

The Arndell Advocate

Monday August 15th 2011

The Newsletter of Arndell Anglican College

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

From its opening on Friday, and then its continuing over the past weekend, Mr Leechman and I have just returned from representing Arndell Anglican College at this year's Australian Anglican School Network Conference, in Hobart. With the Conference Centre set on the edge of the harbour, Hobart provided a very special location; but whilst it was wonderful to be able to sometimes catch a glimpse of an unclouded Mount Wellington or the shape of a white sail in the bay, the Conference ran to a very concentrated schedule and to a very wide theme.



On first hearing, the Conference Theme might sound a bit 'airy' (?) – 'From Innocence to Inner Sense', but in fact many speakers ensured that it became really grounded, with practical teaching often coming from a great quality of personal experience; and all set within the context of affirming Anglican Schools as unique places, particularly set apart to nurture our students towards a whole and wise, maturing and assured view of themselves and their positive place in their future world.

One such quality speaker was Rev Tony Jarvis. Tony is the Director, Educational Leadership and Ministry Program, Yale University, having previously been Headmaster of the Roxbury Latin School in Boston and a past president of the Headmasters Association of the United States. And so it was from a wide experience and perspective that Tony offered the Conference his own critique of the society and culture in which our young people seek to find meaning, often against a maelstrom of personal and social pressure points, or a media- electric storm of mixed and competing messages.

Tony was very affirming of the inherent qualities of our young people and offered us as teachers, parents and guides four essential cues to support their growth and flourishing.

Firstly, he strongly indicated that all young people *need the support of adults who care*; adult mentors who care about themselves; who care for the students in their care and who care about the wider world. Tony indicated that the strongest voice of practical support will come from those 'adult adults' who stand for something and who 'walk the walk' rather than just 'talk the talk'. It was in line with this call for adult integrity that Tony reminded us of the aphorism that students primarily, 'learn teachers rather than subjects'.

Secondly, Tony affirmed that young people thrive best in 'authoritative communities' – communities that stand for something and whose values and structure, relationships and ways of doing things are all set on one secure foundation. He suggested that without this sense of a practically founded and connected world, children might easily become 'at risk' from a hidden but serious series of fault lines in which nothing is clear, everything is relative and a moral and ethical fog covers everyone's eyes, because no-one has the ability to discern any agreed out-line together. 'It is only the Gospel of Jesus which has power to remove this fog' Tony said. 'Christ died and rose again in order to magnificently re-connect all levels of meaning and not in order that I might be self-actualised in my own self-actualisation bubble.'

This led to Tony's third 'cue for connectivity' - which he identified as being about being prepared to *get ourselves* onto the ground where our young people actually are and then being prepared to talk about the real issues that they face in a way that has not only authenticity of care but also authenticity of framework

"And that framework,' Tony said, addressing his concluding cue, 'is not a theory, but a person. For it's all about Jesus'.

This became Tony's final and defining measure towards seeking to best meet the deepest needs of young people; by putting the spiritual out there *first*. He was passionate in indicating that the most significant help anyone can offer comes most effectively this way, by leading from the spiritual. How? - by opening out to young people a quality of information and content, which is not just about instruction, but formation; not just offering a bit of

analysis, but an invitation to experience; not just defining a theoretical base, but the live possibility of a hope and a future - of 'transformation'.

What young people are looking for is not some sort of abstract creed, Christianity', 'but Christ Himself'. 'They need,' Tony continued, 'to be integrally, creatively, passionately introduced to something – the story of Jesus - that actually, historically happened a long time ago, but which joins up at every point to where our young people really are.'

He finally encouraged us to encourage the students in our care to be 'counter cultural' and to break out from the confines of a 'horizontal universe' to one of vertical relationship with the living God; a relationship in which prayer particularly matters as a still point in a rapidly turning world, and a constant source of renewal towards perspective, meaning and hope.

Tony completed his address with a benediction to us all, Headmasters, Chaplains, Heads of Junior School, parents....

'As you seek to guide your students to find empowerment, and meaning in engagement with the living Christ; *I* wish you blessing in this greatest task to which anyone could be called...'.

It did feel like a deep call, both to the renewal of own futures and a brilliant affirmation of the potentially unique mission and purpose of each Anglican School.

And perhaps too the confident suggestion of the availability of a different kind of wind, the kind that no-one physically sees and yet might even now be waiting for the invitation to unfurl; and not just across those brilliant white sails on the Hobart horizon, but transformationaly, far beyond the Tasman and across all the hearts of our children and young people, in every Anglican School in the nation?

From the Head of Senior School: Mr James Webb

HSC Trials

Commence next week. Please assist your child, brother or sister at this stressful time. 2 weeks of intensive preparation for the HSC can see enormous pressures placed on students. Give them some space, encourage good eating habits, suggest they stop casual jobs during this time, ensure they have fresh air and most of all show you care.



Agriculture:

We have an intrepid group of students who have elected to put Agriculture as one of their preferences for Year 11, 2012. A very exciting venture re-kindling days of old when we sold fresh produce from our market garden, eggs from our chickens and went down the path of 'showing ' at the various agricultural shows. The students built runs, coops, learnt how to fence , found muscles they did not know they had and blisters on blisters was a good look – not for the girls, but most took great pride in their work and the animals in their care. I thank those parents who have offered secure land, outlets for produce and moral support for the venture. Interviews for the Agriculture teacher commence next week.

'Learn To Shine' Make-up sessions concluded this week with a great deal of individual attention. I have been most thankful to Mrs Sarah Robinson – Head of Tebbutt now on maternity leave and Mrs Bonny Davies – PA to the Executive for their support and understanding. They have been very patient with me and helped me to change some of my bad habits. I now drink copious amounts of water and try to eat oats for breakfast.

The girls have learned a great deal from the sessions and I thank Rachel our beauty therapist for the wise words and awesome help.

Uniform

Looking quite good at the moment though shoes could do with a clean. Boys' hair needs to be tidy and should not draw the attention of staff.

Have a great weekend.

From the Head of Junior School: Rev. Keith Peterson

Grandparents and Special Friends Day 2011

Is it perhaps a bit of a truism that our relationships make and hold the central meaning and purpose of all of our lives. Isn't it also just true that in the varied quality and stretch of our relationships, our relationship with our grandparents always seems specially to shine out with a special, uncluttered and uncomplicated, joy and light?



Thinking about grandparents, Rudolph Giuliani comments,

What children need most are the essentials that grandparents provide in abundance. They give unconditional love, kindness, patience, humorous, comfort, lessons in life. And, most importantly, a never ending supply of lollies!

And Lexie Sage,

Sometimes our grandmothers and grandfathers are like grand-angels Or grandparents thinking about children,

If I had known how wonderful it would be to have grandchildren, I'd have had them first – Lois Wyse Or a final perspective,

Everyone needs to have access both to grandparents and grandchildren in order to be a full human being

- Margaret Mead.

On Friday August 19th the Junior School will be celebrating its annual Grandparents and Special Friends Day. There will be open classrooms across the Junior School, from 11:15 am where grandparents/special friends are very welcome to visit students in their classrooms. This will be followed by an opportunity for Grandparents to bring a picnic lunch to share with their Grandchildren on the Junior School Oval. There will be an Afternoon Tea for Grandparents in the Foyer of the Performing Arts Centre from I: 15pm, to be directly followed by a Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration at 2:00pm, as part of which Year 6 and Year 4 will present special musical items and all of our students will have opportunity to communicate their appreciation of that very special gift of love, uniquely unwrapped by grandparents.

Grandparents and Special Friends - do please come and join us if you are able!

PS: On the seventh day God rested. His grandchildren must have been out of town! - Gene Perret.

Well Done!

Last weekend 2 students in Year 6 Ben McAlpine and Alex Gutteridge competed in the NSW Scouts State Rally Camp, which is a lightweight competitive Scout camp held each year at Cataract. The boys had to compete as a "patrol" (a group of 4 boys the other 2 boys are not from Arndell) against other patrols from all over the state. They needed to use many different skills and cover a small distance and move between bases. They were scored on planning skills, attitude and enthusiasm, overall accomplishment, quality of camping (covering food selection, pack weight & tentage). Ben & Alex's Patrol placed 1st in the Greater Western Sydney Region and 2nd Overall for the State for the weekend. There was 435 teams competing



Year 10 Science Revision Tutorials: Mr Bryan Allerton

The tutorials will be held in Lab 1 on Thursday afternoons from 3.15 to 4.30

18/8/11 Light + Electricity and Waves
 25/8/11 Genetics + Reproduction

1/9/11 Diseases + Senses and Coordination + Ecosystems

8/9/11 Dynamic Earth + Evolution
 15/9/11 Astronomy + Global Issues

Term 3 - Events

15 Aug

HSC Trials Commence HZSA – Yr 3 Gala Day

NSWCIS Rugby League Sevens

16 Aug

HSC Trials

Primary Athletics Carnival -

Doonside

Yr 8 Sky works Exc.

Karate in the Gym

17 Aug

HSC Trials

Yr 10 PASS Exc.

18 Aug

HSC Trials

AFL Program

Meeting re the French/History

Tour

19 Aug

HSC Trials

Jnr. School - Grandparents Day

Jnr. School - Awards Assembly

AFL Program

Arndell Dad's Soccer - Gym

20 Aug

Dance Studio

P & F - Trivia Evening

22 Aug

HSC Study Day

Yr 11 Industrial Technology Exc

Inr. School - Book Week

Indoor Rock Climbing

23 Aug

HSC Trials

Jnr. School - Book Week

Karate - Gym

24 Aug

HSC Trials

Inr. School - Book Week

P to Yr 6 – 'Wear's My Hat

Snr. School Fund Raiser - Donuts

Yr1 & 2 Excursion

Yr12 Body of Works Exhibition

25 Aug

Jnr. School - Book Week

Yr 4 Excursion - The Rocks

HZSA Sec. Athletics Carnival

26 Aug

HSC Trials

Yr 3 Excursion - The Rocks

Inr. School - Primary Chapel

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 3

After School Care:

Monday 19 July to Friday 23 September

Torm 4

Tuesday 11 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.

Enrolling now for Prep and Kindergarten 2011

For further information contact:

Mrs Barbra Whelan

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Coles Sports for Schools 2011 program: Megan Southwell









Hi everyone,

Arndell Anglican College is officially registered in the *Coles Sports for Schools* 2011 program. We need your help!

You can help by collecting vouchers from your family and friends. The more vouchers our school collects, the more sports gear our school will receive!

After last year's collection of vouchers, we ordered some new sports equipment that was mainly given to the Primary school; the senior school did manage to select a few bits too!

Collecting vouchers is easy! Every member of your school's community will earn one voucher for every \$10 spent in a Coles, Coles Online, BI-LO or Pick 'n' Pay store from August 11th thru to October 18th, just for doing their regular shop! Plus throughout the program there will be opportunities to collect bonus vouchers with our special promotional offers on selected products. So keep an eye out instore, online and on TV.

So help us to collect even more vouchers than last year so we can get some new and fun equipment for our school. Once you have collected some vouchers, simply drop into Student Services and place them in the big box – you can't miss it. Thank-you for your help.

Library News: Mrs Stephens, Head of Library Services

Second-hand Textbooks: Recently I have had some enquiries about the selling of second-hand textbooks. For Yrs 7-11, the opportunity for students/parents to sell and buy second-hand textbooks is offered on two Saturday mornings; always the last Saturday in November (26/11/11) and the first Saturday in December (3/12/11), from 10am-12pm on the C block verandahs. Because Yr12 commences in term 4, these students need to purchase their books before that normal sale date. After students complete their HSC they sometimes want to sell their books but have no buyers until the following September. For this reason I have decided to take these students books, at this time, and offer them to the incoming Yr 12s. Because subject syllabus is in a constant state of change, it is usually not possible to know whether texts will be current for the following year until August, when textbook orders are finalized. Once I have the Yr 12 list I can accept any old textbooks for sale that are current, to sell on your behalf in the SLC. If you have contact with a 2010 Yr 12 student who may want to sell their textbooks, please get them to drop in or ring me (4545 2460) before the end of term 3, so that I can let them know which books are still current.

Junior School Grandparents & Special Friends' Day (19/8/11): Each year, on this special day of celebration, the Junior Library Centre runs a book shop, where grandparents and special friends are invited to select a book with their grandchild to donate together to our Junior Library. In previous years this has been wonderfully supported and students can often locate their selected book/s, with their personal bookplate, several years later. We will be running this again this year. Please remember that we are only able to accept cash payment on the day. We always attempt to provide a variety of books that are reasonably priced to ensure this is accessible to everyone. Of course, we welcome everyone into both our fabulous libraries to browse around, anytime on this day.



Arndell Sports Desk: Mrs Rosemary Cornick

Congratulations to Seaton Kenna (yr10) awarded AICES 16s Rugby Union Best & Fairest Player.

Senior School Sport:

HZSA Athletics Carnival: Thursday 25th August at Sydney Athletics Centre.

Team list and letters were emailed to **ALL** members of the team and nominated invitational athletes on Friday 5th August. All notes regarding availability, event confirmation and transport details are to be returned by Friday 12th August. Yr 12 will be on HSC Trials, students will need to consider their attendance at this carnival. Mrs Gillen has made the date exam free.



HZSA winter competitions are coming to a close.

- Junior Rugby Union Final Monday 15th August vs William Clarke at Arndell Come along and support.
- Senior Rugby Union final round Wednesday 17th. Girls Netball Wednesday
- Junior Boys Football –still have a few more rounds to go.

Updated draws and points table can be accessed from: www.hillszone.com.au.

A reminder to all students playing sport for the school and their Parents: Wet Weather

NO GAMES WILL BE CANCELLED BEFORE 11.30AM. A notice will be posted on the Sport Notice board outside the Gym and on the door at Student Services. It is your responsibility to check on the day of your game. This procedure is outlined in the commitment letter sent home at the start of the season. This avoids numerous phone calls to the College throughout the morning.

Students unavailable to play on their given day are to see their coach or Mrs Cornick the day prior to their game. Unfortunately this week we had to forfeit a game at the venue as only one player turned up from the team. This could have been avoided if students had followed the procedures put in place.

HZSA Trimester 3 Inter School Sport starts first week in September.

- Sports available Touch football Girls (Tuesday) and Boys (Wednesday) all age groups,
- Outdoor Cricket Boys all age groups Tuesday starting term 4and continuing into Term 1 2012;
- Junior Tennis Yr 7&8 Boys & Girls Mondays. Sign on sheets in the gym.

Nominations due by Monday 15th August.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SENIOR SPORT:

- AICES 15s Tennis at Concord: Friday 16th September <u>DATE CHANGE</u> nominations to Mrs Cornick by 2nd September.
- **SASC Netball Championships:** Wednesday 14th September for Yr 7, 8, 9& 10. The College teams will be entered however, if any other students wish to play please see Mrs Cornick.
- AICES Athletics Carnival: Monday 5th September at Sydney Athletics Centre
- **NSWCIS Athletics Carnival: Wednesday 21st September** at Sydney Athletics Centre. There is a clash with the College camps. Students who have reached this level of representation will need to consider their attendance at this carnival.
- AICES 15s Cricket Trials: Thursday 22nd September, nominations are due 9th September to Mrs Cornick

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT:

RESCHEDULED
Primary Athletics
Carnival
Tuesday 16th August
Charlie Bali Reserve
Knox Rd, Doonside

Year 5 HZSA Inter School Sport:

Finals for this competition that were postponed last term due to poor weather will be played **7**th **September**. Girls Yr5 Premier Football team will be playing William Clarke College. Final points update can be found at www.hillszone.com.au.

Year 6 HZSA Inter School Sport:

With the much improved weather the teams have been able to play. Results can be found at www.hillszone.com.au.

Year 3 HZSA Gala Day

Has been rescheduled for Thursday 15th September. This will be a multi sports event to be held at Northholm.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR JUNIOR SPORT:

- HICES Athletics Carnival: Tuesday 6th September at Sydney Olympic Park
- NSWCIS Athletics Carnival: Wednesday 22nd September at Sydney Olympic Park
- Hills Basketball Challenge Wednesday 31st August for Yr 3&4 at Hills Basketball Stadium
- Hills Basketball Challenge Wednesday 7th September for Yr 5&6 at Hills Basketball Stadium

Equestrian News: Laura Thorpe: 0416 212 260 / Anna MacDonald: 0410 443 122

Equestrian Carníval
Hawkesbury Showground Clarendon
Saturday
24th September 2011 - 9:00am start

GUESSING COMPETITION CA_NIV_L



Dear Parents,

The annual Arndell Equestrian Carnival is being held on **Saturday 24th September, 2011** at Hawkesbury Showground at 9am. All Arndell parents and friends are most welcome to attend this fun day and support the students of our school.

As part of our fundraising we are holding a Guessing Competition with fantastic prizes including camping gear worth \$1800, a holiday to Fingal Bay to the value of \$1500, a golf package to Riverside Oaks for 2 and many more!

Each child has been issued with a book of 5 tickets. Each ticket costs \$2 each or \$10 for the complete book sold. All sold/unsold tickets need to be returned in a sealed envelope labeled "Guessing Competition", by **Wednesday, 22nd September** to your class teacher. Should you require further books to sell, these can be obtained from Student Services.

Enter to WIN great prizes including camping gear valued at \$1800 The competition will be drawn at 2.30 pm on the day of the Arndell Equestrian Carnival, being Saturday 24th September 2011 at Hawkesbury Showground.

Thank you in advance for your support of our annual Equestrian Carnival and good luck with your tickets!

Orbie Mini Donuts

The Freshest, best tasting Mini Donuts cooked in Cholesterol Free Oil will be on sale:

Senior School - Wednesday 24 August

Selling Donuts and Slushies - Recess and Lunch only

Selling outside C Block

Bring your money on the day

Mini Donuts - \$3.50 per bag

Slushy's - \$2.50 each

Junior School - Wednesday 31 August

Students will be taken to the Hard Court by their class Teacher to collect their Donuts and Slushies

If your child has not placed their order please fill in the form below and return it to their Class Teacher (with the correct money) in an envelope labeled with your child's name, class and the amount of money enclosed.

Extra Donuts and Slushies will be available at Recess and Lunch

Mini Donuts - \$3.50 per bag Slushy's - \$2.50 each

Proceeds from this fundraising will go towards the running of the Equestrian Carnival

Junior School Order Form	
Name:	Class:
Number of Donuts @\$3.50 per bag:	
Number of Slushies @ \$2.50 each:	



What's coming up

Terms 3 & 4 2011



A 3-hour seminar that will assist parents of children aged 3 - 8 years old to:

- * Know & acknowledge each child as an individual * Understand the power of focusing on what children are doing well
- * Deal with what children do that is not working for themselves or others

The Challenge of Disciplining Your Child - \$25 - 30 August 6 - 9pm; 29 November 6 - 9pm

A 3-hour seminar that will assist parents of children aged 2 - 12 years old to:

- * Understand what positive discipline means and how to set clear boundaries that children respect and learn to appreciate
- * Use conflict as a tool to improve relationships * Use tips and hints on different discipline techniques

Ideas for Parenting Teens - \$25 – 12 August 10am – 1pm; 29 August 6 – 9pm; 8 November 6 – 9pm

A 3-hour seminar that will assist parents to:

- * Reduce the anxiety inherent in raising teenage children * Help understand what is normal adolescent behaviour
- * Develop skills to communicate and negotiate with teenagers

Being a Dad - \$75 - Dates to be confirmed - please call to register your interest

A 3 session program that will assist fathers to:

* Be a better Dad * Really connect with their children * Be able to discipline constructively and deal better with conflict

Being a Mum - \$75 - 18 October, 24 October & 1 November 6 - 9pm

A 3 session program that will assist mothers to:

* Become more mindful parents and gain skills to build closer relationships with their children

How to Bully Proof Children - \$25 - Dates to be confirmed – please call to register your interest

A 3-hour seminar that will assist parents to:

* Discuss bullying with their children and develop strategies to prevent and manage bullying.

Making Stepfamilies Work - \$150 - Dates to be confirmed - please call to register your interest

A 6 session program specifically for couples either in a stepfamily or considering forming one. Topics include:

- * Influences from the past * Living with someone else's children * The discipline challenge * New roles
- * Strengthening the couple relationship

Seminars are held at Bella Vista & Rouse Hill locations

Call 8882 7850 for further information and seminar dates



BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL: Phone 8882 7850

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Meeting at 2 locations: Pitt Town – 8:30am, 10:15am & 6pm Wisemans Ferry – 9am

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What's On For Kids & Youth

Kid's Church each Sunday morning (Preschool- yr8)

GROTS: For K-Year 5 Boy, Girl & All Grots-Friday afternoons

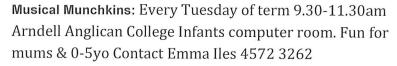
Pitstop –Fridays 6-7.30 (Years 6-9) (Special events for Yr 5 in Term 3 and included in Pitstop Term 4)

Just Frank – years 8/9-12 Friday 6pm

Sunday@6 Games- 4.30 -5.30 (all youth)

Intense Camp- Years 6-12 November 25-27

And Lots more... Why not join us?



Cafe Connect: Stop for a coffee or tea Tuesday & Fridays mornings from 8.30am

Bible Study with Greg Peisley Friday morning's 9.30am





rndell's Trivia Nigh



DATE: SATURDAY 20TH AUGUST 2011

QUESTIONS START AT 7:30PM

LOCATION: ARNDELL JUNIOR LIBRARY

GYO: FOOD AND DRINKS

LOTS OF PRIZES TO BE WON:

BEST DRESSED TABLE, OVERALL WINNERS, RAFFLES, GUESSING COMPETITION.

GET A TABLE TOGETHER FOR A NIGHT FILLED WITH FUN AND LAUGHTER.

GET YOUR ENTRY FORMS FROM STUDENT SERVICES. TICKETS \$15 PER HEAD.

ANY QUERIES PLEASE CALL DONNA PELLEW 0417 774 545

Name:
PHONE:
EMAIL:
No Tickets:
CHEQUE / CASH AMOUNT: