



The Arndell Advocate

Monday 26 November 2012

The Newsletter of Arndell Anglican College

From the Headmaster: Mr Gareth Leechman

As the year comes very quickly to a close I would like to commend the students of the college for the way they are concluding the year here at Arndell. I have been most impressed with the students from both the Junior school and the Secondary School for the way they have remained engaged with their learning despite the impending year ending.



In the Junior School the students have been actively involved in the learn to swim classes and this has been combined with an effective set of classroom based activities preparing them for the conclusion of the year as well as preparing them for the start of the next.

In the Secondary School we have been pleased to see the way our students have reengaged with their learning after the formal examination period. As I walk around the college it gives me a great deal of pleasure to see our students engaged in a wide array of worthwhile learning activities.

As the year ends we try to finalise our staff appointments for 2013. I am pleased to announce that we will be appointing two new Heads of House in the Senior School:

Mr Leighton Corr has been appointed as **Head of Johnson House**

Mrs Jennifer Daly has been appointed as **Head of Tebbutt House**

I have no doubt that these two newly appointed Heads of House will make a significant impact on the pastoral care programs in the Secondary School and on the students under their care.

We are currently interviewing for a new staff member in the PDHPE Department and I will hopefully be able to announce our new PDHPE teacher before the end of the year. I would also like to inform the college community that Miss Christina Bulbrook will be leaving the college at the end of the year to take up a post as an Ancient History teacher at MLC Burwood. I would like to thank Ms Bulbrook for all the energy and enthusiasm she has brought to the college and wish her all the best as she explores new opportunities in 2013. We have recently advertised for a new teacher of French and I will most likely announce this appointment at the commencement of the school year in 2013.

Enrolments for 2013 remain very strong indeed, however we do have some places available in most year groups so if you know of people who are thinking of enrolling their child into Arndell next year please encourage them to do it quickly as I would not want them to miss out. We have already opened enrolments for Year 7 2014 so please keep this in mind as I have no doubt that our Year 7 cohort for 2014 will fill very quickly at the start of next year. If you wish to confirm your place now you are more than welcome to do so by contacting my PA Mrs Barbra Whelan on 4545 2472

As the term ends I would also like to remind parents that all outstanding fees need to be paid up by the end of the term. I have written to some (a small number) parents over the course of this week about outstanding fees and it is very important that we all meet our financial obligations to the college. If fees are not paid in full by the end of the term then students maybe refused entry at the start of 2013 – if you

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need to discuss this with me then please do not hesitate to ring my PA Mrs Barbra Whelan who will make an appointment for you to see me.

I look forward to seeing you all at the various end of year activities in the last week of the term. They are a wonderful way of recognizing what our students have achieved over the course of this year.

Important End of Year (2012) Dates for your Diary

Friday 30 November

- ***Year 6 Dinner Dance***
5.30pm – Windsor Function Centre

Monday 3 December

- ***Year 10 Service***
8.30 – John Lambert Performing Arts Centre

- ***Year 10 Formal***
5.45pm – Richmond Race Club

Tuesday 4 December

- ***Infants Presentation afternoon***
1.30pm - John Lambert Performing Arts Centre

Wednesday 5 December

- ***Primary School Presentation Evening***
7pm – College Gymnasium

Thursday 6 December

- ***3.05pm - School finishes for 2012***
Senior School Presentation Evening
- ***7.30pm – College Gymnasium***

Please Note:

Office Hours for Administration – 8.30am to 3.30pm

The Main Admin office will remain opened from:

- ***10 December through to 21 December 2012 and reopened on Wednesday 2 January 2013.***

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

The re-election of Barack Obama to the American Presidency has led many classes across the Junior School to re-consider the theme of 'hope'.

And isn't hope a powerful word? It stretches powerfully in so many directions.

So, we have thought, for example, about the living connection between this event and Martin Luther King's 'I Have a Dream Speech'; of how fragile a seed Dr King's brilliant words actually were, even as they fell onto the seemingly hard ground of entrenched opposition,

'I have a dream,' he said, 'that one day little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as brothers and sisters'.

For years the dream seemed shining yet disappointed, and in 2012 all still appears to remain very fragile. And yet it is a dream still potentially transfigured – like a butterfly struggling free from a cocoon, by the potential continuation of Barack Obama's original assertion of the power and reality of hope.

Having hope appears to be one of life's essentials. It is an obvious but critical fact that genuine hopelessness is a destructive, inwardly corrosive, state of mind for an individual and therefore equally corrosive for a community. The philosopher David Hume argued that reason cannot move people to act, only emotion can; unless we feel strongly enough to exert ourselves in one direction rather than another, we would do nothing but suffer the fate of Buridan's Ass which starved to death between two bales of hay because, having no reason to eat from one bale rather than the other, it could start on neither!

But hope, at its strongest and most connected level, is one of the strongest of motivating emotions. The very strength of such hope appears able to surmount obstacles, give meaning and alter realities. Hope can both motivate and encourage in the present and in doing so unwrap the latent dreams of the past and send them forth – a butterfly blinking in shining light; our children, in Morning Devotions, day by day turning towards the light of God's love; a little black girl holding the hand of a little white girl; a dying seed bursting into flower against a real November sky, beyond the site of dreams.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13.

Every blessing!



From the Uniform Shop: Elizabeth Moore Co-ordinator

The **last day** that the uniform shop will open for 2012 is:

- Thursday 6 December from 8.20am to 11am & 2.30pm to 4pm

Additional holiday opening times:

- Monday 21 January 2013 from 1pm to 4pm
- Tuesday 22 January 2013 from 9am to 12pm
- Thursday 24 January 2013 from 9am to 12pm
- Friday 25 January 2013 from 1pm to 4pm

From Tuesday 29 January 2013 normal uniform shop opening times will resume:

- Tuesday 8.20am to 11am & 2.30pm to 4pm
- Thursday 8.20am – 11am and 2.30pm to 4pm.

Is there more than one way to God?

Chapel Talk- Mr Leighton Corr

We are very lucky in life to be able to make decisions, to have choices. We can choose if we want to watch the League or the Union, have an iPhone or a Samsung Galaxy, order Pizza from Dominoes or Pizza Hut. Each of these decisions are great, but they lead us to the same end result. Is it the same with religion? Are there many ways of reaching the same end result? In the examples either choice means you get to watch sport or we get a new phone and our stomachs are full with pizza, is it the same with knowing God and being saved by Him? How do we know Christianity is right?

This is important to look at, because direction matters. No one likes going the wrong way. I remember getting lost when I first got my P's in Year 11 and having to call Dad for directions. I ended up driving the wrong way down a one way street and being met by a truck coming the other way. Going the wrong way is never fun and when we are looking at eternity, it's a long time to have made the wrong choice.

I believe that it is evident that Christianity is the right way and that the Bible explains this clearly. Even through some tough times in my own life, I have seen God work and know that through Jesus and his sacrifice a way is made for us, human sinners, to know our creator.

The passage for today is Deuteronomy 30 where God is warning His people Israel not to follow other gods or idols. He reminds Israel that there is only one God and that is him, they need to ensure they are giving him the honour and glory he deserves. This idea is repeated in the New Testament in John 14, where Jesus himself explains to his disciples that "I am the way, the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father except through me". He is the right direction. We can't follow whatever religion we want and be saved. Salvation is through Jesus and lasts for eternity. It is clear in the Bible that this is the only path we can take.

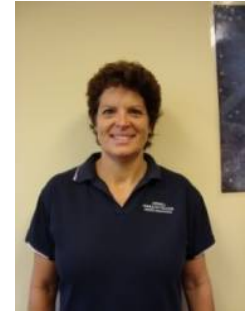
Ok, great the Bible says so- I have heard this before I am sure you are all thinking. So I wanted to look at other reasons why I see Christianity differently to other religions in the world. Here are 3 reasons why Christianity is the direction you should take:

1. **GRACE!!** God loves us no matter what. We don't need amazing marks at school or to be perfect all the time. Romans 3:23 says we have all fallen short of God's glory. But because of grace we can still be saved.
2. God is **LOVE**. No other world religion has a God of Love like Christianity does. God loved the world so much that he gave up His Son to save us. He did something for us, not us always having to do something for Him to assure us salvation.
3. It adds up. Science can't prove that Christianity doesn't exist. No one has proven that the Big Bang happened, let alone what started it. No historian has proven that Jesus didn't exist, in fact quite the opposite. We are not left waiting for a Messiah like the Jews are today, we are not hearing God's word third hand through Mohammed the prophet who heard the word of God in a cave, we believe in a historical person and event who loves us dearly!

Jesus died for you, it's true and it is something that being at Arndell you have heard before, but have you ever done anything about it? Direction matters, because going the wrong way is never good and eternity is a long time to be left going the wrong way. Christianity requires a decision from you.



Arndell Sports Desk: Head of Sport - Mrs Rosemary Cornick



Missing In Action:



College Sport Shirt

#s: 1,2,8,9,17,19,21
22,25,27,29,31,34
40,45,46,48,49



College Rugby Shirt

#s: 4,6,8,15,17,22,23,
24,25



College Netball Dress

#s: 13,15,17,25,28

These uniforms are **ONLY ON LOAN** to **Secondary students** who have played in a College team and are not to be kept. There are a number of uniforms still not returned. Please 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 Uniforms below have been loaned to **Primary Students in Yr 5 & 6 HZSA or HICES Sport**. Please will all students who were in a sport team to please 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!



Top #s: 10 & 15

Skirt #s: 4 & 6



Soccer Shirt



Soccer Shirt

HZSA Summer Sports Competition: Round 4 & 5 Results. Congratulations to the Senior Boys Futsal team on their FIRST win. The Senior Girls Touch Team for their draw against Northholm Grammar and the Junior girls Futsal team for their win against WCC with Chloe Bromage scoring all 3 goals.

ROUND 4			
Futsal:	Senior Boys	NGS	0-4
	Junior Boys	THGS	5-14
	Junior Girls	WCC	3-2
Touch Football	Senior Girls		Forfeit
ROUND 5			
Futsal:	Senior Boys	THGS 2	6-4
	Junior Boys	Gilroy	5-14
	Junior Girls	Masada	4-1
Touch Football	Senior Girls	NGS	Draw

Important Sport Dates for 2013.

Confirmed Dates for Term 1:

Primary Swimming:

- 1. College Carnival - Friday 8th February – T1 Week 2 – Richmond Pool, Richmond**
- 2. HICES Representative – Thursday 7th March - T1 Week 6 - SAC Homebush**
- 3. NSW CIS Representative - Wednesday 20th March – T1 Week 8 - SAC – Homebush**
- 4. PSSA Representative – Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd April – T1 Week 11 – SAC- Homebush**

Secondary Swimming:

- 1. College Carnival - Monday 11th February – T1 Week 3 – Richmond Pool, Richmond**
- 2. HSZA Representative – Tuesday 5th March - T1 Week 7 - SAC Homebush**
- 3. AICES Representative - Tuesday 26th March – T1 Week 10 - SAC – Homebush**

This is my final edition for the Sports Desk as Head of Sport. 2013 will bring some changes to the organisation of sport at Arndell and I wish to thank and congratulate all students who have committed to the College in sport and achieved such outstanding success. My sincere thanks to the parents and staff who have assisted at numerous sporting events for their continued support. I have thoroughly enjoyed the challenge of managing the sports program for our students and will miss being part of our students' sporting progression at the various Association levels. I wish each and every one of our students every success in their chosen sporting field.

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**)

2013 Swimming Carnivals

Letters will be handed out first day back week 1 term 1.

All return slips are due back Friday 1st February. Please look for them in your child's bag.

Primary Swimming:

5. **College Carnival - Friday 8th February – T1 Week 2 – Richmond Pool, Richmond**
6. **HICES Representative** – Thursday 7th March - T1 Week 6 - SAC Homebush
7. **NSWCIS Representative** - Wednesday 20th March – T1 Week 8 - SAC – Homebush
8. **PSSA Representative** – Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd April – T1 Week 11 – SAC- Homebush

Secondary Swimming:

4. **College Carnival - Monday 11th February – T1 Week 3 – Richmond Pool, Richmond**
5. **HSZA Representative** – Tuesday 5th March - T1 Week 7 - SAC Homebush
6. **AICES Representative** - Tuesday 26th March – T1 Week 10 - SAC – Homebush
7. **NSWCIS Representative** – Tuesday 30th April – Night & Wednesday 1st May – Day – T2 week 1 – SAC – Homebush.

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.

Saturday 1 December 2012 - 10am to 12pm

C.Block Verandah

Students and/or parents may bring in their old (current) textbooks to sell, and buy second-hand texts for the following year. Books, in good condition, are usually sold at around half the new price. Students will receive their 2013 textbook lists before this date and all textbook list prices are available online at the Champion book s website (champion.com.au) to price the books for sale.

Whilst I'm happy to assist with all enquiries on the day, I do not sell or buy texts for students, on the day. Any unsold texts after Dec 1, may be left with me for possible resale in the Senior Library Centre. Each of these books requires its own attached envelope, with student name/year and home contact phone number, so that I can easily notify you if any books are sold next year.

Each year we have more purchasers than sellers, so I encourage you to ensure your child has emptied their lockers before the day, so that all possible texts are available to sell.

Bus/Train Passes for 2013

A new application for Subsidised Travel is to be completed for all students requiring a bus/train pass who are:

- * Entering Kindergarten
- * Progressing from Year 2 into Year 3
- * Progressing from Year 6 into Year 7
- * Changing School
- * Changing Address
- * Changing Mode of Transportation

Bus Timetables can be found at the following links:

www.cdcbus.com.au then School Information Hillsbus or Westbus tab

www.busabout.com.au/HawkesburyValley.html then School Services tab

Please return completed forms to the College by 6 December 2012

NSW Government Transport – School Student Transport Scheme

- **Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) Subsidy** is available for eligible school students, who are residents of NSW, where there is no public transport available for all or part of the journey. The PVC Subsidy is paid on a daily basis for the single distance journey between home and the transport pick up point/school. The PVC Subsidy may also be available on medical or safety grounds.

Application Forms are available from the College Administration/Student Services

- **NSW Senior Secondary Student Concession Cards for 16, 17 and 18years.** These cards permit students to travel at the discounted rate of fare on all CityRail trains, State Transit and privately operated buses and government ferries for journeys to and from sport, evening, weekend and vacation travel. Concession cards will also be available for interstate rail journeys on Countrylink services as indicated on the back of the card.

Concession Cards are available from Student Services.

Lost and Found Property

Several pairs of prescription glasses & mobile phones have been found throughout the year and remain unclaimed. These may be collected from Student Services.

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***Students last day for 2012
Thursday 6 December 2012***

***School Commences for 2013
Tuesday 29 January
Prep, KG, Yrs 7, 11 and 12***

***Wednesday 30 January
Year 1 – 6, Yrs 8, 9 & 10***



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
Equestrian:	equestrian@arndell.nsw.edu.au
Funday Co-ordinator:	Mrs Alannah Norman – 0404 033 994 Funday@arndell.nsw.edu.au
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