



# ARNDELL ANGLICAN COLLEGE

*"News Flash"*  
*Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2010*



## *From the Headmaster:*

*Mr Gareth Leechman MA MEd MACE MACEL*

Recently I was asked for some advice on choosing schools from friends of my mine who are currently working overseas. They will be returning to Australia in the next year or so and they want to make sure their three boys will have excellent educational opportunities when they get back to Sydney. Naturally I informed them of a great co-educational school in the Hawkesbury! But as they live closer to the city I think they will look elsewhere.

But what was my advice? Do they go co-educational, single – sex, selective or non – selective, public or private, high fee or low fee, sporting or cultural, Christian or secular? These choices ultimately rest with them they know their boys better than anyone else but they also have one very important advantage for their children, that will assist them in any school they choose to send their boys to – and that is themselves.

Both of my friends believe in offering a good education for their children, they will support their boys in all areas of school life they will be actively involved in their education. They will make sure that homework is done they will make sure they follow the discipline code they will make sure they are prepared and resourced for their education. They won't expect their boys to be straight 'A' students but they will expect their boys to give of their best. The role of parents is often underestimated when looking at the educational success of children but it is a reality and one that we at Arndell wish to develop.

We believe that when the school, the student and the parent/s are all working from the same page the chances of the student making the most of their education is significantly increased. If we all work together to achieve a common aim we have a much better opportunity of turning it into a reality. That is why I would encourage all of our parents and carers to be actively involved as you can and one simple way is by accessing the regular information nights that we offer here at Arndell.

Just this week the Junior School staff ran an excellent information evening on how each class will operate, what the children will be taught, what our expectations are and it also introduced the exciting new literacy initiative THRASS. As I walked around it was wonderful to see parents and staff talking together about our students and what they were going to do over the next twelve months - we continue to build the relationships.

So as I encouraged my friends I also encourage you; be interested, be informed and be supportive, if you do you never know what your child might achieve.

### **Reminder:**

**Year 7 Parents:** Meet the Tutor, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2010 7.30pm in the John Lambert Centre

**Uniform Shop News:** It's time to try on your blazer! Blazer fitting day is on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March. More details next week's Advocate

## Calendar Dates for your Diary

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
<b>15 Feb</b>	<b>16 Feb</b>	<b>17 Feb</b>	<b>18 Feb</b>	<b>19 Feb</b>	<b>20 Feb</b>	<b>21 Feb</b>
Primary School Swimming Carnival – Richmond Pool  HZ: Girls 15's Basketball Trials THGS – Castle Hill	AICES: Softball Training Blacktown  Yr 10 PASS Martial Arts  Yr 11 Business Studies Exc.  Commissioning of new Headmaster – John Lambert Centre	Yr 11 PE (Squash) Windsor Squash Courts  Yr 7 Meet the Tutors John Lambert Centre – 7pm	<b>Assessments Due:</b> Yr 12 Timber & Graphics  CIS: Girl's Cricket	Snr. School Assembly  Jnr. School Chapel	K. Toms Dancing Club JLC  D of E: Bronze Preliminary Training Day	Community Church John Lambert Centre
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
<b>22 Feb</b>	<b>23 Feb</b>	<b>24 Feb</b>	<b>25 Feb</b>	<b>26 Feb</b>	<b>27 Feb</b>	<b>28 Feb</b>
Yr 7 Camp – Rathane  CIS: NSW Secondary Golf Championships – Windsor Golf Course  HZ: Girl's 16's/Boys Open Hockey Trials  AFL (RSL) Senior Sports Oval	Yr 7 Camp – Rathane  Yr 10 Geography Exc. Collaroy/Long Reef  HZ: Girl's Basketball Gala Day THGS – Castle Hill  HICES: Jnr. School Leadership Camp	Yr 7 Camp – Rathane  HZ: Boy's Basketball Gala Day Castle Hill	<b>Assessments Due:</b> Yr 12 Textiles & Design	<b>Assessments Due:</b> Yr 12 Textiles & Design  Snr. School Chapel  Jnr. School Awards Assembly  CIS: Softball  Yrs 7-12 ID Photos  Yr 12 English Exc - Sydney Theatre Wharf 1	K. Toms Dancing Club JLC	Community Church/College Welcoming Service John Lambert Centre
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
<b>1 Mar</b>	<b>2 Mar</b>	<b>3 Mar</b>	<b>4 Mar</b>	<b>5 Mar</b>	<b>6 Mar</b>	<b>7 Mar</b>
Yr 11 Camp – Blue Gum Lodge  CIS: Primary Tennis Trials  AFL (RSL) Senior Sports Oval	Yr 11 Camp – Blue Gum Lodge  CIS: Primary School Tennis (Back up date only)  Yr 10 PASS – Martial Arts	Yr 11 Camp – Blue Gum Lodge  HZ: Yr 5/7 Gala Day – Hills Centenary Park, Kellyville  CIS: NSW Boys & Girls Sec. Tennis - Concord  Yr 11 PE - Golf Killarney Golf Driving Range, Box Hill	<b>Assessments Due:</b> Yr 12 Timber & Graphics  Blazer Fitting Day – Uniform Day  Auditions – Performing Arts John Lambert Centre  D of E: Information Evening John Lambert Centre	Snr. School Assembly  Jnr. School Chapel  D of E: Bronze Pre. O'night Hike – Blue Mountains  CIS: Girls/Boys Prim. B'		Community Church John Lambert Centre