



The Arndell Advocate

Friday 8 April 2011

The Newsletter of Arndell Anglican College

From The Headmaster

Mr Gareth Leechman



Term 1 has come to an end!

I can't believe that the term is almost at end, so much has occurred over the past ten weeks and there is still so much to do. Well what has occurred?

- Years 5 and 6 have been on camp
- We have welcomed in our new Kindergarten and Year 7 students
- We have welcomed new teaching staff to the Junior and Senior Schools
- We have been to swimming and cross country carnivals
- Our Senior High cricket team are Hills Zone sporting champs
- Year 12 are half way through their HSC year and have just completed their mid course exams
- Our College musical for 2011 *Leader of the Pack* is well into rehearsals
- Our new Junior School Library is now fully operational
- Prep has started the year with record numbers
- A new P&F committee has been elected (with Mrs Donna Pellew taking on the role of President for 2011)
- Our second laptop roll out has occurred
- A group of eighteen students under the leadership of Miss Doman and Mrs Daly are about to embark on a cultural tour of the USA.

This just mentions a few of the things that have happened and are about to happen in the life of our College. Arndell is a busy place and we must not forget that we also spend most of our time on learning in the classroom. Learning, teaching and assessment is at the core of what we do and I publicly thank all of our teachers for the time they spend preparing the lessons that they teach.

Though this term is ending I would like to remind our community that we are well under way in preparing for Term 2 and 2012. In recent weeks I have interviewed over forty students applying for Year 7 places for 2012 and I have also interviewed several students who wish to attend our Junior School. Places are filling fast for Year 7 2012 and we are now considering opening a fourth class due to increased demand, so if you know of people who are intending to enrol their children into Arndell you might want to encourage them to do so as I would hate to disappoint people by not being able to offer them a place.

I am looking forward to Term 2 and what it will bring. May you have a safe and happy Easter and may God bless you all during this special time as we remember Christ's death and resurrection - God's grace given to us so that we might live.

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.

Junior School News

On Friday the 25th of March, the Junior School (Prep Through to Year 6) had a wonderful time at our beach theme Disco. This occasion was well supported by all the Junior School families. There was plenty of dancing, both creative and structured dancing and I am not sure who utilised the dance floor more, the children or the Staff, not mentioning (Mr Walker's name). The children were well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity of being together in a social gathering. Thank you to all the parents who supported this fund raiser and a big thank you for assisting the children with their fabulous costumes. The money raised will be going to the "Precious



Hearts." This is a non profit organisation for children living with congenital heart disease. This donation will assist in producing hospital packs for families who are staying at hospital with their sick young children. It has been a pleasure to support such a worthwhile cause.



Jo Chan - Stage Two Coordinator.

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
Equestrian:	Mrs Laura Thorpe: 0416 212 260 equestrian@arndell.nsw.edu.au Mrs Anna MacDonald: 0410 443 122 equestrian@arndell.nsw.edu.au
Funday	Mrs Joanne Selff : 0421 648 771 Mrs Rachael Aldacour: 0412 691 210 funday@arndell.nsw.edu.au
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, if you have not returned these forms back to the College please do so ASAP.

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.

ANZAC Day Services.

ANZAC Day services for students will be held at the College on:

Wednesday 27th April, K – 6 at 1.30pm and

Thursday 28th April for the High School 8:30-9:00 am.

Any student who wishes to wear medals during this service is most welcome to do so.



From the Head of Sports:
Mrs Rosemary Cornick

2011 Cross Country Report

On Friday 1st April, Arndell held its Annual Cross Country Carnival but this year combined it as a whole school event Yr 2 – 12 around the wonderful looking grounds at the College.



What a terrific day! The change to a whole school event certainly gave all students the incentive to show off their running skills and next year we will definitely bring back the “rabbits” for the Primary runners to chase. The Yr 11 students assisting the Primary House captains by running the ball games are to be commended and next year we will look at making one of these games a combined High



school & Primary school event. All students were expected to participate to the best of their ability whether that be walk, run or jog. A number of students earned vital points for their house, regardless of their running capabilities. And once again the Champion House won due to their participation. The all important Tug-O-War Competition run by Mr Wilson was an enjoyable event and was taken out by Johnson House.

Congratulations to the following students who placed as Age Champions in their age groups. **2011 Seniors:**

12 yrs	Rhys Parish	Georgia Thorpe
13 yrs	Cameron Osborne	Jodie Wilbow
14 yrs	Zachary Elven	Erinn Dickinson
15 yrs	Thomas Zhan	Katie McDonald
16 yrs	Morgan Hornsby	Natalie Otten
17 yrs	Alex Celio	Annabelle Andrews
18 yrs	Christian Thomas	Isabella Garland

2011 Primary:

8yrs	Benjamin Webb	Greer Johnson
9 yrs	Lucas Bigeni	Chloe Harris
10yrs	Malcolm McPherson	Sophie McAlpine
11yrs	Cooper Elven	Johanna Ommundson
12yrs	Benjamin McAlpine	Madeline Sainty



Medallions for Age Champions and the House Shield will be presented in week 2 of Term 2. Place ribbons will be given out this week in the primary & secondary assemblies

This year the winning house was Johnson – Congratulations to House Captains Natalie Rance (Senior) and Laura Smith & Corey Aldacour (Primary) and all the students.

These days do not come about by themselves and rely on the kindness of parent helpers who give up their time to contribute to the life of the school. A special thanks to them. It is great to see parents contribute and support in such a variety of ways. The staff, of course, controls various duties throughout the day and does an outstanding job.



A huge thank you to the groundsmen who did a fantastic job in setting up the College for the Cross Country. We now look ahead to the Athletics Carnival coming up in Term 3.

All full Secondary & Primary team list will be posted on the Sports Notice boards before the end of the week. The Secondary HZSA Cross Country carnival is Thursday May 5th at Fagan Park, Galston and the Primary HICES carnival is on Wednesday May 25th at All Saints College Bathurst.

HZSA Trimester Two Interschool Sport: Students can sign on in the gym for the following sports before the end of term. No teams will be entered into the competition unless **all commitment letters are to be returned to Mrs Cornick by Friday April 29th** (Friday week 1 Term 2)

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

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SENIOR SPORT:

NSWCIS Swimming April 28th & 29th
HZSA Cross Country 5th May
AICES Boys & Girls Football 5th May
HZSA Rugby Trials 10th May
HZSA Knock Out Tennis 13th May

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT:

Primary CIS Swimming: My sincere apologies to the following girls for omitting them from the last report and who swam in the junior relay at CIS: Stephanie Humphrey, Hannah Leechman, Alison Ommundson and Ebony Zueschner. Stephanie also swam 50m Breaststroke and Freestyle. Well done to all the girls for their tremendous efforts on the day.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR JUNIOR SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE SPORT:

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

From the Head of Library Services:
Mrs Connie Stephens



Reading Books for Overseas Students

Each year I collect our superseded textbooks from senior school students and box them up for Rotary to ship overseas to Pacific Island schools. This year we sent eight large boxes. When I was speaking to the gentleman who collected the boxes, he told me that these schools were very much in need of children's story books and short novels in good condition to use as school readers.

As our children grow up we often have such books that we are happy to part with, for a good cause. If you are happy to donate such books for this purpose, I will box them up and organise for another Rotary collection. Please only send books that are in good repair and not yellowed with age, suitable for reading ages of 3-14 years. Books can be brought to the Senior Library Centre, which is located at the back of the

College, past the gymnasium, anytime before the end of April.

NSW Premier's Reading Challenge for Secondary Students

As some of you may be aware, the Premier's Reading Challenge is a government supported reading incentive program for school aged children, from K-9. Whilst some of our Junior School students have participated in previous years the Secondary School students have not. This year all students in Yrs 7-9 received an invitation notice from me with details on what is required to complete this challenge. The main details are:

- 20 books must be read by the end of August, of which 15 must come from the PRC specified list.
- These lists can be found at the PRC site. The library also has a hard copy.
- The books have a variety of reading difficulty and include picture books and some graphic novels.
- The students register with the librarian to receive a PRC password, after which all books read can be logged in at the NSWPRC website by the student.
- Students who complete the 20 books must inform the librarian, who will verify completion of the Challenge.
- These students will receive a certificate signed by the NSW Premier, and have their names published in the SMH. Arndell students will also attend a special library luncheon.
- Most importantly, all students who attempt the challenge are endeavouring to improve their level of language literacy, which is commendable in itself.

We have around 55 students who have registered so far. Interested students, who have not registered, will need to do so soon to complete the Challenge in time.

Mrs Connie Stephens

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.

Family Fun Day/Open Day

Saturday 28 May, 2011

12 - 5pm

The Committee has been working very hard to ensure the Family Fun Day will be fun and exciting for all. There are new stalls and exciting activities planned so make sure you are there!!

This year the funds raised will be put towards the cost of a new Sound System for the Auditorium providing a benefit to the whole school.

Ways you can help over the holidays:

Collect items for our fete including plants, white elephant stuff (treasure not trash), books and DVDs.

Items can be dropped into the front office (admin building).

Help with the Sew Wot Mums stall by knitting scarves, making craft items to sell, homemade jams or donating fabric, wadding, ribbon etc.

We are still taking applications for Stall Holders - maybe you have a friend or neighbour who would be interested.

The Family Fun Day Committee are always open to suggestions, and even more open to help. Please contact us if you are interested in helping in any way.

funday@arndell.nsw.edu.au

Rachael Aldacour 0412 691 210

Jo Selff 0421 648 771

Equestrian News
Laura Thorpe - Equestrian Co-ordinator
Anna MacDonald - Team Manager

Well done to all the riders who attended the Tara Anglican Dressage/Carnival day on the 27th March at the Sydney Equestrian Centre. It was well supported by the Junior and Senior Arndell Equestrian riders. Everyone looked very impressive in the Arndell Equestrian uniform and the conduct and sportsmanship by all students was to be commended. Many riders came home with ribbons in the carnival section of the day, and for those who competed in the sporting section had a fun time with the challenging games. The dressage was of high standard for our team with the official results being sent on to the school by next term from Tara's committee. Congratulations for a wonderful day.



Just a reminder to Equestrian Students from years 3 to 12. The Equestrian excursion to The CDI is **Thursday 28th April**, (first week of Term 2). Please return permission notes to Mrs. Gillian before the end of Term 1. Please contact Anna MacDonald or myself if you have any queries.

NSW Government Transport – School Student Transport Scheme

1. **Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) Subsidy** is available for eligible school students, who are residents of NSW, where there is no public transport available for all or part of the journey. The PVC Subsidy is paid on a daily basis for the single distance journey between home and the transport pick up point/school. The PVC Subsidy may also be available on medical or safety grounds. **Application Forms are available from Student Services.**
2. **NSW Senior Secondary Student Concession Cards for 16, 17 and 18years.** These cards permit students to travel at the discounted rate of fare on all CityRail trains, State Transit and privately operated buses and government ferries for journeys to and from sport, evening, weekend and vacation travel. Concession cards will also be available for interstate rail journeys on Countrylink services as indicated on the back of the card. **Concession Cards are available from Student Services.**
- 3.

Amendments to Westbus School Bus Timetable

Commencing Wednesday 27th April 2011.

The amended timetable shows changes to **Route 5513 @ 3:10pm** and **Route 5586 @ 3:10pm** and the implementation of **Route 675 @ 3:55pm.**

The new timetable can be obtained from www.cdcbus.com.au or Student Services. Please contact the Customer Service Department of ComfortDelgroCabcharge (Westbus) on 8889 7000 for further information.

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



Arndell Dads!

Is this the closest you get to indoor soccer nowadays?
come and play

'Unfit Dads Indoor Soccer'

Friday evenings 8-9pm in the gym
gold coin donation only

contact Tim Iles: 0430 338251 or email triles@bigfoot.com

New Family Service

Starting at St James Church in Pitt Town

Sunday 17th April @ 10:15am

Meet Nudge the puppet
bring a picnic lunch &
enjoy some traditional picnic
games on the lawn

Also at St James:

8:30am Traditional Service
6:00pm Contemporary Service

...and Easter services
on 22nd and 24th April



*Come and be
a part of this great community*



Pitt Town Anglican
Community Church

110 Bathurst St, Pitt Town www.pitttown.anglican.asn.au
Minister Greg Peisley Ph: (02) 4572 3262

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of the
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The Ellie Greenwich Musical

Performances:

Thursday 16th June at 7.30pm

Friday 17th June at 7.30pm

Saturday 18th at June 7.30pm

Prices: Adults \$15, Student/Concession \$10.

Tickets on sale
NEXT TERM
from the Admin
College Office.
Phone:
45 72 3633

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