



The Arndell Advocate

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The Newsletter of Arndell Anglican College

From The Headmaster

Mr Gareth Leechman



One of the things that turn a good school into a 'great' school lies in its ability to create a strong sense of community. When I walk into a new school or college I immediately try to ascertain its level of community ownership. If the community owns the school or college then there is little doubt in my mind that that school or college will have a strong and vibrant future.

So what signs am I looking for? Visual appearance is one easy and quick way of ascertaining ownership. When I walk into a school I immediately see if the grounds are well kept and that students are wearing their uniform correctly and with pride. I look at the state of the buildings and what might be occurring in the classrooms as I walk past. Secondly, I try to get a feeling for attitude and tone - am I welcome? First experiences matter, the friendly hello from the first teacher or office assistant I meet or the confidence of a student to show you where to go means so much to a newcomer to the community. Thirdly, I look for signs of 'active' community support amongst the school or college. Most well run educational institutions offer so much more than a full academic program. They offer opportunities in outdoor education, performing arts, religious development, sport etc. When you attend these events as a guest I look at both the quality and volume of support for these events.

So how does Arndell Anglican College stack up against these three criteria? Honestly we are still a work in progress, but this is not unexpected as we move from infancy to maturity. Our visual appearance has significantly improved over the last few months and as a result all sectors of the community have started to look after our lovely grounds much better than they used to. Students are getting used to my desire and requirement to wear their uniform correctly and with pride, even the boys now tuck their shirts in when they see me coming! I have noticed significant improvements in the way we greet each other and look out for new members of our community. But have we attained the level I want to reach? No - but we are on the way.

In the case of the third sign, the jury for me is still out. Over the course of this term and the rest of the year I will see how much our community wants this college to exist by the way we support the myriad of events that will be occurring. In the weeks ahead we have the P & F Family Fun Day on Saturday 29th May, Miss Doman's production of Oliver Twist, THRASS information nights and Year 12 Parent Information Evening. In Term 3 we will have information nights for Year 8 and Year 10, there will be a Gala Ball to celebrate Arndell's 21st birthday, a P & F Golf Day, Talent Spectacular and these are just a few of the events which we have planned ahead. At the end of the year I will have a clear picture of how well we own this college by the support that these events get from us all.

Will Arndell become a 'great' college? I certainly hope so because I can already see the potential we have and I sincerely hope that you will join me on this journey as our college continues to mature in the years ahead. In the words of a member of School Council, we at Arndell want to develop and serve our community through Christ. What a fitting vision for us to have as we become an active part of the Hawkesbury and not an identity that is apart from it.

Finally it is with much sadness that I wish to inform the College community of the passing of Glenys Goddard last weekend. Glenys was not merely the Headmaster's wife - she was a member of the College Choir, Careers Advisor and strong advocate for Arndell in the local community. Our thoughts and prayers will be with Dr Goddard and his family at this time. A Memorial Service will be held at the College in the Performing Arts Centre on Wednesday 5th May at 10am.

From the Deputy Headmaster



Welcome back to a very busy term 2. May I say how delightful it is to see students really engaged in the learning process and, for the most part, fully involved in the life of the College?

A reminder with respect to the requirements of teams at the College - if your child commits to a team it is expected that he or she continue for the duration of the competition – unless injury prevents this. As part of a team a student has a responsibility to his or her fellow team members. If the College needs to withdraw from the competition due to lack of numbers then we are in effect out of that competition for the next 2 years. Lack of commitment can have a detrimental effect on future teams.

Uniform:

At the end of term 1 and the start of this term uniform standards, in some areas, are slipping. We constantly 'chip' boys about their shirts, the general untidiness of their hair and the wearing of the wrong shoes. It is not helpful when students are dropped off in the morning and get out of the car in a most unacceptable state. Parents you have enrolled your child at Arndell. With that enrolment comes a variety of expectations. Please do not be irritated when I call home to say that your child's uniform is not appropriate or that they do not have the correct bag or that their hair is the wrong colour or they are wearing inappropriate jewellery. It is all part of the contract between home and College.

Family Fun and Open Day

Once again we come together as a Community to show the Hawkesbury what we have to offer. I really do encourage you to come along on the 29th May to support the College and to drop into the Junior and Senior Schools to see what awesome things go on in the classrooms.

Welcome Back.

We welcome back Mrs. Kath Laffin and Mr. Owen Laffin who have been stranded in the UK for some 2 weeks. During their time away we have had 2 wonderful casual teachers. This week they both attended Year 8 camp for us. Many thanks to Megan Bryant and Ellen McFarlane for your wonderful support.

Have a great weekend.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

- **NEW BLAZERS HAVE ARRIVED**

Students who have been fitted for a new blazer or who are having a senior stripe applied to their old blazer can now collect their blazers from the uniform shop. New blazer prices are as follows:

Junior Girls (yr. K - 6) \$170.00

Junior Boys (yr. K - 6) \$220.00

Senior Girls (yr. 7 -12) \$175.00

Senior Boys (yr. 7 -12) \$225.00

Please deduct the deposit you have prepaid to calculate the amount owing on your blazer.

- **WINTER UNIFORM**

- Uniform change over occurs after Mothers Day. Students are expected to wear winter uniform on Monday 10th May.

Points from the P&F:

Mrs Neile Thompson

Here are some important dates to add to your calendar and look forward to with anticipation! For information on any or all of the following events send an email to pandf@arndell.nsw.edu.au or call me on 0414 845 488.



TUESDAY, MAY 18TH – TERM 2 P&F GENERAL MEETING

7.30-9pm in the NEW JUNIOR SCHOOL LIBRARY

Mr Leechman is our 'guest speaker' giving us a full run down on all the happenings at Arndell College now and plans for the future. We'll also have a tour of the fantastic new library – I was so jealous that my children are too old now to use it!

SATURDAY, MAY 22ND – TRIVIA NIGHT RETURNS!

In keeping with Arndell's anniversary year the theme for this year's Trivia Night is 21! So get your smartest friends together and book a table or just come along and we'll match you up with other parents. It's a great way to meet new people; get really silly and have a great time... don't miss it!

SATURDAY, MAY 29TH – FAMILY FUN DAY & COLLEGE OPEN DAY

12 – 5pm All over the College! Another great day for everyone ... many thanks to Sharon Fitzgerald, Rachel Aldacour and the wonderful group of parents and staff working so hard to put this event together - it just gets better and better every year. Our goal this year is to raise \$10,000 to help with the purchase of the last few Smartboards needed for the infant's classrooms ... then we'll have one of these fantastic learning/teaching tools in every room! If you can help before the day or on the day please contact pandf@arndell.nsw.edu.au the more the merrier!

JULY – THE UNIFORM SHOP IS MOVING!!!

No longer will we have to navigate our way to the very back of the school to seek out our uniform needs. No longer will Liz Moore and her fabulous team of volunteers have to endure the heat and cold and dust of our current facility. No longer will they have to either 'hang on' or brave the students toilets! AND they'll have a sink ... with hot water and all!!! The Uniform Shop will be proudly ... and very conveniently ... located in the space vacated by the Jnr School Library. YAY!

TERM 3 - P&F GENERAL MEETING – Date to be advised.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21ST – INAUGURAL FOUNDATION DINNER & 21ST ANNIVERSARY

Planning is underway for this very, very special night. Invitations will be sent out in the next month or so to all past and present students, staff and parents but in the meantime put the date in your diary now! If you are in contact with any ex-Arndellians let them know there is something big happening on August 21st – to help us with our mailing list, and to make sure they don't miss their invitation they can send their current contact details to pandf@arndell.nsw.edu.au

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH – GOLF DAY

Teeing off at Windsor Golf Club Sponsorships available contact pandf@arndell.nsw.edu.au for more information.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH – EQUESTRIAN CARNIVAL 2010!

Always a fabulous day for the horse world! Plenty of jobs for people to help out with absolutely NO horse knowledge or experience needed!

TERM 4 – THE BIGGEST & BEST EVER CHRISTMAS GIFT HAMPER GUESSING COMPETITION

This project was a great success last year even though it was thrown together in just a few weeks. This year, with your help, we'll do it even better! We are very happy to start accepting donations for the Hamper now ... toys, games, vouchers, tools, things for kids and adults. If we're inundated with donations it means we can have more prizes ... so more chance you could win!

ALL YEAR ... WE NEED DONATIONS PLEASE! Donations of goods and services are always needed to help make our functions successful. If you can help us please contact pand@arndell.nsw.edu.au or you can leave your donation at the College Administration Office/Reception. Please put your name on it though so we can thank you for it!

Following the very sad news of the death of Mrs Glenys Goddard I would like to advise that the P&F, in lieu of sending flowers, has made a donation to the McGrath Foundation in Glenys' memory. She was a wonderful woman who will be sadly missed and our thoughts and prayers and love go to John and his family at this time.

Arndell Anglican College *Directory:*

Headmaster:	Mr Gareth Leechman
Deputy Headmaster:	Mr James Webb
Director of Studies:	Mrs Lynn Gillen
Head of Junior School:	Mr Rick Harrison
After School Care:	0407 474 161 (3.30- 5.30pm).
Equestrian:	Mrs Laura Thorpe 0416 212 260 prestigeinteriors@exemail.com.au Mrs Anna MacDonald p.amac@bigpond.com
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/2.30-4.pm
Canteens:	Monday-Friday (Recess/Lunch)
Arndell Community Church:	Pastor Greg Peisley 4572 3633/0402 278 483 Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday

Term Dates for 2010

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.

For Your Diary:

Saturday 8th May:

ACER Scholarship Exam

Sunday 9th May:

Mothers Day

Monday 10th May to Friday 14th May:

Jnr. School Test Week

Monday 10th May:

Change to winter uniform

Tuesday 11th May –Thursday 13 May:

Naplan Testing for Yrs 3, 5, 7 & 9

Wednesday 12th May:

Yr 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews

Reminder

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Wednesday 12th May 2010

3.30 to 8.30pm

Contact the College or email to make an
appointment with your child's teacher.

Bookings close Tuesday 11th May

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SPECIAL PLEA!

WE REALLY NEED A SECRETARY!

Is there someone out there who would like to join us in the day to day running of general P&F stuff?

It's not that hard ... bit of emailing, few phone calls, maybe some photocopying, putting notes in pigeon holes occasionally, taking minutes at General Meetings (only once a term!), keeping notes on other discussions and decisions, throwing out all the fundraising junk mail we get, meeting for coffee every now and then to go over things ... not rocket science!

PLEASE THINK ABOUT IT ...
WE ARE PREPARED TO BEG!

For more information or to have a chat about it or to commit your life and the life of your first-born child to the P&F please call me (Neile) on 0414 8454 88 or Donna – 0417 774 545
Or email pandf@arndell.nsw.edu.au

WE WOULD BE SOOOO HAPPY TO HEAR FROM YOU!

But seriously ... it's actually very interesting and rewarding and kind of fun to be part of the P&F ... what have you got to lose!

Professional Tutoring

Mathematics (All Levels)

Science (All Levels)

Physics, Chemistry, Biology (Yrs. 11 & 12)

Many years Experience

Contact: Douglas Cooper, MA, MSC.Sc. Dip.Ed.

0418 617 337/9634 6018

Maths Homework Support Club

The Maths Dept will be running Homework Support outside of regular class times this year. The aim of the session is that students generally work on their own, and ask questions when and if they need help. They may focus on their regular homework, prepare for an upcoming test, or manage regular revision. Teachers will also provide access to additional resources if required.

The regular times available are:

Monday lunchtime (week A only) – B12

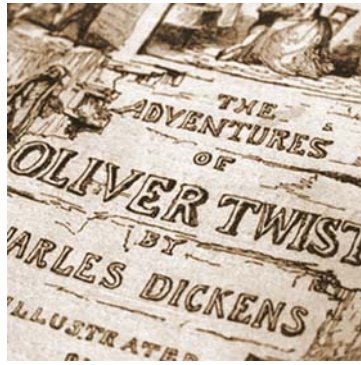
Wednesday lunchtime (week A only) – B12

Wednesday 3.15-4.30pm – B17

Thursday 3.15 – 4.30pm – B9

Of course, if none of these times are suitable, a student can speak to their class teacher, who is always willing to help.

TICKETS NOW ON SALE!!



THE IMMORTAL TALE OF
OLIVER TWIST

ARNDELL PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

7:30pm

FRI. JUNE 18TH AND SAT. 19TH

TICKETS \$15 ADULT

\$10 STUDENT/CHILD/PENSIONER

INCLUDES SUPPER

BE QUICK FOR THE BEST SEATS

ARNDELL TALENT SPECTACULAR

FINAL – FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 3RD



SPONSORS REQUIRED

The third annual talent spectacular will be auditioning students in August for the September final, one of the highlights of the Arndell calendar. Last year's event was a sell-out.

In order to offer the students great prizes, we are seeking businesses or families willing to sponsor the evening. If you can help, please contact Miss Doman at the College or return the form below. All sponsors will be acknowledged regularly in the newsletter and in the program on the evening.

To: Miss Doman

Yes, we are willing to sponsor the 2010 Talent Spectacular.

Name of business/family: _____

Sponsorship amount: \$_____

Student(s) at the College: _____

- If you have a business logo which can be used, please email it to Miss Doman at the College a jackie.doman@arndell.nsw.edu.au

Family Fun Day /Open Day

Saturday May 29th 12 – 5pm

Another exciting day planned for the whole family jam packed with something for everyone.

Dodgem cars, The Hurricane, Jumping Castles, Giant Slide and spinning tea cups

BBQ, PANCAKES ,HOMEMADE CAKES, KRISPY KREMES ,HOT CHOCOLATE COFFEE AND TOASTIES.

School Stalls this year are kids craft , white elephant, second hand books, plants, pancakes, drinks tent, home made cakes, Games tent the big BBQ and mums craft stall aka as the "Sew wot mum" stall.

From the community we have a variety of craft, jewellery, glass ware and stationary stalls.

Loads of free entertainment and displays including our own junior and senior bands, dancing and karate demonstrations face painting and roving clowns. And new to Arndell our own "Show and Shine" vintage car and bike display

A lot of things happening for our school

How can you help? Donate some plants, can you help with donations for our second hand book stall or white elephant stall. "Sew Wot Mum" need supplies including Lavender, 12 ply Mohair wool and people to sew or knit .Can you make home made jam? If you have already made craft items please let us know .The Family Fun Day Committee are always open to suggestions, and even more open to help please contact us if you are interested in helping in any way

funday@ardell.nsw.edu.au Sharon 044 849 3559, Rachael 041269121