



# The Arndell Advocate

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The Newsletter of Arndell Anglican College

*From the Headmaster: Mr Gareth Leechman*



## *5 Reasons to come to the Family Fun Day!*

With the Arndell Anglican College Family Fun Day at the end of this week I thought it would be fitting to remind our college community why it would be such a good thing for us to support this excellent event. So here are five reasons why I think the event is worth supporting.

1. **It is a great way of building community.** In last week's Newsflash I reminded us all about the challenge I set last year – the challenge being to move from being a good school into a great one. At the heart of a great school is a great community and your presence on the day will be a strong indication as to how great a community and college we are going to be.
2. **It is a major fundraiser for the P&F.** The P&F this year have committed to raising funds for a new sound system for the college auditorium as well as a new set of lockers for the students in the High School. The predicted cost for these two pieces of infrastructure is approximately \$50,000 and this will only be achieved if we are willing to support events such as the Family Fun Day. So come on down, grab yourself a bargain, have a bite to eat or a turn on the rides.
3. **It is the college Open Day.** (1pm to 2.30pm) Each year we combine the Family Fun Day with the college Open Day and this is a way of showcasing to prospective parents what the college has to offer. As a result of this combined event we enrol new students to the college as well as highlighting to existing parents what a great place Arndell is. So bring a friend and show off to them what Arndell might have to offer them and their family!
4. **You'll have a great time.** God willing, we will have lovely weather for the event and with the current state of the grounds being so good how can one not but have a good time. Whilst you munch on your toasty or sip your coffee, children will be running rampant around the college grounds visiting the jumping castle, playing mini golf, having a go at the lucky dip or trying to smash each other on the dodgem cars.
5. **What else would you be doing?** Relaxing at home, reading a book, watching television, having an afternoon nap.

Sounds a little BORING to me so get yourself down to the Family Fun Day and support the work of the P&F and the College as we seek to make 2011's Family Fun Day a great one.

**Open Day 1pm – 2.30pm**  
**Family Funday 12pm – 5pm**  
**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2011**



## *From the Head of Junior School: Rev. Keith Peterson*

A reflection was once offered to me that, 'the most successful leader is as successful as the team around them'. I believe that this is true, and that the securest achievement occurs collegially. This is why such a big hope for myself, and the Junior School Staff, is that we will continue to develop together as a 'Community of Learners' so that we can really support one another in the application of best practice in teaching and learning within each and every classroom of Arndell Anglican College Junior School. This way we can greatly support the progress and achievement of all of our children as each child takes their individual place as an equal and dynamic member of our whole Junior School 'Community of Learners'.



To get this happening, it's really important for all of us as the Junior School Staff to keep all professional eyes and ears open and to help one another to become aware of up-to-date educational research – because, like most things in 2011, our understanding of learning is always on the move! The best research comes with the most practical results. I do believe that we do need to grasp that kind of research and to think, "Now how might this work at Arndell?"

It's following just this path of thought that we have begun to introduce a model for supporting learning at Stage 3 in the Junior School. This model – involving the use of 'Show Me Boards' - comes from the research of Professor Dylan Williams. Professor Williams' contention is that just using the traditional method of 'hands up' in the classroom *sometimes just does not work* because, as he comments, 'only a quarter of students in most classrooms will choose to put their hands up. They can't wait to take part whilst others can just switch off'.

Instead, through active / pro-active use of 'Show Me Boards' teachers at Stage 3 can now gather a continually 'refreshed' idea of where their class' learning is actually at - by asking all students to respond directly to a question on their individual boards, or by using the boards in a variety of contexts to keep learning 'up to the minute' and live.

It is the working out of this approach which Mr Steven Catt describes below – putting all of this so importantly into our own Arndell College Junior School context. It is an approach which marks the start of a continuing journey – and exciting days ahead!

### *Stage 3 Learning Initiative: "Show Me" Boards: Mr Steven Catt Class Teacher Yr 5R*

At the beginning of Term 2, all students in Stage 3 were issued with mini white-boards (known as Show Me Boards) to assist and enrich their learning. *These Show Me* boards have been packaged together in a plastic document wallet with a marker and cleaning cloth. It has been explained to the students that these boards are to stay on their desks at all times so they are easily accessible by any student who sits at that desk. This initiative will hopefully continue and include Stage 2 in the near future.

*The Show Me Boards* were introduced, as a learning concept, to the Junior School Staff by Rev. Peterson at the beginning of the school year and are an initiative that I have seen and used on numerous occasions whilst teaching in the UK. I warmly welcome their inclusion to Arndell Anglican College. They are a great teaching and learning tool and the students have shown a keen interest in using the boards as much as possible. They can be used in any lesson across all KLA's. The main occasions where they have been used are Mathematics, THRASS lessons, Circle Time and Literacy.

**Mathematics:** During these lessons, students are required to investigate and process information in a visual manner. *The Show Me Boards* enable students to practise equations, drawing of shapes and patterns as well as fractions etc. The teacher can demonstrate a concept for the students on the white-board and then this can be copied by the students on their own *Show Me Board*. The teacher can then ask for the students to hold up their boards, giving the teacher a quick assessment of who has or has not grasped the concept before they begin the set task (instead of finding out after the lesson when marking the students' books). Also, some students need to be able to practise the concept with larger numbers or shapes. This visual and spatial intelligence is important to consider when modelling a new mathematical concept.

Another positive aspect of these *Show Me Boards* is that it enables the students to make mistakes and take risks without having to re-do the set task. If a teacher notices that the student has made a mistake on their *Show Me Board*, they are able to

have the student clean their boards and try again; thus stopping the student from making repeated mistakes in the set task and having to start all over again.

**THRASS & Literacy:** Students at AAC participate in the THRASS spelling and phonetics program across all stages. *The Show Me Boards* allow students to create THRASS analogies, syllables and other activities based on the THRASS program. Again, teachers are able to quickly assess and evaluate which students are making progress or finding the concept difficult and then able to assist those in need. Students who have grasped the concept can then move on to completing a set task in their books, confident that they are on the right track.

**Circle Time:** Circle Time is an activity where students are able to share their concerns, opinions and ideas in a democratic arena. Students can use the *Show Me Boards* in this time to write down feelings or ideas to share with the other members. They can also use the boards as a means of recording information to use back at their desks.



Some students from 6 Blue using their *Show Me Boards* during Mathematics.

The students are revising the different types of angles and their properties.

“They are really fun to use, they make learning more exciting....”



Students in Year 5 using their Show Me Boards to complete a fraction activity.



## *Term 2 Events*

28 May – Open Day/Funday  
1 Jun – Yr 11 2012 Info Even  
7 Jun – Yr 7/10 Vaccinations  
15 Jun – College Photos  
16 Jun – College Musical  
17 Jun – PS: Athletics Carnival  
17 Jun – College Musical  
18 June – College Musical  
20 Jun – SS: Athletics Carnival  
22 Jun – College Sport Photos  
24 Jun – TERM 2 FINISHES

## *Term 3 - Events*

19 July – TERM 3 COMMENCES  
20 Jul – Yr 9 2012 Info Even  
22 Jul – PS: Athletics Carnival  
25 July – Yr 10 & 11 P/T I Views  
2 Aug – THRASS Info Even  
3 Aug – Yr 7 Vaccinations  
3 Aug – Yrs 7 – 9 P/T I Views  
9 Aug – P & F Meeting  
10 Aug – Yr 12 HSC Music &  
Drama Evening  
15 Aug – HSC Trials Commence  
17 Aug – JS: Grandparents Day  
24 Aug – JS: Book Week  
26 Aug – Elective Drama Even.  
1 Sep – Yr 12 Body of Works Exb.  
8 -19 Sep – Yr 11 Exams  
16 Sep - Yr 12 Final Service &  
Valedictory Dinner  
21 – 23 Sep – Yrs 7 to 11 Camps  
23 Sep – TERM 3 FINISHES

## *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
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<a href="mailto:Funday@arndell.nsw.edu.au">Funday@arndell.nsw.edu.au</a>	
Uniform Shop:	Mrs Liz Moore – 45 723254
Tuesday/Thursday – 8.20 – 10.30am/ 2.30 – 4pm	
Canteen:	Monday – Fridays (Recess/Lunch)

### *Term Dates for 2011*

#### 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

## *Parents and Students of Year 10*

# **Reminder**

**Year 11 2012 Information Evening**  
**Performing Arts Auditorium**  
**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June**  
**7:30pm**

This is a very important evening for parents and students alike. During the course of the evening the following will occur:

- A presentation explaining how the HSC works
- A explanation of how ATARs are created
- Overview of suggested subject choices
- Explanation of any prerequisite requirements
- Explanation of how subject lines will be created
- An opportunity for you to ask questions of Executive staff and Heads of Departments

Following the presentations and question time, students and parents will be issued with the following two documents:

1. Subject choice booklet
2. Course choice sheet

## *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.

## *Country Singing Star at Arndell!*

Two weeks ago, one of our year 4 students, Michala Brown, travelled to Forbes to take part in a country singing contest. What a fantastic effort to come away with two trophies for her singing! Michala plays the guitar and mandolin, as well as writing her own songs! Year 4 was very fortunate to have Michala sing for us last week in class. She sang one of her own songs about living on a Mudgee farm. Congratulations Michala – we all hope you will continue to use this God-given gift of yours!



## *Thank you Parents! From the Learning Support Dept (Snr. School)*

From May 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>, a number of wonderful mums crusaded to assist the Senior School in providing Special Provisions to students from Yr's 7 to 10, by encouraging, reading to and writing for students during their formal exams.

The staff (and all the students you helped) would like to say a big "thank you" for the generous giving of your time during exam week. Whether you were able to do just one exam or a whole week, your kind service to others in need is greatly appreciated! Jesus particularly loved "the little ones" and those in need. You have left a compassionate example to all of us as to how to serve like Jesus.

We only wish we had more of you! All parents, grandparents, friends, relatives and ex-students with a bit of time to spare on a weekday are now being called! We need at least 16 readers to assist us with the Yearly exams and the School Certificate in November. Can you help us? This is not an onerous commitment, as we only require help twice a year + the School Certificate.

If you haven't already given your name in, please send an email through to [donna.allen@arndell.nsw.edu.au](mailto:donna.allen@arndell.nsw.edu.au) so we can add to our lists before the Semester 2 exams.



## THE COUNTDOWN IS ON – ONLY 5 DAYS TO GO!!!

HERE IS A SNEAK PEEK OF THE ENTERTAINMENT ON DISPLAY AT THE FAMILY FUN DAY

### FAMILY FUN DAY PROGRAM

Time	Group	Details
12.30 – 2pm	Motiv8sport 'Great Race' Competition	The ever-effervescent 'Coach David' has some great activities in store as an energetic kick off to Fun Day. Compete for the Madd Gear Pro Scooter Major Prize.
12noon – 1.30pm	Arndell Dance Rehearsal	See Arndell's dance talent prepare for upcoming performances in the Auditorium.
1pm - 1.20pm	Arndell Chapel Band	Arndell's talented musicians will be showcased in this special performance.
1.30 – 2pm	Hawkesbury District Concert Band	More than 25 of Hawkesbury's finest musicians combine to perform our favourites.
2.10 – 2.25pm	Fighting Fit Martial Arts Centre	Exciting demonstration featuring aerial moves flips jumps and high impact demolition breaks.
2.30 – 2.45pm	Arndell Musical Band	Great talent will be on display in Arndell's own band featuring songs from the upcoming school musical 'Leader of the Pack'.
3pm – 3.15pm	KSTP Tumbling Team	This dynamic performance group showcases fitness and strength with high energy tumbling routines on Australia's only tumbling Airfloor.
3.20 – 3.40pm	Tang Soo do Korean Karate	Wayne Miller heads up this popular demonstration of non-sport karate which focuses on the whole person.
3.50 – 4.15pm	Zumba / BodyJam Display - YMCA Hawkesbury Oasis	High energy routines will get you moving with the team from Hawkesbury Oasis.

### THINGS TO DO BEFORE THE FAMILY FUN DAY

PRE-PURCHASE YOUR ARMBAND TICKETS TO RECEIVE A DISCOUNTED PRICE OF \$22.00 EACH FOR UNLIMITED RIDES OR \$20.00 EACH FOR A FAMILY OF 3 OR MORE. TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED 8:30 - 9:15AM OUTSIDE STUDENT SERVICES EVERY MORNING.

GET YOUR LEGO DISPLAY ENTRY TO THE JUNIOR SCHOOL LIBRARY.

BRING YOUR YUMMY CAKES TO STUDENT SERVICES ON THE MORNING OF FRIDAY 27 MAY (OR THE DAY OF THE FETE)

PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME DOWN AS A VOLUNTEER - WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP FOR A FANTASTIC DAY.

**DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN!!!**

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**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](mailto: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](http://www.pitttown.anglican.asn.au)  
Minister Greg Peisley Ph: (02) 4572 3262



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# The Ellie Greenwich Musical

## Performances:

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> at June 7.30pm

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

Tickets on sale

Now

from the Admin

College Office.

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.