



The Arndell Advocate

Monday June 20
The Newsletter of Arndell Anglican College

From the Headmaster: Mr Gareth Leechman



Leader of the Pack

Well a *Da Doo Ron Ron* to you all! Wow what a great production of *Leader of the Pack* (a musical based on the original play by Melanie Mintz) so many of us witnessed over the end of last week. It was a high energy, high noise and most importantly a high quality production involving over 90 students from Years 7 – 12, as well as almost 20 teaching and administrative staff. Over 900 tickets were sold making it one of our most popular musicals ever and it also allowed us to experience for the first time the new sound system which had been installed from the funds generated by the P&F Association.

In my *Newsflash* last week I made the point of reminding us that one of the things that most of us remember once we leave school are the times we were involved in the co-curricular activities offered at our school. At the end of Saturday night our College Captain Emma Sammut-McLeod highlighted this point by getting all of the Year 12 students who were involved in the production back on the stage so they could enjoy together their last college musical.

Congratulations to the following students who played key roles on the night; Hayley Mitchelhill-Miller, Ethan Holland, Mitchell Gibbs, Alexandra Solomou, Nicola Olliffe, Natalie Rance, Anneliese Hoffman, Catherine Reece, Rachel Reid, Adrian Borg, Wills Fisher, Patrick Watts, Ike Ruckman, Laura Roberts, Emma Sammut-McLeod and Ben Tuynman. All of these students threw themselves into their roles and worked exceptionally well together to put on the show we all enjoyed. However it wasn't just on stage that we saw commitment from our students, they were also involved in the band, backstage, assisted with the lighting, make-up and dance groups. To these people I also congratulate them for their fine efforts.

I would also like to thank the many staff who involved themselves in the production especially the Director, Choreographer and Musical Directors Mr and Mrs Wilson. For them it was about allowing the students to enjoy the production, enforcing the discipline needed to produce such a high quality production and ultimately enabling them to shine. But as Mr Wilson acknowledged on Saturday night, they couldn't have achieved what they did without the support of so many other staff who helped them over the past few months. So to the team of teachers who offered their support on the stage, in the band, as part of the back-up singers, at the Front of House, with the set design, on the costumes or even creating the programmes a big thank-you, it wouldn't have been possible without you.

I would like to make special mention though of Mr Tony and Dalton Merrick. The full use of our lighting and sound system was only possible as a result of the hard work of these two people who gave so much of their free time to the college.

So as we end this term I would like to wish you all a happy and safe winter holiday and I look forward to doing the *Da Doo Ron Ron* with you all again next term.

From the Head of Junior School: Rev. Keith Peterson

Term Two has just flown past! It has been an excellent term in the Junior School, with some notable landmarks such as our Anzac Day Service, the Family Fun Day and, just a few weeks back, some wonderful Stage Excursions enjoyed by students and staff in brilliant winter sunshine. This, as well as that great sense of Arndell Anglican College Junior School's literally growing future, adds a sense of excitement as to the significance and potential of that.



But then in 2011 does not everything just seem to move so fast? When I first came to Australia, in the early 1980's, my Grandmother used to cut out newspaper articles from the English press on Chelsea Football Club to send me and they would arrive at least a week after Chelsea's last game of soccer! Nowadays, a tap of a key on my keyboard and there I am, commentary for every game, and just as internet - immediate as I would like!

This speed of communication has had a profound affect and it is surely going to continue to do so? Many commentators have considered the possible implications of this. One is Thomas Friedman, an author, regular contributor to the New York Times and regular visitor to Sydney. In his last visit to Sydney, Friedman gave a number of talks on, 'the shape of the future'. For Friedman, the shape of the future is 'flat', as any previously assumed sense of national or western philosophical or technical advantage becomes progressively 'flattened out'. This results in the only advantage being assumed by quickness of thought, and the ability of teams of people to work co-operatively to effect imaginative ideas. It is the quality of these ideas which might then impact across the contemporary flat space of international networks.

For Friedman, it is imagination which matters most; imagination and the kind of teaching in school which allows imagination to root and flourish. In his opinion, the most important thing any child can learn in school at the start of the 21st Century, is to **learn how to learn**, because the actual content of knowledge is so much on the move that 'to know' confidently today is only to find that confidence substantially undermined by a parallel piece of knowledge superseding it tomorrow.

Therefore, in a flat world of lightening fast communication and constant change, process is king: process and imagination.

Friedman's is an interpretive approach which very much fits the learning culture which we are seeking to develop in the Junior School. It is lots about seeing our educational mission and philosophy clearly and then adding to its best practice. This way we can really get to our aim: to equip our students for their future; nurturing the kind of students who can progressively grow and develop to fulfil their individual potential and so make a difference through imaginative and creative dialogue with their own, fast moving, culture.

For – and it does seem increasingly proven (?), as Einstein confidently predicted some time ago, with no internet, and a very round earth still in sight, 'Imagination is more important than knowledge'.

Equestrian Carnival Hawkesbury Showground Clarendon Saturday 24th September 2011

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 on the day.
Please contact Laura Thorpe on 0416 212 260 or Anna MacDonald on 0410 443 122

Term 2 Events

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
(2nd dose HPV & dTPA injections)

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

19 Aug – JS: Grandparents Day

24 Aug – JS: Book Week

1 Sep – Yr 12 Body of Works Exh.

2 Sep – Jnr. School Disco

8 -19 Sep – Yr 11 Exams

16 Sep - Final Day for Yr 12/2011

20 Sep – Yr 12 Valedictory Service & Valedictory Dinner

21 – 23 Sep – Yrs 7 to 11 Camps

23 Sep – TERM 3 FINISHES

24 Sep – Arndell Equestrian Carnival

11 Oct – TERM 4 COMMENCES

Arndell Anglican College Directory

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Tuesday/Thursday – 8.20 – 10.30am/ 2.30 – 4pm	
Canteen:	Monday – Fridays (Recess/Lunch)

Term Dates for 2011

Term 2

Wednesday 27 April to Friday 24 June

Term 3

Tuesday 19 July to Friday 23 September

Friday 16 September – Yr 12/2011 Final Day

Term 4

Tuesday 11 October to Thursday 8 December

Tuesday 6 December – Infants Presentation Afternoon

Wednesday 7 December – Primary School Presentation Even.

Thursday 8 December – Senior School Presentation Even.

Isaac Whatson Yr8 has been selected to play for the 'Cal Ripken' U13 Baseball Team. They will be travelling to America for 3 weeks in August. He will be travelling across America, playing against teams from 15 other countries.

This is a great honour and privilege for Isaac and we wish him well.



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 is posted around Junior School, Student Services & Gym. Please make sure your child is properly dressed.

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.

NSWCIS Cross Country Thursday 5th May.. Congratulations to Adam Roberts, Nick Systemans-Power, CJ Thomas, Ben Tuynman, Issie Garland, Eliza Newton, Emma Sammut, Michele Stow who's performance at AICES cross country gives them opportunity to run at the CIS Cross Country. On doubt after all the rain the track will be very heavy going.

AICES Schools Championships on June 17th Danica Barbagello, Olivia Buccini, Erinn Dickinson and Bethany Robinson will be competing in the at Concord.

HZSA Open Netball trials: Congratulations to Isabella Garland & Natalie Otten who were selected into the HZSA Opens Netball team and will be competing at the AICES Championships on Monday 21st June. Danica Barbagelo & Amy Jungherr got through to the final probables games.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SENIOR SPORT:

NSWCIS Rugby Union Championships: 24th – 26th June

Secondary Athletics Carnival: June 20th and half day June 21st (High Jump ONLY)

Wallabies v Springbok July 23rd: Tickets have been purchased and will be distributed to players from the Junior Rugby team who took advantage of the special offer as soon as they arrive.

Junior School Sport:

NSWCIS Cross Country Thursday 16th June: Greer Johnson, Larissa Read, Malcolm Macpherson, Cooper Elven, Johanna Ommundson, Madeline Sainty, Morgan Sainty, Patrick Westbrook, Lucy Bittendorfer, Sophie McAlpine, Faith Evans will all be competing on a wet and muddy track.

Year 5 HZSA Inter School Sport: Premier team Results can be viewed by going to www.hillszone.com.au .

Year 6 HZSA Inter School Sport: Yr 6 competition starts week 2 Term 3. Letters will go out to students this week. This competition runs every Wednesday afternoon from 12.15 – 2.30pm. Students will travel off campus to Kellyville. Boys will be competing in Touch Football and Girls will be competing in Netball. Senior students will assist with umpiring.

Wallabies v Springbok July 23rd: Tickets have been purchased and will be distributed to players from the 7s Rugby team who took advantage of the special offer as soon as they arrive.

Primary Athletics Carnival

Friday July 22nd at Blacktown Olympic Park.

Letters will be sent out Friday 17th June

High Jump Finals will be held at school on

June 21st from 1.30 – 3.00pm

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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*



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