



# *The Arndell Advocate*

*Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2011*

*The Newsletter of Arndell Anglican College*

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*From the Headmaster: Mr Gareth Leechman*

## **P & F AGM**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2011**

**7.30pm in the Dr Rex Stubbs Library – Junior School**



It is the strong sense of community that attracts many people to schools and colleges like Arndell and one of the key groups which helps create that sense of community is the Parents and Friends Association (P&F). The P & F are best described as both a friendship building and fundraising organisation – one which is designed to foster strong parental support for the school. The P & F is not a policy making body though it is an excellent vehicle for parents to raise any concerns they may have in regards to college performance.

For many years Arndell has been served by a very active P & F Association which has greatly supported the school in a variety of ways. Over the course of the last two years the P&F Association has funded the purchase of new sound equipment in the Performing Arts Centre, the honour boards, Professional Development for staff in the implementation of our THRASS program and in the coming holidays we will be putting in new lockers in the high school.

The money raised from a variety of functions such as the largest school based equestrian carnival in Sydney, the Family Fun Day and the Uniform Shop all goes back to our students to assist in the development of the college. Not only that but all of these activities are effective in developing a strong sense of college community as well as assisting in providing the school with extra resources we would otherwise not be able to afford.

None of this would happen if it were not for a committed group of parents and friends of the college who were willing to serve the school community in this way. In a change of structure the P&F Association will be having its AGM at the end of the year so that a new executive team can be elected in readiness for the New Year. If you would like to nominate for any of the executive roles, which are; President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer (this would preferably be filled by someone who has some accountancy experience) please contact my PA Barbra Whelan who will be able to assist with your inquiry. Nominations will close on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 9am, and the P & F AGM will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October in the Junior School Library.

I hope that many of you will take the time to attend the AGM and I look forward to seeing you there.

Finally I would like to congratulate one of our Year 11 students, Miss Rosie Peterson who has just been announced as the state winner of the **Life and Times of John Curtin** category in the **National History Challenge**. Rosie will be presented with her medal at NSW Parliament on Wednesday afternoon. This is a wonderful achievement and is a clear indication of the quality work that she and her teachers are doing in the History Department.

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



Science is the most amazing subject!

It involves the biggest questions; investigations to the very smallest detail; formulas of brilliant mathematical exactness and ideas stretching right to the stars and beyond!

For, within science, can't the whole world become transformed into an amazing series of ever extending questions? Isaac Newton believed that time was 'absolute' and that clocks ticked at the same rate throughout the universe. But then, centuries later, Albert Einstein just happened to notice that the recording of time on moving clocks happened more slowly than with clocks at rest. From this he developed a link between time and motion and a theory which now saw a fluid universe in which time became fused with three dimensional space, even melting into a four dimensional 'spacetime' (!)

It's all amazing stuff; a bit beyond all of our everyday imaginings? But then that's the point of science; it's the most amazing subject within which to excite children towards their own wondering; their own thinking; their own imagining.

The Australian Academy of Science, with the support of the Australian Government, has produced an excellent Scheme of Work entitled, 'Primary Connections'. It is designed to help all children become 'scientifically literate', linking science with literacy as part of a hands-on, investigative, inquiry-based program. It is a program which can brilliantly bring science alive, or as one teacher commented,

*There is so much excitement and enthusiasm around the school this term ....it's all abuzz with science*

*Primary Connections* is presently being introduced to Year 4 in preparation for it becoming our core science resource/approach throughout the Junior School in 2012. Please see: [www.science.org.au/primaryconnections](http://www.science.org.au/primaryconnections). for more information on the course itself.

Across schools in Australia there is already significant evidence of the effectiveness of 'Primary Connections'. I am certain too that it will make a brilliant addition to the scope, range and potential of our science teaching at Arndell Anglican College Junior School.

And who knows, maybe inspire the new beginnings of more than one potential 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Arndell Einstein!

## *Scholarships for 2013*

Scholarships are available for students who are entering Year 7, Year 9 and Year 11 2013. If you are interested in your child sitting for a scholarship, please register, no later than **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2012** by going to the website [www.arndell.nsw.edu.au](http://www.arndell.nsw.edu.au) where you will see ACER Scholarships, and follow the guidelines.

The scholarship examination will be held on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2012** at Arndell Anglican College beginning at 8.45am and finishing at approximately 12.00pm.

For **Performing Art Scholarships** and **All Rounder Scholarships**, you will need to apply to

Mrs Barbra Whelan on 45 452472 for the application information.

**Performing Art Scholarships** will in addition to sitting the scholarship examination, also need to have an audition in their chosen disciplines and an **All Rounder Scholarship** will in addition to sitting the scholarship examination will need to complete the application with the documentary evidence.

If you wish to see further information, please contact the College and speak with Mrs Whelan on 45 452472.

## *The Hawkesbury City Eisteddfod: Mrs Caroline MacKenzie*

The Hawkesbury City Eisteddfod held the Speech category at the end of the Term. Solo sections were offered in Verse Speaking, Bible Reading, Prepared Reading, Impromptu Reading, and Radio News Reading; Describe a Picture, Public Speaking, and Nursery Rhyme in Costume, Mime, and Character Sketch in Costume, Shakespearian Extract, as well as group performances in Poetry, Reading, Mime and Improvisation.

Many students from Arndell Anglican College competed:

**Kindergarten** -Zahra Fahey, Samantha Westbrook.

**Year 1** - Alannah Vella, Cooper Christopher, Taylor Thomson, David Ommundson, Randal Chivers, Ben Chivers, Madison Harris.

**Year 2** - Ellah Johnston, Paige Ellison, Danielle Ormundson, Shannon McHale, Hannah Thorpe, Paris Nelson-Roth, Greer Johnson, Monique Wilson, Nelson Christopher, James Selff ,Ashleigh Dunsford.

**Year 3** - Paige Turnbull, Jayde Dudley, Olivia Vella, Georgie Aldacour, Andrea Hollis, Morgan Burnside .

**Year 4** Chloe Harris, Karli Hook, Taylor Dunsford, Jacob Pasfield, Connor Miller, Patrick Westbrook.

**Year 5** -Caitlin Ridge, Romy Charles, Jordan Johnson, Grace McErlane , Kate Hogan, Brooke Ellison, Kirra Giarratano, Sara Selff ,Axel Vacolpoulos, Finn Miller, Cooper Elven, Will Fitzgerald, Abbey Judd, Stephanie Humphrey .

**Year 6** - Rosie Rodgers, Sophie Young.

**Senior School** - Monique Anderson, Georgia Thorpe, Brooke Waters, Lachlan Werner, Steven Selff.

The results from Arndell were outstanding with students winning 1st places - 26, 2nd places - 23, 3rd places - 25, 4th places -12 and numerous Highly Commended ribbons.

In Championships the results were also pleasing.

- 11 years and under 1st Cooper Elven, 2nd Kate Hogan, 3rd Rose-Maree Rodgers.
- 13 years and under 1st Sophie Young, 2nd Lachlan Werner, 3rd Georgia Thorpe.

Those who competed should be proud of their achievements.

The Arndell Anglican College Verse Speaking Choirs -

Kindergarten – 2nd place – with ‘Catch a Little Rhyme’ and ‘The Teacher Took My Tennis Ball’,

Year 1 – 3rd place –with ‘Dad, the Cat and the Tree’ and ‘The Train’.



Speech Championship 13/u placegetters - Georgia Thorpe, Lachlan Werner and Sophie Young with adjudicator Mrs Helen Marchant

Cooper Elven - winner of 11 years and under Championship.



Nursery Rhyme in Costume (Arndell students) Back row l to r.

Georgie Aldacour, Hannah Thorpe, Paris Nelson Roth, Greer Johnson, Paige Turnbull.

Front row Monique Wilson, Ashleigh Dunsford, Paige Ellison



Directory:

<b>Tues. 18 Oct.</b>	HSC Commences Yr 10 Exams Commence Yr 11/12 Work Placement – Hosp. Karate with Wayne Miller	<b>Headmaster:</b> Mr Gareth Leechman <b>Deputy Headmaster:</b> Mr James Webb <b>Director of Studies:</b> Mrs Lynn Gillen <b>Head of Junior School:</b> Rev. Keith Peterson <b>Uniform Shop:</b> Mrs Liz Moore 45 723254 Tuesday/Thursday 8.30 – 10.30am/2.30 – 4pm <b>After School Care:</b> 0407 474 161 (3.30-5.30pm) <b>Equestrian:</b> Mrs Laura Thorpe 0416 212 260 <a href="mailto:prestigeinteriors@exemail.com.au">prestigeinteriors@exemail.com.au</a> Mrs Anna MacDonald <a href="mailto:p.amac@bigpond.com">p.amac@bigpond.com</a> <b>P &amp; F President:</b> pandf@arndell.nsw.edu.au <b>Canteens:</b> Monday-Friday (Recess/Lunch)
<b>Wed. 19<sup>th</sup> Oct.</b>	HSC Continues Yr 10 Exams Yr 11/12 Work Placement – Hosp. PSSA Athletics	
<b>Thurs. 20 Oct.</b>	HSC Continues Yr 10 Exams Yr 11/12 Work Placement – Hosp. PSSA Athletics	
<b>Fri. 21 Oct.</b>	HSC Continues Yr 10 Exams Yr 11/12 Work Placement – Hosp. Chapel (Primary School) Arndell Dad's Soccer	
<b>Sat. 22 Oct.</b>	Kylie Toms – JLPAC	
<b>Mon. 24 Oct.</b>	HSC Continues	
<b>Tues. 25 Oct.</b>	HSC Continues <b>Yr 7 Orientation Day</b> Jnr. School Inc – Pet Ed. Program Karate with Wayne Miller <b>P &amp; F AGM M'tg – Junior Library</b>	<hr/> <p><b><u>Term Dates for 2011</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Term 2</u></b>                      Wednesday 27 April to Friday 24 June</p> <p><b><u>Term 3</u></b>                      Tuesday 19 July to Friday 23 September                      Friday 16 September – Yr 12/2011 Final Day</p> <p><b><u>Term 4</u></b>                      Tuesday 11 October to Thursday 8 December                      Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Yr 10 Formal                      Tuesday 6 December – Infants Presentation Afternoon                      Wednesday 7 December – Primary School Presentation Even.                      Thursday 8 December – Senior School Presentation Even.</p> <hr/>
<b>Wed. 26 Oct.</b>	HSC Continues AICES Water Polo <b>Kindergarten Orientation</b> HZSA Yrs 3 & 4 Competition Day – Hills Basketball Stadium Yr 10 PASS - Richmond Bowling Club <b>Yr 7 2012 Information Evening for                      Parents – JLPAC</b>	
<b>Thurs. 27 Oct.</b>	HSC Continues HZSA Year ¾ Gala Day Yr 7-11 Showcase Night – JLPAC	
<b>Fri. 28 Oct.</b>	HSC Continues Textiles Inc – Textiles Room Chapel (Infants) Arndell Dad's Soccer	<p><b>Reminder</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday 25 Oct.</b>                      Year 7 2012 Orientation Day</p> <p><b>Wed. 26 Oct</b>                      Year 7 2012 Parent's Information Evening                      Kindergarten Orientation Day</p> <p><b>Thurs. 3 Nov.</b>                      Prep Orientation Day</p>



# PITT TOWN ANGLICAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

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



GROTS



## 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?

**Musical Munchkins:** Every Tuesday of term 9.30-11.30am  
Arndell Anglican College Infants computer room. Fun for mums & 0-5yo Contact Emma Iles 4572 3262

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

**Bible Study with Greg Peisley** Friday morning's 9.30am

special occasions ... Weddings, Baptism & Funerals