



# ARNDPELL ANGLICAN COLLEGE

*"News Flash"*  
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## *From the Headmaster:*

*Mr Gareth Leechman MA MEd MACE MACEL*

I hope that everyone had a relaxing holiday and that all of our students are re-charged for the final, yet action packed term of the year. Though this is the shortest of our four terms it has to be said that it is one of the busiest. But as we start to look towards the end of the year our eyes remain focused on the year ahead so I thought I would take this opportunity to keep the college community informed of changes which will be occurring at the start of 2011.

As we are all aware over the past two years the college has undertaken a strategic restructure of its staffing and we have now come to the final element of this process. At the end of 2010 the following staff will be leaving our college and I would like to take the time to briefly thank these staff for their many contributions to the life of this college. Over the course of this term more fitting farewell comments and events will be made for these staff so we can properly acknowledge the many contributions they have all made whilst being at Arndell.

In Administration we will be farewelling Mr Leigh Windsor. Leigh has been a tireless worker in Administration and I know he is looking forward to hopefully an easier life in retirement.

In the Junior School we will be farewelling Mrs O'Hare; Mrs O'Hare has contributed in so many ways to the life of this college and she will be missed by us all. Due to continued ill-health Mrs Misztal has decided to resign from her position as both Head of Infants and as one of our Kindergarten teachers. Mrs Misztal has been a long term member of our school and over the past twelve or so years many of our children have had the positive experience of having Mrs Misztal as their teacher.

In the Senior School we will be farewelling Mr Wilkins; Mr Wilkins has been our Head of HSIE for almost ten years and his affable nature will be missed by many of our students. Mr Wilkins has accepted a position at one of our sister schools Thomas Hassall as an Economics/Business Studies teacher. We will also be farewelling Mrs Pip Hurd at the end of the year and we wish her all the best as she looks to new horizons in 2011. Mrs Michaela Miles will continue to take another year's leave so she can juggle the management of being a parent and finishing her PhD. Mr Jenkins will be working overseas and though this is a shame for us that he can't stay another twelve months the experience he is about to undertake will be invaluable to the rest of his career. Mrs Thea Turner will also be moving on at the end of year and we wish her well as she looks to new opportunities.

For the last twenty years Mrs Laffin has made a significant contribution to the life of this college, whether that is as an Art teacher, in PDHPE, Christian Living or on one of the many of the camps she has organised. Arndell will miss all of these teachers but we wish them well as they enter the next stage of their career.

On the other side of the coin the following staff appointments have been made for 2011. In the Junior School the College Council has decided to reinstate two junior classes, thus removing the need for both composite classes. This is a very positive decision and one that I hope will be responded to appropriately by our parental body and the surrounding community. To facilitate this growth the following appointments have been made; Mr Steven Catt and Miss Tracey Rees will be joining our Junior School team. Mr Catt is currently in the UK working and travelling but prior to this he spent three very successful years at Richard Johnson as a Stage2/3 teacher. Miss Rees is currently finishing her Masters in Special Education and has over twenty years teaching experience. She has worked at Tyndale Christian School and William Carey Christian School, both of these staff will add a great deal to the life of our students in the Junior School.

We will also welcome our new Head of Junior School Rev. Keith Peterson. Rev. Peterson is very much looking forward to the new challenges this move will bring and we wish him well as he embarks on his final term at Clarence Valley Anglican School. We also wish his son all the best as he undertakes his HSC examinations.

In the Senior School the following staff members have been appointed; Mr Brad Murphy will be joining our Science Department and Ms Jackie Doman will be moving from her current role as Head of English to take up the role of the college's Modern History teacher. Mr Brad Murphy is currently the Physics teacher at St Pauls Grammar School where for the past thirteen years he has taught both the HSC and IB Physics course, he also has experience in teaching the IB Theory of Knowledge course. Ms Doman has been a very good Head of English over the past three years and due to her desire to specialise in History she will be taking on the role of the college's Modern History teacher, as a result of this appointment we will be advertising for new Head of English this Saturday so please keep this important appointment in your prayers.

Mr Ian Finn has been appointed on a twelve month contract to teach History and assist with Careers. Mr Finn is a committed Christian and we look forward to having Mr Finn at the college and we know he will bring a great deal of energy and enthusiasm to the life of our school. Dr Sam Jackson will be joining us from Shore School to take on the role as Head of Christian Living and History. His passion for the Gospel and history will be of great benefit to us all. Mrs Amy Woodward has been appointed as our new Head of HSIE for 2011 and Mrs Elmarie Filmalter will become our Head of Science.

There are limited places available in almost all Junior School year groups but places are filling fast so if you know of friends or family who are thinking of enrolling their child at the college could you please encourage them to do so sooner rather than later. Year 7 for 2011 is almost full, there are two places available, and there are some places available in Years 8 and 9.

On a sad note I wish to inform the college community that our current Chair of College Council Mr John Lambert AM has resigned after sixteen years of dedicated service to the college. Due to ongoing health problems with his wife Mr Lambert decided to step down from council so as to meet her needs. I would like to encourage the whole College community to keep the Lambert's in their prayers during this time of need. Replacing Mr Lambert is Mr Greg Catto; Mr Catto has served on the Penrith Anglican College council for over ten years most of those as Vice-Chair. Mr Catto has a real passion for quality Christian education within the context of Anglican schooling and I have no doubt that we will continue to grow under his leadership and guidance.

It certainly has been a busy two week break but I am looking forward to the term ahead and the new- year that beckons. Arndell is certainly an exciting place to be.



## Calendar Dates

Monday 18 Oct	Tuesday 19 Oct	Wednesday 20 Oct	Thursday 21 Oct	Friday 22 Oct	Saturday 23 Oct	Sunday 24 Oct
Yr 11/12 Hospitality Work Placements  HSC	Yr 11/12 Hospitality Work Placements  Yr 10 Elective Exams  Yr 7/2011 Orientation Day  HSC	Yr 11/12 Hospitality Work Placements  Yr 11 PE (Ice Skating) Baulkham Hills  Yr 7/2011 Parent Orientation Evening  HSC	Yr 11/12 Hospitality Work Placements  Prep/2011 Orientation Morning  Jnr. School Photography Club  HSC	Yr 11/12 Hospitality Work Placements  Senior School Assembly  Jnr. School Choir Performance 'One Fine Day in Emerald City' – JPLA Centre  HSC  <b>Assessment Task Due for: Yr 8 Food Tech.</b>	K. Toms Dancing Club Drama Rooms – JLPA Centre	Community Church JLPA Centre  Kurrajong Scarecrow Festival - Kurrajong
25 Oct	26 Oct	27 Oct	28 Oct	29 Oct	30 Oct	31 Oct
Yr 10 Textiles Inc.  HZSA: Boys Handball – Dural Leisure Centre  HZSA: Waterpolo Trials – Nirimba  HSC	HZSA: Girls Handball (Sec) Dural Leisure Centre  HSC	Kindergarten/2011 Orientation Day  Jnr. School Tech. Showcase Jnr. School Library  TAS & PA Junior Showcase Even. – JPLA Centre  HSC	HSZA: Yr 3 Multi Sports Gala Day Hills Centenary Pk Kellyville  PSSA Athletics – SOPAC  Yr 10 Driving Awareness  Jnr. School Photography Club  HSC  <b>Assessment Task Due for: Yr 8 Food</b>	PSSA Athletics – SPPAS  Senior School Chapel  HSC	K. Toms Dancing Club Drama Rooms – JLPA Centre  The Hills Dance Eisteddfod JLPA Centre	Community Church JLPA Centre
1 Nov	2 Nov	3 Nov	4 Nov	5 Nov	6 Nov	7 Nov
Jnr. School Test Week  HZSA: Softball Trials William Clarke College  Yr 8 Exams  HSC	Jnr. School Test Week  Yr 10 PASS (Spin Fitness Class) Richmond  Yr 8 Exams  HSC	Jnr. School Test Week  Yr 7/9 Exams  HSC	Jnr. School Test Week  Yr 7/9 Exams  Yr 6 Exc. To Cares  Jnr. School Photography Club  HSC	Jnr. School Test Week  Senior School Chapel  NSW CIS Gymnastics Championships – Burwood  HSC	K. Toms Dancing Club Drama Rooms – JLPA Centre  Dance-in-Studio JLPA Centre	Community Church JLPA Centre