



The Arndell Advocate

Friday June 11th, 2010

The Newsletter of Arndell Anglican College

From The Headmaster

Mr Gareth Leechman



On a cold afternoon at Galston High School our Intermediate Boys Rugby Team went down gallantly 34 – 5 against a well drilled and skilful Galston High School team. The score line itself did not reflect the quality of the game played nor does it by its raw detail acknowledge the vast improvement our boys have made since their last outing three weeks ago. At the end of the game, which was played in really good spirit, our boys walked off the field disappointed that they had lost but satisfied in the knowledge they had actually improved in the key areas of the game.

For the vast majority of the game we were defensively strong and this was all the more important as we played one man short for the entire game (which also meant that we did not have the luxury of substitute players). Our mauling and rucking skills up front enabled us to play several phase options and our scrummaging was once again very solid as we were able to maintain possession at key moments of the game. The backline started to man up in its defensive structures and they started to make significant gains in their attacking options. So though we lost, against a very good side, the boys were proud of themselves, as were their parents and coach, and they were proud of themselves because they had trained well, executed the game plan and most importantly played as a team.

The ability to work and operate in a team is a vital life skill. So many of us work in teams in our professional lives and the more that we work together the more we accomplish what we set out to achieve. Working in a team requires commitment, determination, empathy, humility, leadership, sacrifice and patience just to name a few key qualities. Quality education is about more than just literacy and numeracy skills, though these are clearly important, quality education must also be about empowering and teaching our students real life skills which they will need in their lives post school. Playing in a sporting team is so much more than just about a healthy lifestyle, playing in a team is about learning how to deal with people, how to lead them, how to work with them and how to achieve with them.

But teamwork is not just the province of sport, it is also central to many of the other co-curricula activities that we offer here at Arndell. At the moment there are almost fifty students involved in this term's production of *Oliver Twist*. Students are learning lines, dance routines, stage construction; they are learning what it is to put on a show! This is requiring them to give up their afternoons, lunch times and some weekends. This is requiring them to listen to each other, understand each other and work with each other. They are also learning to appreciate what their teachers are willing to do for them so that they can have this opportunity. For these fifty or so students their lives will be richer for being involved in this experience.

Here at Arndell we want all of our students to become involved in life outside of the classroom as there is so much for them to learn from being involved in the various activities which are on offer. I also want us as a community to support these activities by going to watch them play their games, or attend the drama and musical evenings. In light

of this I would like to remind our community that Oliver Twist is on next week on Friday 18th June and Saturday 19th June, tickets are still available and I would love to see both nights sell out. The staff and students have put a lot into this production so why not come along and see what they are achieving. You might be surprised how well they are doing.

From the Head of the Senior School: Mrs Lynn Gillen

Half Yearly Examinations

All examinations have now been completed and teachers have marked and returned the papers. I must congratulate the students on the way they have conducted themselves during the examination period. Their behaviour and attitude were exemplary and I am sure they all tried to do their best. Staff are currently completing Half Yearly Reports which will be available to parents at the end of the term.



Parent, Teacher, Student Evenings

Parent-teacher-student nights will be held in early Term 3 –

- Years 10 and 11 Tuesday 27th July 2010 Senior Library
- Years 7, 8 and 9 (A to L) Tuesday 3rd August 2010 Gym
- Years 7, 8 and 9 (M to Z) Tuesday 10th August 2010 Gym

Please make a note of these dates in your calendar. We are looking forward to seeing you on one or more of these nights.

Japanese Visit

In early Term 3, we are hosting 14 Japanese students who are between 14 and 16 years old. The students are here to learn English, eat Australian food, and find out how a normal Australian family functions. The company who is arranging the visits pays the hosting family a set amount to help cover the expenses of the student. **Please consider hosting a student** as feedback from other visits has indicated that the host families enjoy their visit just as much as the Japanese student does. There is a lot of support offered by the Coordinator of the tour, Mrs Andrea Ryan, who is very happy to talk to you about hosting if you would like to give her a call. Please see the advertisement later in the Advocate for her contact details. Application forms are available from Student Services. Any family in the school is welcome to join the hosting group, even if your children are in the Junior School.

From the Head of the Junior School: Mr. Rick Harrison

This being the first newsletter since the Family Fun Day, I would like to thank all those involved in the organisation and running of the day and to the teachers and students who made themselves available for the Open Day component. The day was, once again, a great success.



Although it was some time ago, I would like to list the students who received Headmaster's Awards at our last Awards Assembly:

KR: Matthew O'Rourke, Taylah Davis;
1R: Frederic Kelly, Shannon McHale;
2/3B: Joel Denning, Kobe Healey;
4B: Caitlyn Clark, Cameron Simmons;
5B: Sam Beazley, Louis Maunder;
6B: Patrick Bolder, Melissa Whitmore;

K/1B: Gabrielle Bird, Alannah Vella;
2R: Caitlin Pellew, Romany Senna;
3R: Rebecca Rance, Finnlay Johnston;
4R: Jordan Johnson, Cooper Elvin;
5R: Brooke Croft, Chloe Patterson;
6R: Alyce White, Brooke Waters.

Congratulations to all of these students.

This week all of our students in the Primary classes were involved with the ICAS Science Assessment. We have gained some excellent results in the past and are looking forward to more of the same this year.

As I write, we are looking forward to Parent's Day in the Junior School. This is a great opportunity for the parents to come into the classrooms and be involved in the activities before spending lunchtime with the children and then joining us for the awards assembly.

Events coming up include:

- Public Holiday: 14th June
 - Infants Sports Morning: 25th June
 - Primary Athletics Carnival: 18th June
 - Last Day Term 2: 25th June
- First Day Term 3: 19th July



Arndell Sports Desk:

from Mrs R Cornick



Junior School Athletics Carnival: Friday 18th June at Blacktown Olympic Park. Notes have gone out to all students in yr 3-6. Yr 2 students turning 8 this year have also received a letter inviting them to attend.

Please complete the transport slip and return Yr 3-6 to your class teacher, Yr 2 invited students to student services. If any parents are able to help on the day please indicate this on the return slip. I am in need of time keepers and place judges. Yr 10 PASS students will be assisting at the carnival as part of their Event management unit.

CIS Cross Country Thursday June 17th at Eastern Creek: CJ Thomas, Alex Celio, Katie MacDonald, Tom Zahn, Gabby Naethyus and Harry Ridgewell, Dylan Jones & Elysia Sproule will all be competing. All the best to you all.

Basketball: Stefan Kaczmarczyk will be speaking at Senior assembly this week about developing a Senior boys & Senior Girls basketball team to train on a regular basis at lunchtime. He will be speaking at the Junior assembly on Monday for Junior teams.

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 **must** 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 **not** 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.

Arndell Equestrian Committee:

Laura Thorpe & Anna MacDonald

Congratulations to the following riders who have been selected to represent NSW at the Australian Interschool Championships to be held in September:

- Georgia Thorpe - Showman
- Jaimee Robertson - Combined Training and Showjumping
- Anneka Saunders - Eventing
- Cassi Brett - Dressage

All the best to you all and I am sure that we will all be riding with you in spirit!

A reminder to all that our own Equestrian Carnival is to be held at the Hawkesbury Showground on Saturday the 25th September. We would like to encourage everyone to come along and support this event. It is a great day and no horse experience is necessary to become involved in some way. There will be a meeting scheduled at the beginning of term 3 for anyone interested in assisting with the organisation of the carnival. Date to be confirmed soon.

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

Arndell Anglican College *Directory:*

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| 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). prestigeinteriors@exemail.com.au |
| Equestrian: | Mrs Laura Thorpe 0416 212 260 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.



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

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

Senior School Athletics Carnival

All students should have received their information letter last week.

Anticipated Order of events

The Senior School Athletics Carnival will be held across two days. The program has been split:

VENUE : Blacktown Olympic Park – Eastern Way – ROOTY HILL

Tuesday 22nd June – Blacktown Olympic Park

Shot Put

Discus

Long Jump

Javelin – by invitation only

All track events

Wednesday 23rd June – Arndell College

High Jump – by invitation only

Times for Tuesday 22nd June

8:45am – Running of 1500m events (or as soon as bus arrives)

9:15am - welcome and opening prayer

9:30am – start of field events / 200m (or as soon as buses arrive)

Track and Field events will be operating at the same time

There are no allocated time slots for field events. Students can rotate to each nominated field event when they choose. There are specified areas for boys and girls.

When track events are called, students participate in their race and then move back to a field event.

Order of Track Events

1. **Open 1500m** Boys and Girls
2. **200m**
3. **800m**
4. **100m**
5. **400m**
6. Relays



IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE SENIOR SCHOOL CARNIVAL

- ☒ If students do not return the permission slip, a seat will be booked for them on the buses provided by the College and they will depart at 8:45am.
- ☒ The 8:15am bus will transport students for the 1500m (if a seat is specifically booked)
- ☒ I would like to remind parents that if you wish to pick your child up from the carnival, or have another parent pick them up, **this must be in writing** and given to your child's Homeroom teacher at the beginning of the day. This ensures the College is following their duty of care for all students. I thank you for your support in this area.
- ☒ Please note that the carnival finishes at 2:15pm. Students are to remain until this time to support other students in their House and assist with clean up.
- ☒ Any parents who can assist on Tuesday should receive a letter home via their child in the week prior to the carnival. Thank you in advance for your assistance.
- ☒ Blacktown Olympic Park has a **tartan track** which is an **all-weather track**. It is therefore unlikely that the carnival will be cancelled in wet weather. There is an undercover grandstand to provide shelter. However, if the weather is particularly nasty and you are not sure if the carnival will go ahead, the College phones will be answered from 8am. If you cannot get through, send your child in full PE uniform as well as bringing the correct books for the day.

Science Homework Help

Just a reminder that all students are invited to come along to the BLC on Tuesdays after school (from 3.15 to 4.30) for help with any of their science work. They may want help with questions from the Half Year Exams or perhaps with something they didn't quite understand from class work or homework. Any student from years 7 – 12 is most welcome.

Mr Allerton

CSIRO July Holidays

Science Programs for Kids

The CSIRO runs science programs for kids after school and also in the July school holidays. Some of these programs are run at Baulkham Hills and Penrith. The holiday programs are for students from 7-14 years and usually run from 9:30am-3:30pm. They run programs for Juniors 7-10 yrs, and Intermediates from 11-14yrs. A full day's program cost \$90, which includes lunch. If you are interested in finding out more details about the programs offered go to: www.csiro.au/sydcsirosec or see Mrs Stephens in the Senior Library Centre for a copy of the program.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Reminder

- Children must be picked up from the centre by 5.30pm.
- There will be an additional fee of \$20 for children who are picked up late.
- Supervision will be provided until children are collected by their parent or authorised adult.
- Please provide the name and contact number of a person who is willing to collect your child if you have not arrived by 5.30pm.

PLEASE TAKE CARE!!

On Thursday this week a parent parked in the Junior School Car Park to drop her child off and when she returned to drive home she discovered that the car had been damaged by another vehicle. If you know anything about this incident could you please contact the PA to the Headmaster.

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!

Grief is the natural response when we experience loss in our lives.

Growth can come in various ways through life's experiences—it may be a new awareness of who we are—or insights into our strengths, values and beliefs. There are choices when a loved one dies—to live in grief, remorse, guilt, all covered by a façade—or to face the feelings, work them through and emerge with an acceptance of the loss—and a commitment to living.

Richmond Community Services Inc are pleased to offer:

A free afternoon workshop facilitated by Margaret Elder for those who are grieving

On SATURDAY 14th AUGUST 2010, 2—4pm

At: Richmond Neighbourhood Centre, 20 West Market St, Richmond.

To book in please call 4588 3555

or you can email: admin@rcsi.ngo.org.au

**We are able to offer this work with a kind donation by
....making a difference**

Pitt Town Anglican Community Church

proudly presents:

A fun night of African Drumming followed by Dessert

Date: Friday 25th June, 2010
Time: 6.45pm **Doors will close** at 6.55pm
Venue: Arndell Anglican College, Performing Arts Building
(Wolseley Rd, Oakville)

45 minutes of interactive drumming (everyone will have their own drum to play) with a professional team consisting of a **Facilitator, Master Drummer and Doun Doun Player**
Followed by tea, coffee and dessert provided by Pitt Town Anglican Community Church.

Tickets cost **\$17.50 each.**

To purchase a ticket, please fill in the form below and return to Mandy Refalo with payment.
(Payments can be given directly to Mandy Refalo or left at Student Services in an envelope clearly marked Mandy Refalo, Drum night.)

Mandy Refalo: 0418 113 779 / 4575 1802

Payment must be received by **15th June, 2010. There will be no tickets at the door.**

Name: _____

Phone No: _____

No. of Tickets: _____ @ \$17.50 TOTAL: _____



MOTIV8SPORTS



**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.....



HYPE..COLOUR..CULTURE..SPIRIT...PASSION...WORLD CUP STYLE Children who attend the M8S WORLD CUP 2010 receive first class safety and supervision in an environment fueled by SPORTSMANSHIP, TEAMWORK & MOTIV8TION.Children experience our innov8tive approach to sport and take part in our exciting array of non-contact sports in a WORLD CUP STYLE FORMAT including: 4-Ball, Basketball, Vortex Gridiron, Flag-Ball, Command-O, Ultimate League, Oz-Tag, Street Hockey, AFL, World Cup Soccer & the list keeps going& going. At WORLD CUP 2010 children also get a chance to compete in the 12 Individual WORLD CUP Events we have designed. The Motiv8sports WORLD CUP is a 3-day journey where children try and earn as many points for their given country as possible with the ultimate aim of holding the WORLD CUP at the end of this 3-day festival.



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*

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BOOK ONLINE located on the top
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booking page directly by going to
motiv8sports.camp8.org
(02) 88147729**

**Date: Wed 30th to Fri 2nd
July
Hours: 8.30am to 3.00pm
daily
Venue: Arndell Anglican
College
Cost: \$100**

Please note that each booking/ ticket purchased to our events include:
- GST
- BBQ Lunch (day 2)
- W'Cup Medal
- Camp photo
- Chance to win some gr8 prizes

ARNDELL TALENT SPECTACULAR

Final – Friday September 3rd



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.