

The Arndell Advocate

October 30th 2009
The Newsletter of Arndell Anglican College

From The Acting Principal:

Mr. James Webb



It is my pleasure to announce the Leaders for 2009 - 2010.

School Captains: Brittany Ellison, Jeremy Otten

Chisholm Captains: Daniel Swainston, Ian Wildig,

Greenway Captains: Alexandra Cornick, Olivia Leal

Johnston Captains: Jessica Dean, Melanie Robinson,

Macquarie Captains: Amy Manefield, Reece Tuckerman,

Tebbutt Captain: Lauren Schumacher

Prefects: Nicola Solomou, Laura Carroll, Holly Andrews.

From the Chairman of Council: Mr John Lambert

NEW HEADMASTER FOR ARNDELL

I am pleased to announce that the new Headmaster for Arndell will be Mr Gareth Leechman, MA, MEd, currently headmaster at Clarence Valley Anglican School, Grafton. Mr Leechman will take up the position from the beginning of term one, 2010.

Mr Leechman was chosen from an extensive field of applicants, including six principals of existing schools. The quality of the applicants reflected the high esteem in which Arndell is now held as an independent school.



Before becoming the principal at Clarence Valley, Mr Leechman had been Head of History, and Head of House at Shore.

Mr Leechman brings to his new role a determination to continue and further develop the high academic standards of Arndell, its strong Christian character, and its fine traditions in music and pastoral care.

There will be an opportunity for parents to meet Mr Leechman at a college function early in 2010.

The College Council wishes to acknowledge the splendid work undertaken by Mr James Webb in leading the College since the resignation of Dr John Goddard. Mr Webb was invited to apply for the role of headmaster but elected not to do so. He will continue as Deputy Headmaster and Head of the Senior School, roles which he has filled with distinction in the past and to which he wishes to return.

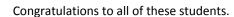
From the Head of the Junior School: Mr. Rick Harrison

Welcome to Term Four. The last term of the year is usually the shortest, this year being only 7 ½ weeks, but is always full of the many, many things that must be done before the end of the year. This year is no exception. During the Awards Assembly at the end of Term 3 the following students received Headmaster's Awards:

KR: Sophie Pellew, James Selff;

6R: Sam Fitzgerald, Emily Stenhouse.





At the end of Term 3 I was able to accompany Mrs Pines, Mrs Paulo, Mr Walker and Year 6 on their camp at the Anglican Youthworks site on Port Hacking. The students were involved in all manner of activities: sailing, archery, raft building, watersliding, etc and I am sure that they all had a marvellous time under the supervision of the Arndell staff as well as the wonderfully enthusiastic and encouraging Youthworks staff.

Next week is Test Week in the Junior School and so it would be appropriate to remind, particularly the older students that some revision of the semester's work would be of value. Having said this, some children do become nervous at this time of the year and a reminder that their work during the semester is also taken into account for their final grades would also be of value. Student absences during next week should be avoided if at all possible.

Events coming up include:

- Test Week: 2nd November 6th November
- Kindergarten 2010 Orientation Day: 4th November
- Swimming Lessons K-4: 16th November 20th November
- Swimming Lessons K-2, 5-6: 23rd November 27th November
- Yr6 Dinner-Dance: 3rd December
- Infants Presentation Afternoon: 8th December 1:30pm
- Primary Presentation Evening: 9th December 7:00pm

Points from the P&F: Mrs Neile Thompson

If you have an Infants/Primary school student then you will have started to hear about the new THRASS literacy programme that has been introduced. To learn all about it don't miss the next ...

> **P&F Information Evening Presenting THRASS**

Wednesday, November 11th

7.30pm Snr School Library

Look forward to seeing you there ...



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 Mrs Neile Thompson 0414 845 488

P & F President: pandf@arndell.nsw.edu.au

Mrs Liz Moore 4572 3254 Tuesday/Thursday

8.30-10.30am/2.30-4.pm Canteens:

Monday-Friday (Recess/Lunch)

Pastor Greg Peisley **Arndell Community Church:** 4572 3633/0402 278 483

Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday

Dates for the Diary:

Mon 2 Nov./Tue 3 Nov

Wed 4 Nov.

Kinder 2010 Orientation Morning

Wed 4 Nov/Thurs 5 Nov. Yr 7 Exams

Wed 11 Nov to Fri 13 Nov. Yr 9 Exams

Friday 6 Nov Snr School Leaders induction Service

IMPORTANT TERM DATES-2009

Term 4 - 2009

Uniform Shop:

Tuesday 20 October to Wednesday 9 December. Tuesday 8 December – Infants Presentation Afternoon Wednesday 9 December – Primary School Presentation Even. Thursday 10 December – Senior School Presentation Even.

School Camps-2009

Year 10 Camp - Waterslea (Nowra) Monday 23 Nov to Wed 25 Nov

Draft - Dates for 2010

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 Even.** Wednesday 8 December – Senior School Presentation Even.

Assistance with Mathematics School Certificate

Tuesday afternoons (3rd November) there will time available to practice past School Certificate Exams with assistance of the Mathematics Staff. Students should go to B17 from 3.15pm to 4.30pm and various teachers will be available to go through past papers with them. Students should bring ALL their equipment, including compasses, protractor, pencil and ruler.

Congratulations and well done to Stewart Shore, Josh Toms both in Y12, Jedd Woodley Y9, Erin McAuley Y8, Ben Monds Y7 and Blake Monds Y4 who all competed on their motorbikes in the NSW State Titles held over 2 days last weekend on the Central Coast. All did very well, coming home with many ribbons. Stewart Shore receiving 3rd overall in A grade and Ben Monds 1st overall in B grade.



A contemporary church for YOU and YOUR FAMILY. We meet every Sunday of the year at 10.15am Arndell Anglican College. 6pm Pitt Town Anglican Church Hall 110 Bathurst Street, Pitt Town Contact: Greg Peisley

Assistance for the Year 7 Exams: Mrs Donna Allen

Any parent able to assist our learning support group of students in their Yearly exams, please drop a line to Mrs. Allen via email (donna.allen@arndell.nsw.edu.au) or note through the front office. We need readers and writers and separate supervision for some students; a body of reliable parents for the two days of November 4th and 5th would be very useful. Thanks in advance for the time you can offer. Mrs. Donna Allen

SECOND HAND BOOK SALE:

The Senior Library Centre staff assists parents each year by offering the opportunity for students to sell and buy second hand textbooks, in reasonable condition from each other. This is run every year on the last Saturday of November and the first Saturday of December, on the verandah of C block, next to the main car park. This year the dates are

Saturday, November 28 and Saturday, December 5 10:30am until 12 midday.

The sales are cash only. Because purchases are made from a variety of people you need to bring along lots of small change on the day. The College provides the setup furniture but individual students and parents do their own selling. We do not sell on your behalf. Books in reasonable condition usually sell for around half the new price but this is entirely the decision of the owner. It is also the responsibility of the purchaser to ensure that correct editions are purchased. These will be marked on your Campion Booklist Order Form, which will also be on display on the day for checking. Purchasers of Year7 text need to be aware that quite a few Yr7 books are kept for Yr8 and so these will need to be accessed from present Yr8 students.

Although we don't sell on your behalf on the day, the library does take any books leftover at the end of the second sale day, to sell for you from the library office. These books need to have an envelope sticky taped across the cover with your name and contact phone number on it, so we can contact you to collect your cash if we sell the book. We also collect old edition texts to ship to disadvantaged schools in the Pacific.

Any further enquiries to Mrs Connie Stephens, Head of Library Services, (ph: 4572 3633) who organizes the day.

Buy One - GET ONE FREE Scholastic Bookfair at School

From **Thursday**, **November 26 until Wednesday**, **December 2**, the library is providing the opportunity for all parents and students to purchase books at a greatly reduced price. The Scholastic Book Company will deliver some large trolleys, laden with great books for purchase, which will be on the **Junior Library Centre verandah**, near the main carpark, before and after school for sales.

For every book purchased, you have the opportunity to select a second book up to the value of the first. **Buy one, get one free.** Scholastic Books are always well priced and of good quality, so this can be a great way to purchase some Christmas gifts for friends and family as well. This Bookfair is offered as a service to the school community and there is no benefit to the College itself, apart from our ability to purchase at this reduced cost as well.

The books will be on display from 3pm on Thursday 26. Library staff will be available to assist with purchases **from 8:30-9:00_am each morning and from 3:00 – 3:30pm each afternoon**. Books will not be available at lunchtimes, so students catching buses will need to attend before school.

All purchases must be made in cash. There is no credit card facility at this bookfair.

Enquiries to Mrs Connie Stephens, Head of Library Services, ph: 4572 3633

Computing Skills Test Time and Dates: 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. Let me know if you have students doing anything with you on any of those days so that I can organise the test schedule.

PS The test MUST be done during the times provided by the BOS. I can only change when during those times the student sits the test.

Arndell Equestrian: Anna MacDonald (Team Manager)

The Arndell Equestrian Carnival was held under what could only be described as 'challenging' weather conditions. Despite this, our team was represented by 16 junior school riders and 8 senior school riders. A big effort from all involved to arrive on the day with ponies and riders looking amazing. I must also note that apart from our riders conducting themselves in the spirit of true sportsmanship, our ponies were also on their best behaviour (perhaps they felt the presence of Mr. Webb and Mr Harrison) with no serious injuries to riders reported.

Big congratulations to the following riders who all placed in their respective classes: Lachlan Watts- 2nd, 2nd, 2nd 1^s Luke Breene- 4th, 5th, 3rd, 1st Zach Thomas Smyth- 3rd, 5th, 5th, Orlagh Fitzgerald- 1st, 3rd, 1st, 1^s Yr 1 Romany Sanna- 2nd, 1st, 2nd, 1st Toby Thompson- 2nd, 2nd, 1st Emelia Evans- 4th, 4th, 3rd. 1st Yr 2 Jack Breene- 5th, 6th, 6th 2nd Yr 3 Skye Vucko- 2nd, 3rd, 5th Laura Clayton- 5th, 3rd, 5th Faith Evans- 3rd, 2nd, 3rd, 2nd Yr 4 Monique Anderson- 2nd, 2nd, 4^t Georgia Thorpe- 2nd, 2nd, 2nd, 2nd Yr 5 Moneshe Welsh- 5th. 1st. 6th Katie MacDonald- 3^{rd} , 2^{nd} , 1^{st} , 5^{th} Yr 7 Emmie Rose Shore- 5th, 4th, 4th
Elloise McWilliams- 3rd, 1st, 1st, 2nd
Alexandra Cosentino- 1st, 5th, 4th Maddy Thorpe- 1st, 2nd, 4th, 1st Brianna Henry- 1st, 4th, 3rd, 1st Stephaine Cormack-3rd, 1st, 1st, 2nd Yr 8 Yr 9 Bronwyn Watts- 1st, 2nd, 1st, 2nd

Special Mention to the following riders who received Champion or Reserve Champion in their respective classes:

- Orlagh Fitzgerald- Champion Best Exibit Beginners
 - Romany Sanna- Reserve Champion Best Exhibit Beginners
- Toby Thompson- Reserve Champion Best Exhibit Beginners Yr 2
- Georgia Thorpe-Reserve Champion Open Rider Yr 3-6 Yr 5 Moneshe Welsh- Champion Open Active Rider Yr 3-6
- Stephanie Cormack-Reserve Champion Open Active Rider Yr 7-9 Yr 8
- Eloise McWilliams- Champion Intermediate Active Rider Yr 7-9 Yr 9
- Yr11 Bronwyn Watts-Reserve Champion Open Active Rider Yr 10-12

Thank you to all riders who attended. A fun day was had by all. On behalf of everyone who competed, a very big thank you to laura Thorpe for her enormous effort in putting the whole event together.

Plans are already under way for next year, to bring back the Arndell Dressage Competition and perhaps a Showjumping Competition. As the new Equestrian Team Manager, I am hoping to see all our riders having fun and involved in school equestrian competition and training next year. Looking forward to a busy year ahead.

Solar Boat Challenge:

We had a fantastic day with great weather, Mitch was 1st in both his heats which took him to the finals, he then came 3rd with an unfortunate late start and being cornered at a buoy, the course this year was clockwise around 3 buoys, it was a good course, but gave a lot of boats an upper hand in blocking other boats from turning around them.

In all a great day though.

Yr 11







From the Head of Sports: Mrs Rosemary Cornick

This term has already started with sporting success and its only week 1!

CSSA Primary Basketball Friday 23rd October. Congratulations to the teams from yr 3 /4 and



Yr 5/6. The

competition was played under our wonderful new shade covers which made a significant difference to the players comfort on a hot day. NorWest Christian School and Rouse Hill Anglican School were our opponents. The Grand Final was a strong contest between Arndell and Rouse Hill Junior Girls, Arndell & Rouse Hill Senior Boys. Arndell & Rouse Hill Senior Girls and Norwest and Rouse Hill Senior Boys. Both the Junior teams were successful in winning the Grand Final and will now play in the CSSA State Championships. Unfortunately the Senior girls were defeated by Rouse Hill who won both the Senior Divisions. The following students are to be commended on their sportsmanship and determination to the team: **Senior Teams:** Joshua Ellison, Oliver Salm, Alex Earle, Dakota Cooke Martin, Hayden Lane, Michael Coyle, Isaac Whatson, Connor Moore; Briney Rigby, Melissa Whitmore, Brook Waters, Naomi Borg, Molly Hogan, Megan Fitzgerald and Jessica Aldacour. **Junior Teams:** Sara, Jodie, Lilly Anne Keating, Chloe Patterson, Brooke Ellison, Brooke, Kate Hogan, Brooke Watkins. Solomon, Dylan, David, Lachlan J, Aaron, Lachlan R, Corey Aldacour.

AICES 15s TENNIS: Congratulations to Danica Barbagallo for her selection into the AICES tennis team finishing in the top 4after winning her pool and her playoff. Owen Rogers for successfully getting into the top 8. Aden Meca for successfully reaching the 2nd round of the competition and Jordie Leal, Mitchell White and Harry Stever for their determined efforts in the preliminary rounds.

HZSA European Handball Monday 26th October. Arndell entered an Open Boys team: Hayden Collins, Ian Wildig, Matt Robertson, James Bosward, Bradley Waugh, Cameron Richards, Jeremy Otten, Ian McKelvey, John Grayson, Scott Baldwin, Owen Hickman. The boys played 8 games in total winning 4 out of the 7 preliminary games, finishing equal 3rd with William Clarke 1&2. The boys missed out on a semi final place only by number of goals scored. The team played Hills Grammar in a 5th/6th playoff winning 6-1 to keep 5th place.

HZSA Primary & Secondary Triathlon will take place on Thursday 5th November at Penrith Lakes. Letters sent home this week to students who have registered.

PSSA Athletics: Elouise Abrahams will be competing in the 100m for CIS

CIS Gymnastics: Lilly Anne Keating will be competing for CSSA

Congratulations:

Greer Johnston & Paris Nelson-Roth in Nursery Rhyme in Costume Yr6 under Hawkesbury Eisteddfod Speech Maegan Hamill & Alexandria Smith in duologue in Costume 12 yrs, Sisters Isabella and Amelia Pinter each won a first place in their Vocal sections. Winner of Character Sketch in costume 12 years and under Molly Hogan.









