



The Arndell Advocate

Monday 30 July 2012

The Newsletter of Arndell Anglican College

From the Headmaster: Mr Gareth Leechman

Last night we held our inaugural Art Showcase Evening – which was an opportunity for our Art students to display the various art works they have been developing and working on over the past six months. Art work was displayed from Year 8 onwards with a main focus on the work from our elective Art students in Years 9 – 12. The night was attended by quite a few members of our college community.



It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the talents of so many of our students. Themes varied from nature, to human emotions, to musical personalities, to the environment, to the way we view ourselves, and so many more. I was so pleased to see that a variety of visual mediums were used to represent the thoughts of our students – it was not just portraits and paints, but we saw the use of technology, recycled products, cloth materials, photography and so much more. Creative energy is such an important gift that we have been given and I was so pleased to see that our students felt they had the freedom to express it and express it with such quality.

On behalf of the college I congratulate all of the students for their fine efforts and I encourage them to keep exploring the talents that they so clearly possess. I also congratulate the teaching staff involved in the evening, in particular Mrs Sanders and Miss Bryant who should be commended for their efforts. I look forward to what will be produced over the next twelve months as we lead up to our second Art evening in 2013.

I would also like to congratulate two other areas of the college community who are making a real difference in the educational opportunities of our children. Firstly, I would like to congratulate all of the Junior and Senior School staff involved in the Eagles Wings program. This term we have over 110 students involved in the program which encourages our students to keep involved in their learning though the school time might have stopped. Well done to Mrs Miller and her team as they coordinate this very worthwhile program – I look forward to what the students will learn over the coming term.

Finally, good luck to our Year 7 Debating team in the HICES knock out rounds. Under the leadership of Mr Lavelle the English Department we have once again become involved in the HICES Debating Competition. This year we had two teams enter the competition and our Year 7 team now debate against Penrith Anglican College to see who will become the regional winner and continue on in the competition. Good luck to our team we wish you all the best.

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From the Head of Junior School: Rev. Keith Peterson

Positive Behaviour Guidelines Brochure: July 2012

For any School to really flourish and thrive it is essential that certain support structures be clearly in place. Our defining aim in the Junior School is that all of our children should have the fullest individual and collective opportunity to 'aim high' and to grow and achieve to their fullest individual and community capacity.

We are passionate in this aim.

We are also convinced that for this aim to be achieved, it can't be a matter of random ambition. Rather, it must be an aim worked and lived out through partnership and clear communication.

For, in order for the Junior School to continue to develop as a secure, happy place within which all of its children can learn and can grow into their fullest selves, we surely all best need to be on the same page? And this also needs to be an open and shared page - for as the Bible pictures it, a triple coil of rope is so much stronger than a single coil, for '*a threefold coil is not quickly broken*': *Ecclesiastes 4*.

It is our hope that we might particularly see this triple strand, (parents/children/teachers), plaited together, in terms of each and every school/home partnership. For it is this partnership which the Junior School's Positive Behaviour Guidelines are particularly set to support, in looking to provide a single reference point for us all, a key statement of values and an explicit guide as to process.

As such the Guidelines are an expression of our Christian Mission as a School and of our calling to community and to a daily mutuality of care and respect. They are an expression of the priority we do place on communication and partnership with parents. They also provide a framework towards the defining and implementation of a consistent and transparent level of practice.

Over Week 2, each Junior School Family will be provided with a copy of the Junior School Positive Behaviour Guidelines (2012) – either at the Parent Consultation Evenings or as later enveloped and placed in a student's School Diary.

I am grateful to be able to recommend the Arndell Anglican College Junior School Positive Behaviour Guidelines to your very kind attention.



Junior School Public Speaking

During Term Two, students in the Junior School participated in our annual Public Speaking Competition. Students were chosen from each class, grade and stage – marks were awarded for each student's presentation as well as the content of their speech.

I am pleased to announce the stage winners who will proceed to the Public Speaking Finals which will be held this Thursday evening 2nd August at 6.30pm in the Junior School Library.

Stage 1

Chloe Jones, Alannah Vella, Jessie Dauncey, Ben Charlesworth, India Culey, Alicia Smith

Stage 2

Caitlin Pellew, Olivia Vella, Sarah Shepherd, Natalie Zaiter, Paige Ellison, Nelson Christopher

Stage 3

Brooke Ellison, Kate Hogan, Lauren Smithers, Louis Wouters, Lachlan Moore, Caitlin Clark

We extend a warm welcome to all our school community to attend our Public Speaking Finals evening.

Mrs Elva Miller - on behalf of the Public Speaking Committee

THRASS Information Evening. with Mrs Denyse Ritchie, Co-founder of THRASS

A THRASS information evening will be held on Wednesday 8th August, 2012 at the Junior School Library.



THRASS stands for Teaching Handwriting, Reading and Spelling Strategies and teachers in the Junior School have been using it as an effective teaching tool as a part of their programming. It will be a particularly useful time for parents with children new to the school, or those who have been unable to make it to previous information sessions.

The evening's session will be run by Mrs Denyse Ritchie, international speaker and co-founder of THRASS. This is a one-off opportunity to listen to this spectacular speaker ... so don't miss out! Mrs Denyse Ritchie will be at Arndell Anglican College on the 8th and 9th August consolidating and extending our children's knowledge of THARSS. The evening's information session will take place from 6:30pm – 7:30pm. We hope to see you there!

The Indigenous Literacy Foundation



The Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF) is an initiative and charity of The Australian Book Industry drawing on its diverse range of expertise, skills and resources.

The Foundation's core aim and objectives

- To raise literacy levels and thus improve the lives and opportunities of Indigenous Australians living in remote and isolated regions.
- To advocate to raise awareness of literacy issues within the Australian community.
- To raise funds to equip Indigenous Australians living in remote communities with books and the support they need to become literate.

The Foundation's major fundraising campaign is Indigenous Literacy Day on Wednesday 5 September 2012. Arndell Anglican College will be participating in the Indigenous Literacy Day Event at Sydney Opera House. The MC for the day will be Therese Rein, wife of Kevin Rudd. The program will include a song and dance performance and a special address. **The song will be performed by Year 5 students from Arndell Anglican College at the Concert Hall Northern Foyer, Sydney Opera House.** The students and teachers will also bring along a favourite book and a dollar coin donation to participate in a Great Book Swap at the conclusion of the program.

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Debating Update: Mr Tom Lavelle- Head of English & Drama

At the end of the round robin stage of the HICES debating competition, many positives are evident from Arndell's re-entry into the competition this year. A wide cross section of students from Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 have gained memorable experiences and some valuable skills in terms of both public speaking and the ability to think on their feet that will stand them in good stead into the future.

An exciting and somewhat unexpected bonus in our first year re-entering HICES debating is that the "Middle" (Year 7) team of Elly Hibberd, Isaac Elliot, Rosie Rodgers and Amelia Pinter has qualified for elimination final to decide the regional winner against Penrith Anglican College next Monday, 30th at Arndell, commencing at 12 noon. This is a significant achievement by these Year 7 students in their first year of HICES competition.



The finals run on different rules as all finals are one hour preparation (no prior knowledge of the topic), so this will be a new, testing experience for the Year 7 team. We do know it will have something to do with the Olympic Games; a nice small topic area. Should the team win, they proceed to a Sydney zone final (against Emmanuel School, Randwick).

I would like to once more commend the Year 10 team and in particular, Dannii de Keizer and Oliver Kelly on their determination and positive attitude. Winning debates is not what it is all about (adjudication can contain surprises in terms of results) and the improvement in the skills of these students throughout the competition rounds and the fine example they provided for the younger teams were most praiseworthy. I also wish to thank all those staff who have been so supportive of the debaters, especially when it came to hosting the round here with so many visiting schools.

A further update as to the successes of the Year 7 team will follow.



Arndell Sports Desk: Head of Sport - Mrs Rosemary Cornick

Junior School Athletics Carnival:

What a tremendous day we had! Being the first week of term the students started the term running! I would like to commend the students on their participation, behaviour and performances. A HUGE thank you to the 4 staff who came on board to assist at the eleventh hour replacing staff away due to illness. To the Senior students from the 10 PASS class and 11 PDHPE who took the little ones under their wing for the day, you really did an awesome job and have been commended by the Primary staff And finally the large number of parents who came down to assist with both timekeeping and judging without your continued and positive support it would extremely hard to run these carnival days. The results from the carnival are being entered this week but will not be available until Week 4 when they will be posted on the College Sports webpage. This

year we had a complete program of events equal to the HICES carnival and though we were able to complete the program it wasn't without penalty. I sincerely apologise to the parents of students who missed their connecting bus here at school and parents inconvenienced by having to make alternative arrangements to collect their children. The Primary Sports Committee met to discuss changes that can assist in completing the program on time for the future. If any parents are concerned about **lost property** this was taken to Stage 3 that afternoon and the House Captains will be distributing named items to students this week. Any unnamed items will either end up in Lost Property or with Mrs McGowen.

I would like to thank Mr Peter Gordon for taking on the role of Acting Head of Sport whilst I was on long service leave. He stepped into the role with dedication and having read his reports had a busy time with numerous students achieving high levels of representation – my congratulations to them all. Here is his final report.

This is my final report as Acting Head of Sport. I have enjoyed the challenge of managing the sports program in the school and have enjoyed seeing the many great sporting performances by our students through this term. Mrs Cornick returns from leave in Term 3 and I pass the reins back to her.

One student of note who just missed out on the last Advocate article was Jesse-James Phipps. He has been selected to Represent CIS at the PSSA State Rugby Championships in Armidale in August, next term. This is a wonderful achievement by Jesse and made all the more impressive by the fact he actually has a rugby league background. So adapting to a different style of game and rules is a challenge he has successfully overcome.

Natalie Otten has been selected to represent AICES at the CIS Open Netball Day on Thursday 26th July. Natalie was in competition with a number of players for the position of Goal Keeper (GK). She is to be congratulated on this performance and we wish her all the best as she competes.

HZSA Afterschool Sport

Results for Games Term 2

Team	Game	Opposition	Score	Result
16s Rugby	Final	WCC	17-10	LOSS
Senior Boys Basketball	3	William Clarke	11-57	LOSS
	4	PHCS	40 - 62	LOSS
	5	Marian	20 - 57	LOSS
	6	BYE		
Yr 7 Football	3	William Clarke	N/A	WASHOUT
	4	BYE	N/A	BYE
	5	Marian	N/A	WASHOUT
Junior Netball	1	William Clarke	3 - 32	LOSS
	2	Marian	6 - 36	LOSS
	3	Arden		WASH OUT
Inter Netball	1	Marian	19 - 15	WIN
	2	PHCF	31 - 19	WIN
	3	WCC 1		WASHOUT
Senior Netball 1	1	Pacific Hills	20 - 32	LOSS

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	2	Gilroy 1	Forfeit	WIN
	3	Marian		WASH OUT
Senior Netball 2	1	Hills Grammar	13 - 17	LOSS
	2	William Clarke	Forfeit	WIN
	3	Arden		WASH OUT

Fixtures for HZSA Afterschool Sport Term 3

TEAM	DATE	OPPOSITION	COURT	VENUE
Junior Netball	July 25th	Arden 1	3	Kellyville Courts
	1 Aug	Gilroy 2	2	
	8 Aug	RHAC	4	
	15 Aug	Semis Div B		
	22 Aug	Finals Div B		
Inter Netball	July 25th	Round 7		
	1 Aug	Round 3	(6/6/12)	
	8 Aug	Round 4	(13/6/12)	
	15 Aug	Semi Finals		
	22 Aug	Finals		
Senior Netball 1	July 25th	Gilroy 1	3	
	1 Aug	Marian 1	2	
	8 Aug	WCC3	3	
	15 Aug	WCC 1	1	
	22 Aug	Semi Finals		
	29 Aug	Finals		
Senior Netball 2	July 25th	WCC 4	4	
	1 Aug	Arden	8	
	8 Aug	WCC 2	5	
	15 Aug	WCC 5	5	
	22 Aug	Semi Finals		
	29 Aug	Final		
Senior Basketball	26 July	Gilroy	ZB	Stanhope
	2 Aug	Arden		Hawkesbury
Yr 7 Football	26 July	THGS	3	Eric Mobbs
	2 Aug	Semi Finals		
	9 Aug	Finals		

CIS Primary Cross Country:

Arndell had 12 students represent the HICES team at the CIS Cross Country on Thursday 14th June. We had some pleasing results and all students are to be commended for their performances: Meredith Otten, Elven Cooper, Sophie McAlpine, Dylan Jones, Malcolm Macpherson, Emelia Evans, Greer Johnson, Danielle Macpherson, Rachel Leechman, Natalie Sproule, Cameron Terheedge, Noah Hadden

CIS Secondary Cross Country

At the senior school level, Arndell had Nathaniel Goldrick (finished 36th) and Sarah Wilton (39th place) represent the AICES team at Eastern Creek for the CIS Cross Country. Both students are to be commended for their performance and reaching this high level of competition.

Junior School Sport

Yr 6 in Term 3 are involved in an inter school HZSA competition in Touch and Netball. Information is available on the HZSA Website under the tab > PRIMARY SPORT

Important Sport Dates for Term 3:

- **HZSA Senior School Interschool Sport Competitions** – continues Term 3 for Netball, Junior Football and Boys Basketball
- **Yr 6 HZSA Inter School Sport** – Starts Wednesday 25th July
- **SASC Netball Championships** Junior & Senior Thursday 2nd August, Kellyville
- **Yr 3 HZSA Gala Day** – Tuesday 14th August
- **HZSA Secondary Athletics** – Wednesday 22nd August – SAC - Homebush
- **AICES 15s Tennis nomination due** – Friday 31st August
- **Camden High Interschool Equestrian Carnival**- Saturday 8th September, 2012. Bicentennial Park Map - Camden. Entries close Friday 24th August (No late entries accepted - NO Refunds after close of entries, NO Fax Entries) Email Carolyn James: CAROLYN.JAMES1@det.nsw.edu.au Email: Camden-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au School Address: 300 Cawdor Rd, Camden 2570 Web site: www.camden-h.schools.nsw.edu.au to download entry forms.
- **AICES Athletics** – Monday 3rd September – SAC - Homebush
- **HICES Athletics** – Tuesday 4th September – SAC – Homebush
- **AICES 15s Tennis** – Girls 7th September; Boys 14th September – Cintra Park Concord
- **AICES 15s Boys Cricket nominations due** -11th September
- **AICES 15s Boys Cricket trials** – Tuesday 18th September
- **CIS Primary Athletics** – Wednesday 12th September
- **CIS Secondary Athletics** - Wednesday 19th September
- **Arndell Equestrian Carnival** – Saturday 22nd September

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.ainsw.edu.au/cis for NSW CIS Sport information (**NSWCIS**)

Equestrian: Mrs Laura Thorpe Equestrian Co-ordinator

Welcome back Equestrian Riders to Term 3. Arndell Equestrian Carnival is to be held on 22nd September, the Program and Entry details are on our College website. Pre-entry is necessary and the closing date is Friday 14th September. Do not leave entering to the last minute as we will be taking a certain amount of entries this year. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me, on equestrian@arndell.nsw.edu.au. Remember to tell your riding friends and spread the word.



A few fun things will be happening this term for students at the College: a Guessing Competition - first prize is fantastic Camping Gear, donated by Black Wolf .Booklets will be going out to all students in the next few weeks.

I welcome any new ideas/sponsorship or expertise that anyone may have that would benefit our Equestrian Committee and the College. This is also a great opportunity for anyone that has a business and would like to advertise in the Equestrian Program please feel free to contact me for more details.

P&F NEWS: Mrs Joanne Selff - P & F President

It was fantastic to come back to school after the holiday break and see all the wonderful new seating that has been erected by the Maintenance boys. The P&F paid for all the materials and the 'two Chris's' put the seating together, doing it this way saved us a lot of money as opposed to buying 'ready made' seating.

The other exciting news is that the new Cricket nets are almost completed. If you get a chance to have a look they are on the bottom Senior Oval. Bring a bat and ball and have a hit!

Please mark our next P&F meeting into your diary. It is coming up soon on the **7th August 7.30pm** in the Junior Library. We welcome any ideas on other projects that may improve the College for our children. At this meeting we are going to hear from students in our student body telling us about some of their exciting experiences within the College life. I am truly looking forward to hearing their stories and hope that you can join us.

Thank you for your continuing support.

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS

Arndell Anglican College has once again registered for the Coles Sports for Schools Program.

We recently received a rather large delivery of equipment from our participation in last year's program.

This gear is currently being distributed to the various departments and stage levels.

So once again we need your help.

If you shop at Coles could you please collect as many vouchers as you are entitled

to and drop them off at student services in the box labeled for

Coles Sports for Schools.

Let's see if together we can collect even more vouchers

to obtain even more sporting equipment for our school.



SEWERS NEEDED!!

Students in the Junior School (years 3 -6) are all participating in a musical at the end of this term. Each child needs a simple costume made for them. The costume only has 2 pattern pieces and is easy to cut out and assemble.

If you would like to help sew the costumes needed, could you please email me and I will supply to you the pattern and material. All costumes will need to be completed by the end of week 8 of this term (Fri 7th Sept)

Many thanks,

Elva Miller - elva.miller@arndell.nsw.edu.au



Arndell Anglican College Presents:

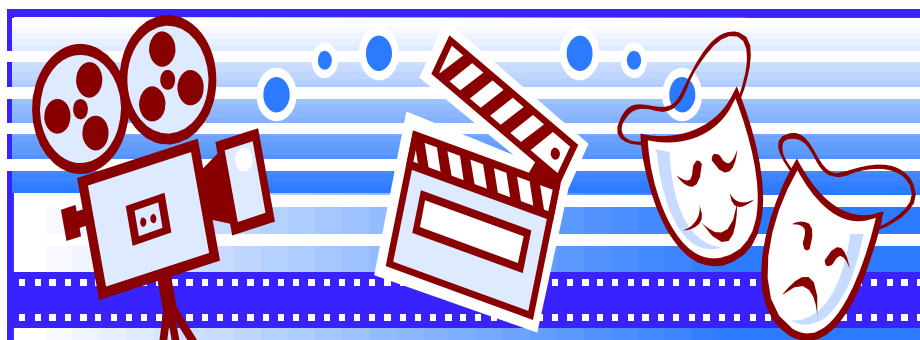
HSC DRAMA NIGHT 2012

Monday 6th August

(Please note change of date)

7.30pm

The John Lambert Centre for the Performing Arts



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Term Dates 2012

Term 3	Tuesday	7 August	P & F Meeting – 7.30pm Jnr. School Library
	Tuesday	18 September	Final Day for Yr 12 / Yr 12 Valedictory Dinner
	Wednesday	19 September to	Year 7 – 11 Camps
	Friday	21 September	
	Friday	21 September	Term 3 finishes
	Saturday	22 September	Arndell's Equestrian Carnival
Term 4	Tuesday	9 October	Term 4 Commences
	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
	Friday	7 December	Students last day for 2012 Staff Development Day

TERM DATES 2013

Term 1	Monday	28 January	Term 1 for Prep 3D, KG, Yrs 7, 11 and 12
	Tuesday	29 January	All remaining students
	Friday	29 March	Good Friday - holiday
	Monday	1 April	Easter Monday - holiday
	Friday	12 April	Term 1 finishes

Book now!

What's coming up soon!

Terms 3 & 4 2012



Being a Grandparent

\$15 per person – 9 November 9.30am – 12.30pm

A 3-hour seminar that will assist grandparents to:

- * Understand the importance of their role in children's lives
- * Be a positive role model for their grandchildren
- * Connect better with their grandchildren

The Challenge of Disciplining Your Child

\$25 per person – 4 September; 4 Dec 6 – 9pm

A 3-hour seminar that will assist parents of children aged 2– 12 years old to:

- * Understand what positive discipline means and how to set clear boundaries that children respect and learn to appreciate
- * Use conflict as a tool to improve relationships
- * Use tips and hints on different discipline techniques

Positive Parenting

\$25 per person – 18 September 6 – 9pm

A 3-hour seminar that will assist parents of children aged 3–8 years old to:

- * Know and acknowledge each child as an individual
- * Understand the power of focusing on what children are doing well
- * Deal with what children do that is not working for themselves or others

Being a Mum

\$75 per person – early 2013 – call to register your interest

A 3 session program that will assist mothers to:

- * Understand themselves as a Mum
- * Really connect with their children
- * Understand children at different ages
- * Learn positive ways to discipline children and communicate more effectively

Ideas for Parenting Teens

\$25 per person – 27 August 6 – 9pm

A 3-hour seminar that will assist parents to:

- * Help understand what is normal adolescent behaviour
- * Reduce the anxiety inherent in raising teenage children
- * Develop skills to communicate & negotiate with teenagers

Being a Dad

\$75 per person – 6, 13 & 20 November

A 3 session program that will assist fathers to:

- * Be a better Dad
- * Really connect with their children
- * Be able to discipline constructively and deal better with conflict

Bullying: How to make a difference

\$25 per person – 21 August 6 – 8.30pm

A 2.5-hour seminar that will assist parents to:

- * Describe aspects of bullying
- * Differentiate and identify responses to bullying in one-to-one, family and community situations
- * Identify opportunities to participate in promoting respectful relationships

Making Stepfamilies Work (for couples)

\$150 per couple – 10, 17, 24, 31 October 6 – 9pm

A 4 session program that will assist couples in the process of forming a stepfamily or those already living in a stepfamily to:

- * Encourage an awareness of the need to forge new ways of being in a stepfamily
- * Develop strategies for coping with difficult stepfamily dynamics and relationships
- * Accept each individual's current and prior situation no matter how complex or difficult these are



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