



The Arndell Advocate

Monday 10 September 2012

The Newsletter of Arndell Anglican College

From the Headmaster: Mr Gareth Leechman

I would like to announce to the college the appointment of Mr Martin Conway as our first Deputy Head of Junior School. Martin has spent the last eleven years at The King's Preparatory School at Parramatta where he has taught Stage 2 and 3 classes as well as serving as a Stage Coordinator and Head of House. Martin has also been an important driver behind the implementation of the PYP program at The King's Preparatory School as well as being an active participant in the school's sporting program. Prior to his time at The King's School Martin was a teacher at Trinity Grammar School at Strathfield. Martin is a committed Christian and his family are actively involved in the ministry at St Stephen's Anglican Church Normanhurst. We are excited by what Martin will bring to the position and look forward to him joining our community next year.



Secondly our Year 5 choir were involved in the National Indigenous Literacy Day at the Opera House last Wednesday. The choir had rehearsed a song written for them to celebrate the indigenous culture. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were excellent ambassadors for themselves, their families and the college. I was extremely proud of what they achieved and also for their involvement in a very worthwhile event. Congratulations to Mr Peterson, Mrs Merrick, Ms Mitchell, Mrs Zahn and the Year 5 teachers Mr Catt and Mrs Jones for all of their efforts in preparing the students for the day.

On Wednesday we had three of our netball teams in the grand finals of the Hills Zone Sporting Competition. All three teams played with a great deal of enthusiasm and all three won. Congratulations to the Year 6 team, the Year 7 team and the Senior Girls who all won their respective grand finals. Well done!

Then on Thursday we had all of our Infants classes involved in the Hawkesbury Eisteddfod and this resulted in a first placing for the Kindergarten class and a second placing for Year 1. It is a great educational experience for our students to be involved in and one that will build their confidence greatly. Well done to the Infants team on this worthwhile initiative.

Finally the week finished with Shakespeareance – a montage of pieces from Shakespeare. The night started off with some Shakespearean Sonnets, followed by a soliloquy from Romeo and Juliet and a scene from the comedy A Midsummer Night's Dream. These performances were produced by students from Year 7 right through to Year 9 and all students performed really well. The night was capped off with a parody of Shakespeare tragedy Macbeth called Mmmbeth by the Year 9 drama class. Overall the evening was most enjoyable and I am very much looking forward to what will be produced next year.

All in all it was a very positive week for the college and I hope that the last two weeks of term will be just as positive for us all.

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FROM THE HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL: Rev. Keith Peterson

After School Procedures

At Arndell Anglican College Junior School we are always looking to carefully monitor our Health and Safety procedures. Recently we have made particular focus on procedures re: the safe departure of children from Junior School Classrooms at the end of each school day.

The safety of our children is of paramount importance to us, and, of course, of total importance to you as parents/ guardians.



It is, therefore, in this sense of vital partnership, that I offer the following clarification and confirmation of the Junior School's **after school procedures**.

- At the completion of the Arndell Anglican College Junior School day at 3:05pm, all students should be collected from their classrooms by their nominated parent/guardian.
- It is the present policy of the Junior School that any remaining students might stay under the supervision of Junior School Staff until 3:30pm. Students will be supervised in an allocated Grade Classroom or in the Stage Central Area.
- After 3:30pm all still remaining students will be escorted by the member of staff on extended duty to the Camp Australia After School Care Facility, where their continuing supervision and safety might be guaranteed.
- At 3:05pm children should be collected from their classrooms by their parents / guardians or a sibling from Arndell Anglican College High School. It is not appropriate for a Junior School sibling to be given responsibility for supervision.
- No student is to be expected to go to another Junior School Classroom unsupervised and on their own, at or after, 3:05pm
- If a person, other than the person/guardian already nominated, is due to pick up a student at 3:05pm then previous notification should be given to the student's Class Teacher of this change in arrangements. This notification might be placed in the Student's School Diary or communicated directly to the Class Teacher at an earlier opportunity.
- No Junior School Student is to leave their classroom at 3:05pm and wait, unsupervised, at the College Entrance Roundabout.

As previously indicated, your continuing help and partnership in support of this advice – and of the safety and welfare of all our children - is certainly very much appreciated.

Thank you!

From the Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation

– Conditions of Enrolment

Re: students terminating their enrolment at Arndell Anglican College

'Parents are to give at least one full term's notice in writing to the Headmaster before terminating the Student's enrolment. If Parents do not give sufficient notice of termination of the Student's enrolment, they are to pay to the School one terms school fees.....'

Major Changes to Hawkesbury Valley Bus Timetables effective 17th September 2012

Copies of the new timetable have been given to 1 student in each family who currently hold a Hawkesbury Valley Bus Pass. Additional copies are available from Students Services. A number of routes have been changed. Several no longer change at Windsor High.

From next term, 2 buses will also connect with HillsBus at Maraylya Shops and Old Pitt Town Rd Interchange. The revised timetable for Hawkesbury Valley Buses should shortly be available at www.busabout.com.au.

Changes to HillsBus timetables will come into effect next term. We are yet to receive details of the HillsBus timetables

Year 3 Excursion to 'The Rocks': Ms Jo Chan

Last Friday 31st August, 2012 Year 3 went on an excursion to "The Rocks." This was a conclusion to our HSIE unit on British Colonisation. The children had a fabulous day as they dressed up and played the part of soldiers and convicts who arrived in Sydney Cove on the first fleet. The children experienced some of the hardships and difficulties faced and were able to learn the importance of The Rocks in our history. The tour guides were excellent and the children were very well behaved. A wonderful day was had by all, including the parents and teachers.



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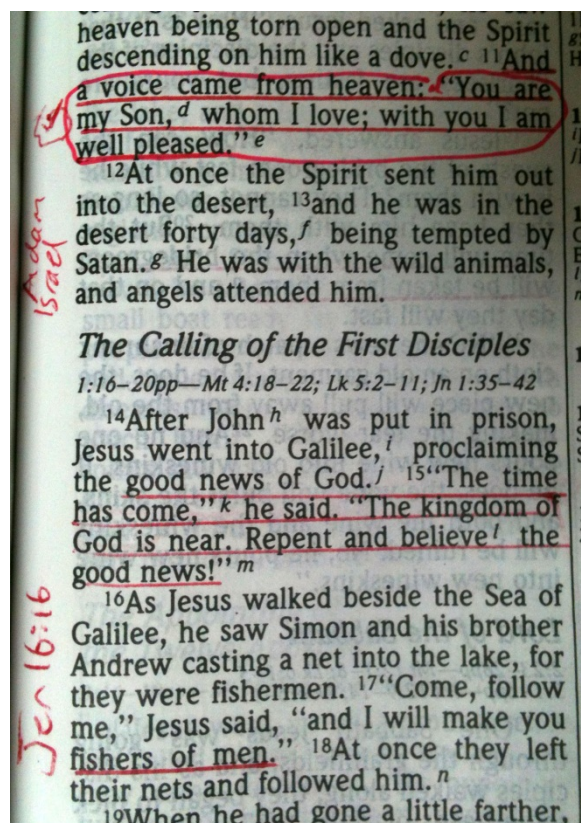
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From the Head of History & Biblical Studies: Dr Samuel Jackson

A Brief Note to Parents re: Bibles

Over the course of this term I have realized that some students are being told from home that they are not to mark their Bibles in any way. While I certainly don't want to discourage a healthy respect for God's Word this is causing some problems for these children. In Biblical Studies lessons students are encouraged to underline key ideas, jot down marginal notes and write in cross-references which help them to respect God's Word by understanding it more deeply. To give an example, to the right is a page from my own Bible with the sorts of markings I make to help me get the most out of reading it. If you are still uncomfortable with this please feel free to contact me but hopefully this allays some of the concerns you may have had. God encourages us to delve into his Word often and in depth (Deuteronomy 6:5-8) as it is useful for salvation (Romans 1:16), teaching and equipping us for obedience to Him (2 Timothy 3:15-17). Asking students to mark their Bibles is part of our attempt to put this into action.



Champion Driver: Damon Hunt



Congratulations to Damon Hunt of Year 9 (Kart 116) for his continued success in Go Karting. He placed overall winner in the bracket race at the indy800 Kart track on Sunday 26th of August.

ARNDELL SUPPORTS A WORTHY CAUSE: Miss Megan Southwell

Approximately 130 Senior students of Arndell Anglican College (and a number of staff) raised their hand to take part in the 40 Hour Famine for 2012. This was almost twice the number of students from last year to volunteer their participation in this extremely worthy cause. The focus for this year's Famine was Ethiopia where children are 20 times more likely to die before they turn five. Students gave up a range of things including talking, furniture, food and technology. By showing support for the 40 Hour Famine either as a participant or sponsor, it acknowledges that hunger is a very real problem and we are all capable of taking steps to change the situation. A group of Year 11 students cooked up a storm and sold their goodies at recess and lunch time with the proceeds of just over \$300 going towards the Famine total



Arndell Sports Desk: Head of Sport - Mrs Rosemary Cornick

Junior School Ball Games:

What a terrific afternoon of games & fun. A big thank you to Mr Catt for his organisation, and all the Primary staff for being so willing to assist and getting into the spirit of the afternoon. The results are below:

- 1st – Tebbutt - 233 points
- 2nd - Johnson - 225 Points
- 3rd – Macquarie - 207 points
- 4th – Greenway - 206 points

AICES Athletics Carnival:

Arndell sent 22 students and the Senior boys relay team to compete at AICES. Arndell was the one of the top 3 HZSA schools on the day with Arden & William Clarke. The HZSA won the carnival overall ahead of NASSA & HRIS. Natalie Otten finishing as the top placed 17 yrs Female Athlete. Congratulations to all our athletes who competed

and to the following that are competing as member of the AICES team in the NSW CIS Athletics Championships on Wednesday 19th September. Alex Celio, Natalie Otten, Jack Wiese, Joel Brennan, Blake Parsons, James Gribbin. Full results from this carnival can be accessed via the AICES website www.aices.com.au My thanks to Mrs Laffin who came and assisted as Team manager of the HZSA team on the day and also to Mr McGowen who drove the College minibus to transport the athletes.

HICES Athletics Carnival:

Arndell sent 55 students to compete at HICES. Having won Division 2 last year we knew that the competition in Division 1 would be harder. Our students didn't waver and gave every event their very best. We had some tremendous results which can be seen in full on the College website. Congratulations to all our athletes who competed and to the following selected to compete as members of the HICES team in the NSW CIS Athletics Championships on Wednesday 12th September: Finn Miller, Hannah Leechman, Abbey Judd, Jesse-James Phipps, Dylan Jones and Riley Abrahams. Letters have been issued to the selected students. Please remember the due date for the return slip is Friday 7th September. Many thanks to Mr Catt assistant team manager, Mrs Laffin and Jess Oppy (ex student) who came along to run the Turbo Jav event. It was an excellent day, the students behaved very well and the parents support was tremendous, thank you.

HZSA Summer Sports Competition:

Due to a lack of responsibility from students not returning signed commitment forms by the extended due date, only the following teams have been entered into the HZSA Summer Competition: Junior Girls & Boys Futsal and Senior Boys Futsal and Senior girl's touch football. This is disappointing for the many committed individual students who have missed the opportunity to play in a team for their College and the committed staff willing to give up their time to take these teams through the competition. For those teams that have been entered the competition will start the week beginning October 22nd.

HZSA Winter Competition- Netball. 2012 HZSA Junior and Senior Netball Premiers!

Congratulations to our Netball finalists who both played Arden in the Finals. The teams reached the Semi- finals last week in 4th place. After an outstanding display of determination and skill the Juniors overwhelming 1st placed William Clarke 25-19 in extra time, after an 18-18 draw at full time. The Senior B Team held 1st placed William Clarke at bay for the entire game and with a 15 point lead at half time finished the game ahead 27-20. The Senior A team went down in the Semi Finals to William 1 though there was no question of the girl's achievements as the score line did not reflect their cohesiveness and game play which took William Clarke by surprise during the first half. Thank you to Miss Lombardo who coached the team. In finals the Juniors took the lead from the start and maintained the lead even though the wind caused some concern when shooting. The final score 23-8 is a credit to the girls and their determination. Many thanks to Miss Patterson the coach and the many parents who came to support. The Senior B team has more of a contest with the scores fairly even until the second half. Consistent shooting by Bethany & Eloise drew the score ahead and the team kept the momentum up to finish with a final score of 23-19, many thanks to Miss Bryant who coached the team through the season. All our Netball teams are to be congratulated.

Year 5 HZSA Soccer Finals:

Yr 5 Premier teams finally played the final the girls playing Tangara and the boys playing Rouse Hill. The boys convincingly defeated Rouse Hill 3-0. The girls had a tougher game 1-1 at full time, going into extra time and missing out on the premiership in the last seconds of extra time when Tanagra scored the winning goal to finish 2-1. After at least a six week break the teams are to be commended for their enthusiasm.

Year 6 HZSA Premier Netball and Touch Football:

Our Yr 6 Premier team played in the finals of the HZSA competition with the Girls Premier team finishing a HZSA Premiers for 2012. Congratulations to all the girls. The boys played a hard game in the play offs. Thank you to the staff and senior students: Mitchell, Daniel, Dakota, Jessica, Mia, Bianca, Maddi, Megan and Nicola who assisted with the umpiring and refereeing throughout the competition.

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Congratulations to Jesse James Phipps who played for the Primary CIS Rugby Union team. CIS won their game 54-7. Though Jesse was not selected for the NSW team he was given a tremendous rap from the CIS coach.

Important Sport Dates for Term 3:

- **AICES 15s Tennis** – Girls 7th September; Boys 14th September – Cintra Park Concord
- **AICES 15s Boys Cricket nominations due** -7th 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.aisnsw.edu.au/cis for NSW CIS Sport information (**NSWCIS**)

Arndell Equestrian:

Just a quick reminder, our Equestrian carnival is coming up on Saturday 22nd September. All entries close Friday 14th September. **A BIG request for students, staff & parents to assist on both Friday 21st to set up and on the day**, as with all major carnivals the more helpers the easier the day. If you are able to assist in any way please contact Mrs Cornick.

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Again, we are having a Guessing Competition; booklets have been distributed to all students. Fantastic prizes: first prize is camping gear donated by Blackwolf, second prize is a golf package donated by Riverside Oaks and third prize is 4 Laser Tag tickets. There are also many more prizes. **All sold/unsold tickets and money needs to be returned to the College Admin on or before Wednesday 19 September 2012.**

Equestrian Items

If you require Equestrian
items, new or second
hand,
contact Laura on

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Canteens:	

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	Tuesday	29 January	Term 1 for Prep 3D, KG, Yrs 7, 11 and 12
	Wednesday	30 January	All remaining students
	Friday	29 March	Good Friday - holiday
	Monday	1 April	Easter Monday - holiday
	Friday	12 April	Term 1 finishes