



The Arndell Advocate

Friday September 24, 2010

The Newsletter of Arndell Anglican College

From The Headmaster

Mr Gareth Leechman



As we come to the end of the term I thought I would like to share with the College community my reflection at the recent Year 12 Valedictory Service. May you all have a happy holiday, good luck to those competing in the equestrian carnival and for those in Year 12 hang in there the end is in sight.

Well here you are – you have finally made it. Thirteen years of formal education is now coming to a close. For many of you this is something you have desired to happen for a long time, whilst for others the reality of leaving school and your friends is something that is both exciting yet a little challenging. However as you leave today what is it that I as the Headmaster want you to leave with, what is it that I want you to start thinking about as you leave this service today?

There are lots of things but three stand out to me;

1. **Live life!** All of you here have been given gifts and abilities, passions and interests which we here at Arndell would want you to pursue. In front of me I see students who love to study, to challenge themselves academically. I see students who have a love and talent for music and sport. I see students with a real passion for others and a desire to help people as they work through issues in their lives. I see students who want to serve God and work for His glory in the world which He has given us.

Whatever your passion might be, whatever your gift might be - use it. Be confident in the way you approach life and seek to embrace all life has to offer – seize the day.

2. **Live for others not just yourselves!** Unfortunately one of the by products of our post-modern world is the reality that we have placed ourselves at the centre of everything. The most obvious example of this issue is through advertising – how many of our ads remind us of what you can become, how your life can be improved and how you can achieve what you want to achieve. This self centred existence we now face is eroding away at the communities we live in and we are the poorer for it.

We at Arndell are interested in community, we are interested in creating a community where the individual is not placed at the centre of all things rather each individual is interested in making our community a place where each individual is known and respected. Arndell is a community which wants each individual member to grow and become the person that they can be. So as you leave Arndell and join the respective communities you are going to be a part of, make sure you enable those communities to grow and flourish. Make them communities where people want to be.

3. **Live a life in relationship with God!** As a Christian school we passionately want you to experience the Christian faith in an authentic and real way. We want you to see that embracing the Christian faith is not a soft option or crutch by which some choose to live their life by. The invitation we have from God to be in a relationship with Him is one that will enable us to have life to the full both now and the hereafter.

God's invitation comes from His one and only Son, who died on the cross for you and for me so that we might live. This invitation does not come with a promise to make life easy rather God's Word reminds us constantly that our life may well be a struggle. But what He does promise us is

that for those who love Him 'nothing' will separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. So as you face the challenges of life what a great assurance it is to know that God will be with you all the way, He will never leave you.

So as you leave here today remember these things; Live your life, life for others not just yourself and live a life that is in relationship with God for this is ultimately what we have been created for.



Stage 3 News:

Rene O'Hare

Since the beginning of the Term, Stage 3 students have been practising Verse Speaking for the Hawkesbury Eisteddfod. On Thursday, 9 September, they competed against 7 other schools from the area. Four prizes were awarded and our students were elated to receive a Highly Commended from the adjudicator. With comments like; 'you engage your audience, your united voice gave this poem its impact and your use of modulation and expression added meaning, and an overall mark of 182 out of a possible 200, the students should be proud of themselves.

They looked stunning in their winter uniforms and were all groomed to the nines. Their rendition of the two contrasting poems was absolutely fabulous and they managed to give me 'goose bumps' again!

The students' behaviour was without fault and they were worthy ambassadors of Arndell Anglican College.

Well done!

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 prestigeinteriors@exemail.com.au 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 Church:	Pastor Greg Peisley 4572 3633/0402 278 483 Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday

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.

Term Dates for 2011

Term 1

Monday 31 Jan. – Prep, K, Yrs 7, 11 & Yr 12 Prefects only.

Tuesday 1 Feb – All remaining students

Friday 8 Apr – term 2 Finishes

Term 2

Tuesday 26 Apr to Friday 24 June

Term 3

Tuesday 19 Jul to Fri 23 Sept.

Term 4

Tuesday 11 Oct to Thursday 8 Dec.

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- Tuesday 6 Dec – Infants Presentation Afternoon
- Wednesday 7 – Primary Presentation Evening
- Thursday 8th Senior School Presentation Evening

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

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Help us collect Sports gear, for our School!

We have registered for the Coles Sports for Schools program where Coles is giving all primary and secondary schools in Australia the chance to get brand new sporting equipment – and we need your help! Every \$10 spent at Coles Supermarkets, Coles Online, Bi-Lo or Pick'n Pay between Thursday 2 September and Sunday 31 October 2010, will earn a Coles Sports for Schools voucher worth 1 point.

We're asking our local school community to collect these vouchers from family, friends and neighbours to drop into the collection box we have at school.

The more vouchers we collect, the more sports gear we can get! Just remember to ask for the vouchers when you pay during your normal weekly shop.

A box has been placed at **Student Services** where you can drop off the vouchers.

Arndell Equestrian



Laura Thorpe & Anna MacDonald

Congratulations to Genevieve Ramsey on winning 1 event and coming 2nd in two others at the Tara interschool Equestrian Carnival on Sunday 12th September and to her sister Milly who rode a new horse for the first time and achieved 67.33 and came 7th out of 15, well done!



SENIOR SCHOOL PARENT READER-SCRIBES:

from Learning Support

To all the wonderful ladies (many of whom were Junior School parents) who assisted this term in the Yr 12 and Yr 10 exams - a big thank you (from the bottom of our hearts) from Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Maddison and the grateful students. You did a great job and made the students feel at ease. Your selfless assistance greatly improves equality in exam situations, the students' results and their self esteem. Most importantly, you were good Christian role models, through your humble service to those in need. I hope that these students remember this, and like-wise contribute to their own community, as volunteers, in the future.

We need more people like you- **literally!** Please, relatives and friends of Arndell-be brave and contact Mrs. Allen to say that you can give a day or two of your time, in Week 3 Term 4, by acting as a reader and/or scribe for a student at exam time. Contact Mrs. Allen at the school on 45 4545 2401 ASAP.



Arndell Sports Desk:

from Mrs R Cornick



NSWCIS Primary Athletics: Congratulations to the following students who were selected on their performance at the HICES carnival to represent Arndell and HICES at the CIS Athletics Championships on Tuesday 21st September. Lucas Bigeni 23rd in 8yrs 100m, Zack Webb- 7th in the Heat and 9th in the final, Maddison Miller 23rd in 8 yrs 100m, Cooper Elven 21st in junior High Jump, Joshua Muller 18th in 10yrs 200m, 11th in Junior 800m, 17th in junior High Jump and Hannah Leechman 10th in Junior discus. These students did extremely well considering the high level of competition from competitors from Independent schools around the State.

NSWCIS Secondary Athletics Carnival: Congratulations to the following students who were selected on their performance at the AICES carnival to represent Arndell and AICES at the CIS Athletics Championships on Tuesday 14th September. Full results are posted on our AICES Webpage.

Jacob Roberts 2nd in 15 yrs 100m and 200m , Andrew Bennet 1st in 18yrs Long Jump, CJ Thomas 6th in 3000m, Luke Croft 6th in 13yrs Javelin, John Grayson 1st in 16yrs Shot and Jack Wiese 3rd in the 13yrs Discus. These students did extremely well considering the high level of competition from competitors from Independent schools around the State.

Dates for Term 3:

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 **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 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.

Term 3 Finishes – Friday 24th September 2010



Term 4 Commences – Tuesday 12th October 2010