



The Arndell Advocate

Friday 3rd December 2010

The Newsletter of Arndell Anglican College

From The Headmaster

Mr Gareth Leechman



2010 has certainly been an important year for our college; we have successfully completed the staff restructure, enrolled a full cohort of students for Year 7 2011, witnessed 10% growth in the Junior School and started to implement a culture of educational improvement within the life of our college. The grounds and general presentation of the college has certainly improved over the course of this year and this is also reflected in an overall improvement in student application and behaviour. Arndell is a lovely college with a welcoming community, there is a lot to be grateful for.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been involved in making this year happen. Arndell is blessed with a committed group of teachers and administrative staff, many of whom have been called on to give that little bit extra so that everything will work. I hope that over the final few days our college community might be able to take the time to thank these people for all that they have done this year.

2011 is already shaping up to be a good year for Arndell; increased enrolments, new staff, a double streamed Junior School, new Head of Junior School and a lot more. It is a year with much expectation and it will be up to us to turn our expectations into reality. We remain committed to working hard to make this a quality Christian school, a school where students have the opportunity to develop, learn and become the people God made them to be.

As we enter our well earned Christmas break I would like to encourage our college community to not only refresh themselves mentally and physically for the New Year ahead, but spiritually as well. Christmas is a great time of celebration for the Christian community; it is a time when we remember God humbling Himself by becoming a man, a man who would one day die so that we might live. Christmas is more than just a celebrative feast, an abundance of presents and a chance to catch up with family and friends. Christmas should be a time when we thank our Lord in celebration of the fact that he gave us the ultimate gift – his Son Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

Below are listed service times at some of the Anglican parishes that serve the people of the Hawkesbury:

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break; God bless and see you in 2011!

Arndell Community Church:

Christmas Day 10.15am Family Service

Pitt town Anglican Community Church St James:

Christmas Eve: 11pm

Christmas Day: 9am

St John's – Wilberforce –

Christmas Eve: 11pm Family Service

Christmas Day: 9am Family Service

St Matthews – Windsor

Christmas Eve: 6.30pm Family Service /11pm Holy Communion

Christmas Day: 9am Family Service

Richmond Anglican Church – St Stephens

Christmas Eve: 6pm Family Service/ 11pm Holy Communion

Christmas Day: 9am Family Service

From the Acting Head of Junior School:

Mr James Webb

Well we have almost reached the end of a very busy year. May I thank students, staff and parents for making my last two terms a wonderful journey. It has been great to see the students take on challenges and really become fully engaged in the process of learning. The staff are to be thanked for the tremendous job they have done and the way in which they get the most out of the students.



Prep to Year 6 will be in great hands next year with Mr. Peterson taking over. A dynamic and really personable man who truly sees the value of solid grounding in the Primary school.

This semester will end with the traditional presentation events and I encourage you to come along. Years 3 to 6 presentation evening will be a little different in that to enable smooth running of the evening the students will be notified that they will receive a prize. They will not know which one but this will enable us to move through the evening with less disruption.

Year 3 to 6 students will also receive their reports on the evening.

Prep to Year 2 afternoon. I must urge caution with respect to parking. Please park on the grounds if possible but not opposite the college in the driveways of our neighbours.

Chisolm House:

I urge you to read Mr Robinsons / Mr Leechman's comments with regard to the change of house and the provision of a new house shirt for students in Chisholm House as they move to their new home.

Once again my thanks to all for a great semester. I wish you a safe and holy Christmas and if you get the chance drop in to a church and see the great things that can be gained by being a part of a wonderful community and hearing God's word.

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

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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- Wednesday 7 Dec – Primary Presentation Evening
- Thursday 8 Dec 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

4580 9602/0419 213 254

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.

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 Uniform Shop:

Co-ordinator Mrs Elizabeth Moore

Last day uniform shop is open for 2010:

Tuesday 7th December 2010 from 8.20am – 11am and 2.30pm to 4pm.

Additional holiday opening times:

Tuesday 25th January 2011 from 1pm to 4pm

Thursday 27th January 2011 from 9am to 12.00 noon

From Tuesday 1st February 2011 normal uniform shop opening times will resume:

Tuesday 8.20am – 11am and 2.30pm to 4pm

Thursdays 8.20am – 11am and 2.30pm – 4pm

School Certificate and HSC Special Exam Provisions

Any student sitting their School Certificate or HSC who requires special provisions in order to complete their examination in 2011, needs to see Mrs. Allen about whether they are eligible, what provisions are available and how to get the process started. Students who have a physical or intellectual impairment, medical condition, psychological impairment, or learning difficulty are usually eligible.

If any parents would like more information on this subject, please check the Board of Studies website for information on Special Examination Provisions and download a copy of their information pamphlet. Having ascertained whether an application is warranted or likely to be needed, next contact Mrs. Allen by email:

donna.allen@ardell.nsw.edu.au or ph: 4545 2401 or by letter, addressed to her. All students wanting to apply, will be tested before submitting an application. Final eligibility is determined by the Board of Studies. Kind regards, **Mrs. Allen.**

MOTIV8SPORTS 2-DAY WET & WILD CAMP THURSDAY 16th & FRIDAY 17th DEC 2010

Experience this custom designed sports camp designed for K-7 children who attend ARNDELL ANGLICAN COLLEGE. For over 5 years we have been performing custom designed sports camps for children who attend ARNDELL Anglican College. Join us in DEC 2010 for the Motiv8sports 2010 WET & WILD CAMP and experience 2 amazing days. If your son/daughter has attended a Motiv8sports camp before then you know that NO ONE DOES IT LIKE M8S.....LET MOTIV8SPORTS BRING THE BEACH TO ARNDELL..... Children who attend the M8S camp receive first class safety and supervision in an environment fuelled by SPORTSMANSHIP, TEAMWORK & MOTIV8TION. Children experience our innov8tive approach to sport and take part in our exciting array of non-contact sports in a WET & WILD STYLE FORMAT including: 4-Ball, Basketball, Vortex Gridiron, Flag-Ball, Command-0, Ultimate League, Oz-Tag, Street Hockey, AFL, World Cup Soccer & the list keeps going& going.

BOOK NOW.... VISIT www.motiv8sports.camp8.org or call 8814 7729....only 30 positions remaining.

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT WET & WILD

COACH DAVID
MOTIV8SPORTS



'Arndell Dads!

*Is this the closest you get to **indoor soccer** nowadays?'*

Indoor Soccer 4 Dads is coming in **Feb 2011**

Saturday Mornings in the gym: 8 - 9am / 9 - 10am

gold coin donation only

contact Tim Iles:

SMS 'in4soccer' to 0430 338251

email triles@bigfoot.com for more details

Family Funday 2011 Committee:

Rachael Aldacour/Jo Selff

Help, suggestions or donations in running Family Funday 2011 would be appreciated.

Please contact us on email - <mailto:funday@ardell.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: My apologies to Hayden Lane yr 6 who was missed in the results last week Hayden finished 5th in the Primary Individual Event. Well done Hayden!

HZSA Boys Touch Football: Congratulations to our Junior Boys finishing 6th and our Senior Boys finishing 4th

2011 Sport starts early in Term 1:

Arndell Primary Swimming Carnival 11th February and Secondary Swimming carnival Monday 14th February at Richmond Swimming pool.

HZSA Secondary Opens Basketball competition. Wednesday 23rd February.

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 Tuesday afternoons.

All dates will be added to the Arndell Co Curricular Arndell Sport Webpage as soon as majority of the dates have been confirmed.

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.

Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The College congratulates its first Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award Recipients: Aleisha Ferguson, Jessica Johnston, Emma Jungherr, Leanne Keevers and Amy Mares (Year 12 2009). The Governor of NSW, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir presented the awards at Government House, Sydney on Saturday the 27th November and praised the recipients for their commitment to public service, community participation and the spirit of adventure. The presentation of the Gold Awards was the culmination of five years of community service, sport, skills development and expeditions. The College wishes them every success as they begin their next adventure.



Photo: (Left to Right) Mr Owen Laffin, Jessica Johnston, Aleisha Ferguson, Amy Mares, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir, Emma Jungherr, Leanne Keevers, Mrs Rebecca Huett.

Dear Chisholm Parents,

As you are aware it has been decided that Chisholm House will be dissolved and integrated into the other four houses next year. As a result, students will be expected to purchase a new House shirt for the start of the 2011 school year. To assist with this transition and to minimise the cost for each family, the Headmaster has decided that the College will pay for one new House shirt per existing student within Chisholm house. The Headmaster hopes that this will assist those families that may find it difficult to purchase a new set of House shirts for their children. To reduce any confusion, a list will be provided to the Uniform Shop so that students can be measured for a new shirt. Once High School students have been measured their shirts will be put aside by the Uniform Shop to be collected by the Head of House early next year. Shirts will then be presented to students at a House Meeting within the first week of 2011. Junior School students will be permitted to collect their new shirts as soon as they are available. To minimise the impact of the changes in the House structure on students in the high school it has been decided that each homeroom in Chisholm will be moved as a group into their new House. This will happen in the following order:

- Chisholm 1 becomes Greenway 5,
- Chisholm 2 becomes Johnson 5,
- Chisholm 3 becomes Tebbutt 5, and
- Chisholm 4 becomes Macquarie 5.

Chisholm students in the Junior School will be informed as to their new House in due course.

Mr Robinson
Acting Head of Senior School

Mr Webb
Deputy Principal



*It's
Christmas
Time* Celebrating
the birth of
the Lord Jesus

Carols on the Lawn - Sunday 19th December

7pm @ St James Church, Pitt Town

Bring a picnic, a chair and some candles

Christmas Eve (Friday)

6pm Kids Kracker Kristmas Eve @ St James

7pm Family Service @ Wiseman's Ferry

11pm Traditional Service @ St James, Pitt Town

Christmas Day (Saturday)

9am Traditional Service @ St James, Pitt Town

10:15 Family Celebration @ Arndell College

Boxing Day (Sunday)

9am Traditional Service @ St James, Pitt Town

9am Family Service @ Wiseman's Ferry

6pm Contemporary Service @ St James Hall

And don't miss our
Summer Holidays Sundays Series,
'Rest for the Weary' (9am, 10:15 & 6pm)



Pitt Town Anglican
Community Church

For more details visit

www.pitttown.org.au

or ph: 4572 3262