



ARNDPELL ANGLICAN COLLEGE

"News Flash"

Friday, 21 May 2010



From the Headmaster:

Mr Gareth Leechman MA MEd MACE MACEL

Thank you to everyone who supported the Family Fun Day last Saturday, it really was a success! It was wonderful to see so many members of our community at the College enjoying all the aspects that the day offered. The pancakes were delicious, the toasties hit the spot and the sausage sandwich was very filling. In the John Lambert Centre the Performing Arts Department highlighted the many talents found amongst our students and there was a steady flow of parents and prospective parents exploring the various classrooms which were on display. The rides were very popular, even I ventured on the 'Hurricane'. On reflection I am not quite sure if this was the wisest thing to do! But the most important thing on the day for me was the clear expression of community.

One of the common reasons why people enrol at our College is because of the community that we have created. A community based on values such as; care, companionship and compassion. We are a community where academic excellence is encouraged but not at the expense of being exclusive. We are a community which wants to be inclusive and tolerant of others and one that is trying to be truly Christian. So thank you to all of the Family Fun Day Team who were there early in the morning to set up and late at night to pack away. Thank you to all the parents who manned stalls during the day, or contributed items to be sold. Without your assistance the day would not have been the success that it was. I can honestly say that I am very much looking forward to next year's Family Fun Day.

On another note I would like to inform our community of two staff resignations. Due to personal reasons Mr Owen Laffin (HSIE teacher) and Mrs Vanessa McPhee (Maths teacher) have discussed with me their individual needs to resign from their respective positions. Under the circumstances discussed I have accepted their resignations, wishing them the best as they move on from Arndell. Mr Laffin will be replaced by Mr Gregory Argo at the start of Term 3 and we have immediately moved Mr Trent Stephens from his Science/Maths position into the Maths Department to replace Mrs McPhee. For the remainder of this term Mr Owen Smythe (formally Head of Science at St Andrews Cathedral School, International Grammar School and The Hills Grammar School) has kindly accepted a temporary position teaching Mr Stephens' classes until the end of this term. In the meantime we will be advertising for a Science teacher to teach the classes in Terms 3 and 4. I appreciate that this will cause some disruption to classes but unfortunately this was unavoidable, however we will endeavour to keep disruptions down to a minimum. Please pray for us as we seek to find a replacement for this important position.


I would also like to let our College Community know that next week we will have a review panel from the Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation visiting us. At Arndell we are not just interested in offering a Christian Education we are interested in offering QUALITY Christian Education. To ensure that this is occurring we are assessed every five years by the SASC giving us feedback on our strengths and weaknesses. The panel will be reviewing all areas of the college. I look forward to receiving their feedback at the end of the week.

Once again thank you to everyone who was involved last weekend at the Family Fun Day. It really was a great day and one that we all enjoyed.

“Thank You”

What an amazing day, the rain held out and Arndell families supported us by coming out on the day and having fun. Our children had so much fun on the rides, the entertainment was first class and the school stalls were very successful.

A very special thank You must go to the stall Coordinators and their families for an enormous amount of work and commitment to our Family Fun Day.



*Di Elven, Jo & Dave Selff, Ann
Aratano, Sue Glinn, Jenny H
Lynese Walker Rachael Alda
Lyn Reid, Neile Thompson, St
Lyn Rogers, Sharon Fitzgerald
Woodley and Prue Stever*



*Special thanks to those **parents and students** who entered the “Show & Shine” display. A great addition to the day! The Lego display was incredible; thanks must go to the Mc Gowen family for organizing that. Our **teachers** were onboard coordinating the book stall, music performances, and tours of the school and classroom displays.*

Thank you to KT Dancers, Accent on Dance and Tang Soo Do Korean Karate for an amazing display of talent.

Thank You to all parents who donated items for the chocolate wheel, cooked cakes, volunteered on the day, & knitted or sewed for the “Sew Wot Mum” stall. We must also thank the Oakville scouts and Rowe family for their generosity.

Thank you to the P&F executives for their support.

Calendar Dates for your Diary

Monday 7 June	Tuesday 8 June	Wednesday 9 June	Thursday 10 June	Friday 11 June	Saturday 12 June	Sunday 13 June
Assessment Tasks Due: Yr 11 Society & Culture	Assessment Tasks Due: Yr 9 Food/Yr 12 CAFS Yr 12 PDHPE ICAS Testing – Science Yr 10 PASS: Circus School	Assessment Tasks Due: Yr 9 Graphics Yr 11 Geography Yr 10 Science Ex – Long Reef Prefects Training Day Job Club – Hospitality 2 Yr 11 PE – Martial Arts	HZSA: Soccer Gala Day	Snr. School Assembly Jnr. School Parents Day AICES: Open Tennis - Concord	K. Toms Dancing Club Drama Rooms – JLPA Centre Dress Rehearsal – Oliver Twist	Community Church JLPA Centre
Monday 14 June	Tuesday 15 June	Wednesday 16 June	Thursday 17 June	Friday 18 June	Saturday 19 June	Sunday 20 June
LONG WEEKEND	Yr 11 English Exc – Sydney	Assessment Tasks Due: Yr 12 Textiles & Design Yr 11 Physics Prefects Training Day Rehearsals – Oliver Twist Job Club – Hospitality 2	Assessment Tasks Due: Yr 10 Graphics NSW CIS :Cross Country Championships (Sec)	Prim. School Athletics Carnival Blacktown Olympic Park Snr. School Chapel Yr 11 Biology/Science Ex Longneck Lagoon School Production – Oliver Twist Auditorium	K. Toms Dancing Club Drama Rooms – JLPA Centre School Production – Oliver Twist Auditorium	Community Church JLPA Centre
Monday 21 June	Tuesday 22 June	Wednesday 23 June	Thursday 24 June	Friday 25 June	Saturday 26 June	Sunday 27 June
Assessment Tasks Due: Yr 12 Textiles & Design	Young Women’s Leadership Day Exc. – Sydney Snr. School Athletics Carnival Blacktown Olympic Park	AICES: Open Netball – Hills Stadium Snr. School ½ Day Athletics Carnival – at the College Prefects Training Day Job Club		Snr. School Assembly Jnr. School Chapel NSW Schools Rugby Union Championships – St Ives 	K. Toms Dancing Club Drama Rooms – JLPA Centre	Community Church JLPA Centre
				 TERM 2 FINISHES.		