



The Arndell Advocate

Monday 9 May 2011
The Newsletter of Arndell Anglican College

Open Day 1pm – 2.30pm

Family Funday 12pm – 5pm

Saturday 28th May 2011

Take the opportunity to see the College in Action, see the exciting opportunities in:

- Creative Arts, Sport, Academic Excellence, Tours of the College will be available meet our key staff followed by: -

Family Funday

- up to 30 stalls, Rides, Books, White Elephant stalls, Plants, Homemade Produce, Cake Stall and Food, Food, Food. Lots of entertainment, Karate demonstrations, Dancers, Creative Arts from Arndell



Join us for Open Day, and enjoy the Family Funday!

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From the Head of the Senior School: Mr James Webb



Welcome to term 2 – exam term.

A few administrative points to get us underway.

Uniform:

Scarves: Please ensure that your child, if they wear a scarf, firstly complies with the College guidelines in the diary and secondly understands that they may wear the scarf to and from College and not in class, at assembly or in chapel.

Jewellery

We have, creeping in to the College, a number of students who are wearing excessive amounts of jewellery. Please refer to the Diary with respect to the College Guidelines.

Winter Uniform

College blazers are to be worn to and from the College. No other jackets are to be worn. Students must not wear parts of their sports uniform in place of the College jumper or blazer.

Year 10 Work Experience:

The students have been issued with:

- Letter from the Headmaster, Work Experience Placement Information, the Dates and 2 letters of application to prospective employers.

Work experience is a valuable opportunity for all students to enter the world of work and talk directly to the people who do the type of work that interests them. Please support your child in seeking work placement but do not do it for them.

Year 12 Careers Information

I post careers alerts each week to the year 12's – great events and wonderful career opportunities. Give me a call if you would like me to add you the parent to the mailing list.

Have a great weekend.

From the Director of Studies: Mrs Lynn Gillen



NAPLAN tests.

- These important Australia-wide tests will be conducted with Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 on **Tuesday 10th May, Wednesday 11th May and Thursday 12th May.**
- Notices have been given to each student concerning the organization of the tests. Please ask your child for the note if they haven't given it to you already.

Half Yearly Examinations for Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11

- Timetables for the Half Yearly exams to be held during the week, 16th to 20th May, 2011, were given to all students this week. Any student who did not receive a timetable should see Mrs McGowen in Student Services to obtain their copy.
- **Year 11** exams will be held in the Senior Library Centre (rooms H7 and H8). Year 11 students are not required to be at the College if they do not have an examination, but may use the Mezzanine in the Library if they wish to study at school. Year 11 exams continue all week. The students are not required at school on Friday afternoon when no exams are scheduled.
- **Year 10** exams will be held on Monday 16th to Wednesday 18th May inclusive, in the Gym. Students who have study lessons will need to bring material to study from during those sessions and will study at their desks in the Gym.
- **Year 9** exams will be held on Wednesday 18th May to Friday 20th May inclusive, in the Gym. The French exam only will be held on Tuesday 17th May. Students who have study lessons will need to bring material to study from during those sessions and will study at their desks in the Gym.
- **Year 8** exams will be held on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th May, in the Gym. Students who have study lessons will need to bring material to study from during those sessions and will study at their desks in the Gym. Some subjects will hold their exams during class time and these will be notified to students separately.
- **Year 7** exams will be held on Thursday 19th May and Friday 20th May, in the Gym. Students who have study lessons will need to bring material to study from during those sessions and will study at their desks in the Gym. Some subjects will hold their exams during class time and these will be notified to students separately.
- Students who have **Special Provisions** will be given instructions on where to report and how these will be conducted this year, during the week prior to the exam period.
- If a **student is absent** for an examination, a Medical Certificate is required, as stated in the Assessment Policy Handbook issued to each student. If a student misses one or more examinations, they are asked to reschedule their examination(s) with Mrs Gillen as soon as they return to school.

For any further information, please contact Student Services at the College, on 4572 3633.

Scholarship Exams.

Scholarship exams will be held on Saturday, 14th May, 2011. Applications to take part in these should already have been made through Mrs Whelan. Letters giving the instructions for these exams have been sent to the participants. Please check the times and requirements to ensure that these will run smoothly on Saturday.

Year 10 Subject Choices for Year 11 2012

We are currently starting the process for Subject selections for Year 11 in 2012. A form has been sent home with all students to ascertain preliminary intentions for schooling in 2012.

Parents should be aware of that all students are legally required to attend school until they are 17 years of age, unless they have an apprenticeship, are attending a TAFE course or are in full-time employment.

The first stage of our process is to gather information about subjects which our returning students wish to study in 2012 – 2013 for the Higher School Certificate. We have asked students to return their form by Friday, 13th May to Student Services.

Following this, we will determine the subjects which we will be able to offer our students in 2012, publish that list, conduct a **Parent – Student Information evening (Wednesday 25th May at 7.30 pm in the Auditorium)** and interview all students to allow returning students to make informed choices for their senior years of study.

Year 10 Parents – please keep the date of the Information evening in your diaries (**Wed, 25th May**).

From the Head of Junior School: Rev. Keith Peterson

I'm sure that all of us probably had some response to last week's Royal Wedding. Given our particular British ancestry / experience it achieved a very high billing in the Peterson household on Friday evening. My daughter, whom I earlier had committed to bring home from School, was very concerned that I had been involved in a series of unscheduled meetings at School on Friday afternoon, meaning that we did not actually leave the College until late on Friday and flew through the Hawkesbury countryside at almost Superman rate so as not to miss the entrance of the first coterie of hats and any preliminary signs of wedding life around Westminster Abbey! Fortunately we made it home before any wedding guests could early-bird it onto our screens ; made it in time in fact for a special English Roast Dinner (including Yorkshire Puddings!) which my wife had so kindly prepared for us as part of a surprise celebration.



It may have been the genetic pull, but I found the whole occasion stubbornly heart-affecting and moving. I have been in Westminster Abbey many times – as a little boy with my grandparents; as a student on architectural mission etc, but I had never seen the Gothic, classical proportions of the abbey stand out in such a beauty – and the symbol of the living green trees, positioned down each aisle, just seemed to support that and add a wonderful completeness to the occasion.

We all watched enrapt throughout the telecast – joined in a little family community amidst the rainy hills of Kurrajong with our family across the world; with memory and tradition, wonderfully intertwining and impacting to become our new 'now'.

On reflection, it all made me think of the extended world which we seek to open for all of our children here at Arndell Anglican College Junior School. Together we live every day in the beautiful, classic reality of God's grace in Jesus – a grace given particular expression both in the life of our Anglican foundation and the marvellous now of the resurrected Jesus; King of Glory, King of Beauty whom we affirm as Lord of our College and seek to worship and to serve as Lord of our lives.

The ancient and the modern; tradition and the now; roots and foundations; the tree of life, personal faith and community history – these are surely precious foundations for us to treasure, teach and hand on to our children?

Every blessing!

Junior School Mufti Day TUESDAY 17TH MAY, 2011



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
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Funday:	Mrs Joanne Selff – 0421 648 771 Mrs Rachael Aldacour – 0412 691 210 Funday@arndell.nsw.edu.au
Uniform Shop:	Mrs Liz Moore – 45 723254 Tuesday/Thursday – 8.20 – 10.30am/ 2.30 – 4pm
Canteen:	Monday – Fridays (Recess/Lunch)

Term Dates for 2010

Term 1

Thursday 28 January to Wednesday 31 March

Term 2

Monday 19 April to Friday 25 June

Term 3

Monday 19 July to Friday 24 September

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.

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.

Family Funday – Senior School

The Parents and Friends association have asked that we support the Family Funday and Open day in the following way.

Lolly Bags

Which Homeroom can—over the next week or so collect the most lolly bags?

If it is your Homeroom the P and F will treat you to a pizza lunch.

The lollies will be sold at the family fun day and profits will go back into resources at the College.

So come on Houses get behind this great venture!



From the Head of Sports: Mrs Rosemary Cornick



High School Sport

HZSA Cross Country Thursday 5th May.

Arndell is sending a squad of 70 students to compete in these Championships at Fagan Park. Details of the results will be posted in the next edition and results will be available on the HZSA website early next week. Students selected from these Championships to compete at the AICES Cross Country at MacArthur Anglican College on June 2nd will be notified as soon as the team has been selected.

HZSA Trimester Two Interschool Sport:

The following teams have been entered to compete in the term 2/3 competition which begins the week 23rd May. Junior, Intermediate & Senior (2 teams) Netball (training Wednesday lunchtime) Mr Webb will be managing, Miss Southwell will coach Junior Netball and senior students will be coaching Inters netball. Junior Boys Football (soccer) (training Thursday lunchtime) Mr Finn will be coaching this team. Junior and Senior Boys Rugby Union Mr Leechman will coach (training Tuesday lunchtime).

HZSA Knock Out Tennis 13th May

Arndell has entered a Boys & Girls team into the competition. Mr McNab will be assisting on the day.

AICES Boys & Girls Football 5th May

At Bankstown. Laura Hartley, Harry Stever, Sebastian Goldrick and Jake Carpenter are all representing HZSA.

Important Dates for Senior Sport:

- **HZSA Rugby Union Trials 10th May** 4pm at Hills Grammar School
- **AICES Open Hockey Championships May 9th** – Newcastle, Rosie Peterson will be representing Arndell in the HZSA team
- **HZSA Knock Out Tennis Friday 13th May** at Bernie Mullane, Kellyville
- **Nominations for CIS Rugby League Trials due 11th May**
- **HZSA Trimester 2 Sport starts Week Beginning Monday 23rd May**
- **HZSA Open Netball trials May 31st** at William Clarke College
- **AICES Cross Country June 2nd** at MacArthur Anglican School.
- **CIS Secondary Cross Country Thursday 16th June** at Eastern Creek Raceway

Junior School Sport

Important Dates for Junior School Representative Sport:

- **Yr 5 HZSA Inter School Sport:** Term 2 Wednesday afternoons from 12.30 -2.20pm. Unfortunately the first week was postponed due to grounds being closed. Starts week 3 with Round 1.
- **Yr 6 HZSA Gala Day: Tuesday May 10th** 8.45am- 2.30pm. Students will be playing AFL & Soccer. The venue is Centenary Park and Bruce Purser Oval, Kellyville
- **HICES Cross Country: Wednesday 25th May** All Saints College Bathurst. All permission notes should now be with Mrs Cornick. Mr Walker & Mr Leechman will be coming to assist on the day.
- **Yr 4 HZSA Gala Day: Tuesday May 31st** 8.45am- 2.30pm. Students will be playing Cricket and Newcombe Ball (modified Volleyball). The venue is Centenary Park, Kellyville

U.S.A. Tour 8-24 April: Miss Jackie Doman/Mrs Sandra Daly



This past holiday, 18 students accompanied Miss Doman and Mrs Daly on a wonderful tour of Washington D.C., New York and Anaheim (home to Disneyland). It was a trip filled with visits to places both educational and entertaining.



Washington D.C. highlights included attending the Cherry Blossom parade, visiting the Smithsonian Museum of American History and the National Air and Space Museum, seeing all of the famous monuments including the Lincoln Memorial (where Martin Luther King gave his famous speech), the White House and Arlington Cemetery. The Holocaust Museum was particularly moving and the tour of the Capitol gave a sense of the American National pride.

In New York, we watched the Yankees play baseball at Yankee Stadium and enjoyed a Broadway show. The Metropolitan Museum of

Art contained treasures from around the globe and Fifth Avenue showed us all what we couldn't afford! The views from the Empire State Building and the Rockefeller Centre were spectacular and Time square was buzzing with people.



Our final destination was Anaheim, for 3 days of theme parks. It is exhausting riding roller coasters and being entertained. The 3D King Kong experience at Universal Studios and the sheer fun of the Simpsons ride had everyone entertained. Disneyland still has magic in its themes rides and shows.

It was a busy two weeks, crammed with experiences (riding the New York subway has to be experienced to be believed) and a lot of laughs. Thanks to the students who made it a terrific time away.



Reading Books for Overseas Students: Mrs Connie Stephens (Head of Library Services)



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: Mrs Connie Stephens (Head of Library Services)

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.

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

Students from Arndell Equestrian team were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to attend the Sydney CDI on Thursday the 28th April. This is Australia's premier Dressage event and showcases Australia's best riders and horses. We were escorted for a behind the scenes look and a big thank you to Rachel Sanna and Vicki Brydon who introduced us to some of the famous riders and their horses. The rain held out for most part of the morning and we were able to settle in for the afternoon and watch some of the riders and horses in action. It was also very pleasing to get reports from officials as to how well behaved the students were. A special thank you to Mrs Thirza Teuban, Margot Shore and Vicki Clayton for assisting me on the day. Congratulations also to Rachel Sanna for taking out the Grand Prix Freestyle event on the Saturday night, it was certainly a wonderful performance!

On Sunday the 1st May, Amelia Ramsey travelled to Berrima to represent Arndell at the Oxley College Equestrian Day. Amelia did a great job and placed 3rd in her rider class out of over 30 riders and 3rd in best presented pony and rider, well done! This was a great effort considering the event started at 8.30 in the morning and was a 3 hour drive, so thank you Amelia and support crew for doing such a great job in representing Arndell. As always there were a lot of comments regarding how lovely our uniform looks and how much it stands out from the rest.



FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday 28 May, 2011 12 - 5pm

The Family Fun Day is fast approaching and we are looking forward to another fantastic day. This week the Junior School will be bringing a note home to ask parents to volunteer some time to help out on our school stalls. Please give generously with your time - remember many hands make light work! Below is a list of the coordinators for our stalls.

PREP	ANGELA RIDGE	Cake Stall
KINDY	KYLIE MCDONALD	Kids Craft
YEAR 1	FIONA CHRISTOPHER	Chocolate Wheel / Plants
YEAR 2	SUE TAYLOR	Drinks
YEAR 3	JILL CUMMING	Games Tent
YEAR 4	KIM HEWITT	White Elephant
YEAR 5	DI ELVEN	Pancakes / Toasties
YEAR 6	JUANITA BEASLEY	Lolly/Hot Dog Stand

Once again we are asking for our Senior School Parents to help with the BBQ.

- Please contact Prue Stever on 0458 419 165 to book a time.

Still need:

White elephant stuff, books for our second hand book stall, plants to sell on the day.

If you could knit some scarves or sew please contact us, so our Sew Wot Mums stall can be well stocked.

If anyone has any face paints or acrylic paints for plaster painting that they would like to donate.

Any colored hair spray or accessories for our Crazy Hair Stall.

We are looking for several creative people out there interested in helping out on our Face Painting Stall, Crazy Hair Stall and Plaster Painting Stall. If this is something you think you would enjoy please contact us.

Donations of cane baskets for the white elephant stall, wrapping paper, ribbon etc.

We are still taking applications for Stall Holders - fresh produce, soaps, jams, tools etc. Sponsorship and donations for raffles would be greatly appreciated.

- All donations can be left at the Admin Building thanks.
- All money raised this year will go towards a fabulous new sound system for our Auditorium.

Be entertained by the College bands, Dancing groups, Karate Displays, Hawkesbury City Band, Dance groups, Show & Shine Car & Bike Display, Huge Lego Display and lots more!

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Rachael Aldacour 0412 691 210

Jo Selff 0421 648 771

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

Arndell Anglican College

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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

Tickets on sale

Now from the Admin

College Office.

Phone: 45 72 3633

Book by **Annie Beatts**. Music and Lyrics by **Ellie Greenwich** and friends. Based on the original play by **Melanie Mintz**. Additional Material by **Jack Heifner**. Arndell Anglican College performs as an amateur organization by arrangement with Dominie Ptd. Ltd.