



The Arndell Advocate

Monday 29th October 2012

The Newsletter of Arndell Anglican College

From the Headmaster: Mr Gareth Leechman



Last Tuesday we hosted our new Year 7 cohort for 2013, which will be a record 135 students! For the first time in the college's brief history we will be moving to a five class structure for Year 7, 2013 and the demand for places in the Junior school continues to be strong. As a result of continued enrolment growth in Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) we will be conducting five classes across this Year 7 group. There will be two classes in Year 5 and Year 6 and we will be conducting our enrichment class again this year; however, next year this will be a composite class of students from Years 5 and 6. This is an exciting development for the college, and one that shows that we continue to make a positive difference to the students.

This week we are also hosting our P&F AGM in the Stubbs Library. The meeting will commence at 7pm, and after the AGM there will be an opportunity to ask questions about issues relating to the operation of the college. I encourage you to attend as the P&F Committee have done an excellent job of assisting us in creating the wonderful community within the college. The meeting is expected to finish by 9pm.

Also this week, the Creative and Performing Arts Department will be conducting their Showcase night on Friday 2nd November. This will be an opportunity for all our music, dance and drama students to showcase what they have been learning in and outside of the classroom this year. We always combine the Showcase evening with the TAS Department, and student work from the TAS area will also be on display. I encourage as many parents as possible to attend this worthwhile event, which is a celebration of student work from a variety of areas of the college.

Congratulations to the Wilburd Shield cricket team who comprehensively defeated The Hills Grammar School in the opening round of the competition. The Hills Grammar School was bowled out for 63 and in reply Arndell reached the winning target in the seventh over, for the loss of only one wicket. Well done boys and Mr Lavelle on the strong start to the competition. In the second round we travel to Oakhill College and we are all expecting this to be a tough match.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that Ms Kirsty Mayfield has accepted the position in the Science Department next year. Ms Mayfield was a practicum student in the college last term and she brings a great deal of university experience to the college as well as an overall love of science. We look forward to her joining our team in 2013.

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

This is to kindly inform you that teachers in the Junior School will shortly begin the process of class formations for 2013. We very much recognise the significance of organising classes with the best interests and needs of all of our students in mind, and so will undertake this process in a detailed and professional way in order to ensure the very best learning environment occurs in 2013 for all of our children.



At Arndell Anglican Junior School, class placements are organised primarily from information gathered by those teaching staff who know the students best in their present learning environment, and who have specific insight into the pastoral character of each child and of the individual measure and style of their approach to learning. We are set to invest a significant amount of time, thought and professional dialogue into this process, as we look to achieve the best result in support of each of our children's flourishing and learning.

For 2013, the Junior School will continue to organise each year group within a mixed ability / parallel class framework, with two classes per year cohort, K – 5. To continue to pro-actively support increased enrolments, the Junior School will be instituting a Year 5 / 6 Enrichment Class in 2013. This initiative, as developing from the success of our present Year 6 Enrichment Class, will continue to enable the Junior School to maximise learning opportunity for all Stage 3 Students, with the desired intent that student numbers be maintained at a level designed to enable quality learning for all Stage 3 Students and each child be accorded the benefits of closely focused teacher / student interaction. The Stage 3 Cohort will function as an integrated Stage 3 and Year 5 / Year 6 Group, with each class' core learning program being the NSW Board of Studies Curriculum. As indicated, provision has also been planned for Class 5 / 6 White to access an approach informed by an expectation of extended achievement. Students will be placed in Class 5 / 6 White with reference to an explicit set of assessment criteria indicating areas of proven academic acumen.

Once all class groups for 2013 are finalised, there will be a comprehensive face – to – face handover of knowledge between teaching staff, to ensure that all class teachers are equipped with detailed information re: each student. The Class Lists for 2013 will be made publicly available in each Stage Area, on the first day of the Summer Term, 2013.

Whilst the Junior School is intent on maintaining a principle of stability in class organisation for 2013, this process, at present, is still at a formative stage. Please also be kindly aware that whilst the Junior School is certainly very open to receive notice of genuine concerns, or of any new or significant factors or questions about any of its students, it is not possible to guarantee a particular teacher for any student; the prospect of any such guarantee would resume a precedence that is simply not sustainable or equitable. One of the wonderful things about Arndell Anglican College Junior School is that we have a high quality staff, all with their own strengths. In this, doesn't School operate much like life; with each teacher adding to the learning experience of each child from their own unique measure of gifting, insight and expertise? It is surely excellent to always anticipate success and growth, and to affirm the prospect of wonderful opportunities ahead for all students, in all of our classes, at the beginning of a new year.

I do hope that this summary clarifies the detailed process that we will follow re: Junior Class Placements 2013, as amidst all the busyness and celebration at the end of a considerable year of achievement and expansion for the Junior School in 2012, we continue to purposefully and thoughtfully prepare for 2013.

My grateful perception throughout 2012 has been of the students, families and staff of Arndell Anglican College Junior School continuing to grow together as a very supportive community, and I certainly look forward to this positive expression of partnership continuing to flourish within a very positive start to 2013.

From the Director of Curriculum and Policies: Mrs Karen Merrick

Reminder - 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*: 139 results, 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](#)
3. [Time Management Skills](#)
4. [Managing Workload](#)
5. [Dealing with Distractions](#)
6. [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](#)
4. [Dealing with Conflict](#)
5. [Groupwork Skills](#)

Improving How You Study

1. [Summarising](#)
2. [Active Studying](#)
3. [Preparing for Exam Blocks](#)
4. [Test-Taking Techniques](#)
5. [After Tests & Exams](#)

Improving Your Skills

1. [Reading Skills](#)
2. [Writing Skills](#)
3. [Mathematical Skills](#)
4. [Foreign Language Skills](#)
5. [Research Skills](#)
6. [Presentation Skills](#)

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 have submitted an application form.

Applications for Scholarships close Monday 4th February 2013.

For further enquiries contact Mrs Whelan on 4545 2472.

College Sports Photos

Order forms for College Sport Photos are available from Student Services and need to be returned by 2 November 2012

College Formal Individual and Family Photos

Did you order and pay for a Photo?

Have you downloaded your Digital Image?

If not, go to advancedimage.com.au and enter your unique 9 Digit Image Code attached to your photo pack.

Meeri Lee of 6 White, was in the winning team for the inaugural Sydney Curling Classic competition held at the Sydney Ice Arena, Bella Vista.

Curling is the winter sport of sliding heavy stones across the ice to a target - a bit like lawn bowls on ice! It was a close competition, and Meeri's team (which included her mother Vivi) won the final in the very last throws of the game. Meeri has become a very good Curling player and recently accompanied her parents to New Zealand for the Australian National Championships, and received a special encouragement prize.

Well done Meeri!

Cricket at Arndell: Mr Tom Lavelle Coach

"It was an impressive win to Arndell Anglican in the first round of the Wiburd Shield knockout competition. Hills Grammar won the toss and elected to bat. They were all out for 62. Excellent catching (7 catches) with Jake Hilder (3 for 8), Harry Ridgewell (2 for 6), Will Cullen (2- 16), Daniel Jones (1 for 12) and Joel Brennan (1 for 12) the wicket takers. In reply, Arndell knocked off the 63 required in 6 overs for the loss of Nathaniel Goldrick (11) with Jake Hilder (34 not out), Harry Ridgewell (24 not out) the run scorers. It was a thoroughly impressive display!"



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Prep News: Sharon Garrett

As usual Prep has been packed full of fun learning opportunities! This term we began a brand new unit of work focused around the concept of "Keeping Happy, Healthy and Safe". We began by exploring good choices related to what we eat, discussing healthy foods to eat everyday as well as sometimes foods. We made fruit shish kebabs (supplemented with an occasional marshmallow!) and created a wonderful art display using skills such as sketching, drawing, cutting, tracing and paint stamping. We have also focussed on the importance of exercise. A highlight of this section of our work, enjoyed by all, was the opportunity to 'work out' in Prep's Fitness Corner; complete with weights, an exercise ball and instructed activities on gymnastic mats. Over the past fortnight we expanded our knowledge about "Keeping Happy, Healthy and Safe" by taking on the role of 'Prep Danger Ranger's', identifying potential dangers and the associated rules that ensure we remain safe at home, at school, around water and around roads.

So as you can see Prep is a great place to grow and learn together! Our current Prep students will be attending Kindergarten Orientation on Wednesday October the 31st in preparation for their transition to 'big school' next year. In conjunction with this, we would also like to extend a warm invitation to any children who would be interested in coming along to Prep 2013, to attend Prep's Orientation on Thursday November the 1st. Just ring Barbra on 4545 2472 for the details and we look forward to seeing your gorgeous ones there!





Arndell Sports Desk: Head of Sport - Mrs Rosemary Cornick

Year 3 & Year 4 HZSA Competition Day

It is great to see so much enthusiasm with our younger students and their determination to play at their very best. Unfortunately, Arndell teams were not top finalists in either Basketball or NRL Tag,



but the benefits from participating in this day were very worthwhile. The Year 4 boys & girls and Year 3 boys finished in 4th place and the Year 3 girls, with some very feisty players, finished in 3rd place. The boys had the opportunity to meet Mario Fenech ex- NSW & Rabbitohs player from 1981 – 1990. He and Mr Catt are now best buddies! Another positive outcome from this is that the ARL have requested the opportunity to visit our school in 2013 to do some skills development. The day was a complete success for everyone involved. Many thanks to Miss Lombardo, Mr Walker and Mr Catt for their assistance and coaching on the day. Our Year 8 and Year 10 boys, who coached at the NRLTAG and refereed at the basketball were outstanding and are to be congratulated on their performance and representation: Cameron Osborne, Ben Smith, Hayden Lane and Gab Parsons – NRLTAG. Luke Croft, Jake Dauncey, Aden Mecca and Jayden Zalac – Basketball.



Missing In Action:

College Sport shirts have gone missing. Will all students who were in a sport team check their bedroom floor, under the bed, cupboards, laundry, school bag and car.

If you find one **PLEASE, PLEASE** return them to Mrs Cornick: no questions asked!

The numbers that are missing are: **2,3,8,9,17,19,21,22,25,27,28,29,31,34,40,45,46,48,49,50,51,52,56,59,62.**

There is also a quantity of the College rugby shirts still tucked away in the corners of your son's room. Could these also be located and returned to Mrs.Cornick soon.



HZSA Primary & Secondary Triathlon

Results will appear in the next Advocate. Arndell has entered 7 High school teams with 4 Individual athletes and the Primary is sending 10 teams with 2 Individual athletes. All the best to them all and many thanks in advance to Miss Patterson, Miss Lombardo, Mr Catt & Mr McNab.

HZSA Summer Sports Competition: This competition has started. Training would be of benefit to all so please make sure if you are in a team you turn up to training sessions. It is vital to your performance.

HZSA Summer Inter Sport Results 2012 / 2013		Opposition	Result
ROUND 1			
Futsal:	Senior Boys	Pacific Hills CS	0-18
	Junior Boys	Rouse Hill Anglican	7-7
	Junior Girls	Hills Grammar	2-0
Touch Football	Senior Girls	Marian College	0-14

Sport Photographs went well on Monday. If parents wish to purchase photos then please collect an envelope from Students services before the end of this week.

Representative Sporting Success:

Congratulations to Marnie & Brittany Clapham for their selection into the HZSA Softball team. They will compete at the AICES championships on 31st October.

Congratulations also to Sophia Buccini for her selection in the AICES 15s Tennis team to play in the CIS Tennis championships on 26th October.

Please see Mr Lavelle's report on the success of our Yr 9 & Under Cricket team in the first Round of the Wiburd Shield. Round 2 is due to be played before the end of week 5.

Important Sport Dates for Term 4:

- **HZSA Volleyball** – 2nd November
- **NSWCIS Gymnastics** – 7th November
- **AICES Softball** - 31st October
- **NSWCIS Cricket trials** – 29th & 30th 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**)

Arndell Anglican College Directory

Headmaster:	Mr Gareth Leechman
Deputy Headmaster/Head of Senior School:	Mr James Webb
Head of Junior School:	Rev'd 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 – 4545 2461
Uniform Shop:	Mrs Liz Moore – 4572 3254 Tuesday/Thursdays from 8.2am – 11am/2.30pm – 4pm Camp Australia – 1300 105 343 (for bookings) www.campastralia.com.au After School Care from 2.30pm - 0401 904 531 (at Arndell only)
After School Care:	
P & F President:	Mrs Jo Selff pandf@arndell.nsw.edu.au
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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
	Wednesday	30 January	All remaining students
	Friday	29 March	Good Friday - holiday
	Monday	1 April	Easter 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
	Tuesday	16 July	Term 3 Commences
	Friday	20 September	Term 3 Finishes



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Student Concerts 2012

Wednesday 21st November
3.30-4.30pm and 5.00-6.00pm

Thursday 22nd November
3.30-4.30pm and 5.00-6.00pm

@ the Auditorium, Performing Arts Building

ALL WELCOME

**Come and support our young performers,
from Prep to Year 12**

Speech & Drama, Piano, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone,
Violin, Guitar and Drums

Gold coin donation appreciated
(all funds go towards equipment in Performing Arts department)



Please come to the

For more information
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Parents & Friends

Annual General Meeting

Tues 30th Oct 7pm – Junior Library