

The Arndell Advocate

Friday 13th August, 2010 The Newsletter of Arndell Anglican College

From The Headmaster

Mr Gareth Leechman



Arndell has one of the best Performing Arts facilities in the district and last Friday we were able to make full use of this facility by hosting our Junior School musical 'Hats'. Mrs Miller and all the Junior School teachers are to be congratulated on the quality of what was

produced. Both performances were sold out and everyone I spoke to was full of praise. As an educationalist I am fully aware of the awesome responsibility we have of educating the children under our care. You, our parents, give us the opportunity to look after and nurture your most precious possessions, your children. We at Arndell are interested in educating the whole child and activities such as musicals provide us with a wonderful opportunity to do just that. Musicals offer the following experiences;

- 1. **Development of teamwork skills.** The ability to work in a team, to take and give orders, to look out for the needs of others are core life skills our students need to develop. Many of our students will end up working in teams and for a team to function they must be able to listen and support each other so that common goals are met.
- 2. **Fostering positive self-esteem.** Not all of our students excel in the classroom or on the sports field but many of them do when they are on stage. If we are interested in developing the whole child we need to provide opportunities for them to excel in areas where this is the case. All the soloists did extremely well, I know I couldn't sing (and some would say I can't sing at all) in front of 500 plus people!
- 3. **Doing something you would not normally do.** The vast majority of our students would not normally go on stage to perform, for some they actually might try to avoid. By being a part of a whole school musical it enables our reluctant students to become involved. This might also encourage these students to try to do something new in other areas of their life.
- 4. **Building community.** Musicals help us to build a sense of community it brings together a variety of people from a variety of backgrounds to create a common production. People put aside their differences and work together for the common good. They provide us with a common statement of what we believe to be important and the fact that the production was sold out for both performances is a testament to this.

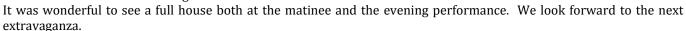
There are also many other reasons why we at Arndell offer co-curricular activities such as musicals. Once again, this musical would not have occurred if it were not for a committed group of teachers and leaders. The work on stage by the students is a direct result of the work done by the likes of Mrs Jones and Mrs Miller, the behind the scenes work of the stage crew led by Mrs O'Hare and Mr Taylor and of course the classroom teachers themselves. I walked away from Friday night proud to be associated with this college and the staff who work in it and I hope you were proud of your children.

May I remind parents that over the next few weeks there are many other events being hosted in the Performing Arts Centre. This Friday night we have a fundraiser for the Special Olympics then we have some HSC performances evenings, followed by a Night on Broadway and the Talent Spectacular. Details of these events are on the college website and I encourage all parents to regularly log onto the website to see what is happening in the life of our college.

From the Acting Head of Junior School:

Mr James Webb

Week 4 has been and gone and I am delighted to say how well the students have settled to the term. What about 'Hats'? Prep. through to year 6 performed in a magnificent manner. I congratulate all students on a wonderful musical production. The staff is also to be congratulated on working so hard with the students. However all great musicals need a director and Mrs. Miller was sensational.



The Downside: Youtube

It appears that a parent or friend has used video footage from Hats to put up on Youtube. This is not acceptable under privacy laws. I would be grateful if the parent responsible would remove the footage as soon as possible.

Grandparents Day is coming up on the 20^{th} August and we would encourage all grandparents to spend some time with us.

Welfare changes are being made in the Junior School and I am delighted to have a strong committee of staff members who want to see consistency in approach and a focus placed upon students understanding consequences for actions. However at the same time we are looking at mechanisms for rewarding students and this is very exciting as success will breed success

My thanks to the parents who stay on for assembly on a Monday morning. I encourage you to continue to do this and stop me and have a chat.

Prep. Information:

Could I ask Prep. parents not to leave their children before 7.45 in the morning as supervision does not occur until this time

I do encourage you to have a chat with your child's teacher, see what they are doing, have a look at the classroom and continue to be an active part of their education.

Have a great weekend



Arndell Sports Desk:

from Mrs R Cornick



Arndell Primary Athletics Carnival. As the next awards assembly is not until 27th August here are the Age champions from the Primary Athletics Carnival. Final House results will be kept under wraps until the assembly.

Congratulations to the following students

8 Yrs Age Champion
Emelia Evans and Zackary Webb
9 Yrs Age Champion
Hannah Leechman and Dylan Jones
10 Yrs Age Champion
Lilly Ann Keating and Joshua Muller
11 Yrs Age Champion
Maddison Bull and Solomon Roper
12 Yrs Age Champion
Briney Rigby and Heaton Rejtano

8 Yrs Runner up
Maddison Miller and Lucas Bigeni
9 Yrs Runner up
Madison Hewitt and Tully Lynch,
10 Yrs Runner up
Abbey Judd and Cooper Elven
11 Yrs Runner up
Alyce White and James Gribbin
12 Yrs Runner up
Elysia Sproule and Hayden Lane

HICES Primary Athletics Carnival: Tuesday 24th August at Sydney Athletics Centre, Homebush. Letters are being distributed during Week 5. This is a representative carnival where students can be selected to represent HICES at the CIS championships on Tuesday 21st September.

HZSA Secondary Athletics Carnival: Wednesday 25th August at Sydney Athletics Centre. Team has been posted on the Dashboard and the Sports notice board outside the Gym and on the webpage. All letters should have been collected and returned to Mrs Cornick by Friday 13th August. Letters still to come are to be handed in on Monday 16th. Students listed as invitational athletes will be notified of their acceptance by the end of Week 5. This is a representative carnival where students can be selected to represent HZSA at the AICES Championships on Monday 6th September.

Student Achievment: Congratulations to Jordan Piper (yr8) who is competing for the AIS as a member of the Australian Karate Cadets in the Oceanic Games in Tahiti in September. All the best Jordan.

Trimester Three Secondary HZSA Sport starts 30th August. Letters will be distributed in week 5 to those students who have signed up. Closing day for sign ups Friday 13th August. Sports available are **Boys Touch Football** – Wednesdays & **Girls Touch Football** - Tuesdays, **Boys 6 a side Hockey**- Thursday, **Girls Softball** - Thursday, **Boys Outdoor Cricket**- Tuesdays, **Boys & Girls Junior Tennis** (7&8)- Monday.

Basketball: Stefan Kaczmarczyke is TRAINING any boys wishing to be considered for the Senior BOYS Basketball Team - Thursday lunchtimes 12.35 – 1.15pm. Newcomers welcome.

Dates for Term 3:

Primary HZSA Yr 5 & 6 Sport starts Wednesday 28th July. Letters have been sent home. Please check your child's bag/diary.

Primary HZSA Athletics: 10th August - Pennant Hills Park

Primary HICES Athletics: 24th August- Homebush Secondary HZSA Athletics 25th August - Homebush

SASC Primary & Secondary Netball Competition - 3rd September Kellyville

AICES Secondary Athletics - 6th September - Homebush (date last advocate was a typo)

CIS Secondary Athletics Carnival - 14th September - Homebush

CIS 15s Cricket Trials - 16th September - Nominations due 9th September

CIS Primary Athletics Carnival - 21st September - Homebush

AICES 15s Tennis Nominations due - 24th September - competition 15th October.

NSW All Schools Athletics - 7th - 10th October - Homebush - Individual entry 12yrs +.

A respectful 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 or withdraw 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.

Senior School Athletics Carnival:

from Miss Megan Southwell

It is difficult to spend time and energy organising a carnival and then not be in the driving seat on the day of the event. Unfortunately illness got the better of me this year and I handed over the reins to the very capable Mr Gordon who conducted an efficient and enjoyable carnival. Along with his band of happy helpers including staff, parents, current and past students, he co-ordinated a successful day and even finished ahead of schedule. I am extremely grateful to everyone who pitched in and contributed in a positive manner to the event.

Due to my absence I asked Year 10 PASS students to make some notes about the day. The following is written by Catherine Reece:

On Tuesday 22nd June 2010 the Senior Athletics carnival was held. It was an eventful day with a range of activities held for all age groups. Discus, shot put, javelin and long jump made up the field events, and everyone from all houses were wandering around to the activities to complete at their own leisure. Track events were held in age groups and distance including 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m and relays held at the end of the day. Many students ran for fun and others took it seriously. It was a reasonably chilly day, but it was great to see everyone in their coloured House shirts along the side lines or competing in events. It was an intense competition between the five Houses: Tebbutt, Macquarie, Johnson, Chisholm and Greenway. At the end of the day it all came down to the amount of participation each House had put in.

Catherine is correct – the House who won the carnival had the highest participation. The final result was:

1st - Greenway 2nd - Chisholm 3rd - Macquarie 4th - Johnson 5th - Tebbutt

Ribbons for 1^{st} , 2^{nd} and 3^{rd} place have been handed out to students, along with the age champions for each age group. **Congratulations** in particular to:

12 YEARS Gabrielle Naethuys and Harrison Ridgewell

13 YEARS Isabella Love and Jack Wiese

14 YEARS Jemma Hunter/Gabrielle Saunders and Tom Zahn

15 YEARS Tia Sutton and Seaton Kenna 16 YEARS Danica Barbagallo and Alex Celio SNR Michele Stow and Jeremy Otten

There are only 4 new records to report:

Jacob Roberts in the 15 years 200m with a time of 23:62
Benjamin Tuynman in the Senior 800m with a time of 2:17:05
Harrison Ridgewell in the 12 years Discus with a distance of 23.75m
Isabelle Love in the 13 years Javelin with a distance of 18:75m

Pleasing Results in the Senior Science Competition:

from Mr Bryan Allerton

I would like to congratulate a number of our students who performed very well in the I.C.A.S. Science Competition this year. The students sat an hour long exam which tested their ability in a broad range of science skills. The students competed against students from Australia and a number of other countries.

I would like to thank all of those students who took part in the competition.

Of these 56 students who sat the exam, 19 achieved either a Credit or Distinction result. This is a great achievement – well done to all of these students!

Special Congratulations go to Joel O'Brien who achieved a distinction result!

Well done to the following students who achieved a credit result:

Ethan Wark, Olivia Leal, Erin Thornton, Joel Sedorenko, Pattrick Watts, Chris Tolson, Jake Lindenburg, Anneliese Hoffmann, Rosemary Avery, Bronte Wark, Rowena Mackintosh, Tom Zahn, Jessica Roberts, Oliver Kelly, Ben Monds, Noah Holland, Lachlan McGowen and Jake Dauncey.

Eisteddfod Results for the Christian Worship Section:

Mrs Rene O'Hare

I could not have been prouder to be associated with Arndell Anglican College when our students took part in the Hawkesbury Eisteddfod Christian Worship section in Windsor on Saturday, 9 August 2010. They all competed in the Bible Reading sections and did our school proud in their stunning school uniform. Students from Years 5, 6, 7 and two Year 10 students showed the Hawkesbury what our school is all about when they read from the word of God with passion and dedication. All the students gave of their best and received positive comments from the adjudicator. Mrs Carolyn McKenzie was very proud of her students as I was with mine and neither of us could stop smiling. It takes courage to get up in front of a room full of strangers and your peers and our students had that in buckets full. Well done to every single one of them. Students who took part and their results:

10 Years and Under:

Loren Carter - Highly Commended
Callaghan Kelly - Highly Commended
Emma Fitz-Gerald - Highly Commended
Corey Aldacour - Highly Commended
Emily Ayres - Highly Commended
Brooke Croft - Third Place
Amelia Pinter - Second Place

Sarah Quartly - First Place (\$20 prize)

12 Years and Under:

Brooke Waters - Highly Commended Ben Rodgers - Third Place Alyce White - Second Place

Ioshua O'Brien - First Place

15 to 18 Years7:

Adrian Borg - Second Place Chris Tolson - First Place

Sterling work is being done at the school and students who are interested should contact Mrs McKenzie for Speech and Drama lessons.

Thank you to all our students for being worthy ambassadors for Arndell Anglican College and thank you to their parents who gave a portion of their Saturday morning to take their children to the Function Centre.

We are looking forward to seeing our Arndell students perform in the Dance, Verse Speaking, Speech, Vocal and Piano Forte sections in September. We will be there to cheer you on!



Arndell Anglican College Directory:

Headmaster: Mr Gareth Leechman
A/Head of Junior School: Mr James Webb
A/Deputy Headmaster: Mr Austin Robinson
Director of Studies: Mrs Lynn Gillen

After School Care: 0407 474 161 (3.30- 5.30pm). **Equestrian:** Mrs Laura Thorpe 0416 212 260

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Mrs Anna MacDonald 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 Pastor Greg Peisley

Church: 4572 3633/0402 278 483

Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday

Peripatetic Department

There are limited places available for

Piano private lessons

Piano group lessons (for children years

K-2)

Kinderbeat Music (a preschool music

program for Prep kids)

Please contact Mandy Refalo on 0418 113 779

Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone or Bassoon

Lessons

Please contact Susannah Pinter on: 0419 015 252

0417 013 232

Speech and Drama

Please contact Carolyn McKenzie on

0428 228 646

Term Dates for 2010

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.

Musical Munchkins Playgroup

Tuesday 9.30-11.30am \$2.00 per child \$5.00 per family Arndell Anglican College (Old Prep Room) Contact: Naomi Ireland 4580 9602/0419 213 254

Contact Numbers in case of Emergencies

Parents,

To assist us in case of emergencies at the College (e.g. when students miss their bus or medical emergencies) or changes of addresses/phone numbers, we are asking parents to **notify in writing** to the Admin office these changes so that the College records are kept up to date.

Arndell Anglican College Annual Golf Day

16th September 2010

WINDSOR County Golf Club

7.30am Breakfast

8.30am Shotgun Start – 4 Person Ambrose

cost \$65

(Includes Game, Breakfast & lunch)

Sponsorship

\$250

One all inclusive entry to the golf day Sponsorship of a hole (signage supplied by Sponsor.) Promotion of Sponsor on Arndell Website for remainder of 2010 Distribution of Promotion Material on day (material supplied by sponsor) \$375

Two all inclusive entries to the golf day + Golf Cart Sponsorship of a hole (signage supplied by Sponsor.) Promotion of Sponsor on Arndell Website for remainder of 2010 Distribution of Promotion Material on day (material supplied by sponsor)

Arndell Anglican College

Annual Golf Day 2010

Booking Form

Team Name		
Team Captain _		
Team Members		
1		2
3		4
Sponsorship	Yes	No
Payment Enclosed		\$

Please make cheques payable to Arndell P&F Association

For more information Call Jonathon Carter on 0425 205 688, jenn4jon@bigpond.com; or Gordon Reid on 0407 273 751



Laura Thorpe & Anna MacDonald

Thank You Equestrian Team

I would like to thank all the Equestrian riders who came along to have their photo taken on Thursday. I appreciate the effort the riders had to make bringing along their Full Equestrian uniform and looking very smart for the photo. A special thank you to Mrs Bishop for all her assistance with the riders and "Holly" the horse. The effort from all was much appreciated and again this showed the strength and pride our riders have for Arndell Equestrian.

Informal Meeting Night

Arndell Equestrian Committee would like to invite the Arndell community to an informal meeting night to discuss our upcoming carnival and any possible future events.

Please come along and share your ideas and expertise with us so we can keep improving our children's equestrian experience within our school.

Date: Monday 16th August 2010

Time: 7.00 pm

Place: Coffee Lounge within the Richmond Club

Looking forward to seeing you there

Contact:

Anna MacDonald p.amac@bigpond.com 0410 443 122

Laura Thorpe prestigeinteriors@exemail.com.au 0416 212 260

Upcoming Events:

- Central Coast Grammar School Dressage Day 22nd August 2010 (entries closed)
- 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





Music and activity group for

0 - 5 year olds

Thursdays

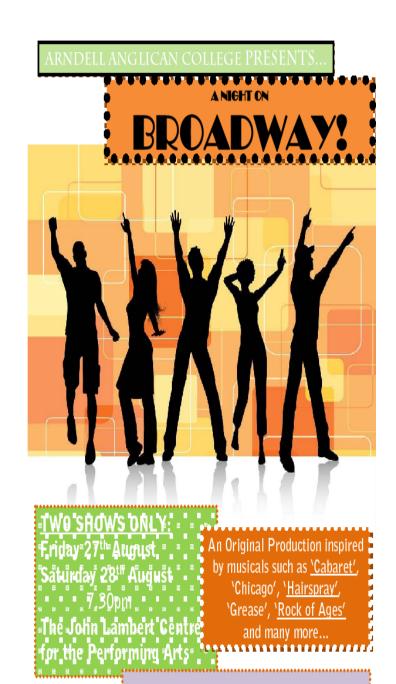
(during the school term)

10-11.30am

in the Parish Centre

Please bring a piece of fruit for your child's morning tea

Cost: \$2 per child or \$4 per family For more information phone Susannah or Kay 4577 3193



TICKETS ON SALE TERM 3 FROM SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION – 45 72 3633