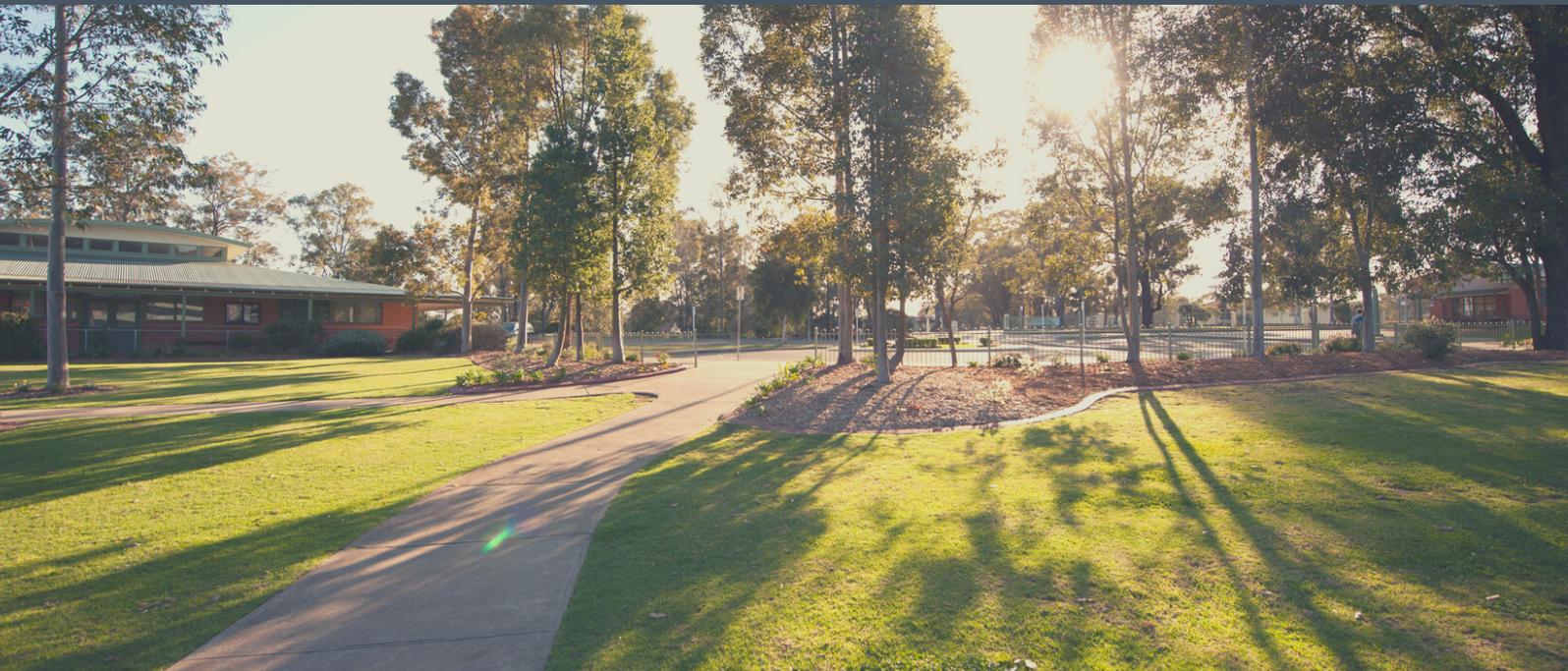


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FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER

MR AUSTIN ROBINSON



Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

As we come to the final week of the school year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the best for the Christmas Season. The year has presented its challenges; however, it has been good to have an essentially uninterrupted year of face to face teaching. Indeed, we have many things to thank God for this year and I pray that each of us would take the opportunity over these holidays to reflect on the many blessings we have received, even in times of stress and hardship.

I believe our community has demonstrated great resilience in bouncing back from the setbacks of the last few years; however, this has taken a lot of time and energy and something we might feel more acutely this year than any other. The break over Christmas presents us with a time to recharge and prepare ourselves for the next leg of the journey.

And how might we best recharge and relax? I encourage you to focus on your relationships, making the time to be actively present with family and friends. Where possible maintain normal schedules and routines, as a lack of these may cause unnecessary conflict. Work together as a unit, allowing each other to have a time to relax and unwind.



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From the Deputy Headmaster, cont.

Make time for some simple exercise each day, I always enjoy a walk to the local playground with my family. Make sure you disconnect from work where you can. Eat well. Learn to say no. Make some space to help others.

As a Christian community, we also spend time at Christmas reflecting on the birth of Jesus. I often consider the struggles that Mary and Joseph encountered in order to bring this King into the world. Leaving their hometown, giving birth in a lowly stable and fleeing from the grasps of Herod, a jealous ruler, who would do anything to maintain his power. This time was one of great adversity for this small family yet, through it all, God held them in the palm of his hands. The Christmas story reminds us that regardless of the troubles we face, God is our rock and our fortress. Through his son, Jesus, he is our Saviour and he invites us to come and know him so that we may enter his eternal kingdom as one people and one family.

It is my prayer that the time over Christmas will be one of great blessings. I look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

God bless and Merry Christmas.

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Arndell Anglican College is fortunate to be able to offer a range of scholarships for entry into Years 7 and 11 2024. Scholarship Applications close 6th of February 2023. Apply online www.arndell.nsw.edu.au



INFANTS NATIVITY





HOT CHOCOLATE & CHAPLAIN CHAT REV ROWENA MCMICKING

Over two millennia ago, the prophet Isaiah wrote:

*In that day the people will proclaim,
“This is our God!*

We trusted in him, and he saved us!

This is the Lord, in whom we trusted.

Let us rejoice in the salvation he brings!”[Isaiah 25.9]



He’s writing about a day in his (and our) future, when all God’s people will rejoice together in the salvation he brings. Although Isaiah didn’t know completely how that would work out, with hindsight we know that salvation is available to us through trusting in the life, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

One day, all God’s people will say together, “This is our God! Let us rejoice!”

A keen bunch of Year 6 students have been exploring this at “Hot Chocolate & Chaplain Chat” this term. We’ve been meeting before school on Thursdays, learning more about how amazing Jesus is, and thinking together about how we can invite the people we love to get to know Jesus too.

I have been so encouraged to hear the different ways our students have been encouraged to love Jesus more – by CRU camp leaders, friends, teachers and parents. They are excited to “pay forward” the blessings they have received, so that more and more of their friends will one day be part of that great crowd celebrating God’s goodness!

With much sadness, I will be leaving Arndell at the end of this year. I regret that I won’t get to see the students I have come to care deeply about keep on growing in their knowledge and love of Jesus. However, I know that we are united as members of God’s great family, and I look forward to seeing them gathered around God’s throne on the last day, rejoicing in the salvation we have in the Lord Jesus.

May God bless and keep you all.

Rev Rowena McMicking

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GIRL'S RUGBY

MRS KIRSTY SHEPPARD

This year, Arndell entered two girl's Rugby 7s teams into various competitions, The Fillies (seniors) and 'Dell's Angels'(inters). Rugby 7's is a version of rugby union. It's two seven-minute halves, a minute's half-time and seven players per team. Don't let the shorter time frame fool you; this game is fast and furious. It requires fitness, strength and skill, but the most important thing you need to have is guts!

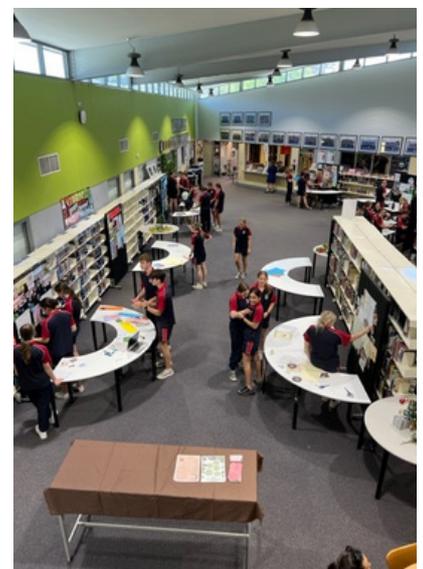
At Arndell, we talk a lot about courage and resilience. Both the Fillies and Dell's Angels have a huge amount of courage. They are TOUGH! At Arndell we also talk a lot about respect and relationships. One of the best things that I have witnessed are the friendships that have developed amongst girls who would otherwise never interact. At the first inters game in Bathurst, the girls didn't know each other's names. They lost that day, but went on to win the next game which was against Windsor High. From there they competed every Monday during Term 4 in the Chloe Dalton Girl's Rugby 7s competition at Barker College where they achieved third place! Congratulations to both teams for their grit and determination. Rugby is not a game of pretty, but no one can deny the fierce beauty of these amazing young women.

AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS WEEK

MRS AMY WOODWARD

Year 10 had a great time running their own cafes during Australian Business Week. They designed their business and ran through an online simulation among financial decisions for a two year cycle, they presented trade show displays, also had some fun with egg drop challenges and other small competitions during the week.

The overall cafe winner was a team called home@heart.

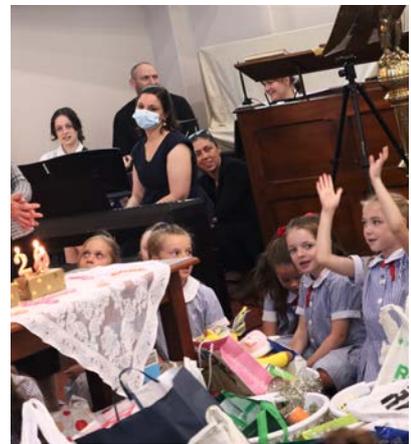




ST MATTHEW'S WINDSOR BICENTENTIAL SCHOOL SERVICE

MRS KAREN MERRICK

On 29 November we were delighted to take part in St Matthew's Windsor's bicentennial school service. Arndell was represented by Junior Choir, Senior Vocal, Chapel Band and Chamber Ensemble. Year 5 and Year 7 formed part of the congregation along with Windsor Public School and Norwest Christian College. The music provided by our students was of the highest calibre and gave a sense of joy to the service. Thank you to all staff and students for their participation and engagement at this community event





CELEBRATING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Maddison - Year 12

The Visual Arts Departments are very proud to announce that we received official correspondence that one HSC Visual Art candidate has been nominated for consideration for inclusion in ARTEXPRESS 2023. A huge congratulations to Maddison for her inspiring work "Oma's Garden".



Zoe - Year 9

In July Zoe was part of the U16 NSW Metro basketball team that competed at the National tournament in Western Australia. Zoe's team went through un-defeated for the first time in 32 years and won GOLD for the first time in history. As recognition of Zoe and her team's achievement they were given the opportunity to be a part of the medal presentation for the FIBA World Cup held in Sydney. From this National tournament Zoe was selected along with 24 girls to attend an U15 Basketball Australia camp at the AIS in Canberra. From this camp Zoe was selected in the U15 Australian Sapphires team to represent Australia at the FIBA Oceania Championships held in Guam 21-26 November this year.

Zoe is honoured to be able to wear the Green & Gold and very proud to represent Australia.

Landon - Year 5

Landon and his duo partner Lucy become National Youth Hip Hop Champions and placed 2nd in their Lyrical. His Troupe became National Champions in Hip Hop, Lyrical and Jazz placing 1st in all their routines. They have been competing at the Australian All Star Cheerleading Federation National Cheer and Dance Championships on the Gold Coast. Congratulations Landon on your excellent achievement!



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Year 12 2022

**HSC Results Day
Brunch**

Thursday

15th December 2022

10.00 am – 11.30 am

In the Bus Bay

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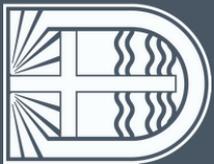
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Student Term Dates 2022 - 2023

Term 4 2022 (9 weeks)	
Tuesday 11 October	Term 4 Students Commence
Wednesday 7 December	Term 4 Concludes – Junior School
Thursday 8 December	Term 4 Concludes – Secondary School

Term 1 2023 (10 weeks)	
Thursday 19 and Friday 20 January	Kindergarten Transition Assessment Interviews
Monday 23 to Wednesday 25 January	Staff Professional Development Days
Thursday 26 January	Australia Day Public Holiday
Friday 27 January	Year 7 Orientation & Secondary Leaders
Monday 30 January	Pre-Kinder – ½ day (morning) Year 7, Year 11 and Year 12 Students Commence
Tuesday 31 January	Pre- Kinder ½ day (morning) Year 1-6 and 8-10 Commence
Wednesday 1 February	No Pre-Kinder Kindergarten Students Commence
Thursday 2 February	Pre-Kinder ½ day (morning)
Friday 3 February	Pre-Kinder ½ day (morning)
Monday 6 February	Regular Pre-Kinder timetable begins
Thursday 6 April	Term 1 Concludes
Friday 7 April to Monday 10 April	Easter

Term 2 2023 (9 weeks)	
Monday 24 April	Staff Professional Development Day
Tuesday 25 April	Anzac Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 26 April	Term 2 Commences
Monday 12 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Friday 23 June	Term 2 Concludes

Term 3 2023 (10 weeks)	
Monday 17 July	Staff Professional Development Day
Tuesday 18 July	Term 3 Students Commence
Friday 22 September	Term 3 Concludes

Term 4 2023 (9 weeks)	
Monday 9 October	Staff Professional Development Day
Tuesday 10 October	Term 4 Students Commence
Wednesday 6 December	Term 4 Concludes – Junior School
Thursday 7 December	Term 4 Concludes – Secondary School
Friday 8 December	Staff Professional Development Day





COLLEGE CONTACTS

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Deputy Headmaster:	Mr Austin Robinson
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Head of Middle School 7-9:	Mrs Michelle Wilson
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Assistant Head Junior School: Pastoral Care & Organisation:	Mrs Larne Jacobs
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Director of Professional Learning:	Mr Ian Finn
Director of Strategy and Planning:	Mrs Karen Merrick
Chaplain P-12:	Rev. Jeremy Clark
Director of Wellbeing & Community Service:	Mr Stuart Ryan
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