



The Arndell Advocate

November 13th 2009

The Newsletter of Arndell Anglican College

From The Acting Principal:

Mr. James Webb



New Headmaster: Afternoon Tea

An invitation to an afternoon tea is being arranged for November 30th and parents are cordially invited to come along to meet Mr Leechman. You will have the opportunity to hear him speak and then to have an informal time over afternoon tea. Can I urge you to make Mr Leechman most warmly welcome.

RSVP to Mrs Barbra Whelan by Thursday 26th November 2009.

It has been very busy over the past few weeks. Exams in the Primary and Senior school, the Higher School Certificate and School Certificate really take their toll on students and the teaching staff. It is with this in mind that I ask you to be patient with staff, as they are trying to fulfil all commitments, mark papers, return tests and still provide an engaging environment at the end of the academic year.

Reminder to Parents:

Please notify the Headmaster in writing with regards to your child not returning for Term 1 2010, otherwise you may be charged with Term 1 fees. *(as stated in the 'Conditions of Enrolment Form')*

A number of important issues that I hope parents can address.

Year 10. Students who have completed their year 10 studies and who have arranged a full time work experience program will be excused as of today providing the correct paperwork has been completed. This is not an opportunity for students to drop in and out of school as it becomes quite disruptive.

Year 6. Parents, some students in year 6 are becoming quite restless and this is manifesting itself in some rather rude behaviour. Whilst we are dealing with the issues at this end it would be very helpful if you would discuss, at home, appropriate behaviours and possible consequences for these students.

Arndell Celebrates Christmas : Carols in the Auditorium:

On the 4th December there is an opportunity for you to come along and share in the singing and Christmas festivities. Listen to Infants, Juniors and Seniors sing (you get to join in too) hear a variety of students perform for you and join with us in the message of Christmas. Share in some supper with us – provided by the P and F. Check out the College website for further details. 7.00pm for a 7.15 start.

Presentation Evenings (Days)

Just a reminder that we deem these events as mandatory for all students. I would be grateful if you can ensure that your children and you are here for these important events.

Tuesday 8th December – Infants Presentation Afternoon
Wednesday 9th December – Primary School Presentation Evening
Thursday 10th December – Senior School Presentation Evening

Join us for "Arndell Celebrates Christmas"

4th of December 2009

Starts: 7:15

Hear and learn about the heart beat of God



Join us for a fine mix of traditional and contemporary style of celebration.

Come and support the students, the staff and other parents of Arndell by delighting us with your presence.

Have you ever asked yourself what makes God tick? What does he delight in and how can we be sure it is God's heart beat we are hearing? Have you ever had a heart to heart with God - is time to do so? The night will be full of variety and spectacular talent – don't miss out!



Graeme Sedorenko (Chaplain of Arndell Anglican College)

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

With Test Week over, the teachers now face the job of marking the test papers and writing reports. For the students it is "business as usual" with plenty of work that needs to be completed before the end of the term.

During the Awards Assembly at the end of Term 3 the following students received Citizenship Awards:

KR: Blake Hollis, Chloe Hewitt; Ballardin;	K/1B: Will Skyring, Telisha-Jade Thomas-
1R: Jayden Louttit, Kate Powell;	2B: Madison Hewitt, Kane Welsh;
2R: Karli Hook, Isabella Pinter;	3B: Rose Dixon, Toby Webb;
3R: William Fitzgerald, Kate Hogan;	4B: Sophie Young, Corey Aldacour;
4R: Maddison Knox, Sarah Quartly;	5B: Jaden Taylor, Ann Spiteri;
5R: Taneka Phipps, Joshua Glinn;	6B: Molly Hogan, Thomas Refalo;
6R: Brin Cross, Jessica Aldacour.	



Congratulations to all of these students.

Last Friday night Mrs Chan and Mr Walker bravely supervised the Year 3 students at "Overnight at Arndell". The night consisted of games, a BBQ and movies and, so I believe, not as much sleep as was hoped for. By all accounts it was a great success, but I am sure there were some tired teachers and students on Saturday!

On Wednesday of this week the Junior School held a Remembrance Day Service led by our student leaders. Our student leaders, once again, did a great job.

Swimming lessons start next week and we have been advised by Coulter Swimming of slightly different times to those listed in the letter sent out earlier this week:

This Friday we will be holding the final Awards Assembly for the year. The usual Awards will be presented and the Junior School Band will be performing. The assembly commences at 1:30pm and all parents are welcome to attend. Seating for parents is upstairs.

KR:	depart school 9:30am	arrive school 11:00am
K/1B:	depart school 10:15am	arrive school 11:45am
1R:	depart school 11:00am	arrive school 12:30pm
Yr2:	depart school 11:45am	arrive school 1:15pm
Yr3:	depart school 12:30pm	arrive school 2:00pm
Yr4:	depart school 1:15pm	arrive school 2:45pm

Parents should be aware that there have been a number of cases of chickenpox reported in the Junior School. Please check your child for symptoms and if discovered, keep your child at home for the infectious period.

Events coming up include:

- Awards Assembly (Band item): 13th November
- Head Start commences: 16th November
- Yr6 Dinner-Dance: 3rd December
- Primary Presentation Evening: 9th December 7.30pm
- Swimming Lessons K-4: 16th November – 20th November
- Swimming Lessons K-2, 5-6: 23rd November – 27th November
- Infants Presentation Afternoon: 8th December 1:30pm
- Last day of Term 4: 9th December

From the Head of the Senior School: Mrs Lynn Gillen

Exams for the whole high school are finally over, and the teachers are hard at work marking papers and writing reports. We look forward to a more relaxing few weeks in classes, when students and teachers can enjoy the work they are exploring together without the pressure of exams and assessments. Students will be doing very productive work, and learning new skills and processes, ready to advance their studies next year. All will still be very gainfully employed, and we expect a high standard of behaviour in classes, so that everyone can enjoy the lessons that the teachers have prepared.



Year 10 have a different program, as those students who are going on to senior studies will be doing work to prepare them for Year 11. We have also arranged some other activities that will take advantage of this time of year:

- Tuesday 17th November 2009 the Year 10 students will be attending a Driver Awareness Program at Penrith Regatta Centre
- Year 10 camp goes from Wed 23rd November to Fri 25th November
- Year 10 Formal is Wednesday 2nd December
- Year 10 Graduation will be on Wednesday 9th December.

All Year 10 students are expected to remain at school for the whole time, unless they have arranged work experience or are looking for work, in which case, a letter to Mr Webb to explain their absence is required. Relevant work is being provided for all students, even if they are leaving at the end of the year. Suitable activities will be organised, and we expect excellent behaviour and cooperation from all students.

Points from the P&F: Mrs Neile Thompson

The P&F's last fundraiser for the year is the **Biggest & Best Ever Christmas Gift Hamper Guessing Competition** ... and it's great! The 'Hamper' is on display in the Administration Reception so take a detour next time you're at the College and have a look at it ... it's actually a Sun Lounge piled high with wonderful things for all ages, whoever wins it won't have to worry about Christmas shopping for the family this year!



A book of 10 tickets was sent home with all students this week – if you haven't seen it yet please ask your student where it is. Buy one or buy the book ... ask your friends and family too ... it's a fantastic prize! Please return your tickets with the correct money to the Administration Office by December 1st – the prize is going to be drawn at this year's Christmas celebration on Friday, December 4th - Arndell Celebrates Christmas! Don't miss this wonderful evening full of joy and song it starts at 7.30pm.

Many thanks to the sponsors of our B & B.E. Christmas Hamper – Vermont Plumbing, Richmond Veterinary Hospital and Glen's Betta Electrical – and Lisa Barnes Photography for our fabulous 2nd prize and the King Family for a little bit of luxury for 3rd prize. Thanks also for lovely donations from The Beauty Room and Three 3's and several other Arndell families.

P&F funds raised this year are supporting the Jnr. School Literacy Programme, providing portable shade marquees needed for many College sporting and social events and, if we do well with the Guessing Competition, we hope to be able to help in the drive to have a fantastic 'Smartboard' in every classroom!

1st Prize—THE Gift Hamper!

Includes ...Sun Lounge, LG Mobile Phone, Blue Tooth Kit, Volta Vacuum Cleaner, Sandpit Shell, Deluxe Picnic Hamper, Pogo Stick, Jewellery, Coffee Plunger, 2 Man Tent, Mixed Wine, Garden Hose & Fittings, Coffee Mugs, Ford VU Muscle Car Framed Photo, Twilight Board Game, 2 x 3 Movie Collection DVDs, Barbie Furniture & Doll Gift Set, Beauty Products, Hair Straightener, 2000W Hair Dryer, Remote Control Car, Beach Cricket Set, Super Soaker Water Pistol, Dyson Toy Vacuum Cleaner, Connect 4 Board Game, Beach Ball, Inflatable Shark Pool Toy, Children's Bike Helmet, Jumbo Chalk, Water Colour Paints, Baby Doll, Gourmet Mixed Food Basket, Plus More! **Value \$1,000 ON DISPLAY IN ADMIN RECEPTION**



Sponsored by Vermont Plumbing
Richmond Vet Hospital and Glen's Betta Electrical ... With thanks also for donations from Arndell Families

2nd Prize
\$200 Photography Package
Lisa Barnes Photography

3rd Prize
2 Gold Lounge Movie & Meal Tickets
Donated by the King Family

**\$5 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$10 -
6 tickets for \$20 - 10 tickets for \$30**
Extra tickets are available from Student Services or Admin

Competition Drawn

Friday, Dec 4th at

Arndell Celebrates Christmas!

7.30pm in the Auditorium—All Welcome!

Please Return Tickets & Money to
Arndell College Admin Office
by Dec 1st

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 Laura Thorpe 0416 212 260 prestigeinteriors@exemail.com.au
P & F President:	Mrs Neile Thompson 0414 845 488 pandf@arndell.nsw.edu.au
Uniform Shop:	Mrs Liz Moore 4572 3254 Tuesday/Thursday 8.30-10.30am/2.30-4pm
Canteens:	Monday-Friday (Recess/Lunch)
Arndell Community Church:	Pastor Greg Peisley 4572 3633/0402 278 483 Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday

IMPORTANT TERM DATES-2009

Term 4 – 2009

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

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 Even.

Wednesday 8 December – Senior School Presentation Even.



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6pm Pitt Town Anglican Church Hall
110 Bathurst Street, Pitt Town
Contact: Greg Peisley

Dates for the Diary:

Thursday 19th November

2009 Showcase

Mon. 30th November

Afternoon Tea for Parents to meet the
new Headmaster

Friday 4th December

'Arndell Celebrates Christmas'

Tuesday 8th December

Infants Presentation Afternoon

Wednesday 9th December

Primary School Presentation Evening
Term 4 finishes

Thursday 10th December

Senior School Presentation Evening

Attention: All year 9-12 Parents of Students with Disabilities

A free seminar will be held on "Crossroads: Transition and Support Services available in Tertiary Education- incl TAFE, Uni etc."

Where: Wed 25th November at Windsor Conference Centre between 9.30 and 2pm

Register your interest by emailing

donna.allen@arndell.nsw.edu.au for a form to send in. Mrs. Allen can answer any queries parents might have on the Seminar.

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.

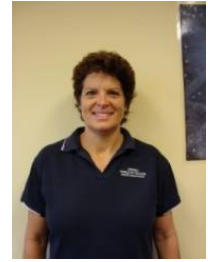
All purchases must be made in cash. There is no credit card facility at this bookfair.

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

Arndell Equestrian: Laura Thorpe - Equestrian Co-ordinator

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who were involved in the Arndell Interschool Equestrian Carnival on the 26th of September 2009: competitors, parents, staff, students, the P&F committee and others involved in the planning and running of the carnival. The day was highly successful in many ways, including fundraising, organisational, and especially for competitors. Despite the poor weather, the day ran extremely smoothly and was enjoyed by all. A very heartfelt thank you to all the sponsors, without whom the event would be impossible to run. Also many thanks to the committee members (Vicky Clayton, Chris Hollis, Robyn Thompson, Anna McDonald, Margo Shore, Cami Leva and Sue Tandy) and everyone who gave their time, resources and efforts for the benefit of the carnival. We hope next year is just as successful, and hope it to be even bigger and better than this year's competition. Again, thank you all very much and I look forward to working with you again.





From the Head of Sports: Mrs Rosemary Cornick

HZSA Primary & Secondary Triathlon What a tremendous day we had. 6 students entered the Individual events and 10 teams entered the team events. The students swam, rode and ran with passion, all completing their leg regardless of flat tyres, gears not working and cold dark water! In the Individual Event: Dieter Hoffman (yr10) finished 2nd, Hayden Collins (yr12) finished 4th, Andrew Bennett (yr11) 16th, Raquel Abrahams (yr 10) 12th and Kimberlee Currell (yr10) 13th Elouise Abrahams (yr 6) 20th. In the teams event seniors: Hayden, Ian & Ben finished 4th, Ally, Renee & Olivia finished 28th after some mechanical issues. Intermediates: Seaton, Jake & Daniel finished 14th, Mitchell, Bradley & Ben finished 22nd. Juniors: Chantelle, Kelsey & Katie finished 20th. Primary Teams: Zac, Jake & Zac finished 8th, Alex, Jessica & Molly 36th and Erinn, Megan & Kaitlyn finished 22nd. For some of our teams this was their first triathlon so a good effort all round. Thank you to Mr Gordon, Miss Southwell and Amy Mares who assisted as officials and parents for your continued support.

PSSA Athletics: Elouise Abrahams competed and did extremely well but missed out on a place in the finals.

CIS Gymnastics: Lilly Anne Keating will be competing for CSSA this Friday.

CSSA Primary State Basketball: November 19th. Primary Junior Boys & Girls will be competing.

This has certainly been a busy year for sport. We still have High school teams playing in their Interschool Cricket & Touch competitions and the Primary Junior basketball teams are competing in the CSSA State Championships on November 19th.

Thank you to all students, staff and parents who have helped out a multitude of ways this year. Your commitment to College Sport is much appreciated.





ARNDELL ANGLICAN COLLEGE

OPPORTUNITY TO MEET THE NEW HEADMASTER

Parents are invited to a special afternoon tea on Friday 30 November to meet Mr Gareth Leechman, the new Headmaster of Arndell.

The afternoon tea will be held in the Lobby of the College Auditorium at 3.15 pm.

Mr Leechman will be introduced and then speak for a few minutes. Afternoon tea will follow, providing parents with the chance to talk briefly with him.

The meeting will be quite informal and parents may stay for whatever length of time meets their needs.

Mr Leechman, chosen from among a large number of applicants, including six existing principals, comes to us from Clarence Valley Anglican School. Prior to that he was Head of History and Head of House at Sydney Church of England Grammar School [Shore]. He has a Master of Arts degree and a Master of Education degree.

Gareth is married to Janet, a registered nurse, and has three children, Hannah, Rachel, and Annabelle, who will be attending Arndell.

John Lambert
Chairman of Council

RSVP: to Mrs Barbra Whelan PA to the Headmaster by

Thursday 26 November 2009

on 4572 3633