



The Arndell Advocate

November 27th, 2009

The Newsletter of Arndell Anglican College

From The Acting Principal:

Mr. James Webb



'Pulled up short'

In the last News Flash I outlined the various composite classes and I made comment re my concerns that negative 'car park' talk was occurring and usually from a position of little knowledge.

In a meeting this week I was told that my comments came across as arrogant. I listened to the concern and apologized. It is not in my nature to give this impression and if I did then I would like to apologise publicly. I can be entrenched in my opinions at times and that goes hand in glove with leadership but I take pride in being able to listen.

I really wanted to say that I would rather people came along and asked staff at the coal face what their impressions were of composite classes and how they work.

It is a great place to work in when people feel that they can be listened to even if at times they do not get the answer they were looking for.

Reminder: Carols in the Auditorium.

Please come along and share in this great occasion. There will be a sausage sizzle prior to the Carol service.

Presentation Sessions.

Just to remind you that these are mandatory events for the students. Please assist me to maintain tradition.

Year 7 and 8 Gifted and Talented Information Evening

The meeting was a great success mainly due to the organization of Mrs. Connie Stephens and the awesome contribution from the staff who spoke. My thanks to all and to the parents and students who attended.

Arndell Celebrates Christmas	Friday 4 December	6 to 7pm Barbeque prior to the event (Gold Coin Donation) 7.15pm - College Auditorium - John Lambert Building
Infants Presentation Afternoon:	Tuesday 8 December	1.30pm - College Auditorium - John Lambert Building
Primary Presentation Evening:	Wednesday 9 December	7.30pm - College Auditorium - John Lambert Building
Senior School Presentation	Evening: Thursday 10 December	7.30pm - College Gymnasium

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

The swimming programme is proceeding well. The weather has, so far been quite kind and the children are enjoying the opportunity to get into the pool.



As mentioned in last week's Newsflash, there will be two composite classes next year: a K/1 and a 2/3. When students are selected for any classes, many factors, academic ability, the number of boys/girls, friendship groups and so on, are taken into account and balanced, always with the best possible educational outcomes in mind for all of the students. The initial class allocation is done by the current class teachers and then discussed by the staff as a whole after term ends, before the classes are finalised. This is a process that the Junior School staff go through each year and it serves the students and the College well.

During the last Awards Assembly for the year, the following students received Headmaster's Awards:

Prep: Alannah Vella, Jasmine Pollock;	KR: Jaxson McGuire, Isobel Moane;
K/1B: Matthew Patterson, Olivia Vella;	1R: Georgie Aldacour, Nicholas Racki;
2B: Luca Bigeni, Finnlay Johnston;	2R: Mark Young, Damen Low;
3B: Fiona Campbell, Jarrod Harber;	3R: Tully Lynch, Cody Koski;
4B: Corey Aldacour, Zara Rowe;	4R: Thomas Rance, Alexander Gutteridge, and Maddison Knox;
5B: Samantha Rogers, Bethany De Vocht;	5R: Melissa Whitmore, Ryan Glinn;
6B: Ali Smith, Jake Hilder;	6R: Michael Coyle, Carson Mills.

Congratulations to all of these students.

The College will not be offering Vacation Care this year. The numbers last year were very small: an average of 3 children per day. Based on these figures, it would be impractical to continue the programme this year. Motiv8 sports is, however taking place again this year and all students should have received a Motiv8 information sheet.

Enjoy your weekend.

Events coming up include:

- Yr6 Dinner-Dance: 3rd December
 - Infants Presentation Afternoon: 8th December 1:30pm
 - Primary Presentation Evening: 9th December 7:00pm
- Last day of Term 4: 9th December

UNIFORM SHOP APPOINTMENT TIMES:

NEW ARNDELL FAMILIES

The uniform shop is offering appointment times on days that are dedicated to **new** Arndell families only. The 2 days we have set aside are:

- Tuesday 8th December 2009 from 10am – 2pm
- Wednesday 20th January 2010 from 9am -12pm

To make an appointment, please contact Mrs Carol Wilson – Registrar on 4572 3633

Other times available for all Arndell families:

Last day uniform shop is open this year:

- Tuesday 8 December 2009 from 8.30am – 10.30am
2.30pm – 4.00pm

Additional holiday opening times:

- Thursday 21 January 2010 from 1.00pm – 4.00pm
- Wednesday 27 January 2010 from 9.00am -12.00pm

From Thursday 28 January 2010 **normal** uniform shop opening times will resume:

- Tuesdays 8.30am – 10.30am & 2.30pm – 4.00pm
- Thursdays 8.30am – 10.30am & 2.30pm – 4.00pm

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/2.30-4.pm
Canteens:	Monday-Friday (Recess/Lunch) Pastor Greg Peisley
Arndell Community Church:	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.

Dates for 2010

Term 1

Thursday 28 January - Yr 7 and Prefects

Friday 29 January - Yrs 1-6 & Yrs 8-12

Monday 1 February - Prep & Kinder

Wednesday 31 March – Term 1 ends

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.



Pitt Town Anglican Community Church
Bringing people IN to Christ,
Building them UP in Christ and
Sending them OUT for Christ.

**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**

2010 Booklist NOW Available!

2010 Booklist have been distributed to all students, if you have not yet received one, please contact Mrs Bonny Davies in Admin for a copy

Speech and Drama news:

Carolyn McKenzie

Recently four Year 10 students sat for a challenging practical examination conducted by the Australian Speech Communication Association. The Senior Grade 6 examination involved public speaking on a subject of national or international interest, impromptu speaking, discussion techniques, performances of drama and verse speaking, reading aloud and questions on theory of voice production and drama. Each examination took fifty minutes and was conducted before a visiting examiner and an audience of parents and friends. This examination is the pre-requisite for the Certificate of Communication which they will attempt next year. The results were outstanding with Amra Hamill, Eden Thompson and Lauren Blake receiving Distinction level passes and Emma Sammut a High Distinction with 94%.



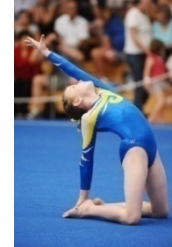
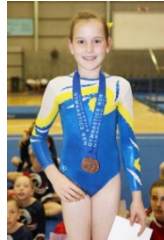
Lilly Keating –
Yr 4
Jumping to great heights at the CIS Gymnastics



From the Head of Sports: Mrs Rosemary Cornick



CIS Gymnastics: Congratulations Lilly Anne Keating (Yr 4) ! 1st on the Vault, 2nd on the beam, 3rd on the floor and 4th on the bars. An outstanding result as Lilly was competing against both primary & secondary students in an Open competition.



CSSA Primary State Basketball: The Primary Junior Boys & Girls competed in a very strong competition. Unfortunately neither team qualified for the Finals. Thank you to Mr Walker for coaching and parents who helped with transport. A special thank you to Amanda Zalac Yr9 who refereed all day and was asked to referee for the Hawkesbury centre in their competitions and to Jake Dauncey (Yr7) who assisted by coaching the boys team.

HZSA Triathlon Results 2009 Amendments:

In the Individual Event: Dieter Hoffman (yr10) 2nd, Hayden Collins (yr12) 4th, Andrew Bennett (yr11) 14th, Raquel Abrahams (yr 10) 3rd and Kimberlee Currell (yr10) 4th Elouise Abrahams (yr 6) 7th. In the teams event the **Seniors:** Hayden, Ian & Ben finished 4th, Ally, Renee & Olivia finished 11th after some mechanical issues. **Intermediates:** Seaton Kenna, Jake Elven & Daniel Sinclair 14th, Mitchell Dean, Bradley Halliwell & Ben Thornton 20th, Chris Tolson, Patrick Watts, Alex Celio 25th **Juniors:** Chantelle Mares, Kelsey Ramm & Katie MacDonald 5th. **Primary Teams:** Zac Elven, Jake Hilder & Zac Woodley 8th, Alex Smith, Jessica Aldacour & Molly Hogan 36th and Erinn Vucko, Megan Fitzgerald & Kaitlyn Meca finished 22nd.

Students who are 15 & under maybe interested to take part in the **Wetbix Triathlon** to be held on 31st January at Sydney Olympic Park. Check out the site www.wetbix.com.au

Sport for 2009 has now come to a close. Sport dates for 2010 are already in the College Calendar and its looking to be just as busy. Two important changes for 2010 are: the withdrawal from CSSA Primary Sport and entry into HICES Primary Sport. The reason for this change is to bring the Primary Representative sport more in line with the High School Representative Sport. The second change is relocation of the Senior School Swimming Carnival to Richmond Pool.

Thank you to our students for their commitment to the College Sports Program. To the staff for their continued assistance and support and to our parents who are so vital to the running of any sports program. Looking forward to working with you all again in 2010.

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!





New York



Los Angeles



Washington D.C.

U.S. Tour – Easter 2011

See the amazing sites of New York, including :

Statue of Liberty, Wall Street, Empire State Building (take a ride to the top of the observation deck), Metropolitan Museum of Art, Museum of Natural History (where Night at the Museum was filmed), Central Park (You can take a horse and carriage ride around the park), Times Square, Broadway (catch a show), Madison Square Garden

Visit the capital of the United States to see:

National Air and Space Museum, The White House, The memorials – Lincoln, Jefferson, Washington, Vietnam Veterans, Korean, The American History Museum (see a civil war battlefield set up), Arlington Cemetery (where John F. Kennedy is buried), Holocaust Museum

Ford's Theatre (where Abraham Lincoln was assassinated)

In Anaheim, we will visit the following:

Disneyland
Universal Studios
Hollywood

Tour price includes:

- Airfares Sydney-Washington D.C./ New York – Los Angeles – Sydney
- Train fare – Washington D.C. – New York
- Twin share hotel accommodation in three cities (14 nights)
- Entrances – Metropolitan Museum of Art
Empire State Building
Washington 2 day Trolley pass
Disney Park pass 2 days
Universal Studios 1 day

Not included: Passport costs, travel insurance, meals, local transportation (eg. on New York Subways), tickets to Broadway shows.

Cost: \$4,700* (costed as at November 2009)

Deposit (**non-refundable**) \$500 to be paid by February 12th 2010.

Seats are limited and will be allocated after deposit has been received. A detailed brochure will be given with a schedule of payments early in 2010 to depositors.



Arndell Celebrates... Christmas!

Friday December 4th 7.15pm for 7.30pm

Come and join us as we celebrate the gift of Jesus

with performances from the Infants Choir, Primary Choir, College Choir, Chapel Band and individual students.

From 6.00pm

**Join us for an easy
Sausage & Salad**

(A gold coin donation would be greatly appreciated)

Glowsticks also available for purchase!

For catering purposes please return this slip or email pandf@arndell.com.au

or phone the College on 4572 3633



Name Number Attending

Contact Phone or Email

**DON'T FORGET TO RETURN YOUR GUESSING COMP TICKETS FOR THE BIGGEST & BEST
EVER GIFT HAMPER YOU'VE GOT TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT! ...**

DRAWN ON THE NIGHT