



The Arndell Advocate

Monday 20th February 2012

The Newsletter of Arndell Anglican College

From the Director of Curriculum and Policy: Mrs Karen Merrick

2011 School Certificate and Higher School Certificate Results

School Certificate

In 2011, 75 students in Year 10 presented for the School Certificate in English, Mathematics, Science, Australian History, Civics and Citizenship, Australian Geography, Civics and Citizenship and Computing Skills. For all subjects except, Computing Skills, marks are divided into 6 Bands. The following results were achieved by students at Arndell:

- In English, achievement ranged from Band 2 – 5, with 95% of our students being placed into Bands 4 and 5.
- Mathematics results also ranged from Bands 2 – 5, 24% being placed in Band 5 and 92% being placed in Bands 3 – 5.
- In Science, achievement ranged from Bands 2 – 6, with 88% of our students being placed in Bands 4 – 6.
- In Geography, the results ranged from Bands 1 -6 with 69% achieving in Bands 4 -6.
- In History, the results ranged from Bands 2 – 6, with 70% achieving in Bands 4 – 6.

In Computing Skills, results are placed into 3 Bands only and students at Arndell were all placed in the top 2 Bands.

Overall, the results have displayed an improvement in History and Mathematics compared to 2010 results.

Higher School Certificate

In 2011, 55 Arndell students presented for the Higher School Certificate. 28 courses were studied by students at Arndell, with 11 subjects achieving Band 6 results and 1 subject achieving in the top band, E4 for Extension subjects. This is an improvement on 2010 results. These subjects are listed below:

Biology	Business Studies	Industrial Technology	Legal Studies	Mathematics
Modern History	Society and Culture	History Extension	Senior Science	Music 1

Although statistically, the school Mean and Median were lower than 2010, there are many positive aspects of the 2011 results, such as the increase in number of Band 6 results; the decrease in % of students receiving ATARS less than 50, the value-added figure improved from 57% in 2010 to 63% in 2011, and the continued positive trend in the Grand School Average which has steadily climbed from 23.49 in 2006 to 24.49 in 2011.

These results are a reflection of the diverse student candidature at Arndell and I would like to congratulate the Class of 2011 for their achievement in their final year of Secondary Schooling. If you have continued on to tertiary education, please keep us informed by contacting the school, as many staff members are interested to hear of your progress beyond school life.

The Top 10 Achieving Students in 2011 HSC

- Erin Thornton 96.75
- Steffi Benz 93.45
- Joel Sedorenko 92.40
- Ella Rowe 90.30
- Lisa Hourn 84.85
- Kimberlee Currell 83.00
- Ben Tuynman 82.75
- Wendy Su 82.70
- Isabella Garland 80.90
- Adam Roberts 80.00

From the Head of Junior School: Rev. Keith Peterson

It's great at the beginning of a New School Year (which is always a wonderfully alive and exciting time in itself!), amidst all those positive swirls of busyness, to have a go at trying to grab some Big Picture Moments inside Big Picture Questions.



So here's a Big Picture Question: Where is the Junior School now?

Well, certainly, in a very positive time of growth; change; and consolidation.

And in a very secure place of intent, for it is our defining passion to seek to maximize opportunity for achievement for all of our children. Here is the beating heart of our ethos – **which every child matters**.

Our aim is to give every child access to a broad, balanced, relevant curriculum and every day, in each of our classrooms, we look to promote enthusiasm, fun and enjoyment through learning. *We aim to open doors*: to offer a wide range of experiences and opportunities to each of our students in the hope that they will find that individually shaped niche from which they can really succeed and grow. We seek to define and build on our student's strengths, for one small starter success can create a confidence and self-belief which can grow outwards to embrace many other aspects of a child's learning.

And we seek to *build together*, towards each student's best present and best future. This is why we consider quality of home/school communication to be so very important. We view the relationship between teachers, parents/carers and children as a living triangle, where each side is joined together in this single 'mission' to encourage and shape each child's individual educational progress.

And we see things whole.

Our work is motivated and inspired by the life, message and example of Jesus. We recognize that we are stronger together and value collaboration. We develop our understanding and tolerance of each other through knowledge and mutual respect. We expect our students to have high standards of behaviour and good manners and to develop responsible attitudes to, and respect for, their learning community and their learning environment and all the people who contribute to it.

At Arndell Anglican College Junior School we teach a broadly based, balanced, exciting and creative curriculum that takes account of the latest research on how children learn. Our aim is to develop the 'whole child' – encouraging all of our students to achieve their very best – intellectually; socially; spiritually; physically.

So at the start of Term 1, 2012, where might we place Arndell Anglican College Junior School?

In an exciting phase of building, consolidation and development. In a time of growing enrolments; a time of widening and deepening pedagogical practice and of growing reputation.

And, yes, as we continue to seek to build the Junior School, we do have ambition to build for high windows; for high dreams.

We do want our School to be the best it can be – but always 'the best' as set against that one dominant measure, the one dominant scale: that at Arndell Anglican College Junior School, **every child really does matter**.

Free Lectures for HSC Students

Fundraising for "Beyond Blue" & the "Fred Hollows Foundation"

o assist students in their preparations for the mid-year HSC exams, The School for Excellence (TSFX)

is running a series of free lectures in March titled?

"Mastering the Exams"

For further information see Student Services



Arndell Sports Desk

SWIM, SWIM, SWIM. Thankfully the rain stayed away for the majority of both carnivals. Many thanks to the parents who gave up their time to assist.

New records in the Primary carnival, Danielle Macpherson 8yrs 50m Breaststroke 61.90 and the 50m Butterfly 62.81. Apologies to Loren Carter whose record from 2011 50m Backstroke 42.87 was omitted from the program. There were no new records in the secondary carnival.

House Results:

PRIMARY 2012	FINAL PTS	FINAL POS
GREENWAY	577	2
JOHNSON	677	1
MACQUARIE	613	3
TEBBUTT	565	4
SECONDARY 2012	FINAL PTS	FINAL POS
GREENWAY	740	1
JOHNSON	646	4
MACQUARIE	731	2
TEBBUTT	711	3

Age Champions will be announced at each of the assemblies in week 4.

The Arndell Swimming Teams for HICES and HZSA will be posted on the Sports Notice Boards by week 4.

SWIMMING 2012:

Important swimming carnival dates and venues for terms 1 and 2. More detailed information will be included in future parent bulletins about times and transport arrangements.

• Thursday 1 st March	HICES (yrs 2 - 6)	-	Homebush
• Thursday 8 th March	HZSA (yrs 7 - 12)	-	Homebush
• Thursday 22 nd March	Primary CIS (yrs 2 - 6)	-	Homebush
• Thursday 29 th March	AICES (yrs 7 - 12)	-	Homebush
• Monday 30 th April	Secondary CIS (yrs 7 - 12)	-	Homebush (night)
• Tuesday 1 st May	Secondary CIS (yrs 7 - 12)	-	Homebush (day)

HILLS ZONE SPORT COMPETITIONS 2012:

Due to the restructuring of HZSA sport into summer and winter competitions there will be no regular after school HZSA competitions in Term 1. Preparations will commence in Term 1 for Winter Semester competitions in rugby, football, netball and basketball which run over Terms 2 and 3. Summer Semester competitions in cricket, touch football, futsal and basketball commence in term 4 and conclude in term 1 2013. During the course of the year Championship days will be organised for other sports. Information about trials for all College teams will be provided via the Daily Notices, Advocate, the College web-site and the sports notice board. It is the students' responsibility to check for information regularly and to ask sports staff for assistance when necessary.

SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE SPORT TRIALS:

Secondary Students in years 7-12 use the HZSA, AICES and CIS representative pathway.

HZSA Representative Open Basketball Championships:

- **Boys:** Wednesday February 22nd at the Hills Basketball Stadium. Training: Tuesday & Thursday lunchtime.

HZSA Yr 7 AFL Gala Day: 20th March.

- Any boys interested in playing should see Mrs Cornick.

NSW CIS Junior (7-9) & Open Golf Championships:

- Monday 20th February, Windsor Golf Club. Nominations to Mrs Cornick close Friday 10th February.

AICES Open Tennis Championships:

- Boys 17th February, Cintra Park. Nominations Mrs Cornick closes 3rd February.

NSWCIS Baseball Championships:

- Monday 13th February, Blacktown Olympic Baseball Centre. Nominations Mrs Cornick closes 8.30am 6th February.

JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE SPORT TRIALS:

HICES Boys & Girls Football Trials:

- Thursday 15th March. Nominations to Mrs Cornick by Thursday 9th March

HICES Girls Netball Trials:

- Friday 30th March. Trials will be held by Mrs Chan date TBC.

NSWAFL is offering an **Afterschool Skills Session** for 6 weeks for students 5 -12yrs old starting March 1st, at a cost of \$35. If your child is interested please call Mrs Cornick. No days or dates will be finalised until numbers are confirmed.

Along with the College Sport Webpage (still being updated at the moment) other useful websites that can be accessed for up-to-date information, news and results and parents are recommended to keep up to date with what is going on through these avenues. Unfortunately HICES (primary Representation Association) does NOT have a webpage)

- www.hillszone.com.au for Hills Zone Sport Association (**HZSA**)
- www.aices.com.au for Association of Co-Educational Independent Schools (**AICES**)
- www.aisnsw.edu.au/cis for NSW CIS Sport information (**NSWCIS**)

Uniform Shop News: Mrs Elizabeth Moore

It is time to try on your blazer as Blazer fitting day is less than 2 weeks away (Tuesday 6 March). See details below.

Every student in the College (K-12) will require a Blazer to wear with their winter uniform. Whilst winter changeover does not occur until Monday 14 May, now is the time to decide if your current blazer will still fit, or if you require a new one (or a 2nd hand blazer). In past years we have had many students without a blazer that fitted them simply because they had grown out of last year's blazer and didn't realize until after the fitting day. If you have outgrown your old blazer, and it is in good condition (new logo, in good repair and dry cleaned), it may be brought to the uniform shop to sell in the 2nd hand clothing pool. Many families are looking for good quality 2nd hand blazers, so get them in ASAP.

Blazer fittings will be held on Tuesday 6 March 2012

Students must be at school on this day to be fitted. (Infants will be fitted first shortly after 9am, followed by primary, then high school classes at recess). Blazers are a compulsory part of the Arndell Anglican College Uniform and they are individually fitted for each student.

Jnr. Girls (Yrs K-6) \$170.00

Jnr. Boys (Yrs K-6) \$220.00

High School Girls (Yrs 7-10) \$175.00

High School Boys (Yrs 7-10) \$225.00

Snr. Girls (Yrs 11-12) \$200.00

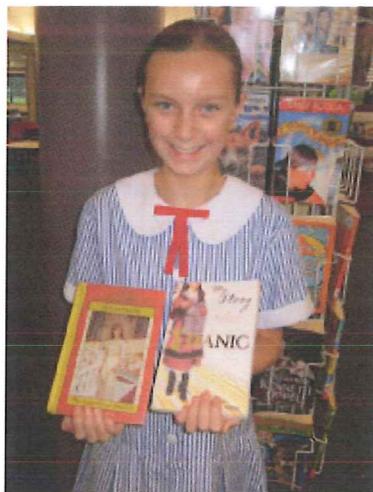
Snr. Boys (Yrs 11-12) \$250.00

- **Note:** Boys Blazers have extra details e.g. pockets and lapels. Prices include fittings, alterations and GST.
- An **\$80.00 deposit** is required to confirm and register your child for a fitting. This must be paid to the Uniform Shop before Thursday 1st March 2012 or your child cannot be fitted. A late fee **\$30.00** will apply to anybody requiring a fitting after 6 March.

- **Years 11/12** students requiring a senior stripe to be applied to their blazer will automatically be applied at the above price. If you currently have a blazer that fits please bring your dry-cleaned blazer to the Uniform Shop before Tuesday 6 March and a senior stripe will be applied at a cost of \$25.00, to be paid in advance.
- **Second Hand Blazers:** anyone wishing to sell their blazer (in good condition, with the current logo and dry-cleaned) can bring them into the uniform shop now.

Premier's Reading Challenge 2012 – Mrs Elva Miller

A big thank you goes to all the parents in the Junior School who are encouraging their children's participation in the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2012. Mrs Sharvell and I have loaned out a record number of PRC books to students as they take up this worthwhile challenge. Although the finishing date is the end of August, Ellah Johnston in year 3 has completed reading her 20 books already! Well done Ellah!



Laura Holman (year 6) was the first student this year to borrow PRC books .



Ellah Johnston (year 3) has already completed the PRC by reading twenty books.

From the P & F: Joanne Self - P&F President - pandf@arndell.nsw.edu.au

One of the major goals for us at the P&F is to try and increase the sense of community within the school.

With this in mind **TRIVIA NIGHT** is a fantastic opportunity for us all to get together for a fun night of games and laughs. The **Trivia** Committee are working very hard to make the night a huge success, they have some wonderful prizes that have been donated, but we still need more. Please let us know as soon as possible if you can help. Anything like vouchers, wine, gift baskets etc. would be greatly appreciated. **Trivia** night is on the 10th of March so please get in early and book your tickets many tables have been booked already!

Last Tuesday we held our first Family Fun Day meeting. I am so happy to report that 14 lovely parents turned up for the meeting and we now have a new co-coordinator for this much loved day of our school calendar. A big Thankyou goes to Alannah Norman who has kindly taken on this huge role with help from Sandra Cheetham. You will be hearing more from Alannah soon.

Finally, our first P&F meeting will be held this Tuesday 21st at 7.30pm in the Junior Library. Please come and hear more about our plans for the year. I personally am looking forward to learning about the many changes that are taking place within Arndell.

Arndell Anglican College Directory

Headmaster:	Mr Gareth Leechman
Deputy Headmaster/Head of Senior School:	Mr James Webb
Head of Junior School:	Rev Keith Peterson
Director of Curriculum and Policy:	Mrs Karen Merrick
Director of Teaching and Learning:	Mr Jim Milford
Director of Staff and Student Welfare:	Mrs Lynn Gillen
Uniform Shop:	Mrs Liz Moore 45 723254 Tuesday/Thursday 8.30 – 10.30am/2.30 – 4. pm Camp Australia -1300 105 343 www.campaustralia.com.au
After School Care:	
Equestrian:	Mrs Laura Thorpe 0416 212 260 equestrian@arndell.nsw.edu.au Mrs Anna MacDonald pamac@bigpond.com
P & F President:	Mrs Jo Selff pandf@arndell.nsw.edu.au
Canteens:	Monday-Friday (Recess/Lunch)

Term Dates for 2012

Term 1 - Monday 30 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
Tuesday 21 February – P & F Meeting 7.30pm Jnr. School Library
Thursday 5 April – Term Finishes

Term 2 - Monday 23 April – Friday 22 June

Tuesday 15 May – P & F Meeting 7.30pm Jnr. School Library
Friday 22 June – Term Finishes

Term 3 - Tuesday 17 July to Friday 21 September

Monday 16 July – Staff Development Day
Tuesday 7 August – P & F Meeting 7.30pm Jnr. School Library
Tuesday 18 September – Last day for Yr 12 / Yr 12 Valedictory Dinner
Wednesday 19 September – Friday 21 September – Yr 7-11 Camps
Friday 21 September – Term Finishes

Term 4 - Tuesday 9 October to Friday 7 December

Tuesday 30 October – P & F Meeting 7.30pm Jnr. School Library
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

Do you care
about our
school?

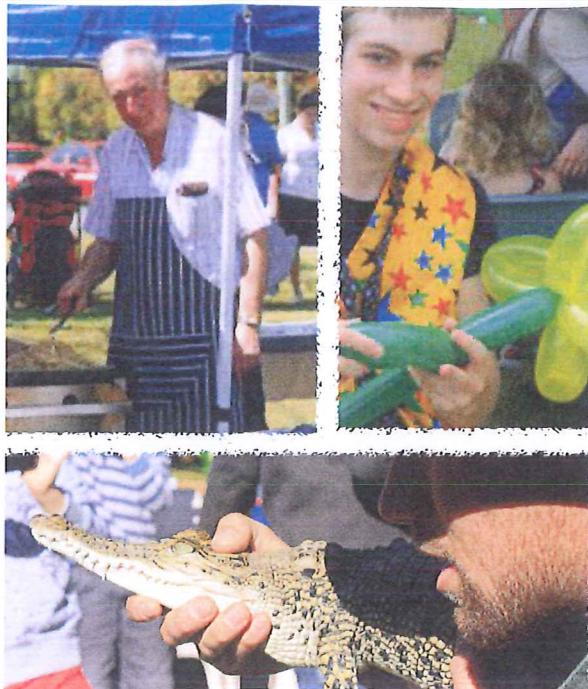
Please come
to our
**Parents &
Friends
meeting**

**Tues 21st Feb
7:30pm
Junior Library**

For more information please contact
Jo Selff (P&F President)
pandf@arndell.nsw.edu.au

The new director of Curriculum and Policy Mrs Karen Merrick and the new Director of teaching and learning Mr Jim Milford will be introduced.

So come along – Don't be shy. There are all sorts of ways to help provide some positive "parent power" at Arndell.



Saturday 25th February 2012

**Starting from 10am at Pitt Town Anglican Church
110 Bathurst St, Pitt Town**

The Pitt Town HFHC project is holding a community expo to provide a day of family fun and to help people in the Hawkesbury to learn more about support services and activities that are available in their local community. There will be heaps of fun activities and market stalls for all the family to enjoy plus an evening of jazz and easy listening music under the stars from 6pm.

For enquiries or to book a stall call David or Mandy on (02) 4572 3262 or go to www.hfhc.pitttown.org.au

Managing the Bull

"Courage is fire, and bullying is smoke"

Benjamin Disraeli

Richmond Community Services Inc is pleased to launch this new initiative in partnership with Ken Nathan from Intervention Plus:

A FREE 6 WEEK GROUP TO HELP BULLIED TEENS IN YEARS 7-10 AT HIGH SCHOOL

Teasing, taunting and other forms of bullying can cause serious emotional harm to children that can last all throughout their lifetime and impact upon their future life goals and relationships. Ignoring or excusing the behavior only perpetuates the situation. 'Managing the Bull' is a 6 week course that builds resilience in bullied teens through games, activities and discussions. In a safe, supportive environment, participants will learn to:

- Recognise bullying
- Discover inner strengths
- Build self esteem
- Communicate effectively
- Deal with cyber-bullying
- Build support networks
- Use personal protection plans



4-6pm Thursday afternoons for 6 weeks on:
1st March, 8th March, 15th March, 22nd March, 29th March, 5th April
At Richmond Community Services, Neighbourhood Centre
20 West Market St, Richmond

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

To book call 4588 3502
or email
admin@rcsi.ngo.org.au

Food and drinks provided



Richmond Community Services Inc.
in partnership with Wesley Mission
is pleased to offer a
free 3 week ongoing group:

"IN CHARGE OF MY MONEY"

WHEN:



BOOKING
ESSENTIAL!
02 4588 3502
Email:
admin@rcsi.ngo.org.au

WHERE:

Richmond Neighbourhood
Centre
20 West Market St
Richmond
NSW 2753



FREE childcare available - booking essential

Fridays 2nd, 9th & 16th March
9.30am—12 noon

(Free Financial Education program offered by Wesley Mission in partnership with Richmond Community Services Inc and supported by St George Bank)

The "In charge of my money" - Wesley Financial Literacy Program can assist you to build your knowledge and skills around managing your money, and help you make informed decisions about spending and borrowing. During the workshops you will learn about:

- Setting up a budget
- Managing your debt/s
- Understanding the costs related to credit card use and other forms of borrowing
- How to set goals and save
- Where to go for help

Each participant will receive a pack containing a notebook, pen, calculator and learning sheets and sessions are run in small groups by qualified trainers.




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

**PITT TOWN
ANGLICAN
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CHURCH**



What's On For Kids & Youth



GROTS



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