 2009

The Newsletter of Arndell Anglican College

From the Acting Principal:

Mr. James Webb



Cyber Bullying:

I am interested to see what response I might get if I asked people to come along to an information evening on this most significant topic, 'A major headache of the 21st Century' based on an article by Stephanie Harrington writing in the Australian Teacher.

A number of years ago we were at the forefront of presenting this topic to the wider community but our parents elected not to turn up. It is a 'complex social problem with no quick fix solutions'. However, ignorance is not the answer and clearly, parents are simply not tuned in to the pitfalls that accompany Face book, Twitter and MSN to name a few.

Are you a concerned parent? If so call the College and register your desire to take part in some training and a healthy debate on the topic of Cyber bullying. I will detail dates before the end of the term.

Equestrian Carnival:

Since 1995 Arndell has been one of the most involved schools in NSW in the area of interschool equestrian carnivals. Arndell was the first school to run an equestrian carnival and we are proud to once again host schools from all over NSW at this most prestigious event. What can you do to help? Contact the Equestrian Committee if you can give a few hours on Saturday 26th September.

Front of the College:

The ground staff and I have discussed the grasses at the front of the Administration Building. We are responding to a number of parental observations that it is looking quite untidy. If you have suggestions please drop me a note or come in for a chat. Let us really get the place looking wonderful.

Please remember keep those plastic bags to a minimum.

Dr. Goddard's Afternoon Tea:

Just a reminder that if you would like to attend Dr. Goddard's afternoon tea on Monday 28th at 3.00pm please contact Mrs. Whelan in Administration. This will help us with catering.

Tess of the d'Urbervilles:

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A tragic tale of seduction, betrayal and sacrifice.

Performed by Year 9 Drama All Tickets on Sale \$5

Opening Night Friday 25th September Closing Night Saturday 26th September

Can I urge you to support the Year 9 students? If you are a Primary parent come along and see what we do. Let us bridge that divide.

From the Head of the Junior School: Mr. Rick Harrison

The Junior School recently received the results of the University of NSW ICAS Science Assessment. As well as a huge number of students receiving “credit” awards (too many to list here), the following students achieved “distinctions” placing them in the top 10 percent of the state: David Sproule, Amy Cumming, Andreas Hoffmann, Lachlan Robinson, Solomon Roper, Elysia Sproule and Jake Hilder.



The following students received Citizenship Awards at our last Awards Assembly:

Prep: Courtney Evans, Harrison Tuck;	KR: Tom Fitzgerald, Mackenzie Holland;
K/1B: William Bell, Benjamin Webb;	1R: Luke Breene, Larissa Read;
2B: Rebecca Rance, Jackson Hill;	2R: Scott Charlesworth, Victoria Earle;
3B: Dylan Dauncey, Ainsley Fraser;	3R: Caitlin Apro, Tully Lynch;
4B: Brooke Croft, Amelia Pinter;	4R: Andreas Hoffmann, Skye Vucko;
5B: Elysia Sproule, Liam Steinhour;	5R: Max Midgley, Patrick Mount;
6B: Lachlan McGowen, Dakota Cooke-Martin;	6R: Michael Coyle, Carson Mills.

Congratulations to all of these students.

Congratulations also to Elouise Abrahams who managed to achieve second place in the 11 years girls 100m race at the CIS carnival. Elouise will now move on to the State All Schools Carnival.

Parents may be interested to know that over the past few weeks we have had a “crackdown” on inappropriate playground behaviour, particularly on the Junior School oval. The number of teachers on duty has been increased and rough play and poor language has been targeted. Because of this, the number of children receiving lunchtime withdrawals has increased, but we are already seeing the vast majority of the students behaving in a more thoughtful manner in the playground.

Next Friday we will be holding our next Awards Assembly with Year 2 performing for us. The normal awards will also be presented and all parents are welcome to join us at 1:30pm in the Auditorium.

Enjoy your weekend.

Events coming up include:

- Junior School Disco: 18th September
- Last day for HZSA Yr5/6 Wednesday Sport: 23rd September
- 1R K/1B Excursion to Schoolhouse Museum: 23rd September
- Mini-market Day: 24th September
- Awards Assembly: 25th September
- Equestrian Carnival: 26th September
- Year 6 Camp: 30th September – 2nd October
- Last Day Term 2: 2nd October

From the Head of the Senior School: Mrs Lynn Gillen

Best wishes to Year 11 and Year 10 for their examinations.

Please, Year 12, make the most of your last two weeks of classes. Your teachers are very willing to help with any questions or advice, so do not hesitate to ask.

Parents of Year 7 and 9 students should receive their student's NAPLAN results in the mail either this week or next week. Please contact us if they fail to arrive home.

Year 11 and Year 12 students have the opportunity to do a Study Course and an Essay Writing Course during the holidays. Please contact Tracey Linette from ICS Learning Group on 0448 216 010 or register at www.skillscentre.com.au. The courses are on Tuesday 6th October and Thursday 8th October.



Head of Library Services: from Mrs Connie Stephens

Junior School Book Week Competition Winners

Week 5 was National Book Week and as part of our celebration, the library ran a voluntary class competition. As the 2009 Book Week theme was "On Safari" the students in each Prep-Yr2 class had a different wild safari animal to colour. The students in Yrs 3-6 completed a two page short story about a safari. Appropriately, the winning students chose their own book prize from a selection of books at the Grandparents' Bookfair and prizes were awarded at the assembly on the day. All other students received a small encouragement prize. As well, all students were treated to a poetry performance on the day, 'Pick a Peck of Pickled Poems', which was a lot of fun.

Congratulations to the following grade competition winners:

Prep: Courtney Evans

Year Three: Caitlin Clark

Kindergarten: Blake Evans

Year Four: Faith Evans & Lleyton Bird

Year One: Finley Elven & Georgie Aldacour

Year Five: Max Midgley

Year Two: Sophie McAlpine

Year Six: Alexandria Smith

From the Acting Head of IT: Mr Austin Robinson

Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 November from 8.00 am to 5.00 pm, and on Friday 13 November from 8.00 am to 11.00 am. If students need a particular time, they will need to contact me ASAP as I will be organising and publishing the test schedule by the end of term.

Points from the P&F: Mrs Neile Thompson

Many thanks to Mr Smith and his able assistant Mr Robinson for an interesting, informative and quite entertaining presentation on Technology at Arndell at Wednesday night's Information Evening. I know I love the new on-line Welfare system for its ease of use ... email arrives ... click ... have my children been naughty or nice? ... and there is the answer! ... no more battling to get them to hand over their diaries! Now I also know where that information comes from and where it goes to – put it all together and you have a school that has a profile of every student's behaviour at the tip of their fingers – very impressive! I also have a much better understanding of just how many resources are available to our students via the College system ... they don't need to spend hours staring blankly at Google wondering which of the thousands of websites are going to be relevant to their assignment ... they can go straight to the Library homepage and access "mega gigabytes" of information already checked for relevance and usefulness ... they really don't need to waste time wondering!



Our meeting next term will be a presentation on the new THRASS (Teaching Handwriting Reading and Spelling Skills) programme that is now appearing in a classroom near you. The P&F is very pleased to be funding this programme.

To assist us in our fundraising efforts we would greatly appreciate donations of goods and/or services to be used for prizes and raffles at the upcoming Trivia Night in November – big or small, all donations gratefully accepted! If you would like to help us help our school please contact me by email or neile@richmondvet.com.au or mobile 0414 845 488 or you can drop your donation in at the office ... make sure we know where it comes from though so we can thank you.

Arndell Anglican College Directory:

Acting Headmaster:	Mr James Webb
Acting Head of Snr School:	Mrs Lynn Gillen
Head of Junior School:	Mr Rick Harrison
Chaplain	Rev. Graeme Sedorenko
After School Care:	0407 474 161 (3.30- 5.30pm)
Equestrian:	Mrs Teena Welsh 0425 254 412 teenbean1@westnet.com.au Mrs Laura Thorpe 0416 212 260 prestigeinteriors@exemail.com.au
P & F President:	Mrs Neile Thompson 0414 845 488 pandf@ardell.nsw.edu.au Mrs Liz Moore 4572 3254
Uniform Shop:	Tuesday/Thursday 8.30-10.30am/2.30-4pm
Canteens:	Monday-Friday (Recess/Lunch) Pastor Greg Peisley
Pitt Town Anglican Community Church:	4572 3633/0402 278 483 Tuesday/Thursday/Friday

IMPORTANT TERM DATES-2009

Term 3 – 2009

Monday 27 July – Friday 2 October

Term 4 – 2009

Tuesday 20 October to Wednesday 9 December.

Tuesday 8 December – Infants Presentation Afternoon

Wednesday 9 December – Primary School Presentation Evening.

Thursday 10 December – Senior School Presentation Evening

School Camps– 2009

Year 10 Camp – Waterslea (Nowra)

Monday 23 Nov to Wed 25 Nov

Draft - Dates for 2010

Term 1

Thursday 28 January to Wednesday 31 March

Term 2

Monday 19 April to Friday 25 June

Term 3

Monday 19 July to Friday 24 September

Term 4

Tuesday 12 October to Wednesday 8 December

Monday 6 December – Infants Presentation Afternoon

Tuesday 7 December – Primary School Presentation Evening.

Wednesday 8 December – Senior School Presentation Evening



Arndell Community Church

A contemporary church for
YOU and YOUR FAMILY.

We meet every Sunday of the year at

10.15: am Arndell Anglican College (Family with Kids Church)

9am: River Rd., Wisemans Ferry (Community focus with Kids Church)

9am: St James Church (Traditional)

6pm: St James Church Hall (Youth & Young Adults)

P: 4572 3262

E: admin@pitttown.anglican.asn.au

W: www.pitttowm.anglican.asn.au

Dates for the Diary:

Monday 21 September

Yr 11 Exams commence

Friday 25 September

Yr 9 Evening Drama Performance

Saturday 26 September

Yr 9 Evening Drama Performance

Arndell Equestrian

Monday 28 September

Dr. Goddard's Farewell Assembly

Yr 10 Core Exams Commence

Thursday 1 October

9am Yr 12 Final Assembly

6pm Yr 12 Valedictory Dinner

– Riverside Oaks

Friday 2 September

Term 3 Ends

Tuesday 20 October

Term 4 commences for all students

Brainteaser

Number 41

Every issue of the College newsletter will include a brainteaser organised by Mr. Billeh. The answer will be published in the following issue. Have fun and God bless you all.

Using only two 2's and any combination of mathematical signs, symbols and functions can you make 5?

Answer to brainteaser 40:

5 men, 10 children and 20 women



BEAUTIFUL DAY COMPETITION

Come and hear the band representing Arndell in the bands competition this Saturday, Sept. 19th

Venue: Stable Square, UWS Hawkesbury.

Band name: Set Top Boxes (representing Arndell Anglican College)

Performance time: 4.20 pm. Stage 1 (other bands will be playing earlier)

The event supports the Erik Hausol Sarcoma Foundation, promoting awareness of osteosarcoma.

Free Entry. The Lions Club will be selling food and drinks to raise funds for the Foundation.