



The Arndell Advocate

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The Newsletter of Arndell Anglican College

ANZAC DAY 2012: Mrs Mary Zahn (nee Cahill)

ANZAC DAY is a tradition which is recognised with increasing pride by young Australians. They travel to Turkey to stand in awe of the daunting coast of ANZAC Cove; they follow the Australian Remembrance Trail along the Western Front in Europe; they climb the gruelling Kokoda Track; they wear the medals, passed down through the generations, in ANZAC marches. They stand in reverent silence on ANZAC DAY as the dawn spreads west across this vast State

We do not remember the Gallipoli campaign because it was a disaster and a defeat against all odds. We remember it because it was a triumph of courage, loyalty, mateship, and endurance. It gave our young nation its first great test, and because it now brings us together, as a nation, to respect the memory of the thousands of Australians who have died in conflicts around the world. It is important to express our sympathy and our gratitude to the families who have lost so much - and given so much - to our country, and to honour the continued contribution of our service men and women, willing to risk their lives in the service of the nation.

It was a privilege for me to deliver the Occasional Address at the Arndell Anglican College ANZAC Service. John Frederick Cahill of the RAAF (Royal Australian Air Force) was my father. He served in Bomber Command in World War 11 in the **466 Squadron**. On May 12th 1943 his Wellington plane was shot down on a bombing operation over Bochum in Germany. He parachuted out and was captured after 3 days. He was in a prisoner of war camp in Stalag 6 and Stalag 3 (see the movie *The Great Escape*) and remained there until the Great March in early 1945 and then final freedom. His memoirs tell of loyalty, mateship and endurance against all odds, similar to that which was experienced in Gallipoli in WW1. He died in 1986.



John Frederick Cahill

WAR is about sacrifice not heroism.

I would like to leave you with a letter found among the belongings of a young pilot, in a Bomber Squadron in WW11, who was killed in action.

I count myself fortunate in that I have seen the whole country and known men of every calling. But with the final test of war I consider my character fully developed. Thus at my early age my earthly mission is already fulfilled and I am prepared to die with just one regret, and one only – that I could not devote myself to make your declining years more happy by being with you; but you will live in peace and freedom and I shall have directly contributed to that, so here again my life will not be in vain.

Your loving son.

From the Head of Junior School: Rev. Keith Peterson

"The fact that students differ may be inconvenient, but it is inescapable. Adaptation to that diversity is the inevitable price of productivity, high standards and fairness to all children." Ted Sizer



Arndell Anglican College Junior School is a community where every child matters. The School finds the very heart of its identity as a community which is comprehensive and inclusive in its policies and practice. Differentiation, a philosophy of instruction that recognizes and supports the diverse, individual, academic and holistic needs of students, is therefore a key part of our School's culture, mission and every day classroom life.

Differentiation is a BIG word for a BIG concept: that of providing instruction deliberately shaped to meet the differing academic needs of all students.

A general description of the practice of differentiation at Arndell Anglican Junior School would include the following:

- An active philosophy of student differences
- Carefully planned assessment to a variety of models
- A variable pacing in lessons
- Planned variation in content – using a variety of methods; smart board; individual white boards; discussion; teacher led instruction; group work; individual instruction, etc
- Allowing students to choose, with the teacher's guidance, ways to learn and how to demonstrate what they have learned
- Implementing flexible grouping strategies that might cluster students - by achievement in a particular learning area; learning style; interest; personal choice and ability.
- Cluster Grouping in support of developing literacy and mathematical skills. .
- Providing students with opportunities to explore topics in which they have strong interest and find personal meaning.

Differentiation ensures that each student is challenged by a variety of instructional strategies suited to his or her achievement and ability levels, learning styles, and interests.

This in turn ensures that in every classroom in the Junior School, every student is encouraged, challenged and nurtured to learn and grow as much as they can.

In this way 'differentiation' blows off the dust, steps out of the dictionary and becomes a vital road map for each teacher to follow in maximizing each student's learning.

At Arndell Anglican College Junior School we think that 'differentiation' is as practical, as every day relevant – and quite simply as fundamentally important – as that!

Reminder!!!!

Enrolments for 2013

If you have a sibling for entry into Year 7 and Kindergarten
please contact the Headmaster's PA
as soon as possible on 4545 2472 to obtain enrolment forms.

Change to Winter Uniform

Monday 14 May 2012

Please note:

New Blazers will be available to be picked up from the Uniform Shop on
Thursday 3 May 2012



Arndell Sports Desk: Acting Head of Sport Mr Peter Gordon

Welcome back to term 2. For those of you who may not be aware, Mrs Cornick has taken leave for Term 2 and I will be taking on her role as Head of Sport in her absence.

HILLS ZONE SPORT COMPETITIONS 2012

This term sees the start of the newly restructured Hillszone competition. These will start in Week 3 of this term. Commitments forms are well overdue and need to be returned immediately. The teams we have entered are:

- Inter Rugby,
- Junior Boys football (soccer),
- Junior, Inters and Seniors x2 netball,
- Senior boys basketball

The Hillszone Cross Country Carnival will be held at Rouse Hill Regional Park on Thursday 3rd of May. The course walk starts at 8:30am and the first event will be starting at 9:00am.

SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE SPORT TRIALS:

Secondary Students in years 7-12 use the HZSA, AICES and CIS representative pathway. Dates are posted on the Sports Notice Board and on the Website. Students must check these dates for HZSA trials in sports or they will miss out on possible selection for a HZSA team.

JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE SPORT:

NSWAFL is offering **Afterschool Skills Sessions for 6 weeks for students 5-12yrs** old at a cost of \$35 to start in Term 2. Mr Walker has kindly offered to liaise with the AFL. This is a non- school sports club so if your child is interested please come along and talk to the AFL organisers on Thursday afternoons on the Senior oval

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.

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| • Thursday 29 th March | AICES (yrs 7 – 12)- | Homebush – own transport |
| • Monday 30 th April | Secondary CIS (yrs 7 – 12) | Homebush (night) –own transport |
| • Tuesday 1 st May | Secondary CIS (yrs 7 – 12) | Homebush (day) - own transport. |

CROSS COUNTRY 2012

- **HZSA Cross Country** – Thursday May 3rd- Rouse Hill Regional Park
- **AICES Cross Country** – June 7th at Macarthur Anglican School, Cobbitty
- **CIS Primary & Secondary Cross Country** – 14th June – Eastern Creek Raceway
- **HICES Cross Country** –Thursday May 31st - Scots College, Bathurst

IMPORTANT SPORT DATES FOR TERM 2:

- **HZSA Girls Hockey Championship/Trial Day** – Monday April 30th – Pennant Hills Park
- **HZSA Senior School Interschool Sport Competitions** – Starts week beginning May7th
- **Yr 5 HZSA Inter School Sport** – Starts Wednesday May 2nd
- **CIS Primary Football Trials** – Thursday April 27th – The Kings School Nth Parramatta
- **HZSA Rugby Union Trials** – 7th May & 15th May – Nomination forms due to PE office by 30th April
- **CIS 15s Rugby League Trials**- 16th May – Nomination forms due to PE office by May4th.

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 Representative 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)

Arndell Equestrian Committee: Rosemary Cornick, Laura Thorpe & Thirza Teuben

Upcoming Dates:

- **Oxley College Equestrian Day** - Sunday 13 May 2012
"Araluen" Kardinia Lane, Hume Highway, Berrima. **Entries close Sunday 29 April 2012**. Entries via Nominate, www.nominate.com.au. If camping and stabling is required, it can be booked through Moss Vale Show society. www.mossvaleshow.com.au
- **Hunter Valley Grammar School** - Saturday, 28th and Sunday 29th April
2012 Equestrian Championships-EFA Interschool Bradley Park polo Cross grounds, Anambah Rd, **Ruthford Entries Close, Monday 14 April 2012** Entries via www.hvgs.nsw.edu.au

IMPORTANT NOTICE for All Equestrian Riders College Procedure for Arndell Students Entering Equestrian Events

The following procedure must be carried out by **all** students intending to represent Arndell Anglican College at an Equestrian Event. Nominations must be forwarded onto the school before an event can be entered, failure to do this may mean that the rider risks not being covered by the school's insurance. To make sure that you are covered by the school's insurer please adhere to the following procedures:

1. Email equestrian@arndell.nsw.edu.au requesting to be nominated into the selected event. In your e-mail you need to outline the following details:
 - (a) Rider's name;
 - (b) Current year at school;
 - (c) Event details they have selected to enter;
 - (d) Parent/guardian name and contact details;
 - (e) Notify if a copy of the Equestrian "Certificate of Currency" is required;
 - (f) Notify if the Headmaster signature must be obtained.
 - If the Headmaster's approval is required, Mrs Whelan (PA to the Headmaster) will be notified of the student's name and event by the Equestrian Co-ordinator **prior to** the rider/parent/guardian coming into the front office to obtain this.
2. After receiving a reply acknowledging acceptance for the nominated event parents can then proceed with entering their child into the event.
3. If the entry requires a Team Mangers signature, the entry form must be signed by Mrs Teuben – Yr 2 class Teacher.
4. If the rider withdraws from the event notice must be sent to equestrian@arndell.nsw.edu.au
5. On completion of the event, results and/or photos can be sent to equestrian@arndell.nsw.edu.au for acknowledgement of the student's achievement.

Please note: when representing Arndell Anglican College at an Equestrian Event the correct attire must be worn and appropriate conduct carried out.

From the P & F: Funday with Mrs Alannah Norman

Great Program for this year's Family Fun Day on Saturday 26 May 2012

Preparations are full steam ahead for an exciting program of events for this year's Family Fun Day and Open Day which will be held on Saturday 26 May from 12noon to 5pm.

The ever popular rides will once again be returning, and for the first time this year the Scouts NSW climbing wall will be on site for those who are budding rock climbers. A very special demonstration of horse drawn vehicles is also being arranged as well as a fleet of immaculate vintage and custom vehicles as part of the 'Show & Shine'.

A dedicated group is madly sewing and knitting in preparation for the popular Sew Wot Mums stall which will be selling a beautiful collection of handmade items.

Help from all families is still needed - please call Alannah Norman (0404 033 994) if you can help with:

- donations of plants
- white elephant stall items
- helping on a stall on the day
- parking supervision; or
- cooking up a storm on the popular BBQ

Most importantly - keep Saturday 26 May 2012 free so you can bring some friends and enjoy a great afternoon at the Fun Day!

Junior School Mufti Day - FRIDAY 4th MAY 2012

The Junior School will be able to hang up their uniforms for Friday 4th May for this term's Mufti Day. To participate, Junior school students will be asked to bring in a donation of items for the Family Fun Day Chocolate Wheel. Thanks to many volunteer parents, fabulous prize baskets are made up from all the donations received. Those in mufti are asked to bring in a donation which will fit the following themes:

- Prep - Things for pets - pet toys, treats etc
- K - 2 - Games prizes for the games tent - little toys, balls, hair accessories anything that you would like to win
- Yr 3 - Pamper products - nice soap, bath salts, nail polish etc
- Yr 4 - Stationery - pencils, note pads, textas etc
- Yr 5 - Non perishable foods - olives, sauces, marinades etc
- Yr 6 - Car products - buckets, sponges, colognes, etc

Thank you to all families for their help and support of the Fun Day!



Lego Competition for Family Fun Day Saturday 26th May

The competition is open to all students in the College and our expert Lego judges will award prizes for innovative and clever model design. Prizes will be awarded in the following way:-

- Best Model design – Prep and KG students
- Best Model design – Year 1 and Year 2 students
- Best Model design – Year 3 and Year 4 students
- Best Model design – Year 5 and Year 6 students
- Best Model design – High school students

Cost for entering the competition is \$3.00 per model

Fill in the form below and return with your model and entry fee to the Junior School library in the week beginning Monday 21st May.

Student's name: _____ Class: _____

Age: _____

Name of model: _____

I have paid my entry fee of \$3.00 with this form Signed _____

Please see Mrs Elva Miller for more information if needed.



**AROUND THE COLLEGE
FOR CHILDREN**

JOLT
Tuesday lunch time
(Mrs Thompson, Mrs Bell & Mrs Peisley) Yr 2 rooms

FOR YOUTH

THE WAY
Friday Lunch time
Mitch Currell - D Block

PRE-SCHOOL

MUSICAL MUNCHKINS
Emma Iles - Tuesday mom (9:30-11:30am)

FAMILIES

CAFÉ CONNECT - Tuesday & Friday
outside student services (8:30-9:30am)
everyone is welcome for a free coffee & a chat

Arndell Bible Study - Friday's 9:30-10:30am
Greg Peisley - Staff Common room

WELFARE AND ASSISTANCE

Healthy Families-Healthy Communities Project offers Family Counseling, Marriage Courses and Cap Money (money management) Course. Emergency assistance and more. HFHC is a Pitt Town Anglican Community Church initiative contact the church office 4572 3262 our visit www.hfhc.pitttown.org.au for more details

AT CHURCH

FOR CHILDREN

GROTS (BOYS) - FFF (GIRLS)
JOHN COWNE & MICHAEL REFALO
SUSAN PEISLEY & BEC REEVE
yrs K-5 Friday 4.30pm at church Hall
(check student services for dates)
KIDS CHURCH - SUNDAYS 10:10AM
Rob Warner & Mitch Currell
For kids in kindy to year 8

DAY CAMP KINDY - YR5
YULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

FOR YOUTH

PI† STOP AND THE BOX - Years 6-8
Friday 6-7:45pm at Church Hall
Rob Warner & Mitch Currell

PRE-SCHOOL

CRECHE@CHURCH - Sundays 10:15am

FAMILIES

MAN CUB CAMPS (FATHERS & KIDS)
FAMILY CAMPS



"Show & Shine"



Due to the ongoing popularity of the Arndell College Family Fun Day **'Show & Shine'** display, we will once again like to invite Arndell families and friends to be part of the display on Saturday 26th May.

Do you have a vintage, classic or simply unique **CAR** or **MOTORCYCLE**? This is a great chance for like-minded enthusiasts to get together for a great day! If you are interested in "shining" and "showing" your pride and joy please contact Catherine Vapopoulos 0438 727 397 or email funday@arndell.nsw.edu.au.

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Children & Youth!

What's on?

Kidz Alive (Kindergarten - Year 5)
Friday afternoons 5:00-6:30pm during school term
Bible discovery, fun, food, games, making stuff and other activities
\$2 (afternoon tea provided)

Kids@10 (Kindergarten - Year 7)
Sunday mornings as part of the 10am service
Bible study music, games and other related activities

ignite (Years 6 - 10)
Friday evenings 7:00-8:30pm during school term
Bible discovery, games, theme nights, outings and various activities
\$2 (supper provided)

**St Matthew's
Windsor Anglican Church**

Moses Street, Windsor
Youth and Children's Minister: Michael Mak—4577 3193 (O),
0423 190 410 (M), michael.mak@windsoranglican.asn.au

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
College Counsellor:	Mrs Julie Nixon 45 452461
Uniform Shop:	Mrs Liz Moore 45 723254 Tuesday/Thursday 8.20 – 11.00am/2.30 – 4.pm Camp Australia -0401 94 531 www.campaustalia.com.au
After School Care:	
P & F President:	Mrs Jo Selff pandf@arndell.nsw.edu.au
Equestrian:	Mrs Laura Thorpe - 0416 212 260 Mrs Thirza Teuben equestrian@arndell.nsw.dedu.au
Funday Co-ordinator	Mrs Alannah Norman – 0404 033 994 funday@arndell.nsw.edu.au
Canteens:	Monday-Friday (Recess/Lunch)

Term Dates for 2012

Term 2 - Monday 23 April – Friday 22 June

Tuesday 15 May – P & F Meeting 7.30pm Jnr. School Library
Saturday 26 May – College Open Day/Funday
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
Saturday 22 Sept - Arndell's Equestrian Carnival

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

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