

The Arndell Advocate

Friday May 28th, 2010
The Newsletter of Arndell Anglican College

From The Headmaster

Mr Gareth Leechman

How many men does it take to change a tyre? Answer: Three. One to watch and instruct one to do the labour and one to make sure we have the appropriate equipment. How do I know this to

be true? Because, members of Arndell Anglican College, this is exactly what happened on Monday afternoon. From the cries of help from Mrs Hogan (and a couple of other mums, who shall remain nameless) I sprang into action attempting to replace the offending flat tyre. But would the thing budge? No it most certainly would not! Frustration led to the removal of the tie (and no this is not a change to our uniform policy) which then led to more

frustration as the screws still would not loosen.

Seeing as I was going nowhere fast, Mr Walker (Year 3 fame) who was clearly watching me from afar came to my rescue to show me how it was supposed to be done. I had now been moved to the role of observer with ego slightly dented. But to my relief it wasn't just me who couldn't make the screws move, Mr Walker was also now staring down the barrel at defeat. However, between the two of us we had figured out the problem; it wasn't us, it wasn't our manhood rather it was the implements we were using - they didn't fit! But like the Lone Ranger riding his stallion Silver, Mr Taylor (of 21 Gun Salute





fame, you needed to have been at the very successful P&F Trivia Night to get this connection), strode over in his usual nonchalant way, identified the problem and immediately produced the required implements to loosen the offending screws.

By now the children were doing their homework, the mums had thought it would have been quicker to ring the NRMA and it was clear to all that I should remain as a Headmaster and not think of a career change. But what it also highlighted to me was what community and teamwork can create. None of us minded taking the time to help out-in actual fact, we were keen to assist in whatever we could. None of us single-handedly could solve the problem, but together through determination, persistence and teamwork we were able to

solve the problem. We were pleased that together we were able to make a difference and get a resolution.

This strong sense of community and teamwork will be on display this Saturday at the Family Fun Day. The Family Fun Day Committee have put together a fantastic program one that we will undoubtedly enjoy and it will also highlight all of the positive things that our College Community offers. No one could do this job single-handedly but with the help of a wide group of parents great things can be achieved. Junior and Senior school staff will also be displaying what they are doing in their classrooms so please take the opportunity to look and see what your

children are doing. The Family Fun Day is a great way to showcase our college not only to those who are already a part of it but to those who might be thinking of joining it.

I would also like to thank the Equestrian Committee for their hard work in creating our community. Through their teamwork they have already organised a successful training day and they are well under way with their plans for the Equestrian Carnival in late September. The role of the P&F and their sub-committees are a vital cog in helping us to create the community we have here at Arndell so please continue to be active supporters of all the activities that they organise so that we are all a part of the same team. Thank you to all of you who are a part of these sub-committees, it is often a thankless task but your efforts are greatly appreciated.

By the way if you have a flat tyre the NRMA might be quicker.



Arndell Sports Desk:

from Mrs R Cornick

HZSA Open and 16s Rugby Union: Congratulations to both Adam Roberts and Ben Tuynman (yr11) who have been selected in the HZSA Opens team and Sebastian Goldrick and John Grayson HZSA 16s team to compete in the AICES championships now on Tuesday 1st June at Eastwood.

<u>HICES Cross Country</u> Congratulations to the squad of 42 students from Yrs 3- 6 who travelled to Bathurst for these championships. The students were exceptionally well behaved. Arndell finished 5th overall. Thank you to the large number of parents who made the effort to drive up to support their children it is much appreciated. Congratulations to Dylan Jones and Elysia Sproule who have been selected to compete as members of the HICES team at the CIS Cross Country Championships on June 17th at Eastern Creek.

<u>HZSA Interschool Sport:</u> These competitions started last week and the rain has already had an impact with games cancelled this week. There have been changes to each of the draws so please make sure you update your own draws from the ones on the website or the Sports Notice board.

A personal request to all students and parents: Letters sent home regarding any sporting event, requests to assist at gala or carnival days and nominations to trial for Representative sport <u>must</u> be returned by the due date indicated on the letter. Failure to comply creates unnecessary extra work for organisers, besides which the Sports Associations HICES, HZSA, AICES & CIS will <u>not</u> accept late nominations. In the case of CIS if you nominate and do not trial students will still incur the fee.

Sporting Commitments: Students who have signed a commitment form as a member of a College team do have a responsibility to their team to attend every game. Whilst there maybe circumstances when students cannot uphold this commitment, every effort must be made on their behalf to notify the Head of Sport & their coach at least 24 hours prior to their game so that alternative arrangements can be put in place.

The Sports webpage is being updated and all sport dates for 2010 are on the Sport webpage in Extra Curricular Activities. Parents are recommended to keep up to date with what is going on through these avenues. HZSA now has its own website: www.hillszone.com.au parents are encouraged to access this webpage for all HZSA information, results and draws. There is NO website for HICES.

Points from the P&F:

Mrs Neile Thompson

In the last newsletter I forgot to thank Jenny Hilder, Jenny McIntosh, Megan Hanckel and Stefan Kaczmarczyk all of whom responded to my desperate plea a few weeks ago for a secretary. Megan Hanckel has taken on the position and Jenny Hilder has been a fantastic help taking over producing flyers for me – and I'm sure we'll find things for Jenny Mc, Stefan K and Megan to do to!



<u>The General Meeting</u> last week was a very interesting evening. We had about 30 people attend which was pretty good for a cold, damp night – my thanks to all who came. We had reports on the Fun Day preparations, the uniform shop move, the equestrian activities, the Premier's Reading Challenge in junior school and the reader/scribe programme for Learning Support in senior school as well as a very informative report and discussion from Mr Leechman – and a look around the new library ... all in all a very good evening ... you'll have to come to next term's meeting!

The Trivia Night

Was a bit of a hoot and we raised \$1,800 - Yay! We changed the venue from the gym to the senior school library and wasn't that just the best idea!? - much more comfortable and civilised (if a trivia night can be called civilised!)

Congratulations to the night's winners ...

- The Sped's who won the "Knowledge" Prize ... it was a last minute win from 21 Gun Salute who had been leading until the All Night questions were handed in.
- The Pointy Headed Party Animals won the "Charity" Prize ... again it was a last minute win from the We Don't Have a Pen table who had been leading all night thanks to the large 'donation' they made early in the night to cover any questions they got wrong hence a perfect score all night! ... but the PHPA's, determined to win made a rather generous donation right at the end and took out the prize.
- The We Don't Have a Pen team did manage to win the Wooden Spoon prize for coming in last in the questions answered correctly category ... many thanks also to this group of 2009 Year 12 students for their continued and generous support of their old alma mater!
- The winners of the Best Dressed Table were the Selective Electric Eclectics ... or it could have been Eclectic Electrics ... anyway they did a great job and I just couldn't resist the crushed velvet table cloth!

Many thanks for the fabulous generosity of ...

- The Sebel Resort & Spa 1 night accommodation, breakfast & dinner
- Hawkesbury Auto Detailing Car Detail
- Exquisite Beauty Therapy (Nth Richmond) Massage
- Glen's Betta Electrical Hair Dryers & Straighter
- The Butler family and the Lynch family for all the wine!
- And to Infinity Corporate Solutions for the donation of a Website that we've decided to keep for the Foundation Dinner!
- If I've forgotten anyone please let me know and I'll thank you next time!

Many thanks also to Mrs P (Donna Pellew) for all her hard work and to Mr Pellew and Mr Thompson for helping to make the night a success.

FUN DAY /OPEN DAY THIS SATURDAY DON'T FORGET!

PLEASE DON'T RAIN!!!!

Arndell Anglican College Directory:

Headmaster:Mr Gareth LeechmanDeputy Headmaster:Mr James WebbDirector of Studies:Mrs Lynn GillenHead of Junior School:Mr Rick Harrison

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Tuesday/Thursday

8.30-10.30am/2.30-4.pm

Canteens: Monday-Friday

(Recess/Lunch)

Arndell Community Pastor Greg Peisley

Church: 4572 3633/0402 278 483

Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday



13th-16th and 18th July

Day Camp is a fun, bush camp for kids run by
Pitt Town Anglican Community Church!
Come along each day to learn about
God while playing in his creation!
Great fun for everyone!

Registrations and further information online at www.pitttown.org.au

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

Wednesday 8 December - Senior School

Presentation Even.

Japanese Students Arriving Soon......

We are in cooperation with your school arranging a study tour for 11 Japanese students from

Komaba Gakuen High School. They require Host Families and we are hoping you can help.

- They are here to practise their English.
- Australian food is encouraged.
- Host Family Payments of \$35.00 per student per night are included.
- This is a wonderful opportunity for you and your family to experience another culture.

Dates – Arriving Departing
29 July 2010 9 August 2010
Please contact our Coordinator for more information

Name: Andrea Ryan Telephone: (02) 4587 7063 Mobile: 0409 925 446

Arndell Equestrian Committee: Laura Thorpe & Anna MacDonald

The Arndell Equestrian committee, would like to thank "Chatham Park", for opening their beautiful property and allowing Arndell Equestrian and the Community to have the opportunity to see professional riders display their skills and share their knowledge with the spectators and to allow spectators to interact with the riders and gain fascinating insight to the highest level of dressage and showjumping.

George and Rachael Sanna, along with Roger Fitzhardinge donated their time and expertise with a quality display throughout the morning educating us on the dedication and sacrifice that is needed to reach the most out of the sport they love. I also would like to thank Dennise Rhodes the grooms and riders of Chatham Park who were part of the event.

An event like this would not have happened without Robyn Thompson, who organised and provided the chance for Arndell to offer to the community a 'Morning with the Stars'. Once again the Equestrian committee and family members offered their support to this event in many ways to help make the day run smooth and as well donated baked goods to be sold with a Bacon and Eggs Breakie BBQ.

Well done Arndell Equestrian, and thank you to the spectators that attended this event and supported the canteen, hope to offer this wonderful day next year.

Competition Results:

PLC Dressage Day, March 2010

Stephanie Jamieson Prep 1 Yrs K-3 1st place

Prep 2 Yrs K- 3 2nd place and Stephanie also won Prep Champion Yrs K-3 Well Done! Prep 2 Yrs K- 3 4th place

Andrea Hollis

Georgia Thorpe

Katie MacDonald

Maddy Thorpe

Emmie Rose Shore

Nickayla Ramm

Prep 2 Yrs K- 3 4th place

Prelim Yrs 4 - 6 4th place

Prelim 1D Yrs 7 - 9 6th place

Prelim 1D Yrs 7 - 9 5th place

Prelim 1B Yrs 7-9 2nd place

Novice 2D Yrs 10 - 12 6th place

Galston High Showjumping Competition, May 2010

We only had 2 riders competing at this event, yet they managed to place our school in 7th position out of 31 schools! This was a great effort.

Jennifer Bale finished with a total of 7 points placing her 4th in the Yr 9 group

Tara Rodgers finished with a total of 34 points and was awarded champion in the Yr 12 group

Once again, a great result for our school and a big thank you to our riders and their grooms (parents) who make the effort to compete at these events. Not just turning up on the day itself, but the numerous hours that go into the training and preparation for these events.

Upcoming Events:

- Central Coast Grammar School Dressage Day 22nd August 2010
- Camden High School Equestrian Carnival 4th September 2010, includes showjumping
- Tara Anglican School for Girls Dressage Day 12th September 2010
- Oxley College Equestrian Day 19th September 2010
- Arndell Equestrian Carnival 25th September 2010

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

Please sir, you'll want some more!

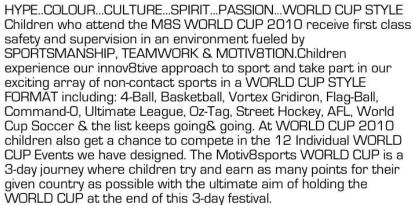






MOTIV8SPORTS WORLD CUP 2010 ARNDELL ANGLICAN COLLEGE 3-DAY MULTI-SPORTS CAMP WED 30th to FRI 2nd JULY

Motiv8sports would love to invite you to join us in JUNE/JULY 2010 for the Motiv8sports 2010 WORLD CUP and experience 3 unforgettable days. If your son/daughter has attended a Motiv8sports camp at Arndell before then you know that NO ONE DOES IT LIKE Motiv8sports.....



The Motiv8sports WORLD CUP is a truly unique camp that we only perform once every 4-years. This event will be a sell-out. Children who attend WORLD CUP 2010 do not need any sports experience at all and from start to finish your child will be encouraged and made to feel like a CHAMPION. The atmosphere at WORLD CUP is electric and whether your child is competing for AUSTRALIA, ITALY, JAPAN, CHILE etc etc they will embrace their new country and the camaraderie amongst their fellow teammates.

Take care & keep motiv8ted these school holidays Coach David Director Motiv8sports



TO MAKE YOU BOOKING VISIT MOTIV8SPORTS.COM.AU & click BOOK ONLINE located on the top menu bar or visit our online booking page directly by going to motiv8sports.camp8.org (02) 88147729

Date: Wed 30th to Fri 2nd

July

Hours: 8.30am to 3.00pm

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Venue: Arndell Anglican

College Cost: \$100 booking/ ticket purchased to our events include:

Please note that each

- GST
- BBQ Lunch (day 2)
- W'Cup Medal
- Camp photo
- Chance to win some gr8 prizes

ARNDELL TALENT SPECTACULAR

Final – Friday September 3rd

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SEEKING SPONSORS

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

Cheques can be made payable to Arndell Anglican College.