



ARDELLE ANGLICAN COLLEGE

"News Flash"

Monday 27 February 2012



On behalf of the Headmaster: Mr Gareth Leechman

Communication

The first P&F meeting for 2012 went exceptionally well. I would like to commend the work of the new P&F Executive Team for the positive way they have started this year. The meeting was attended by almost 30 parents of the college as well as the executive staff of the college. A range of activities were reported on and planning is already well under way for the:

- Trivia Night to be held on Saturday 10th March in the college gymnasium
- Easter chocolate drive to be held over the last five weeks of this term
- Family Fun Day/Open Day to be held Saturday 26th May
- Arndell Anglican College Equestrian Carnival to be held on Saturday 22nd September

The new P&F President Jo Selff made it clear to the parents who attended the meeting that whilst one of the functions of the P&F was to raise money for the college and its students, it was of equal importance for the P&F to act as a vehicle for bringing the college community together in support of the college itself. I was pleased to see that this point was clearly supported by all of those in attendance. Yes, the P&F would like to raise some money to assist in the purchase of some cricket nets at its up-coming Trivia Night, but just as important was the feeling that this would be a wonderful way for the college community to come together and welcome the many new families who have joined it.

The P&F Meeting was not purely an exchange of information regarding their fundraising activities it was also a meeting where the parents could ask questions relating to the operations of the college to the college executive. I was able to clarify matters relating to class sizes in the Junior School, how the new after-hours care program worked and Rev. Peterson was also able to clarify how the new enrichment program would work in the Junior School. I was able to explain that the college position regarding the issue of class sizes was that the college would not seek to operate classes above 30 in the Junior School – in actual fact there is one class of 30, one at 29 and two at 28 all the others were operating at 26 and below. This factual knowledge helped debunk some of the myths that seemed to exist about class sizes. Rev. Peterson was able to explain in great detail the rationale to the changes in the enrichment program in the Junior School and the parents who were able to attend the meeting left excited about how the new program would operate for their child.

Many other issues were dealt with on the night, such as; the way TAS operated in Stage 4; car park safety; what the functions of the new Director of Curriculum and Policy and Director of Teaching and Learning are; the importance of effective communication between home and school, and several other issues. Parents appreciated the fact that they could get clarification on issues relating to the education of their children. All in all it was a very positive meeting.

So don't take your P&F Association for granted. It is not just an excellent avenue from which to raise funds for extra projects around the college, it is also an excellent way of building community as well as exchanging in positive discussions about the education that your children are receiving. I encourage you all to get behind the P&F and make it yet another positive aspect of this college.

Calendar Dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
27 Feb	28 Feb	29 Feb	1 Mar	2 Mar	3 Mar	4 Mar
Yr 6 Camp – Port Hacking	Yr 6 Camp – Port Hacking Yr 11 Ecology Ex – Longneck Lagoon Assembly – High School – JLPA Centre	Yr 6 Camp – Port Hacking	Yr 5 Camp - Hill End Chapel – High School- JLPA Centre Yr 12 Business Studies Ex – IMAX, Sydney HICES Primary Swimming Carnival	Yr 5 Camp - Hill End Chapel – Infants Jnr. School Library HZSA Schools Knock our Tennis Soccer for Arndell Dads 8-9pm Arndell Gym	K. Toms Dance Class Drama Rooms – JLPA Centre	10.15: Pitt Town Family Church Service at Pitt Town
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
5 Mar	6 Mar	7 Mar	8 Mar	9 Mar	10 Mar	11 Mar
HICES Jnr. School Leadership Day (TBC) Yr 6 Leaders Thras information Even 7.00pm Jnr. School Library	Assembly – High School – JLPA Centre HICES Yrs 5-8 Leadership Day Blue Mtns Grammar Blazer fitting Day – Uniform Shop NSW All School Triathlon 12-18 Yrs - Penrith Regatta Centre	Yr 10 Excursion to Long Reef Yr 11 Agr Exc. NSW All School Triathlon 12-18 Yrs - Penrith Regatta Centre	Chapel – High School- JLPA Centre HSZA Swimming Carnival Yrs 7-12 - Homebush	Chapel – Primary School JLPA Centre Soccer for Arndell Dads 8-9pm Arndell Gym	K. Toms Dance Class Drama Rooms – JLPA Centre P & F Trivia Evening 7.30pm College Gym.	10.15: Pitt Town Family Church Service at Pitt Town
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12 Mar	13 Mar	14 Mar	15 Mar	16 Mar	17 Mar	18 Mar
HZSA Boys Tennis C'ships HZSA Yr 7 Gala Day – Aus Tag & AFL	Assembly – High School – JLPA Centre Yrs 7 & 10 Vaccinations	HZSA Yr 5 Gala Day HZSA Girl's Tennis C'ships	Chapel – High School- JLPA Centre Yr 10 Exc – Rouse Hill Recycling Plant	Yr 10 Exc – Rouse Hill Recycling Plant Chapel – Infants Jnr. School Library Jnr. School Awards Assembly JLPA Centre Soccer for Arndell Dads 8-9pm Arndell Gym	K. Toms Dance Class Drama Rooms – JLPA Centre	10.15: Pitt Town Family Church Service at Pitt Town