



The Arndell Advocate

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The Newsletter of Arndell Anglican College

From The Headmaster

Mr Gareth Leechman



Sport is a very important part of our Australian culture; we all have our allegiances to sporting teams and the various sporting codes within our country. Personally I was quite excited (very, if you believe my wife) to see Collingwood win the AFL Grand Final in 2010 – twenty years is a long time in a supporter's life. We can admire and for some hero worship our sporting stars, whilst at the same time experience disappointment when these same heroes fall from grace. Sporting competition brings out the best and unfortunately the worst within us. Every year I am in awe of those cyclists who ride in the Tour de France, their courage, persistence and stamina are qualities one cannot be but impressed with, yet at the same time I become bitterly disappointed in those who need to use artificial assistance to win.

I particularly enjoy watching individuals and teams who play by the rules, who play the game hard but fair and who can even acknowledge their opponent's performance at the end of the game. Sportsmanship I fear is something that we are losing in an age where a 'win at all costs' attitude is prevailing. Sport as an activity has so much to offer us and that is why it is a part of the education that we offer here at Arndell.

Sport has the opportunity to teach our students so many things, here are just a few:

- the importance of team work – how many times have I heard the expression 'they were a champion team not a team of champions'
- success is not achieved just as a result of talent – commitment, discipline and persistence are essential if success is going to be achieved
- learning from your mistakes is essential if you are not going to repeat them
- accepting the 'umpires decision' – in life things do not always go the way we would like, we can be disappointed to receive a bad decision or miss out on a team selection, but what is really important is how we handle that decision and the way we respond to it.

Sport at Arndell is not a means to an end- it is here to enable students to develop those necessary life skills which will prepare them for life post college. We want our students to learn how to work in teams, we want them to work hard for the success that they might achieve, we want them to learn from their mistakes and we want them to respond appropriately when life gives them a bad hand or an unjust decision.

Many of our students are involved in college sporting teams as well as being involved in local sporting competitions. So far this year I have seen our students enjoy the highs and lows that sport can bring – I have seen our Senior Boys Cricket team win the HZSA competition, I have seen our Senior Primary Girls Relay Team make the final at the recent CIS Primary Swimming competition and I have seen some of our senior school athletes run at the recent State Championships. I also see these same students making positive contributions to the broader life of our college and making the most of what Arndell has to offer.

I encourage all of our students to become involved in a sporting team wherever possible as there is so much to be experienced and learnt by being involved in sport.

***From the Head of Senior School:
Mr James Webb***

Arndell is like an enormous living tapestry on which people draw new and exciting scenes from the day to day life of the College. The senior school has been buzzing with new challenges and changes that are really bringing the best out of the students. This culture of exciting change takes the students on a wonderful ride where their comment is sought and clearly listened to, where they are actively involved in their education and where they learn to take responsibility for their learning and actions.



I am in conjunction with the Heads of House delivering a series of sessions based around our *Non Compliance Guidelines* and bringing in the social side of working together.

In doing this we are making it clear to the students that we are 'all on the same page' in respect to non compliance and that through a better understanding of their responsibilities they can develop more thoughtful social skills.

In assembly this week I spoke about the 'Bystander' and referred to the unfortunate situation of the young boy who fought back which was spread across the media. My genuine concern is that bystanders who do or say nothing are just as guilty as the ones perpetrating the offence. They, in their own defence say 'it has nothing to do with me'. Surely we teach our children better values than that?

I was most impressed by one of our year 7 students who saw an incident and felt comfortable enough to stop it going any further. He has not been ridiculed, he has only received praise. Just as easy the bystander could seek help from a prefect, a teacher or an older student.

The time has come for us to not think 'I', 'Me', 'Mine' rather 'We', 'Us' and 'Theirs'. Help us to take away this selfish approach to life and consider caring for others.

I commend Miss Southwell, other staff and students for their involvement in the Hawkesbury Soup Kitchen. Many years ago we took on the same mantle but at the Exodus kitchen's in Parramatta. This is a great way of sharing with our community.

I commend those staff and students who give selflessly of their time to work towards the College Musical. The hours of rehearsals are really showing the talent we have at Arndell.

I commend those students and staff who commit to teams, the enjoyment and the mutual respect developed through sport, space club, chess clubs, writing clubs, math's clubs, games clubs and the list goes on.

I commend to you the staff who goes the extra mile for your children.

We are a giving Community – a simple spare coin collection over 10 school days netted some \$2000.00 for the Queensland Floods.

My ramblings show that we as a community care but those students who seek to undermine this through their actions must be brought to book.

We have a great school; I encourage you to talk this through with your children. What can you or they do to make it better.

Drop me an email.

Have a great weekend.

***Head of Junior School:
Rev'd Keith Peterson***

It has been a very positive and rewarding experience to begin a new professional position and a new season of personal and professional challenge at Arndell Anglican College Junior School – the time already seems to have been so full, and yet has gone so quickly, that the end of term threatens to arrive before it's really had the chance to properly begin!



And yet there has been graceful opportunity to begin to put down a few markers and to indicate something of the possibility of a renewed way forward. Of course, to be effective, that way forward has to be undertaken collegially, for, as it was once expressed to me, 'Any effective leader is fundamentally as good as the team he has around him'.

It is a statement whose truth I've come to recognise - but then, isn't it also true that part of the role of anyone in leadership is to be prepared to offer a definition of vision of purpose; and then to 'roll up their sleeves' and co-operate, as part of a team, to get that 'vision' going in reality?

So what is the 'big-picture' purpose of Primary Education at Arndell Anglican Junior School? I would suggest that to be really effective, both the philosophy and practice of Primary Education need to be developmentally and creatively focused. Modern childhood holds so many positives! This generation of children almost certainly know, understand and can do more than any generation in Australia's history. They have a rich individual and combined potential. Part of our job, our vital mission as a school, is to tap that potential and to begin to bring it to actual expression.

Diversity and inclusivity therefore need to be celebrated, as does the pursuit of excellence! We are very fortunate at Arndell College Junior School to have a staff who are excellent generalists, but who are also semi-specialist, or specialist in many fields: information technology; literacy; science; sport; music; individual needs. The School also continues to rigorously hold to the belief that effective teaching matters most of all; that a fundamental key to good learning is the teacher's own depth of knowledge of, and engagement with, what is taught and their individual skill in providing children with targeted and quality 'formative' feedback on learning.

And there are surely other dimensions which are vital contributors to the Junior School's practice and identity. For example, both within and beyond the classroom, our school is surely called to proactively seek to promote community and a properly 'joined up' process of partnership and communication between teacher and student and teacher and student's family.

I believe also that it is our particular call to always look to promote the central Biblical insight that, 'I am my brother's keeper'; that it is in mutual respect and support of one another that a profound, life-enhancing kind of learning can occur, such as can stay making a difference to our children for the rest of their lives, as they in turn are encouraged and enabled to become 'difference makers' in their future homes, work and families.

I do then have this abiding sense of a vital strategic purpose and a great potential for our School - particularly as we continue to look together to discern and affirm the right educational philosophy and practice, the right pastoral and social foundations for us.

For it is surely with the measure that we are prepared to dig very deep to get those foundations right that we might, in turn, be able to experience the building together of a future hope and purpose for our children - a potentially shining future, built upon a secure measure of shining rock!

Director of Studies:
Mrs Lynn Gillen

YEAR 12 Parent – Teacher – Student Evening

Monday, 2nd May, 2011

3.30 pm to 8.30 pm



Parents of Year 12 students,

We invite all Year 12 parents and students to attend our Parent – Teacher – Student Evening. Please put the 2nd May in your diary. At this evening we can make plans for all students to do their best in the HSC.

Appointments this year will be made on – line and detailed instructions on how to register your requests for times to see staff members and log-in usernames and passwords, will shortly be emailed to you.

To ensure that we have your latest email address, we would ask that you log in to the Parent Portal, and check that the email address listed is your current one. You can change it on line if you need to.

Don't know your Parental Portal Log-in details? Please call our Help Desk on 4572 3633.

Arndell Anglican College Directory

Headmaster:	Mr Gareth Leechman
Head of Senior School:	Mr James Webb
Head of Junior School:	Rev Keith Peterson
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
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Uniform Shop:	Mrs Liz Moore: 4572 3254 Tuesday/Thursday 8.20-10.30am/2.30-4.pm
Canteen:	Monday-Friday (Recess/Lunch)
Arndell Community Church:	Pastor Greg Peisley 4572 3633/0402 278 483 Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday

Important 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.

- Years 7-11 Camps (Wed. 21 to Fri. 23 Sept.)

Term 4

Tuesday 11 Oct to Thursday 8 Dec.

- Yr 10 Work Experience (Monday 21 Nov. To Fri. 2 Dec.)
- Tuesday 6 Dec – Infants Presentation Afternoon
- Wednesday 7 Dec – Primary Presentation Evening
- Thursday 8 Dec Senior School Presentation Evening

Adolescent School-Based Vaccination Program 2011

Information for Vaccinations for Hepatitis B, Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis Chickenpox and HPV for Year 7 and 10 students have been handed out to students this week.

Parents, could you please fill these in and return them back to Administration **before April 8th 2011.**

Vaccinations will take place on 7th June here at the College.

If the form is not returned back to the College, then vaccinations would need to be done by your own Medical Doctor.

Scholarships for 2012

Arndell is offering Academic, All Rounder and Music Scholarships for 2012 entry into Years 7, 9 and 11

Scholarship information is available from the College Administration office

Applications close: Friday 8 April 2011

Exam Date: Saturday 14 May 2011

Reminder - Enrolments for 2012

The Headmaster is conducting interviews for Year 7 2012, if you have a sibling for entry into Year 7 for 2012 please contact the PA to the Headmaster now.



From the Head of Sports:
Mrs Rosemary Cornick

Arndell Sports Desk

The College K-12 Cross Country will be held at the College on Friday April 1st.

AICES Swimming: Congratulations to Kim Currell 2nd in 50m Backstroke & Breaststroke, 3rd in the 50m Butterfly; Katie MacDonald 9th in the 50m Backstroke and 12th in 100m Freestyle, Briney Rigby 6th in the 50m Breaststroke, Tia Sutton 5th in the Inters IM, Brooke Saunders & Natalie Otten for their performances. The Inter Girls relay team (Brooke, Natalie, Tia & Katie) finished 8th in the Freestyle relay and 5th in the Medley relay



Important dates for Senior School Representative Sport nominations:

- **HZSA Girls Football Trials Monday 28th March** at Rouse Hill Anglican College
- **HZSA 15s Netball Trial Tuesday 29th March** at William Clarke College
- **HZSA Boys Football Trials Wednesday 30th March** at Rouse Hill Anglican College
- **HZSA Trimester Two Interschool Sport:** Students can sign on in the gym for the following sports: **All commitment letters are to be returned to Mrs Cornick by Friday April 29th**
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AGE/DIV	SPORT	CONVENER	DAY	VENUE	TIME
Jnr. B - U15	Rugby Union	William Clarke	Mon	Home / Away	3.45-5pm
Int. B - U17	Rugby Union	William Clarke	Tues	Home / Away	3.45-5pm
Snr. B - U19	Rugby Union	William Clarke	Wed	Home / Away	3.45-5pm
Jnr. B (7&8)	Football	Gilroy	Thurs	Excelsior Res Castle Hill	3.45-5pm
Int. B (9&10)	Football	Gilroy	Wed	Excelsior Res Castle Hill	3.45-5pm
Snr. B (11&12)	Football	Gilroy	Mon	Excelsior Res Castle Hill	3.45-5pm
Open G (7-12)	Football	Gilroy	Tues	Excelsior Res Castle Hill	3.45-5pm
Jnr. G (7)	Netball	William Clarke	Wed	Kellyville Courts Wellgate Rd	4.00pm
Int. G (8&9)	Netball	Hills Grammar	Wed	Kellyville Courts Wellgate Rd	4.30pm
Snr. G (10+)	Netball	Marian	Wed	Kellyville Courts Wellgate Rd	5.00pm
Open G	Hockey(6-a-side)	Arden/Northholm	Mon	Pennant Hills Park	4-5 or 5-5.45pm
Int. Boys (9&10)	Tennis	William Clarke	Mon	Home / Away	4 - 5.30pm
Int. Girls (9&10)	Tennis	William Clarke	Mon	Home / Away	4 - 5.30pm

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT:

HZSA Primary Rugby 7s Competition Congratulations to the Primary Rugby 7s team who have [progressed onto the Regional Championships in May.

HICES Primary Netball: A very successful day with fine performances from our Netball team finishing 3rd overall. Congratulations to Lilly Anne Keating who was selected as a member of the HICES Netball Squad. Thank you to Mrs Chan for coaching the team.

Primary CIS Swimming: Congratulations to Loren Carter, Rachel Leechman, Hannah Leechman, Grace McErlane, Abbey Judd and Chloe Patterson. The competition was tough and though no girls made selection to the next level they all performed with spirit and determination. The relay team (Loren, Chloe, Grace & Abbey) finishing 10th overall.

Important dates for Junior School Representative Sport nominations:

- **Yr 5 HZSA Inter School Sport :** Term 2 Wednesday afternoons from 12.30 -2.20pm
- **Yr 6 HZSA Gala Day:** Tuesday May 10th
- **HICES Cross Country:** Wednesday 25th May All Saints College Bathurst
- **Yr 4 HZSA Gala Day:** Tuesday May 31st
- **NSWAFL** is running an Afterschool Skills Session for students aged 5-12 starting March 4th every Friday for 6 weeks on the Junior Oval at a cost of \$35. If your child is interested in joining please turn up on Friday and speak to the AFL coaches.

The Sports webpage is currently being revised and all sport dates for 2011 will be up on the Sport webpage in Extra Curricular Activities shortly. Sport information for HZSA, AICES & NSWCIS can be downloaded from the relevant sites:

www.hillszonesport.com.au ; www.aices.com.au and www.nswais.com.au

Unfortunately HICES does not have a website at the moment and are looking for interested parties to assist.

Yr 10 Food Technology Cake Decorating
From the Head of the TAS Dept: Mrs Roshini Paul

An incursion was organized on the 11th of March for the year 10 food technology students on cake decoration to assist in their assessment task on "Food for special occasions". Rob Borg from Cake Art Penrith was kind enough to accept our invite to run the workshop with the students. A step by step demonstration was conducted involving students in the process. It was a very exciting time for them and a valuable learning experience as well. My thanks to Rob, and staff members who came along to support this and couple of parents who donated their time to participate in this incursion as well. Mrs Paul Head of TAS.



Family Funday Meeting

8.45am Tuesday 29th March - Board Room in Admin Building.

We are holding a Family Funday meeting and we would love some new team members to join our small friendly group. If you are unable to make this meeting any offers of help, donations or suggestions would be more than welcome.

Contact - Joanne Selff - 0421 648771

- Rachael Aldacour - 0412691210

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

Banking at Arndell Junior School

For Junior School Parents: Regarding Student Banking.

If you are completing a application form for your student to open an account with the Commonwealth Bank, please send the forms to the Main Administration building marking them: Attention Miss Sarah Todd.

Equestrian News **Anna MacDonald - Team Manager**

The excursion to the Sydney CDI will take place on Thursday the 28th April 2011. Permission notes have been sent out to the students and should be returned to student services by Friday 1st April. Places will be limited so please do not delay in returning your permission slip. If your child has not received a note, please see student services.

Good luck to all our riders attending the Tara Equestrian Day on Sunday the 27th March. We will hopefully have some results and photos for next time.

On behalf of the Equestrian Committee and our riders, I would like to wish our Co-ordinator Laura Thorpe, a speedy recovery from her operation and hope you are back on board shortly.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Oxley College Interschool Equestrian Day - 1st May 2011
- Central Coast Grammar School Dressage Day - 14th August 2011, Il Cadore Equestrian Centre
- Hunter Valley Grammar School Equestrian Championships - 27th and 28th August 2011

Arndell Community Church
Contact: Greg Peisley 4572 3262

Bible Study:

Want to know what your children are learning?
Are you looking for answers to questions about God & Jesus?

Fridays 9.30am

Arndell Staff Common Room

Musical Munchkins Playgroup:

\$2.00 per child \$5.00 per family
at Arndell Anglican College



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