



The Arndell Advocate

Monday June 6 2011

The Newsletter of Arndell Anglican College

From the Headmaster: Mr Gareth Leechman



Over the past eighteen months Arndell Anglican College has proactively sought to improve the quality of Christian Education that we have sought to offer. This has been hard but exciting work and the results so far have been extremely positive. The Junior School is now 43 students above budget for this year, we are moving to four classes in Year 7 2012 with over 100 students already enrolled and a further dozen to process, the Family Fun Day was the best we have had in years and the general mood of the college has significantly changed from where we were a few years ago. Just in the past week I have had several parents stop me around the college, in the street or at the sporting fields passing on positive comments about where the college is headed.

Since the start of this year, the Executive of the College and the College Council have sought to create a statement which clearly outlines our vision for the college by defining who we are, what we offer and where we are headed. I am pleased to say that at our May meeting of College Council the strategic plan was approved and we will formally launch our plan to the college at the commencement of Term 3. However part of this plan is to put into a place an effective executive structure so that we can best meet the needs of the students and families that we serve. In light of this I am pleased to announce that the current role Mrs Lynn Gillen fulfils – Director of Studies will be split into two roles. These being:

- 1. Director of Curriculum and Policy P – 12**
- 2. Director of Student and Staff Welfare P – 12**

Mrs Lynn Gillen has chosen to fulfil the new role of Director of Student and Staff Welfare which will focus on the overseeing the following services in the college; Learning Support, Counselling Services, Work Experience, TVET Applications and Staff PD and applications to the NSW Institute of Teachers. Many of these areas have been allowed to drift along and they will now receive strong direction and leadership. Some of these roles have also been fulfilled by Mr James Webb and in 2012 he will now have more time to give to his role as Head of Senior School.

The new role of Director of Curriculum and Policy will provide oversight of the following; curriculum development within a Christian framework, the fulfilment of our Board of Studies requirements, the operational plan resulting from the college's strategic plan, policy assistance and development as well as guiding the improved quality of our teaching, learning and assessment practices. The college advertised for this position both in local *Sydney Morning Herald* and in the national *The Australian* papers. Please pray that suitably qualified people will apply for this role and that the selection panel will have wisdom and discernment as we seek to appoint the right person to this important position.

Finally I would like to remind the college community that our College Musical for this year *Leader of the Pack* will be shown on Thursday 16th, Friday 17th and Saturday 18th June. The production team have put a great deal of effort into the rehearsal stage so again I encourage you all to get yourself a ticket soon as they are selling fast. Look forward to seeing you there.

From the Head of Senior School: Mr James Webb

The exam period is now over and we look forward to the rest of the term. Athletics, Musical and much more – and did I mention the MUSICAL?? Leader of the Pack – do you have your tickets yet? If not why not?

Year 10 Work Experience:

Parents please push your year 10 student. It is essential I have all work experience information by the end of the term. Many students have been to see me or have emailed me and we have been able to make adjustments as necessary.

Year 10 into 11 Information:

My thanks to all who turned up on Wednesday evening. It was packed with great information and certainly gave our students the opportunity to listen to staff and to discuss possible choices for 2012. Interviews will occur this coming week.

Did I mention tickets for the musical?

Uniform:

No not 60's clothing – that's Leader of the Pack – you could dress up on the night – if you have your ticket!!!

Scarves:

Parents please refer to the College Diary. **College scarf colours are navy and red.** They can be purchased from the uniform shop. They will only be worn to and from College and at recess and lunchtime. They will not be worn in class or at chapel and assembly. I am weary of students making facile comments to staff members such as; my parents will want to talk to you and you can't take that from me.

Parents you sign up for the College and with that comes the expectation that all College guidelines will be followed. Please refer to the diary for your information.

Musical:

Leader of the Pack: **Do you have your tickets yet?** A great show and awesome music. Come along and support the College – bring your friends – we have a group from our local fitness club coming along – it is simply that sort of music – everybody loves the story and the music. **Don't forget your tickets.**



From the Head of Junior School: Rev. Keith Peterson

What a great day Family Fun day was! It was my first experience of Family Fun day at Arndell and I thoroughly enjoyed it! There was such a live sense of community around – and of fun – and of belonging together – and of having something very special to share.

And this was such a big part of my experience of the day because as Head of Junior School I had the privilege of taking many families around the College, of listening to their comments; doing my best to answer their questions and generally being aware of lots of positive responses. And all of these comments and responses just kept on knitting together into something very affirming as families enjoyed talking with teachers; enjoyed looking at the wonderfully bright and varied displays of students' work in each Junior School Classroom; enjoyed the brilliant sunshine and the wonderful sense of space, colour and care all over the College Campus.

What a great day it really was! And what a wonderful result to have grown out of such a remarkably generous effort by our P & F who had been planning for months every detail just so that the day could pan out as brilliantly as it did. Thank you! And thank you too to all of the Junior School Staff who provided such a positive welcoming place in each classroom for our many visitors. Thank you!

A phrase which I love (and totally believe in) is, 'It takes a village to raise a child'. It took a community effort of great energy and commitment to make Fun Day the great day it was.

And amidst all the music and the rides and the wonderful class room displays and the children's happiness and excitement, it made me think, 'Surely as we do all work with one heart and one purpose there is nothing, under God's hand and with His favour, that we cannot achieve together for our College and for our community?'

Every blessing.



THRASS Information Evening

What is THRASS?

What are these chants my child is coming home saying (or singing)?

What are GCA'S phonemes, graphemes, graphs, digraphs and trigraphs?

To find out more about this new literacy initiative Arndell Anglican College has adopted and how it may help your child learn more effectively, please come along to a THRASS Information Night. This will be held in the Junior School Library next **Wednesday** evening the **8th of June** starting at **6.30 p.m.** and concluding at **7.30** approx.

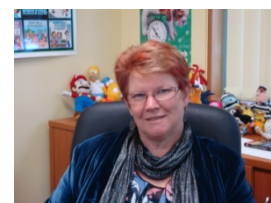
Presenters: Mrs Mary Zahn, Mrs Sarah Jones and Miss Dimity May

From the College Councillor: Mrs Julie Nixon

Emotional Wellbeing Study

The emotional well-being of our students is of paramount importance at Arndell College. To this end, we are partnering with the Centre for Emotional Health at Macquarie University in a research project aimed at enhancing the emotional health of young people. Students in Years 7-12 in our school have been invited to participate in the study by completing some on-line questionnaires which ask about their general emotional and social well-being. Last week students brought home an Information and Consent Pack. This contains further information about the nature of the study and consent forms for those wanting to be involved. Participation is purely voluntary, and students are not able to participate without express, written consent from a parent or guardian. Of course, whether or not a student chooses to participate in no way affects their marks or general standing within the school. However, we do commend this important research to you and ask that you give it your consideration.

The survey will be completed online during home room periods over the next 3 weeks. Completed permission notes need to be returned to the appropriate Home Room Tutor by this Friday 3 June.



ARDELLE ANGLICAN COLLEGE
EQUESTRIAN CARNIVAL
HAWKESBURY SHOWGROUND CLARENDON
Saturday 24th September 2011 - 9.00am start.

The Equestrian Committee is looking for helpers to assist on the day.
You may be a parent, student, ex-student, family friend or anyone willing with a few hours to spare. No horse experience necessary.
All contributions will be recognised.
We would also like to hear from anyone interested in offering sponsorship. Sponsors will receive promotion in the event program and acknowledgements will be made in the day.
Please contact Laura Thorpe on 0436 212 240 or Anna MacDonald on 0410 443 922.

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ARDELLE ANGLICAN COLLEGE
118-124 Wolseley Road Oakville, NSW
PO Box 4063, Pitt Town, NSW 2756
Phone 02 4572 3633

Laura Thorpe
Equestrian Co-ordinator
Phone 0436 212 240
email: equestrian@arndell.nsw.edu.au

Arndell Equestrian: Mrs Laura Thorpe, Mrs Anna MacDonald

Congratulations to our team who attended the Tara Interschool Day. The overall results have been tallied and Arndell won both the Dressage Junior School point score and the Carnival Senior School point score. This carnival will be held again next year on Sunday the 11th March 2010 at SIEC. Fantastic result and a must event to attend next year!

Dressage Junior School point score:	Winner	Arndell Anglican College
Dressage Senior School point score:	Winner	Queenwood
Carnival Junior School point score:	Winner	Northholm Grammar School
Carnival Senior School point score:	Winner	Arndell Anglican College

Term 2 Events

7 Jun – Yr 7/10 Vaccinations

8 Jun – THRASS Info Even

15 Jun – College Photos

16 Jun – College Musical

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

25 July to 29 July – Yr 11 Work Placement Week

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
After School Care:	0407 474 161
P & F President:	Mrs Donna Pellew 0417 774 545
Equestrian:	Mrs Laura Thorpe: 0416 212 260 Mrs Anna MacDonald: 0410 443 122
	equestrian@ardell.nsw.edu.au
Funday:	Mrs Joanne Selff – 0421 648 771 Mrs Rachael Aldacour – 0412 691 210
	Funday@ardell.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 2011

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.

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.

Ardell Family Fun Day Lego Competition

Last Saturday fifty students entered a model in the Lego Design competition at the Family Fun Day. What a great display all the models made in the Junior Library! Our Lego judges had a difficult time deciding the winners but finally made their selection.

Prep and Kindy/Kindergarten students

- 1st – Bethany Spokes
- 2nd – Bailey Cunningham
- 3rd – Ben Charlesworth

Year 1 and Year 2 students

- 1st – Blake Cunningham
- 2nd – Benjamin Webb
- 3rd – Lachlan Watts

Year 3 and Year 4 students

- 1st – Matthew Holman
- 2nd – Connor Miller
- 3rd – Finley Elven

Year 5 and Year 6 students

- 1st – David Sproule
- 2nd – Callaghan Kelly
- 3rd – Corey Aldacour / Kieran Webb

High school students

- 1st – Dalton McCoy-Lancaster
- 2nd – Thomas Fraser
- 3rd – Imogen Iles

Special Encouragement Award – Jack Breene





Arndell Sports Desk

College Teams Sport Photos – June 22nd 8.30am – 12.30pm in Gym:

Please make sure if you have competed as a member of a College team you come dressed in the College PE uniform and track suit for your team photograph. The schedule will be published soon.

SENIOR SCHOOL SPORT:

NSW All Schools Swimming:

Congratulations to Kim Currell (Yr 12) who swam at the CIS championships coming 1st in 50 Br, 2nd in 200 Br and 3rd in 100 Br. She swam for CIS at the All Schools championships finishing 7th in these events.

HZSA Cross Country Thursday 5th May:

Arndell finished 5th overall with the Boys finishing in 6th and the girls 4th place overall. Congratulations to CJ Thomas 18yrs Age Champion and Adam Roberts placed 3rd. Steffi Benz 3rd place 17yrs. The following students will be competing for HZSA at the AICES Championships on June 2nd at **Macarthur Anglican School, Cobbitty**. Georgia Thorpe, Jessica Harper, Tanisha Jamie, Tia Koski, Katie MacDonald, Annabelle Andrews, Natalie Otten, Steffi Benz, Cassie Bonner, Rachel Reid, Issie Garland, Eliza Newton, Emma Sammut, Michele Stow, Rhys Parish, Morgan Hornsby, Alex Celio, Matthew Robertson, Adam Roberts, Nick Systemans-Power, CJ Thomas, Ben Tuynman.

HZSA Trimester Two Interschool Sport:

All draws for all sports are available from the Gym. Please make sure you pick up your own copy.

HZSA Knock Out Tennis 13th May Arndell Girls:

Dainca Barbagello, Olivia Buccini, Erinn Dickinson and Bethany Robinson won their match against William Clarke College by 2 games. These girls will be competing in the **AICES Schools Championships** on June 17th at Concord. Unfortunately our boy's team: Aiden Meca, Tom Zahn, Alex Earle and Mitchell White missed out this year.

Junior Olympics and US Open:

Congratulations to Jordan Piper who competed in the Junior Olympics and the US Open in Karate. Jordan placed 4th in the Cadet 63kg category. 50 countries and 4800 athletes competed in these events. Well done Jordan.

HZSA Rugby Union:

Congratulations to Seaton Kenna 16s and Ben Tuynman Opens, for their selection into the HZSA Rugby team and subsequent selection into the AICES team to compete at the **AICES Rugby Championships** on 5th, 19th and 24th June.

AICES Open Hockey Championships:

Congratulations to Rosanne Peterson who was selected in the AICES Opens Hockey team.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SENIOR SPORT:

- **HZSA Trimester 2 Sport** starts Week Beginning Monday 23rd May
- **HZSA Open Netball trials** postponed until 7th June - venue to be confirmed.
- **AICES Cross Country** June 2nd at MacArthur Anglican School.
- **CIS Secondary Cross Country** Thursday 16th June at Eastern Creek Raceway
- **AICES Schools Tennis Championships:** June 17th at Concord.
- **AICES Rugby Championships:** 5th, 19th and 24th June
- **NSWCIS Rugby Union Championships:** 24th – 26th June
- **Secondary Athletics Carnival:** June 20th and half day June 21st (High Jump ONLY)

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT:

Primary Athletics Carnival

Friday July 22nd at Blacktown Olympic Park.

College Teams Sport Photos – June 22nd 8.30am – 12.30pm. In Gym

Please make sure if you have competed as a member of a College team you come dressed in the College PE uniform and track suit for your team photograph. The schedule will be published soon.

HICES Cross Country:

Wednesday 25th May All Saints College Bathurst. A beautiful sunny and warm day gave our students the best opportunity to prove their running ability. Our team of 40 runners all gave their very best which resulted in Arndell finishing 5th overall at the HICES Championships. Six students: Greer Johnson, Larissa Read, Malcolm McPherson, Cooper Elven, Johanna Ommundson, Madeline Sainty have all gained selection into the HICES team to compete at CIS on June 16th. Many thanks to Mr Walker, who spent several afternoons each week during Term 1 & 2 training the Primary students at PD running club.

Year 5 HZSA Inter School Sport:

Premier team Results can be viewed by going to www.hillszonestsport.com.au .

College Photo's- 2011

WEDNESDAY 15TH JUNE 2011 – FULL WINTER UNIFORM

- All School/ Class & Individual Photos
- Family Groups, Staff Photo, Prefect (Jnr & Snr),

WEDNESDAY 22ND JUNE 2011 – SPORTS UNIFORM

- Prep (3 Days)
- All Sports Photos
- Zone Swimming, Athletics, Cross Country Photos, and After School Sports & Gala Photos, Equestrian etc.

THURSDAY 9TH JUNE 2011 – PREP (2 DAYS)

ENVELOPES FOR FAMILY GROUPS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE COLLEGE ADMIN OFFICE.

ALL ENVELOPES MUST BE RETURNED TO CLASS/HOMEROOM TEACHER OR RECEPTION IN ADMIN

BEFORE FRIDAY 10TH JUNE 2011. (WITH PRE-PAYMENT MONEY ENCLOSED)

SPORT/ TEAM PHOTOS MAY BE ORDERED WHEN DISPLAYED AT A LATER DATE.

Class & Individual

- Please complete all details on the front of the envelope prior to returning it.
- The envelope must be returned to the student's Class/Homeroom teacher or Reception in Admin.
- Please ensure that the correct money is in each envelope, as change cannot be given.
- All students will be in the class photograph & individual photo
- Additional envelopes are available from the College Admin Office.

Family Photos (No "Buddy" Photos will be taken)

- Envelopes are available from the College Admin Office for Family Photographs.
- Only those who return the Family Portrait Envelope with correct money will have Family Photographs. Please ensure that all details on the envelope are complete.
- The correct money should be in the Family Portrait Envelope, *NOT* added to the student's Individual Photograph envelope.
- One member of the family should return the Family portrait envelope to his/her class/ homeroom teacher.

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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Presents



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

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.