



# The Arndell Advocate

February 19<sup>th</sup> 2010

The Newsletter of Arndell Anglican College

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## *From The Headmaster*

*Mr Gareth Leechman*



In his address at my commissioning service Bishop Ivan Lee reflected on what he believed a Christian School should be like, for the Bishop two things were of critical importance; firstly a Christian School is a place where people matter and secondly it is a place where Christ matters. I could not agree with him more.

Arndell is a place where people matter. Your children matter to us; that is why we have developed and continually improve our effective welfare structure which is designed to foster your child's learning; that is why we work hard on the relationship between home and school so that we can strive together to achieve common goals; that is why our staff try to go that extra mile to meet the many individual needs each of our students possess. So much of what we do is motivated by our desire to see your children reach their potential and that is why we will always continue to seek ways of improving what we currently do.

Arndell is also a place where Christ matters. Our College motto encapsulates this thought precisely; learning through Christ. What is it that we learn? We learn values such as; compassion, empathy, faithfulness, forgiveness, gentleness, love, joy, patience, peace, sacrifices and self-control, values which Christ himself so clearly modelled. We learn that all of Creation has value and meaning because we ourselves have been created. We learn that we can have life to the full here and now as well as into eternity.

So as another busy and rich year of experiences commences, one which will involve; lessons, homework, tests, carnivals, plays, musical performances, excursions, incursions, chapel services, camps, etc, etc, etc., we will not forget why Arndell exists. We are here because people matter and Christ matters, may this never be far away from our thoughts.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who were involved in my commissioning service. It was truly a wonderful experience for me and my family and without the commitment of so many people from staff, students and Council Members it would not have been such a success.



## *From the Deputy Headmaster:*

*Mr James Webb*



The term is well under way and we are taking time to put our house in order. To enable us to do this we need your support. Matters of uniform should always be firstly checked as per the diary. If unsure then contact your child's Head of House or your child's Homeroom Tutor. Our uniform requirements have changed little over 20 years so I really fail to see issues with respect to shoes, hair or rings, watches or earrings.

### **Duty of Care:**

Supervision does not commence until 8.05 am. We do have extension classes that run from 7.30 am however the staff members are only responsible for those students. Please do not drop your child off at school with the expectation that they will be looked after. It is a real worry considering the recent tragic events.

### **Welfare Structure:**

The Non Compliance system is very simple.

Issues in class are dealt with by the subject teacher and Head of Department and logged where necessary on the student welfare system which is available to all parents through the portal. These issues are referred to Mrs. Gillen who is Director of Studies and I am kept informed if the issue is behaviour related.

Problems outside the classroom are linked with the Homeroom Tutor and Head of House and once again I am informed if behaviour is of concern.

If you wish to question a comment on the welfare system then please make contact with the person logging the comment or the Head of Department or Head of House.

If we can all maintain sound communication then problems can be resolved quickly.

### **Bullying:**

Problems associated with bullying please make contact with Mrs. Connie Stephens. Mrs. Stephens will make initial enquiries and put into place the procedures set out in the Anti Bullying Policy – available from student services.

All in all a great start to the year. I am looking forward to Year 7 camp next week. A wonderful opportunity for the Year 7's to gel as a year group and for us to prompt leadership ideas.

Have an awesome weekend.

## *From the Head of the Junior School:*

*Mr. Rick Harrison*



Thank you to all the parents who attended Information Evening last Wednesday, I am sure you went home looking forward to all the things that are being planned for this year.

Last Friday we held our Student Leader Induction Service. The Junior School Captains, Prefects and House Captains all received their badges in front of their peers and their proud parents, friends and relatives. Our student leaders for this year are as follows:

Captains:	Joshua O'Brien and Elysia Sproule;
Prefects:	Laura Clayton, Zac Giarratano, Joshua Glinn, Ryan Glinn, Oliver Salm, Kaylie Scully, Georgia Thorpe, Rachel Vielhauer, Melissa Whitmore and Raymond Xian.
Chisholm House Captains:	Monique Anderson, Hayden Lane.
Greenway House Captains:	Maddison Hawkins, Leighton Vella.
Johnson House Captains:	India Goldstien, Steven Selff.
Macquarie House Captains:	Molly Bailey, Tyler Young.
Tebbutt House Captains:	Brewer Lynch, Briney Rigby.



The Captains and Prefects have already been carrying out some of their responsibilities and have their first Awards Assembly early next month. The House Captains did a great job during the Swimming Carnival on Monday.

The Swimming Carnival was a great success, with the weather clearing right on cue. The students gave their best and a number of records were broken. Many thanks to all of our students, the parents who attended the Primary staff and especially to Mrs Cornick.

### Two things for parents to remember:

- The basketball/netball court is not to be used for parking other than after school (and during some special events). Please do not use it for parking before school even if the gates are open.
- If you are ordering items through either the Scholastic or Koorong book clubs, please mark the outside of the envelope with either "Scholastic" or "Koorong".

Enjoy your weekend,

#### Events coming up include:

- Infants Water Fun Day: 19<sup>th</sup> February
- Life Education Caravan arrives: 25<sup>th</sup> February
- Awards Assembly: 26<sup>th</sup> February
- HZSA Yr6 Gala Day: 3<sup>rd</sup> March

## *From the Director of Studies:*

*Mrs Lynn Gillen*



### Japanese Student Visits

Arndell Anglican College is hosting 15 students from Niigata Prefectural Kokusai Joho High School from 25<sup>th</sup> March until the Easter holidays. This is about a week of school time.

We are looking for host families for these students. We have some, but need about 10 more families. If you would like to host a Japanese student for this time, please contact Student Services for an Application Form. The students are 15 or 16 years old, and there are 6 boys and 9 girls in the group. All you need is a spare bed, and a family who is willing to welcome the student into your home. The students spend week days at school, and the weekend with your family.

For more information, please contact Mrs Gillen or Mrs McGowen in Student Services.

The School Certificate results achieved by the College's Year 10 cohort last year were very pleasing when compared to the results of all students across the State. The following table highlights their achievements.

Subject	% in Arndell achieving Band 5 or 6	% in NSW achieving Band 5 or 6	Difference (%)
English	47.25	40.6	6.65
Mathematics	13.19	24.05	-10.86
Science	45.05	36.21	8.84
History	26.37	23.10	3.36
Geography	34.07	27.67	6.40
Computing Studies	62.64	61.92	0.72

- All courses were at or above the State Average, except for Mathematics. This is a very solid result, and the students' achievements in English, Science and Geography are especially noteworthy.
- All subjects are including programs in their courses which will ensure that our students are well prepared for the School Certificate in 2011, and we are looking forward to strong results that will reflect their ability and preparation.
- We would like to congratulate all Year 10 students on their achievements in the School Certificate, and especially commend the following for their outstanding results:  
Erin Thornton for 6 Band 6 results; Lisa Hourn for 6 Band 5s; Joel Sedorenko for 3 Band 6s and 3 Band 5s; Ben Tuynman for all Band 5 results; and Raquel Abrahams for 2 Band 6s, 2 Band 5s and 1 Band 4. Several other students achieved well with mostly Band 5s.

**Found**

A ladies ring has been found on the school grounds.  
Please contact Student Services for further information.

*Are you interested?*

**Lessons are available at the College for:**

Piano Flute Violin/ Strings Brass Clarinet/ Saxophone Guitar Drums Singing

**GROUP LESSONS**

Speech and Drama Singing Piano

**FEES PER SEMESTER (two terms)**

Individual lessons \$500 Group lessons \$250



If you are interested please return the slip to Mr Wilson c/- College Admin. A Peripatetic teacher will make contact with you.



**Return to Mr Wilson**

**Peripatetic Lessons**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class/ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact No.: \_\_\_\_\_

# Arndell Anglican College

## Directory:

<b>Headmaster:</b>	Mr Gareth Leechman
<b>Deputy Headmaster:</b>	Mr James Webb
<b>Director of Studies:</b>	Mrs Lynn Gillen
<b>Head of Junior School:</b>	Mr Rick Harrison
<b>Chaplain</b>	Rev. Graeme Sedorenko
<b>After School Care:</b>	0407 474 161 (3.30- 5.30pm).
<b>Equestrian:</b>	Mrs Laura Thorpe 0416 212 260 <a href="mailto:prestigeinteriors@exemail.com.au">prestigeinteriors@exemail.com.au</a> Mrs Anna MacDonald p.amac@bigpond.com
<b>P &amp; F President:</b>	Mrs Neile Thompson 0414 845 488 <a href="mailto:pandf@arndell.nsw.edu.au">pandf@arndell.nsw.edu.au</a>
<b>Uniform Shop:</b>	Mrs Liz Moore 4572 3254 Tuesday/Thursday 8.30-10.30am/2.30-4.pm
<b>Canteens:</b>	Monday-Friday (Recess/Lunch)
<b>Arndell Community Church:</b>	Pastor Greg Peisley 4572 3633/0402 278 483 Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday

## Term 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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## *ID Photos:*

Arrangements have been made with the College Photographers for ID Photos to be taken for students from Year 7 through to Year 12 on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2010. The students will receive a card identifying them as students who attend Arndell Anglican College and their date of birth. The cost of these photos will be \$8.00 and this will be charged to your account. If you do not wish your child to receive an ID card or this amount charged to your account, please notify Mrs Whelan by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2010.

## **Scholarships for 2011**

- For academic entry into Years 7, 9 and 11
- For musical performance, into Years 7 and above

Scholarship information available from the College Administration office

**Applications close: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2010**

**Exam Date: Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

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**Reminder** enrolments for 2011, if you have a sibling please check to see that we have the paperwork, if not contact the PA to the Headmaster.

## *For Your Diary:*

Mon. 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb - Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Yr 7 Camp

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb.

2010 Arndell College Welcoming Service

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Mar- Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar.

Yr 11 Camp

## *Special Provisions for the HSC and School Certificate:*

*Mrs Donna Allen*

If a senior school student wishes to apply for special provisions in their HSC or School Certificate, they must book a time in to see Mrs. Allen ASAP.

Provisions granted by the school in the past **do not** automatically entitle you to provisions for these external BoS exams. An application must be lodged with relevant documentation, testing and teacher comments to support the application. You are eligible if you have a recognized illness, disability or learning difficulty within the BoS guidelines.

If you have not already contacted Mrs. Allen and begun an application and testing with her for 2010, please drop in to the Learning Support Office and/ or leave a message within the next week.

### *Arndell Equestrian:*

*Mrs Laura Thorpe, Mrs Anna MacDonald*

Anyone competing at the upcoming Interschool Equestrian Competition in March,  
please contact Anna MacDonald (Team Manager) ASAP  
on 0410 443 122 or email p.amac@bigpond.com



## *From the Head of Sports:*

*Mrs Rosemary Cornick*



### **Sports Desk News Flash**

Important dates for February Term 1 & 2:

- HZSA Swimming Carnival 8<sup>th</sup> March, AICES carnival 22<sup>nd</sup> April, CIS Carnival 28<sup>th</sup> (night) 29<sup>th</sup> (day) April
- Junior School Swimming carnival 15<sup>th</sup> Feb, HZSA Swimming carnival 8<sup>th</sup> March & HICES Swimming carnival 10<sup>th</sup> March, CIS Carnival Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March
- All Schools Triathlon 25/26<sup>th</sup> Feb nominations close 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 12yr olds and above.
- AICES Opens Tennis 12<sup>th</sup> Feb nominations close 5<sup>th</sup> Feb
- HZSA 15s Girls Basketball trials 1<sup>st</sup> March at Hills Grammar
- HZSA 16 and Opens boys & girls Hockey Trials 22<sup>nd</sup> March at Pennant Hills Park
- HZSA Open Girls Championship Basketball Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>
- HZSA Open Boys Championship Basketball Feb 24<sup>th</sup>
- CIS Golf Boys (8) Girls (45) Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March
- HZSA Yr 6 Primary Gala Day Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March
- HZSA Inter School Sport Competitions start week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> February. Commitment forms to be returned this week. Teams entered: **Junior Boys Indoor Cricket, Junior & Intermediate Girls and Open Boys Futsal, Senior Boys Tennis, Competition carrying on from 2009 Junior & Senior Boys Outdoor Cricket.**

Nomination forms and Commitment forms for all the above sports available from Mrs Cornick. The College website is being updated but these dates will all be on the website shortly. The following websites have information about Representative sport.

HZSA: [www.hillszone.com.au](http://www.hillszone.com.au) ; AICES: [www.aices.com.au](http://www.aices.com.au); CIS: [www.nswais.edu.au](http://www.nswais.edu.au)

## *Uniform Shop News: Mrs. Elizabeth Moore*

- **IT IS TIME TO TRY ON YOUR BLAZER** as Blazer fitting day is less than 2 weeks away (Thursday 4th March).

See details below. Every student in the school (K-12) will require a Blazer to wear with their winter uniform. Whilst winter changeover does not occur until Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May, now is the time to decide if your current blazer will still fit, or if you require a new one (or a 2nd hand blazer). In past years we have had many students without a blazer that fitted them simply because they had grown out of last year's blazer and didn't realize until after the fitting day. If you have outgrown your old blazer, and if it is in good condition (new logo, in good repair and DRY CLEANED), it may be brought to the uniform shop to sell in the 2nd hand clothing pool. Many families are looking for good quality 2nd hand blazers, so get them in ASAP.

**Blazer fittings will be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2010.**

Students must be at school on this day to be fitted. (Infants will be fitted first shortly after 9am, followed by primary, then high school classes at recess.) Blazers are a compulsory part of the Arndell Anglican College Uniform and they are individually fitted for each student.

**Jnr. Girls (Yrs.K-6) \$170.00**

**High School Girls (Yrs 7-10) \$175.00**

**Snr. Girls (Yrs. 11-12) \$202.00**

**Jnr. Boys (Yrs K-6) \$220.00**

**High School Boys (Yrs. 7-10) \$225.00**

**Snr. Boys (Yrs. 11-12) \$252.00**

**Note:** Boys Blazers have extra details. e.g. pockets and lapels. Prices include fittings, alterations and GST.

**An \$80.00 deposit** is required to confirm and register your child for a fitting. This must be paid to the Uniform shop before Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, or your child cannot be fitted. A late fee will apply to anybody requiring a fitting after 4<sup>th</sup> March.

**Years 11/12** students requiring a senior stripe to be applied to their blazer, the senior stripe will automatically be applied at the above price. If you currently have a blazer that fits please bring your dry-cleaned blazer to the Uniform shop before Tuesday 2nd March and a senior strip will be applied at a cost of \$27.00 to be paid in advance.

**Second Hand Blazers:** anyone wishing to sell their blazer (if in good condition, with the current logo and dry-cleaned) can bring them into the uniform shop now.

## *Points from the P&F:*

*Mrs Neile Thompson*

It's my turn to welcome everyone back to another year at Arndell ... everything snuck up on me and I missed the last newsletter! So welcome to all the returning families and especially to the new families in the Arndell Community.

The news of the moment ...

**The P&F ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be on  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup> AT 7.30PM  
IN THE SENIOR SCHOOL LIBRARY ... DON'T MISS IT!!!**



This year we are after an entirely new Executive Committee to co-ordinate meetings and activities throughout the year so please consider the possibility of standing for one of the positions – President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer - or joining one of the sub-committees for the Fun Day coming up in May, the Equestrian Carnival in September or the Golf Day (no date fixed yet).

You don't have to be at any particular stage of your child's school career (or children) – anytime is a good time to get involved, help raise funds for additional resources and equipment and be an active and productive part of the Arndell Community.

It is a very rewarding task to undertake – yes it takes some time, and some effort but the busier you are the more you get done! I did it first when my son began kindergarten ... I figured that my children were going to be here for 13 years each so I may as well get involved, be part of the school's growth, do what I could to help that growth and find out about the whole school - where my children were going rather than just where they were at that time ... it must be good fun because I went back and did it again when they were changing over from Junior school to Senior school and yet again now as they are finishing their time at Arndell! It's a bit like childbirth ... you do it because the end result is worth it!!!! And as I said, you can do it at any stage of your child's Arndell career.

Please consider what you can do ... if you'd like to know more about what is involved feel free to contact me by email [neile@richmondvet.com.au](mailto:neile@richmondvet.com.au) or mobile 0414 845 488 - I'd be happy to have a chat and share the joy!

**SPECIAL REQUEST** – the position of Treasurer is not a difficult one however it is important that it is done properly, it is therefore much easier if the position is held by an Accountant ... I know there are quite a few parents in the school who would fit the bill ... any of you interested?!

I hope to see many of you at the AGM...

# Junior School Book Fair

This is a special invitation to 'Chill out with a good book' at our Scholastic Book Fair coming to our school on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Browse through a great selection of newly published children's books such as 'The Polar Bear Paddle', 'Pinkalicious', and 'Big Bad Bushranger'. You may purchase books for home and/or for donation to our school library collection. The Book Fair runs from Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March to Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March in the Junior School Library before school and after school. I look forward to seeing you then!

Mrs Elva Miller - JS Librarian

## ART POSTER COMPETITION PREP-YEAR6

To celebrate the opening of our new Junior School Library, we are having an Art Competition based on reading and learning. Your art can be painted, collaged, coloured or mixed media and should include a slogan about reading and books. The art works will be displayed in the new library and winners will have an invitation to a special event! Come to the library to receive your entry form and Art paper. Your entry needs to be handed to Mrs Miller by Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March.



# WELCOME!

## everybody

**2010 Arndell College Welcoming Service**  
**Sunday 28th Feb**

10.15am @ the Performing Arts Centre

guest speaker: **Archbishop Peter Jensen**

performances by Years 2 & 3 and Senior School Band

**JUMPING CASTLE**  
**FACE PAINTING**  
**MORNING TEA**  
**COMPETITIONS**  
**LIVE BAND**  
**SAUSAGE SIZZLE**  
**and much more.**

**It's Time ... for family fun!**



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