



The Arndell Advocate

Friday 19 November 2010

The Newsletter of Arndell Anglican College

From The Headmaster

Mr Gareth Leechman



The year end is fast approaching and we are about to embark on that important event - Presentation Night! These evenings (and day for our Infants Department) provide us with the opportunity to recognise a range of student achievements; academic, citizenship, cultural, leadership or sporting. As a quality Christian school we feel that is very important for us to formally recognize what our students have achieved and how they have improved. Creating a culture of expectation and success is not an easy thing to do but events such as Presentation Night are but one way of achieving our aims. Presentation Night also enables the college to keep you our parental body informed of what the college has achieved and the various changes it intends to implement in the coming year.

This year our Presentation Night will also provide the Arndell College Community the opportunity to farewell our outgoing Chairman of College Council Mr John Lambert. Mr Lambert first became involved in the college some sixteen years ago when Arndell Christian School approached the Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation to take ownership of the school. It was at this point that Mr Lambert joined the College Council and then a few years later he was appointed Chairman of the Council. During the next eleven or so years of leadership Mr Lambert oversaw the development of the college which resulted in the doubling of the college population and the erection of many of the new school buildings that we currently enjoy, such as the gymnasium, performing arts centre and the junior and senior school libraries. Importantly Mr Lambert also drove the improvement in the quality of teaching so that the students who attended the college had the opportunity to attain the educational outcomes they were capable of achieving. In short, Mr Lambert has had a clear vision for the college and he has led the College Council and the college community in an attempt to attain this vision.

As we come closer and closer to our Presentation Nights (and Days) I would like to extend a warm invitation to all members of our college community to attend their respective event. It is an expectation that ALL students attend their respective presentation event and that they come dressed in their summer college uniform. These are important events in the life of our college and I look forward to seeing many of you at the three events.

Monday 6 December - Infants Presentation Afternoon

(1.30pm - John Lambert Performing Arts Centre)

Tuesday 7 December - Primary School Presentation Evening

(7pm - John Lambert Performing Arts Centre)

Wednesday 8 December - Senior School Presentation Evening

(7.30pm College Gymnasium)

From the Acting Head of Junior School:

Mr James Webb

Well the end of the year is almost upon us and it certainly has flown by. I am deeply grateful to the students, staff and parents of the Junior School for making me feel welcome and with your help I think I have managed to pass the test and get off the 'L' Plates.



We still have a number of events to go and I would love to see as many people as possible attend these. I am making particular reference to the Presentation Day for the Infants and the Presentation Evening for years 3 to 6. These are formal occasions and the expectation is that students attend.

The Presentation Evening for years 3 to 6 will focus on achievement. At that event the student reports will be issued, unlike previous years when they were issued at the end of the school day.

House Structure for 2011

In a previous Advocate the Headmaster informed the College that we would be re-structuring the House System to accommodate smaller numbers. I have inserted his article to inform you that this will also take place for the Junior School to ensure continuity through to the High School.

“You will notice that no appointment has been made in the Senior School for Chisholm House and that is because as part of the overall restructure of the college we have decided to temporarily suspend Chisholm’s existence. The reason for the choice of Chisholm was because it was not a part of the original four Houses established at Arndell.”

Please note that students will be relocated into one of the four remaining houses. We will retain siblings in the same house.

SECOND - HAND TEXTBOOKS / UNIFORM SHOP

10am - 12pm

C-Block Verandah (outside the Uniform Shop)

Saturday 27th November and Saturday 4th December

On these mornings, students and/or parents may bring in their old (current) textbooks to sell, and buy second-hand texts for the following year. Books, in good condition, are usually sold at around half the new price. Students have received their 2011 textbook lists and all textbook list prices are available online at the Champion books website (champion.com.au) to price the books for sale.

Mrs Stephens is happy to assist with all enquiries on the day; Mrs Stephens will not sell or buy texts for students, on the day. Any unsold texts from the two days, after Dec 4, may be left with me for possible resale in the Senior Library Centre. Each of these books requires its own attached envelope, with student name/year and home contact phone number, so that I can easily notify you if any books are sold next year.

Each year we have more purchasers than sellers, so you are encouraged to ensure your child has emptied their lockers before the day, so that all possible texts are available to sell.

Please Note: Mrs Moore the Uniform Shop Co-ordinator will also open the Uniform shop for the purchase of uniforms on both Saturdays from 10am to 12pm.

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)
P & F President:	Mrs Donna Pellew 0417 774 545
Equestrian:	Mrs Laura Thorpe 0416 212 260 prestigeinteriors@exemail.com.au Mrs Anna MacDonald p.amac@bigpond.com
Uniform Shop:	Mrs Liz Moore 4572 3254 Tuesday/Thursday 8.20-10.30am/2.30-4.pm
Canteens:	Monday-Friday (Recess/Lunch)
Arndell Community Church:	Pastor Greg Peisley 4572 3633/0402 278 483 Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday

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

Term Dates for 2010

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

Wednesday 27 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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2010 Bond Refund for Yr 12 Students:

Parents of Yr 12 2010 students, Group office will be notified with regards to the return of the Bond and this should be reimbursed to you before the end of December, assuming that all College fees are in order.

Year 7 Immunisation Program:

Friday 26th November, Year 7 students will complete the final stages of the School Immunisation Program for 2010.
HPV (dose 3) -**Year 7 Girls** Hepatitis B (dose 2) - **Year 7 students** Varicella (chicken pox) -**Year 7 students**
For further enquires, contact Barbra Whelan on 4545 2472.

COMMUNICATING WITH TEENAGERS

Free 4 week course for parents:

Wednesday: 10th, 17th, 24th November and 1st December 2010 6.30 – 8.30pm

Learn to speak to teens and be heard!

Learn how to listen to their communications!

'Learn how to effectively communicate together!'

WHERE: Richmond Neighbourhood Centre'

20 West Market Street' Richmond 2753

Bookings Essential!

02 4588 3502

From the Arndell Equestrian Committee:

Laura Thorpe/Anna MacDonald

Arndell Anglican College Equestrian Carnival 2010

The equestrian committee would like to thank all the competitors who attended the carnival. The sporting ribbons have been awarded and are being posted, and should be received by the end of next week. The College is not able to post the results on the website. The committee is already busy planning for next year's carnival and we hope to have your continued support.

Family Funday 2011 Committee:

Rachael Aldacour/Jo Selff

We know it may seem far too early to be discussing this day already but preparations are well under way for next year's Family Fun Day.

After doing a fantastic job of running the day for many years Sharon Fitzgerald has decided to step down as co-ordinator. We would like to thank her for all the hard work she did over this time for our school.

As we are new to this job we would welcome any help, suggestions or donations in running Family Funday 2011.

Please contact us on email - <mailto:funday@arndell.nsw.edu.au>

Rachael Aldacour - 0412 691 210

Jo Selff - 0421 648 771

From the Head of Sports:

Mrs Rosemary Cornick

Arndell Sports Desk



2010 HZSA Triathlon: A tremendously hot day that pushed our students to their limits. Congratulations to all our competitors. Thank you to Mr Gordon, Mrs Turville and Ashley Patterson for assisting as officials and the numerous parents who came along to support. Hopefully 2011 will see more students participating in this fun and challenging event.

Primary Boys Individual Event

Jake Hilder 5th Lachlan Humphrey 9th Corey Aldacour 12th Andreas Hoffman 14th

Primary Team Event:

Blake Monds, Lachlan Cash, Solomon Roper - 27th, Chloe Patterson, Brooke Watkins, Lucy Bittendorfer - 28th Ebony Ramm, Faith Evans, Laura Smith - 20th, Loren Carter, Brooke Croft, Maddy Bull - 33rd, Georgia Thorpe, Rachel Vielhauer, Elysia Sproule = 22nd

Secondary Individual Results:

Dieter Hoffman 2nd in Senior Individual

Secondary Team Event Results:

Jake Hilder, Zac Elven & Zac Woodley 3rd in Junior Boys,
Seaton Kenna, Jake Elven & Ben Thornton 8th, Justin Baldwin, Blake Atkins & Tim McAlpine 20th, Tom Shepherd, JL Carpinato & Matt Young 28th in Intermediate Boys

SASC Primary Netball: Our Primary Teams played against Rouse Hill Anglican College. Arndell entered 2 yr 3&4 teams and 1 5&6 team. 3&4 A team finishing Runners Up team receiving Participation Certificates. The yr 5&6 team finished with Participation Certificates. Thank you to Mrs Chan, Mrs Jones and Mrs Leechman for coaching and managing the teams and all the parents for coming along for the morning to support the teams.

CIS Gymnastics: Congratulations to Lilly Anne Keating performing at Level 5 and Madeleine Perry performing at level 6 for a tremendous performance at the CIS Opens Gymnastics competition. **Lilly** finished 6th on the vault, 7th on the bars, 3rd on the beam and 2nd on the floor. **Madeleine** finished 5th on the vault, 5th on the bars, 6th on the beam and 3rd on the floor.

2011 Sport starts early in Term 1:

Arndell Primary and Secondary Swimming carnivals.

HZSA Secondary Opens Basketball competition. Arndell has been training for two terms with Stefan and we are looking for some good results.

Term 1 2011 HZSA Secondary Inter School Sports:

Girls Futsal (Indoor Soccer) - Wednesday

Boys Opens Futsal - Monday

Boys Indoor Cricket: Senior 11 & 12 - Monday, Intermediate 9 & 10 - Wednesday, Junior 7 & 8 - Thursday

Open Girls Indoor Cricket - Tuesday

Opens Boys & Girls Volleyball - Thursday

Senior Boys & Girls Tennis - Monday

Boys Outdoor Cricket Continuing from term 4 2010.

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.

College Sporting Commitment: Students and Parents sign a commitment form have a responsibility to their team and an expectation 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. Events such as school excursions that return prior to the end of the normal school day, examinations, assessment tasks and weekend sport that is rescheduled on a weekday afternoon do not constitute as reasons for breaking your commitment to your College Sport team.

The Sports webpage will be updated and all sport dates for 2011 will be entered on the Sport webpage in Extra Curricular Activities prior to the end of this term. 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.

Dear Year 7 2010 Parents,

As previously advised, the College is currently conducting Year 7 parent and Year 7 student surveys.

The purpose of the surveys is to gain views of your experiences of the College across a wide range of areas. Your responses will provide valuable input to our planning for the future.

Because of the importance of this project we have commissioned MMG Education to conduct the surveys on our behalf. This ensures a highly professional approach and assurance of full confidentiality.

The survey will be closing midnight, Sunday 28th November.

If you have already completed your survey, thank you very much for your contribution. However, if you have not completed the survey, we would greatly value your input.

AAC has previously supplied your unique code (URL) for you to access the MMG survey. If you have misplaced your URL, please contact Bonny Davies on 45 72 3633.

AAC and MMG Education greatly appreciate your support for this very important project.

Many thanks,

Gareth Leechman
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Headmaster