



# The ARNDELL ANGLICAN COLLEGE

*"News Flash"*

*Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010*



## *From the Headmaster:*

*Mr Gareth Leechman MA MEd MACE MACEL*

In last week's newsletter I reflected on how important it was for us all to own the community that we are a part of and that our collective ownership would be displayed in a variety of ways. My thoughts for this week continue on in the same vein as I want to congratulate the College Community on the way they have recently hosted three reflective chapel services.

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April both the Junior and Senior School hosted an ANZAC day memorial service. Each of the Junior School classes took the time to learn about Australia's involvement in the various theatres of war that we have fought in. After learning about these theatres of war each Junior School class created their own floral wreath as a symbol of remembrance for those who died. These wreaths were then laid around the College flagpole for us all to appreciate. Mr Geoff McNab, one of our Stage 3, teachers made some very fine comments about our involvement at Gallipoli and it was clear to all those present that our students learnt a great deal about the sacrifices made by our forefathers.

In the Senior School our students reflected on Australia's involvement in the Korean War, which for many people is Australia's 'forgotten war'. At the service we welcomed two members of the Windsor RSL sub-branch to our College and they were able to share their experiences of what it was like to be a part of this conflict. The reality is that war is not glorious or in many cases honourable, rather it is littered with the deaths of thousands of men and women, young and old, who have paid a heavy price for the desire of conquest and expansion. Through both of these services our students behaved impeccably and showed the required respect that is due to such occasions. This was followed up by our School Captains, Brittany Ellison and Jeremy Otten, laying wreaths at the dawn service in Windsor on Anzac Day itself.

This week we held a memorial service for our former Careers Advisor and wife of our previous Headmaster, Mrs Glenys Goddard. This service was arranged at the request of Dr Goddard and was the first of its kind to be held at the college. Several students were involved in the Handbells and Community Choir sections of the service and once again all students rose to the occasion and behaved appropriately to the situation before them. During his address Dr Goddard noted that this was 'Arndell at its best' and I could not agree more.

Here at Arndell we are not just interested in teaching our students about literature, history, science, maths, technology, etc; we are interested in also teaching our students about life and what is important. We need to teach them about how to live life and live it to the full, we need to teach them about how to mourn and remember those who have contributed much to the community of which we are a part. These values will prepare them well for life beyond Arndell Anglican College.

May I also take this opportunity to remind parents and friends of the community that we are now accepting enrolments for 2011 and there has been increased interest for both Kindergarten and Year 7. Places are filling fast with Year 7 almost full, if there is sufficient interest we may explore the creation of a fourth class. If you have siblings who will be joining the College in these year groups could you please let my PA Mrs Barbra Whelan know as soon as possible so you can guarantee your place. Also if you have friends who will be enrolling in these year groups could you please encourage them to contact the college so that they too may experience what we have to offer here at Arndell.

## Calendar Dates for your Diary

Monday 10 May	Tuesday 11 May	Wednesday 12 May	Thursday 13 May	Friday 14 May	Saturday 15 May	Sunday 16 May
<b>Jnr. School Test Week</b>  AICES: 15's Netball  <b>CHANGE TO WINTER UNIFORM (Uniform Shop will be opened today at 8.30)</b>	<b>Jnr. School Test Week</b>  2010 NAPLAN Testing Yrs 3,5,7 & 9  Yr 10 PASS –Circus School  HICES: Open 16's Boys Rugby Trials  Yr 11 Graphics Excursion  K-6 Opera Australia Incursion	<b>Jnr. School Test Week</b>  2010 NAPLAN Testing Yrs 3,5,7 & 9  <b>Assessments Due:</b> Yr 8 Wood  HZSA: Yr 4 AFL  Yr 11 PE (Indoor Rock Climbing)  Job Club – Hospitality 2  Yr 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews Sen. Library	<b>Jnr. School Test Week</b>  2010 NAPLAN Testing Yrs 3,5,7 & 9	<b>Jnr. School Test Week</b>  HZSA: Sec. School Tennis  Jnr. School Awards Assembly  Snr. School Assembly	K. Toms Dancing Club Drama Rooms – JLPA Centre  Equestrian Training Day	Community Church JLPA Centre
Monday 17 May	Tuesday 18 May	Wednesday 19 May	Thursday 20 May	Friday 21 May	Saturday 22 May	Sunday 23 May
<b>Yr 11 Exams</b>	Yrs 11, 10 & 7 Exams  <b>Assessments Due:</b> Yr 7 Wood  P & F Meeting – JS Library	Yrs 11, 10 & 9 Exams  Job Club – Hospitality 2	Yrs 11, 10 & 9 Exams  HICES Cross Country All Saints, Bathurst  HZSA: Open 16's Boys Rugby William Clarke College	Yrs 11, 10 & 9 Exams  Jnr. / Snr. School Chapel	K. Toms Dancing Club Drama Rooms – JLPA Centre  P & F Trivia Night at Arndell	Community Church JLCentre
Monday 24 May	Tuesday 25 May	Wednesday 26 May	Thursday 27 May	Friday 28 May	Saturday 29 May	Sunday 30 May
CIS: Primary Rugby Union Trials	Assessments Due: Yr 11 PDHPE  AICES: Rugby T.G.Millner Oval, St Ives  ICAS Testing: Computer Skills  Yr 11 PDHPE / Hospitality First Aid Course  Yr 10 PASS –Circus School	Job Club – Hospitality 2  CIS: Prim. Rugby Union Trials  Yr 11 PDHPE / Hospitality First Aid Course		Jnr. School Chapel  Snr. School Assembly	. Toms Dancing Club Drama Rooms – JLPA Centre  P & F Family Fun Day / Open Day	Community Church JLPA Centre