

The Arndell Advocate

Monday 15th October 2012

The Newsletter of Arndell Anglican College

From the Headmaster: Mr Gareth Leechman

Leadership 2013

Leadership to me is a verb, it is an action word. Leadership is not merely a noun, to me when someone is appointed as a leader it does not give them the right to feel that they are superior to others nor are they to expect that those who they

lead are to serve them. Once the student has 'the badge' the real job lies ahead of them and the quality of their leadership will be judged in twelve months time when the job is done.

In coming to the decision as to who should lead our college our current Year 11 students have been observed in the way they have conducted and involved themselves in the life of the college. We have wanted to see how the students in their peer group and in the junior years have responded to the leadership they have already displayed. We have also asked staff and students to give their opinions as to whom they would like to see lead them.

All in all our Year 11 students have conducted themselves very well indeed and it was not an easy decision to make, but decisions have been made and I am pleased to announce the following student leaders for 2013:

School Captains:

Bethany Robinson and Ben Thornton

House Captains and House Vice Captains

Greenway: Victoria Refalo and Seaton Kenna
Johnson: Abbey Wightley and Mitchell Dean
Macquarie: Erin McAuley and Kelsey Ramm

Tebbutt: Rowena Mackintosh and Nathan Bardetta

Prefects:

Stephanie Cormack Olivia Eglin
Ayla Fradd Ben Macalister
Natalie Otten Siobhan Parry
Todd Shepherd Bronte Wark

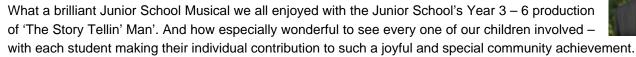
Sophie Zipparo

May I congratulate all of the students who have been appointed to these positions and I look forward to seeing how they handle the responsibilities you have been given.

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From the Head of the Junior School: Rev. Keith Peterson





For at Arndell Anglican Junior School we don't just say that we believe in the power, potential and importance of creativity – we actually look to do something about it!

As early as 1998, Ken Robinson led a government commissioned enquiry in the UK which found that a prescriptive education system was stifling the creativity of teachers and students.

'All children start their careers with sparkling imaginations, fertile minds and a willingness to take risks with what they think,' he says. 'Yet most students never get to explore the full range of their abilities and interests'. In fact, according to Ken Robinson, an over-detailed curriculum can lead to a parallel culture of standardised tests. And whilst these tests, if well used, can provide important data to support and improve education, they can also soon become a problem, if they are elevated to such a high status that they become more than a tool of education and *turn into the focus of it*.

Instead, Robinson believes that the curriculum should be much more personalised, 'Learning happens in the minds and souls, not in the databases of multiple-tests,' he comments.

So how best might we seek to achieve this real sense of relevance and individual connectedness for all of our students? According to Professor of Education, Anna Craft, the 'secret' is to find 'a new recipe'. And 'a recipe' in which creativity is embedded into everyday teaching and learning. So perhaps a good idea in theory, but what might this mean practically?

Well, it surely has implications for 'how' we teach and strongly supports the development of the kind of 'inquiry based curriculum' which uses discussion and debate to extend children's emotional and social development. Such an approach should also give teacher's great opportunity to fully express their own creativity.

In my experience, if teachers are empowered and enthusiastic, then this will very positively communicate itself to students, who will soon add their own enthusiasms to the exciting, living, learning culture of such a classroom.

Or, as one Head of Junior School comments, 'We wanted a 'wow factor' in our curriculum. We wanted the children to have lots of visitors, to go on lots of trips and to have the chance to learn by doing rather than just by reading and watching DVDs.'

A 'wow factor'! Doesn't that again just so brilliantly describe the creative impact of 'The Story Tellin' Man'?

So brilliantly well done everyone for so successfully expressing and celebrating the marvellous God given gift of creativity within a production of such musically magical life!!!

Operation Christmas Child Boxes

Just a reminder to the Junior School that the Operation Christmas Child boxes are due back to the College

on or before Friday 19th October to their stage areas.

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From the Director of Curriculum and Policies: Mrs Karen Merrick

Online Study Skills Handbook

With the approach of the Yearly Examinations approaching, I would like to encourage students to visit the Online Study Skills Handbook, which Arndell subscribes to. It can be found on the school website under the Library Data Bases – Study Skills Handbook.

The username: Arndell and Password: 139results, is provided on the library page.

Parents may also visit this site, www.studyskillshandbook.com.au and can log on using the above details.

The Study Skills Handbook covers a wide range of topics for students to read about and answer questions if they wish to. Each topic area provides information as well questions and quizzes which students are able to answer if they wish to.



Working Better At Home

- 1. Home Study Environment
- 2. Organisation and Filing
- Time Management Skills
- 4. Managing Workload
- Dealing with Distractions
- Overcoming Procrastination
- 7. Developing Motivation
- 8. Goal Setting
- 9. Lifestyle and Balance
- 10. Managing Stress

Working Better At School

- 1. Will we ever use this?
- 2. Using Classtime
- 3. Asking for Help
- Dealing with Conflict
- Groupwork Skills

Improving How You Study

- 1. Summarising
- 2. Active Studying
- 3. Preparing for Exam Blocks
- Test-Taking Techniques
- After Tests & Exams

Improving Your Skills

- 1. Reading Skills
- 2. Writing Skills
- 3. Mathematical Skills
- Foreign Language Skills
- 5. Research Skills
- 6. Presentation Skills

From the Head of Music and Performance: Mr Chris Wilson

It is my pleasure to inform the school community that one of our year 12 Music students, Ike Ruckman, has been nominated for the ENCORE Music concert.

The Encore concert is a selection of performances of year 12 Music students from across the state. The concert is held at the Sydney Opera House and is a prestigious event to be nominated for. The Music department would like to congratulate lke on his nomination.

On another note, it is SHOWCASE time. All Music and Dance students are preparing for the annual school SHOWCASE evening. The concert is on the 2nd of November and will also include a number of TAS displays. The evening will showcase the various school ensembles and will also present various performances of student's classwork from throughout the 2012 school year.

Tickets are \$5 on the door. Doors will open at 6:30pm for the TAS displays with the concert starting at 7:30pm.

From the Head of English and Drama: Mr Tom Lavelle

HICES Debating

The tremendous unbeaten debating run of the "Middle" (Year 7) team of Elly Hibberd, Isaac Elliot, Rosie Rodgers and Amelia Pinter eventually ended in the elimination final to decide the regional winner against an older and more experienced (Year8) Penrith Anglican College team. The team were valiant in defeat, putting up a strong affirmative case as to the commercialization of the Olympic Spirit but the Penrith Anglican team were just a little too strong on the day and more experienced in the quite challenging art of impromptu debating. This was the first impromptu (one hour notification of topic)

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Postal Address: PO Box 4043 PITT TOWN 2756 F: 02 4572 3849 W: www.arndell.ns.w debate for the Year 7 team and performing so strongly in front of a large audience is a significant achievement by these Year 7 speakers in their first year of HICES debating competition.

The fine individual performances of Isaac Elliot and Elly Hibberd were recognized by their joint winning of the "Best Debater" award for the Outer North West Region of the HICES competition. This is a cumulative point's award from the independent adjudicators from each debate and is therefore a significant achievement for these students. The awards will be presented on the next full College assembly by the Headmaster Mr. Leechman.

As stated in my previous articles, it has been a wonderful re-entry into HICES Debating competition for the Arndell teams and the greatest benefit has been in the skills of every student involved in thinking on their feet and in effective public speaking. These are increasingly vital skills in our modern world and I encourage even more students to seek involvement in HICES Debating teams next year. A huge thank you to all the students, their parents for the out of hours support and to the English staff for their time and effort on behalf of the students.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2014

Arndell is offering
Academic, All Rounder and Music Scholarships Yr 2014
for entry into:

- Years 7 2014
- Academic Scholarship Year 11 2014.

Academic and All Rounder applicants must sit for the ACER Scholarship testing which will be held on Saturday 23 February 2013.

Music scholarships will be based on an audition process.

To apply for a Scholarship visit www.arndell.nsw.edu.au to find out more on how to register application forms for All Rounder, Music and enrolment form to the College are available on the website.

Students who wish to apply for a scholarship into Year 7 2014 and Year 11 2014 need to either be a student at the College or submitted an application form.

Applications for Scholarships close Monday 4th February 2013.

For further enquiries contact Mrs Whelan on 4545 2472.

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Arndell Sports Desk: Head of Sport: Mrs Rosemary Cornick

Ride to Conquer Cancer:

A HUGE thank you all students, staff and parents who have donated to my Ride to Conquer Cancer. To date I have raised \$3,202.00. Of this amount \$457 was given at the canteen! Donations can still be made at: http://sy12.conquercancer.org.au the 200km ride from Homebush through the countryside to Camden and back is this Saturday 13th & 14th October. If anyone wishes to cheer me on from a "Cheering Station" you can do this at:

NSW CIS Athletics Carnival:

Congratulations to Natalie Otten, Jack Wiese, Blake Parsons, James Gribbin for their participation at CIS. Both Natalie & Blake were selected into the NSWCIS Merit Team. Full results from this carnival can be accessed via the NSWCIS website.

NSWCIS Athletics Carnival:

Congratulations to all our students who participated at the NSWCIS Athletics Championships on Wednesday 12th September: Finn Miller, Hannah Leechman, Abbey Judd, Jesse-James Phipps, Dylan Jones and Riley Abrahams. Though the competition was very tough our students are to be commended on their determination and perform. Hannah Leechman gained selection into the NSWCIS team to compete at PSSA in an outstanding performance in the discus finishing 2nd with a throw of 23.22.

AICES 15s Boys Cricket trials:

Congratulations to Jake Hilder and Harry Ridgewell who were selected for the AICES 15s Cricket team. Well done for a great effort to the other boys who attended: Will Cullen, Jake Hilder, Alex Earle, Issac Elliott, and Ryan Mizzi. Mrs. Baker will be attending the trials.

Yr 3 & Yr 4 HZSA Competition Day- October 24th.

Girls- Basketball, Boys- NRL Tag Information is with the class teachers. Students from the High School who wish to assist for the day have been asked to see Mrs Cornick

HZSA Primary & Secondary Triathlon – October 26th.

Letters were given out last term. If your child did not pick one up please see Mr Catt in Primary & Mrs Cornick in the High School. These letters are due back by Friday 12th October. Primary swimmers **MUST** be able to swim 200m in open water.

HZSA Summer Sports Competition:

Team Lists below are now posted on the Sports Notice board. Training will start week 1/2 Term 4. Please see your coach for details. **The competition starts week 3 Term 4.**

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JUNIOR GIRLS FUTSAL	Coach: Mr Corr		Wednesday 4pm Dural Sport & Leisure Centre		
BOYLE	Madeline	Johnson	F	7	FUTSAL
BROMAGE	Chloe	Macquarie	F	7	FUTSAL
EVANS	Faith	Greenway	F	7	FUTSAL
FITZ-GERALD	Emma	Macquarie	F	7	FUTSAL
OSBORNE	Emily	Tebbutt	F	7	FUTSAL
RAMM	Ebony	Macquarie	F	7	FUTSAL
SMITH	Laura	Johnson	F _	7	FUTSAL
SENIOR GIRLS TOUCH	Coach: Miss Lombardo		Tuesday 4pm Dural Park, Quarry Road Dural		
ALDACOUR	Jessica	Johnson	F	9	TOUCH
CLAPHAM	Marnie	Greenway	F	9	TOUCH
EGLIN	Madeline	Greenway	F	9	TOUCH
HARDAKER	Bianca	Greenway	F	9	TOUCH
MECA	Kaitlyn	Macquarie	F	9	TOUCH
LIGHT	Chelsea	Greenway	F	11	TOUCH
SHORE	Emmie-Rose	Macquarie	F	11	TOUCH
JUNIOR BOYS FUTSAL	Coach: Mr	Monday 4pm Dural Sport & Leisure			
MONDS	Blake	Tebbutt	М	7	FUTSAL
TRUSWELL	Joshua	Macquarie	М	7	FUTSAL
BYRNES	Jack	Tebbutt	М	8	FUTSAL
LANE	Hayden	Macquarie	М	8	FUTSAL
MIZZI	Ryan	Macquarie	М	8	FUTSAL
OSBORNE	Cameron	Tebbutt	М	8	FUTSAL
LINDLEY	Hayden	Tebbutt	М	8	FUTSAL
SENIOR BOYS FUTSAL	Coach: Mrs	Monday 4.45pm Dural Sport & Leisure			
CULLEN	William (Will)	Greenway	М	9	FUTSAL
OBRIEN	Zachary (Zac)	Johnson	М	9	FUTSAL
RANCE	Benjamin	Tebbutt	М	9	FUTSAL
ADAMIETZ	Daniel	Johnson	М	11	FUTSAL
BARDETTA	Nathan	Tebbutt	М	11	FUTSAL
CHARLES	Dylan	Johnson	М	11	FUTSAL
CROSS	Angus	Greenway	М	11	FUTSAL
DEAN	Mitchell	Johnson	М	11	FUTSAL
EVANS	Luke	Tebbutt	М	11	FUTSAL
KENNA	Seaton	Greenway	М	11	FUTSAL

MANEFIELD	Lloyd	Macquarie	М	11	FUTSAL
TAGG	Nicholas	Tebbutt	M	11	FUTSAL
THORNTON	Benjamin	Greenway	M	11	FUTSAL
WOLFINGER	Joel	Macquarie	M	11	FUTSAL

Arndell Equestrian: Marnie Clapham was been selected in the NSW Interschool's team to compete in dressage at the Nationals, Toowoomba QLD 1-5 October.

Important Sport Dates for Term 4:

- HZSA Softball Championship Day -18th October
- AICES&CIS Gymnastics Nomination due 19th October
- Yr 3 & Yr 4 HZSA Competition Day Girls basketball, Boys NRL Tag October 24th
- HZSA Primary & Secondary Triathlon October 26th
- CIS 15s Cricket Trials 29th & 30th October
- AICES Softball 31st October

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)

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS SPORT PHOTOS

MONDAY 22ND OCTOBER

WEEK 3 TERM 4

IF YOU WERE SELECTED IN A COLLEGE TEAM IN 2012

PLEASE WEAR TO SCHOOL

FULL PE UNIFORM, COLLEGE TRACK SUIT & SPORT SHOES



HAWKESBURY CITY EISTEDDFOD 2012 Speech and Bible Reading results: Carolyn and Anne McKenzie Peripatetic Teachers - Speech

The Hawkesbury City Eisteddfod held the Speech category late last term. Solo sections were offered in Verse Speaking, Bible Reading, Prepared Reading, Impromptu Reading, Radio News Reading, Describe a Picture, Public speaking, Nursery Rhyme in Costume, Mime, Character Sketch in Costume. Shakespearian Extract, as well as group performances in Poetry, Reading, Mime and Improvisation.

Many students from Arndell Anglican College competed:

Prep -

Angelina Thompson

Kindergarten -

Bree Layton, Elouise Refalo

Year 1 -

Bella Mezzoma, India Culey, Zahra Fahey, Hamish Joel, Ruby Gorton.

Year 2 -

Alannah Vella, Maddison Harris, Cooper Christopher, Taylor Thomson, David Ommundson, Randal Chivers, Ben Chivers, Boe Bickerton, Oliver Ashley, Jayden Herman, Thierry Mourga, Lewis Buhagiar, Todd Terheegde, Stephanie Gosis, Jordyn Sarkis, Brooke Roberts.

Year 3 -

Ellah Johnson, Natalie Zaiter, Ashleigh Dunsford, Shannon McHale, Paris Nelson-Roth, Monique Wilson, Danielle Ormmunson, Greer Johnson, Hannah Thorpe, Jaxon McGuire, Jayden Ridge, Nelson Christopher.

Year 4 -

Olivia Vella, Jayde Dudley, Paige Turnbull, Georgie Aldacour, Finn Elven, Connor Fraser.

Year 5 -

Chloe Harris, Calista Vacoloupos, Claire Terheegde, Taylor Dunsford, Connor Miller, Patrick Westbrook, Will Franks, Lachlan Roberts.

Year 6 -

Kate Hogan, Josephine Wellings, Ainsley Fraser, Jamie Maree Love, Katelyn Bosward, Caitlin Ridge, Jordan Johnson, Molly Iles, Roxanne Burns, Alex MacIntosh, Finn Miller, Axel Vacolpoulos, Emma Moore, Zara Chisholm, Sara Selff, Kirra Giarratano, Cooper Elven.

Seniors -

Zara Rowe, Olivia Gray-Volman, Darcie Jeffery, Jearnah Olivares, Emily May, Georgia Thorpe, Brooke Waters, Lachlan Werner, Thomas Fraser.

The results from Arndell were outstanding with students winning 1st places - 39, 2nd places - 29, 3rd places - 30, and numerous 4th places and Highly Commended ribbons.

In Championships the results were also pleasing.

- 11 years and under 1st Kate Hogan, 2nd Sara Selff, 3rd Kirra Giarratano.
- 13 years and under 1st Cooper Elven, 2nd Georgia Thorpe, 3rd Lachlan Werner.
- 14 years and over 2nd Brooke Waters.

Encouragement Awards

13 years and under - Kirra Giarratano

14 years and over - Brooke Waters

Congratulations to all participants! Much valuable experience, skill and confidence was gained.





Year 6 Out of School Sport: Mrs Rene O'Hare

During Term 3 the year 6 students had the privilege of going to the sport grounds at Rouse Hill for Netball and Touch Football. Needless to say, the students enjoyed every single minute of it. Boys and girls were playing against other schools and were all great ambassadors for Arndell. They worked together in teams and showed great sportsmanship and beautiful manners.

Our Netball Premier Team came first in their league and is to be commended for the excellent way in which they played every game.

Thank you to the parents, Mrs Giarratano and Mrs Judd, who gave up their time to be organisers for the Netball Premier Team and Mrs Selff who provided them with nourishment after their games. Mrs Charles and Mrs Leechman were keen supporters who cheered them on with every goal.

Year 6 want to thank Mrs Cornick for organising this event and for also providing very capable umpires and referees from the year 10 cohort to accompany the teams every week. A big thank you to those umpires as well.

From the P & F President: Mrs Jo Selff

Volunteer Opportunities at Arndell

We need you! Our volunteers are the backbone of our school. All parents are encouraged to participate in their child's educational experience at Arndell by getting involved in many different ways. Even though we pay for our children's private education Arndell is a Not for profit organisation & greatly relies on the volunteer support of the family & friends of Arndell. The list of opportunities to offer your *time*, *talent*, and *assistance* goes on and on but on this occasion the P&F needs two new members... Your involvement will only enhance the experience of all of our children and will help our school to flourish for years to come.

Opportunities to get involved in 2013:

P&F Secretary: Responsibilities include the taking and distribution of minutes and agendas, and any other tasks as requested by the committee.

P&F Vice President: The Vice-President takes on the role of the President when he/she is unable to attend meetings and fulfil their obligations and generally assist the President in carrying out this role.

I would like to thank Julie Read as the out-going P&F Secretary; she started this role from scratch and has built up many templates for the next secretary to work from. Julie is very efficient and talented and I will miss her support very much.

Laura Thorpe is standing down as Vice President she has been a wonderful support to me also. Her knowledge and passion for the P&F will be difficult to replace.

The Annual General meeting of the P&F will be held on Oct 30 7.30pm. All positions will be open for voting and I encourage you to think about running for the positions listed above. The P&F is a wonderful way to get involved and meet new people; I have formed many new friendships and have found the past year hard work but very rewarding. Please contact me if you think you can help or would like more information.

Arndell Equestrian Carnival Report: Laura Thorpe (Equestrian Co-ordinator)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who were involved in the Arndell Interschool Equestrian Carnival on the 22nd of September 2012: competitors, parents, staff, and students, who assisted in the planning and running of the carnival.

The day was a huge success in many ways; for fundraising, organisation, and especially for competitors who enjoyed the opportunity to display their talents.

A special thank you to those parents and staff that assisted on the day with the recording of sporting events, stewarding on the rings, and selling guessing competition tickets. The day ran very smoothly for the competitors and was enjoyed by all.

Our kind sponsors who contributed to the success of this event I thank them for their generous donations. The competitors and guessing competition winners were thrilled with the wonderful prizes which were donated.

Also, a huge thank you must go to Margot Shore and Rachel Smyth who gave up so much of their time attending weekly meetings over the past few months, for the benefit of the carnival.

Despite the hard work, it was a fantastic day, and we hope next year is just as successful as this year's competition.

Finally congratulations to the following major prize winners in our Guessing Competition and thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket.

Prize winners: 1st - the Spiteri family

2nd - Mrs Lesley Thompson 3rd - Hannah Thorpe 4th – Samantha Vella

I look forward to Arndell's Equestrian Carnival next year on the 21st September 2013.

Missing from Camp

- Sleeping Black make is Roman
- Mobile Phone

Please contact the Admin office if you have mistakenly picked up these items.

Many thanks.

FREE SMINAR

In celebration of NSW Children's Week 2012,
Interrelate Family Centre Bella Vista will be offering a free
Seminar for Parents:

The Challenge of Disciplining your Child
Friday 26 October 10am – 12pm
Please call 8882 7850 for bookings or more information.

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Deputy Headmaster/Head of Senior School: Mr James Webb

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Director of Curriculum and Policy:

Director of Teaching and Learning:

Director of Staff and Student Welfare:

Mr dames Wess

Rev'd Keith Peterson

Mrs Karen Merrick

Mr Jim Milford

Mrs Lynn Gillen

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Tuesday/Thursdays from 8.2am - 11am/2.30pm - 4pm

After School Care: Camp Australia – 1300 105 343 (for bookings)

www.campaustralia.com.au

After School Care from 2.30pm - 0401 904 531

(at Arndell only)

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Funday Co-ordinator: Mrs Alannah Norman – 0404 033 994

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Canteens: Monday – Friday - 4545 2486

(Recess / Lunch)

Term Dates 2012

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

Students last day for 2012

Friday 7 December Staff Development Day

TERM DATES 2013

Term 1 Tuesday 29 January Term 1 for Prep 3D, KG, Yrs 7, 11 and 12

Wednesday30 JanuaryAll remaining studentsFriday29 MarchGood Friday - holidayMonday1 AprilEaster Monday - holiday

Friday 12 April Term 1 Finishes

Term 2 Monday 29 April Term 2 Commences

Monday 10 June Queens Birthday Weekend

Friday 21 June Term 2 Finishes

Term 3 Monday 15 July Staff Development Day

Tuesday16 JulyTem 3 CommencesFriday20 SeptemberTerm 3 Finishes