



The Arndell Advocate

Monday 28 May 2012

The Newsletter of Arndell Anglican College

Report from Mrs Alannah Norman

- Co-ordinator of the Openday/Funday on Saturday

Well what a day! Family Fun Day has finally finished and I think it could be considered a great success – even the weather was kind to us and the wind only stayed to make things challenging for a short while. The final tallies for each of the stalls are still being counted and a few straggling expenses and bits of income need to come in, so we will get you your stall profit amounts early next week. GENERALLY though, we estimate that the family fun day was able to raise more than \$15,000.

A HUGE thank you to you all! This was truly a combined effort and needed all hands on deck to pull off a day which by all reports the kids said was “awesome”.



A few facts and figures that I heard in passing:

- We estimated that there were between 2,500 and 3,000 visitors to the Fun Day and Open Day – with more than 50 families taking up the offer of a tour of the school – some potential Year 7's wanted to sign up on the spot!
- Lindy's flyers, posters, ads and notes must have worked – even though she nearly got blown away trying to put up roadside posters on the day.
- The carpark (junior oval) plus general parking was full to overflowing by 1pm.
- Anna, Connie Stephens Glen and Louise Cain and a host of other helpers were seeing fluoro-yellow by the end of the day having attached more than \$9,000 worth of armbands at the ticket stall.
- Jenny Hilder spoke for five hours without so much as a toilet break and was a star on the microphone ensuring all the sponsors, stalls, entertainment, and promotions were announced.
- The scouts climbing wall had more than 410 kids who were harnessed up and sent to the top
- Sandra on entertainment delivered a fantastic line-up which was complimented throughout the day
- Gordon on plants sold more than 200 plants and insisted on watering the left-over plants before he went at 6pm so they will be healthy when Chris plants them out around the school.
- Joanne and Sandra packed 100kg potatoes, 40kg carrots, as well as boxes of onions, oranges and apples and sold the lot from the back of the beautiful vintage truck
- Lisa and her mother-in-law, Rose, worked all day and sold all of the 40 baskets she put together with her helpers at the Chocolate Wheel. Lisa's amazing vouchers she rounded up were offered in two 'Gold' spins and raised more than \$1,000 alone.
- Jack Breene's animal 'show and tell' was busy all day and he tells me the chickens were the most popular - thanks must go to Jacqui and Aunty Katherine as well for pulling this off.
- Sharon and her team managed to sell White Elephant treasures that literally filled an entire classroom
- The gourmet chef team leaders of Glenda, Di, Linda and Prue and their team of volunteers were kept busy all day on Toasties, Hot Dogs and Pancakes with the BBQ selling out by 3pm.

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- Lego was very popular again with the winning creations being announced on Monday by Mrs Miller.
- Paula's most popular games were putt-putt and sand lotto and she had the loveliest group of Year 9 boys helping her who worked tirelessly all day.
- Julie in Sew Wot Mums and her team had one of her best years in sales with people coming to ask specially for the beautiful items they knew she had on the stall.
- Penny finally stopped making lolly bags when she got to 881 and didn't seem to have a lot left – sugar was definitely our most popular seller at the Fun Day.
- Despite her concerns, all of Anna's kids craft items were finished and on display by opening time of 12noon – with heaps of proud parents, and beaming children visiting the stall during the day.
- Sue, Dave, and Howard on Drinks could not make hot chocolate and coffee quick enough for crowds at the Drink Stand with Mindi's cookies being a very popular add on – luckily Peter and Bec Wilson stepped in and helped out for 5 hours.
- Catherine managed to count hundreds of 'People's Choice' votes with the winner being the beautiful yellow and black Mustang.
- Laura nearly sprayed half of the crowd at the jumping castle with hair spray as the winds picked up, and managed not to lose any of the equestrian ribbons which were flapping in the breeze – she still managed to keep an eye on the beautiful mirror from Country Manor offered on the silent auction and was the successful bidder.
- Tina had her team at the cake stall working all day, and despite a slow start on Friday was inundated by donations on the Fun Day – she still managed to sell out with only one slice left.
- It was great to have the help of so many high school students who worked hard on their stalls all day and were so enthusiastic – I think they learnt a lot about logistics and selling!
- Fiona, Jenny and Nicole finished counting kilos and kilos and kilos of coins at 7pm – a monumental effort! They have requested the P & F invest in a coin counter.
- St John ambulance only had one customer and that was Jenny Hilder's son! (glad to report he is fine now).
- We had no lost children left at the end of the day! If we did hopefully, Jim Webb would have found them as he was last one to leave.



Rachael and Jo once again showed how true miracle workers they are and used their experience from previous Fun Days to make sure everything ran like clockwork on the day (well as much as it is possible with 3,000 people, children, animals, non-compliant cars, dozens of stall holders, and carnival rides with armband finances that never seem to balance). Mr Taylor and Jo's extensive risk plan and emergency evacuation plan thankfully was not tested.

To everyone who made Open Day /Fun Day work, I am extremely grateful. I think the College, and the students of Arndell, certainly benefitted by being able to showcase the College, and I am looking forward to seeing some lovely new seating for the kids around the school with some of the money raised.



Arndell Anglican College Junior School:

Year 6 Student Service and Leadership Development Program

At Arndell we firmly believe that all students have a capacity to be responsible leaders and to serve their school community. The Year 6 Student Service and Leadership Development Program encourages every student in Year 6 to do just that. It aims to provide a number of opportunities for students to develop these all important skills and so contribute to the Junior School in significant ways.

The following pictures and articles were written by our Year 6 students. They begin to describe just some of the areas they are serving the Junior School as part of our developing range of social and pastoral programs .

Mrs Elissa Turville (Team Leader: Student Welfare and Leadership Development)

Environmental Warriors

Mr Taylor has been helping a group of around 10 Year 6 students who have a keen interest in gardening and caring for our school gardens. These students have been mulching and weeding the bush food garden and the Year 6 vegetable patch. They are planning to plant some vegetables to grow over the Autumn and Winter seasons. It is pretty hard work because students must give up a lunch time to participate and the work is very physical. We are all very keen to be involved because all that we do is working towards making our school grounds look even more spectacular.

Written by Bryson Rejtano and Caydn Fugelsang



Peer Mentoring



Peer mentoring is a fun activity where people from different years can have fun and learn that even the little things can count. In our sessions we do Circle Time and get to know one another more by doing a bit of art, craft and games. There are about fifteen Year 6 peer mentors paired up with students from younger grades. On May 15th 2012, we had to build a tower out of newspaper and masking tape. We had two rules to follow; their tower must use only newspaper and masking tape and it must stand up on its own. The tallest would win a prize. This gave the peer mentoring guys a real challenge! The tallest tower was built by Geoff Crawshaw, Brad Murray, Alex Mackintosh and Tony Xian. This week the peer mentoring group will be looking at the Resilience Doughnut and how we can discover and build up our individual strengths. We look forward to all that we will be doing in the future with this fun and exciting program.

Written by Jordan Johnson and Hannah Leechman

Student Leadership

Being a student leader, we have many responsibilities. We help people in the playground; do different duties such as raking and maintaining the sandpits, supervising safety on the hard court, and leading Junior School Award and Monday Morning Assemblies. Although being a student leader can sometimes feel demanding, because there is a lot of responsibility and people don't always listen to what you say, it is definitely a really fun and important role for learning how to organise yourself and to help others. We are all very much looking forward to continuing to encourage others and to helping our fellow students be the best they can be.

By Hannah Leechman and Sara Selff



Prep's Farm Day!



with the animals.

Thank you to Faith, Emelia and Courtney for helping also.

On Thursday the 17th and Friday 18th, Prep had a visit from some farm animals. As a part of the terms thematic projects we have been studying and classifying the many different animal groups.

As a highlight we were able to have Mr and Mrs Evans come and speak to the children.

The children were able to ask questions and interact



THRASS INFORMATION EVENING FOR PARENTS

28th May 2012

7.00 pm – 8.00 pm

Junior School Library

HICES Debating Update

With the first round of HICES Debating literally washed out in the floods for Arndell teams, there was a considerable amount of trepidation as the teams prepared for the second round at Penrith Anglican College on Tuesday, 8th May. The Middle Division (Years 7/8) team included Calley Hannan, Amy Fradd and Fletcher Thew and they prepared the affirmative case of the challenging topic "That academic coaching colleges provide an unfair advantage."

The Senior team (Years 9 and 10) have impromptu debates where they only receive the topic when arriving at the host school on the day, prepare for an hour and then come out and aim to speak for 6 minutes each. This is in itself an intimidating task for most people but when the given topic was "That school league tables are harmful" and neither the Arndell team or their St Paul's Grammar opposition knew what a league table was (and the dictionary doesn't help and they cannot have outside assistance), it was always going to be a struggle for the students concerned.

These brave students were Danni de Keizer, Oliver Kelly and special guest fill in third speaker Raymond Xian (Year 8) in the absence of Year 10 students who withdrew the day before. Thank you, Raymond; it was a particularly brave effort!

Both teams came "second" on the day but were competitive. As Ms. Willis who did a great job accompanying the team on the day (it was also the afternoon of Year 12 Parent/Teacher interviews) described "All students put in a lot of effort and showed a really positive attitude to the topics and the debates, especially considering they all had little or no debating experience in the past. Their behaviour throughout the afternoon was flawless and they all seemed to really enjoy the experience." I also wish to acknowledge the work of Mrs. Anslow in preparing the Year 8 speakers prior to the day, including numerous lunchtime sessions for the team.

The next round of the competition is being hosted by Arndell next Wednesday afternoon from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Mears Library (H block) classrooms. Visiting schools will include William Clarke College (junior), Hills Grammar, Penrith Anglican, Rouse Hill and St. Paul's Grammar.

This time around, the Arndell junior team will be from Year 7 with the team of Elly Hibberd (1st), Isaac Elliot (2nd), Lauren Vesperman (3rd) and Jayde Taylor (4th) taking the negative case of the topic "That technology has rendered all libraries obsolete". The Year 10 team will be Danni de Keizer (1st), Oliver Kelly (2nd) and Jessica McCoy-Lancaster (3rd) with the topic unknown but something to do with "Modern Society". Both Arndell teams' debates will take place in H4 against St. Pauls Grammar teams, the Year 7 team at 3:25 p.m. and the Year 10 team at 4:25 p.m.

All students and parents are warmly invited to attend as an audience and support the teams in their first year of HICES debating.

The last round of preliminary debates (before finals) will take place at Rouse Hill two weeks later.

The skills that debaters gain in terms of the ability to think on their feet and to construct logical, sequenced arguments (huge benefits for examination essay writing) are invaluable and I commend all those students and staff who have supported the re-introduction of inter-School debating in the HICES competition this year.

Tom Lavelle (Head of English & Drama)



Arndell Sports Desk: Acting Head of Sport Mr Peter Gordon

The representative sport program is in full swing with carnivals and afterschool sport under way. Students have been wonderful ambassadors for the college in their effort and behavior.

Hillszone After-School Representative Sport

- Monday (4 – 5pm): Junior Boys Rugby (Home and away competition)
- Tuesday (4 – 5pm): Intermediate Boys (Home and away competition)
- Wednesday (Start 4pm and 4:45pm) – Junior, Intermediate and Senior (x2) play at Wellgate Ave, Kellyville
- Thursday (4pm Start): Junior Boys Football (Soccer) play at Eric Mobbs Reserve, Castle Hill

Results for the first two weeks of competition

Team	Game	Opposition	Score	Result
U14's Rugby	1	William Clarke	Forfeit	LOSS
	2	Northholm	21 - 7	WIN
U16's Rugby	1	William Clarke	10 - 12	LOSS
	2	Hills Grammar	53 - 17	WIN
Senior Boys Basketball	1	Gilroy	40 - 40	DRAW
	2	Arden	37 - 26	WIN
Yr 7 Boys Soccer	1	Arden	0 - 6	LOSS
	2	Rouse Hill	0 - 2	LOSS

At the time of writing, the 4 girl's netball teams had been participating in a 2 week grading process for divisions. Results for their first two games will be available in the next advocate.

Hillszone Cross Country

Two notable omissions from the results from the Hillszone Cross Country were Sarah Wilton (U/12's - 9th) and also Maddie Sainty (U/13's - 7th) who both finished in the top 10. As with the other students listed in the previous Advocate report, these girls were a credit to the college in both their effort and behavior.

Students who progress to the next level will be notified in the coming weeks in preparation for the AICES Cross Country Carnival held at **Macarthur Anglican School on the 7th June.**

Representative Cross Country Dates

- **HICES Cross Country** –Thursday May 31st - Scots College, Bathurst (Junior School)
- **AICES Cross Country** – June 7th at Macarthur Anglican School, Cobbitty (Senior School)
- **CIS Primary & Secondary Cross Country** – 14th June – Eastern Creek Raceway

Equestrian Carnivals

- **Barker College Showjumping Competition Saturday, 16th June, 2012**
- Venue: Sydney Jump Club Grounds
- Gate 5, Racecourse Road, Clarendon
- the grounds are located right next to Hawkesbury Showground.
- Entries: Entries via Global Entries Online at <http://www.globalentriesonline.com.au>
- Entries close 1st June 2012
- Fees: \$50 per rider for the day. All profits from this event will be donated to the RDA

All teams representing the college start their competitions this week. A reminder regarding the days of competition:

Important Sport Dates for Term 2:

- **HZSA Senior School Interschool Sport Competitions** – Starts week beginning May 7th
- **Yr 5 HZSA Inter School Sport** – Starts Wednesday May 2nd

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**)

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College Photo's 2012

THURSDAY 7TH JUNE 2012

- Prep 2 Day – Prep Sports Uniform (from 9:00)

WEDNESDAY 13TH JUNE 2012

- Prep 3 Day – Prep Sports Uniform (from 9:00)

WEDNESDAY 13TH JUNE 2012 – FULL WINTER UNIFORM

- All School/ Class & Individual Photos
- Family Groups, Staff Photo, Prefect (Jnr & Snr)

WEDNESDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2012 – SPORTS PHOTOS - further details later

ALL ENVELOPES MUST BE RETURNED TO
COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
BEFORE MONDAY 11TH JUNE 2012.
(WITH PRE-PAYMENT MONEY ENCLOSED)

Class & Individual

- Please complete all details on the front of the envelope prior to returning it to College Admin Office.
- Please ensure that the correct money is in each envelope, as change cannot be given.
- All students will be in the class photograph & individual photo, even if not purchasing photos.
- Additional envelopes are available from the College Admin Office.

FAMILY PHOTOS (No "Buddy" Photos will be taken)

- Envelopes are available from the College Admin Office for Family Photographs.
- Only those who return the Family Portrait Envelope with correct money will have Family Photographs. Please ensure that all details on the envelope are complete.
- The correct money should be in the Family Portrait Envelope, *NOT* added to the student's Individual Photograph envelope.
- Family Photos will be taken in the GYM at lunchtime.



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Parents and Students, Year 10 Reminder

**Year 11 2013 Information Evening,
in the Performing Arts Auditorium
Wednesday 6th June
7:30pm**

This is a very important evening for parents and students alike. During the course of the evening the following will occur:

- A presentation explaining how the HSC works
- A explanation of how ATARs are created
- Overview of suggested subject choices
- Explanation of any prerequisite requirements
- Explanation of how subject lines will be created
- An opportunity for you to ask questions of Executive staff and Heads of Departments

Following the presentations and question time, students and parents will be issued with the following two documents:

1. Subject choice booklet
2. Course choice sheet

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 6th June at 7.30 pm sharp.

Mr Gareth Leechman
MA MEd MACE MACEL
Headmaster

Mrs Karen Merrick
BMus.Ed Med (Creative Arts)
Director of Curriculum and Policy

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
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Funday Co-ordinator	Mrs Alannah Norman – 0404 033 994 funday@ardell.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

