



The Arndell Advocate

Monday 14th November 2011

The Newsletter of Arndell Anglican College

From the Headmaster: Mr Gareth Leechman



Recently Arndell Anglican College hosted over 100 Heads of Independent Schools from across NSW and the ACT. It was a privilege to make the college available for a series of meetings, professional development seminars and a Christian service of reflection. As host school Arndell Anglican College was able to showcase all that is beautiful about our college; the grounds, the facilities, our staff but most importantly we were able to showcase our students. The newly appointed Prefects did an excellent job as guides around the college, the vocal ensemble under the tutorship of Mrs Merrick performed a series of wonderful pieces in our worship service and the general demeanour of our students around the college was excellent.

In his address to the variety of Heads and Principals at the church service our Head of Junior School the Rev Peterson reminded us all about what legacy we would be leaving behind at the various schools we were leading. This was an excellent theme and one that challenged a lot of people.

- Would the schools that we were leading leave behind an indelible legacy in the students under our care?
- Were we inspiring the students under our care to become the people that God had created them to be?
- Are we inspiring our students to move out of their comfort zones and embrace the world in which they live?
- Are we developing a sense of resilience in our students?
- What legacy are we leaving behind in our students?

So what legacy are we trying to leave behind for our students here at Arndell? This was the very question that our executive staff considered as we constructed our strategic plan at the beginning of this year. It became very clear to all those involved that we wanted to create a college where our students would have the opportunity to:

- Know God and what He has done in their lives through Jesus Christ
- Develop an understanding of who they are and the community in which they live
- Have the opportunity to flourish and grow as lifelong learners
- Be a part of community that knows the individual child

This is not an easy task, but one that the college is committed to. I look forward to seeing how we take on the responsibility of leaving this important legacy behind to the students under our care.

Also I would like to congratulate all the newly appointed Junior School House and House Vice-Captains who have been announced in today's Arndell Advocate. I look forward to seeing how they serve the Junior School students in the year ahead.



Junior School Student Leaders: 2012

Over the last few weeks many students in Year 5 have been very actively involved in the process of discerning Student Leaders for specific roles in service of the Junior School in 2012.

Last Monday morning the Junior School Year 2 – Year 6 gathered in Houses, at the conclusion of Junior School Assembly, to listen to the presentations made by the Year 5 Students in each House who were generously offering themselves as candidates for the role of House Captain and House Vice Captain, 2012.

As was our previous experience of student speech making, every student really did do a remarkable job – speaking clearly and with great purpose and integrity. During the course of these speeches I heard more than one staff member remark, ‘Selecting from this quality of students is going to be just so hard!’

And so it has certainly proved to be! But a choice, of course, does have to be made – and a choice made in careful balance of the student voice and the professional voice of the Junior School Staff and the College Executive.

It is then as a result of this extensive process that I am now able to present the list of Student Leaders 2012 as nominated below – with all due congratulations to the successful candidates, but also with a very heartfelt thank you and sincere congratulations to all the students who have selected to contribute over this process. This sheer quality of contribution has been greatly to the equal credit of all candidates. Well done everybody!

Please note that the official announcement of Arndell Anglican College Junior School Student Leaders 2012 will be made at the Junior School Presentation Evening on Wednesday December 7th.

Junior School Captains

- Harrison Chambers
- Brooke Ellison

Junior School Prefects

- Sara Selff
- David Sproule
- Kate Hogan
- Dylan Dauncey
- Stephanie Humphrey
- Cooper Elven

House Captains / Vice Captains

- **Greenway House:** **Captain:** Zara Chisholm
 Vice Captain: Joshua Muller
- **Macquarie House:** **Captain:** Hannah Leechman
 Vice Captain: Aaron MacDonald
- **Johnson House:** **Captain:** Romy Charles
 Vice Captain: Bayley Smyth
- **Tebbutt House:** **Captain:** Will Fitzgerald
 Vice Captain: Grace McErlane

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 6th February 2012** by going to the website www.arndell.nsw.edu.au where you will see ACER Scholarships, and follow the guidelines.

The scholarship examination will be held on **Saturday 25th 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.

SECOND - HAND TEXTBOOKS: Mrs Connie Stephens ph: 4545 2460

Several students and parents have enquired lately about our end of year second-hand textbook sale. This sale is always held on the last Saturday of November and the first Saturday of December, from 10:00am – 12:00pm on the C-block verandahs. This year the dates are 26/11 and 3/12.

On these mornings, students and/or parents may bring in their old (current) textbooks to sell, and buy second-hand texts for the following year. Books, in good condition, are usually sold at around half the new price. Students will receive their 2012 textbook lists before this date and all textbook list prices are available online at the Champion books website (champion.com.au) to price the books for sale.

Whilst I'm happy to assist with all enquiries on the day, I do not sell or buy texts for students, on the day. Any unsold texts from the two days, after Dec 3, may be left with me for possible resale in the Senior Library Centre. Each of these books requires its own attached envelope, with student name/year and home contact phone number, so that I can easily notify you if any books are sold next year.

Each year we have more purchasers than sellers, so I encourage you to ensure your child has emptied their lockers before the day, so that all possible texts are available to sell.

Australian Languages Certificate

This year 58 students participated with absolutely outstanding results due to their hard work, enthusiasm and motivation. They are to be congratulated on their achievements. They received 14 High Distinctions, 17 Distinctions and 44 Credits across all three levels. Bravo!



Arndell Sports Desk

Senior School Sport:

Congratulations to Marnie Clapham (Yr7) who was selected in the HZSA Softball team to compete at AICES. Marnie was the youngest selected.

Congratulations to Erinn Dickinson (Yr8) who finished 10 overall at the AICES 15s Tennis just missing out selection into the CIS team by 2 points.

Country & City Cricket Knock Out competition 24th November: Arndell has entered a Junior Boys cricket team into the Wiburd Shield Knock Out competition. Mr Lavelle and Mr Fairlie have offered to take this team. Students selected in the team are to attend all training sessions.

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.

Junior School Sport

Congratulations to Lilly Anne Keating for her outstanding results at the CIS Gymnastics competing at Level 6: 2nd on the beam and floor, 3rd on the vault and finishing equal 1st overall.

HZSA Triathlon results for Arndell will appear in the next edition.

Bus/Train Passes for 2012

A new application for Subsidised Travel is to be completed for all students requiring a bus/train pass who are:

- * entering Kindergarten
- * progressing from Year 2 into Year 3
- * progressing from Year 6 into Year 7
- * changing School
- * changing Address
- * changing Mode of Transportation

Bus Timetables can be found at the following links:

www.westbus.com.au

www.busabout.com.au/HawkesburyValley.html

Please return completed forms to Student Services by Friday 25th November 2011.

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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



TOOLS FOR PARENTS
FREE WORKSHOPS & GROUPS FOR DADS & MUMS / PRIMARY CARERS OF CHILDREN 0 - 12 YRS - WITH FREE CHILDCARE!
Bookings - call 4588 3502 Mon - Thursday
or email: admin@rcsi.ngo.org.au



HELPING KIDS WITH FEARS & NIGHTMARES
WEDNESDAY
23RD NOVEMBER 2011
10AM-12.30PM

Fears are a part of growing-up, sometimes they can seem silly to us as parents and can be overwhelming to our children. We look at how we can keep calm ourselves while providing comfort and skills to our children to assist them feel secure and safe.

This is a project offered by **RICHMOND COMMUNITY SERVICES INC.** and all activities are held at :
THE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE
20 WEST MARKET STREET
RICHMOND NSW 2753

BOOKINGS - CALL 4588 3502 MON - THURSDAY
OR EMAIL: admin@rcsi.ngo.org.au



The project is funded by the Australian Government for continuation of the "Tools for Parents" project until June 2014 - to provide free workshops and on-going courses designed to help parents/primary carers of children 0-12 years develop better relationships between themselves and with their children - and to enhance parenting skills. Richmond Community Services Inc. purchases group and workshop facilitation from Relationships Australia and childcare services from Hawkesbury Community Outreach Mobile Minds Service for the project and is delighted to offer them free to participants.

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Dates: Friday 6th - Sunday 22nd January 2012 Venue: The University of Sydney (Camperdown)

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Arndell Anglican College Directory

Headmaster:	Mr Gareth Leechman
Deputy Headmaster:	Mr James Webb
Director of Studies:	Mrs Lynn Gillen
Head of Junior School:	Rev. Keith Peterson
Uniform Shop:	Mrs Liz Moore 45 723254 Tuesday/Thursday 8.30 – 10.30am/2.30 – 4.pm
After School Care:	0407 474 161 (3.30-5.30pm)
Equestrian:	Mrs Laura Thorpe 0416 212 260 equestrian@arndell.nsw.dedu.au
Mrs Anna MacDonald	p.amac@bigpond.com
P & F President:	Mrs Jo Selff pandf@arndell.nsw.edu.au
Canteens:	Monday-Friday (Recess/Lunch)

Term Dates for 2011

Term 4 - Tuesday 11 October to Thursday 8 December

Monday 5 December – Yr 10 Formal
Tuesday 6 December – Infants Presentation Afternoon
Wednesday 7 December – Primary School Presentation Even.
Wednesday 7 December - Last day for all Junior School Students
Thursday 8 December – Senior School Presentation Even.
Thursday 8 December – Last Day for all Senior School Students.

Term Dates for 2012

Term 1 - Monday 20 January to Thursday 5 April

Monday 23rd January – All Staff return
Monday 30 January – Prep, KG, Yrs 7,11 and Yr 12 return
Tuesday 31 January – remaining Students return
Thursday 5 April – Term Finishes

Term 2 - Monday 23 April – Friday 22 June

Term 3 - Tuesday 17 July to Friday 21 September

Monday 16 July – Staff Development Day

Term 4 - Tuesday 9 October to Friday 7 December

Monday 3 December – Yr 10 Presentation Assembly/Dinner
Tuesday 4 December – Infant School Presentation Afternoon
Wednesday 5 December – Primary School Presentation Evening
Thursday 6 December – Senior School Presentation Evening
Thursday 6 December – Students last day for 2012
Friday 7 December – Staff Development Day

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