



ARNDPELL ANGLICAN COLLEGE

"News Flash"
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From the Headmaster:

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I hope you all have had an enjoyable and relaxing break, I know I certainly did! Holidays are important as they enable our children to have time away from school to recharge the batteries, to be with friends, to explore new places and experience new things. No one can keep working 24/7 every day, though it seems to me some people try, as it often leads to people literally burning themselves out. It is therefore essential that we all take time out from time to time to enable a sense of balance to exist in our lives. I thoroughly enjoyed reading three new books, spending time with the kids and my wife and generally doing nothing related to work. I am now refreshed and ready for another new term and the rest of the year, I hope our students are too!

This term we welcome Mr Corkin to our Science and Maths Department. Mr Corkin is an experienced Science and Maths teacher who has taught at several private schools across Sydney and we have been blessed to have Mr Corkin's experience in our college. Mr Corkin currently attends Rockdale Uniting Church. We also welcome Mr Argo who will be replacing Mr Laffin for the remainder of the year. Mr Argo currently attends Camden Anglican Church and is an experienced HSIE teacher. We look forward to his contribution in the coming six months.

As you walk around the college campus you will notice that we have continued to implement our college maintenance program - the common is now looking wonderful with the additions of new murraya hedges and tidy garden beds. Around the technology and art buildings we have laid some more concrete to make this area a far more usable space and in time we will put a BBQ in there as well. We have placed some paving outside the English teaching rooms and in front of the Staff Common Room. The Uniform shop has now moved into the old Junior School Library and our uniform lady Mrs Moore has had an exciting break relocating her uniform shop. Our overall presentation has improved over the past few months and this has assisted us greatly in lifting the tone of our college.

On a very sad note I would like to inform the College Community that Mrs Hurd (Secondary English teacher) was involved in a car accident in the last week of Term 2. As a result of the accident Mr and Mrs Hurd's first child Rebecca arrived early but unfortunately she passed away a couple of days later. Mrs Hurd will continue to take her maternity leave as previously arranged and her classes will be covered by current members of the English/History Department. Naturally our thoughts and prayers are with the Hurd family at this time of tragic loss and if anyone wishes to send a card or note I request that you speak to my PA Mrs Barbra Whelan who will make any necessary arrangements.

Term 3 is going to be another busy term especially for our Year 12 students who will be completing their preparation for their HSC exams. The junior school classes are practising for their musical performance 'HATS' on Friday 6th August. There are two performances that day – a matinee at 11am and an evening performance at 7pm. Tickets are available now from the school office. I look forward to all that this term will bring and may I remind our college community that we are holding our inaugural foundation dinner at The Hawkesbury Race Club on Saturday 21st August. Invitations have been sent out so please join us to celebrate the first 21 years of Arndell Anglican College.