From the Headmaster: Gareth Leechman

Whilst I was on bus duty last Friday afternoon I couldn’t help but observe the tired, but contented, faces of our Year 5 and 6 students as they arrived home from their camp. It was clear that they had had a good time; a time of friendship, a time of fun, a time to explore who they were and the creation that God has given them. School Camps for many students are remembered with great fondness, I know that I remember the camps that I attended as a student, because it allows you the freedom to explore, the freedom to grow and the freedom to shine. However, camps do not just happen of their own accord, camps happen as part of the overall educational experience that we have designed for them, so I would like to publicly thank Mr Conway and his team of teachers for their preparation and supervision of the camp. Without their energies and enthusiasm this would not have occurred.

I would also like to remind the college community of two up-coming P&F activities, the first being the trivia night on Saturday 23rd March starting at 7pm in the college gym. This will be a fun evening as the community gathers to answer all those annoying trivia questions as well as share a few laughs at the various games which have been organized. Tickets are $15 each so why not get your table of ten organized! All monies raised will be going towards new seating which we will be placing around the college for our students to use.

The second activity is the creation of an Arndell Anglican College Business Directory. This is a great initiative from the P&F and for the price of an advertisement you will be able to advertise your business to the broader Arndell community. Forms are available from the front desk if this is something you would like to do. Again all funds raised will go towards the purchase of more seating for our students to use.

On a sad note I would like to inform the college community of the passing of Mrs Jessica Clark. Mrs Clark was a PDHPE and Sport teacher at our sister school Rouse Hill Anglican College and she will be known to many in our community, especially those who have been involved in the SASC netball day. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and the Rouse Hill Anglican College community at this time.
From the Head of the Junior School: Rev. Keith Peterson

Perception can be a many-splendid thing (?) so, a traditional quote runs, ‘Anything worth learning cannot be learned in the classroom’

For any spirited teacher that must be a clarion call to professional battle!!

How can the classroom become a place, not where learning becomes all spider-webbed and static, but where it is alive and active? How might the classroom become not a closed door on the world outside, but a wide open window?

A range of questions asking for some practical answers? Surely yes - so as a teaching staff at the Junior School we’ve set ourselves a continuing professional mission to identify those answers and develop them into real strategies. The Junior School is exceptionally well supplied for modern learning. Interactive White Boards are a significant part of this positive response, with their brilliant potential to extend dimensions in learning in pushing open new possibilities of communication and information. Carefully informed daily classroom practice is another. Teaching children how to really co-operate, investigate and learn in small groups is formative to creative learning, with educational research clearly indicating that interactive language is the shining key to the establishment of quality understanding. Teachers asking open-ended questions in the classroom offers another major stimulus to learning, as does individual student’s setting their own targets for learning, and seeing these reinforced and informed by their teacher’s effective marking and assessment.

All of these methods and quality teaching initiatives are operational at some point, every day, in the Junior School. In the celebrated battle of the educational quotes (!) we might conclude with a beautiful Chinese proverb, because here the classroom finds re-definition, not as some enclosed world unto itself, but as a creatively diverse and strategic setting.

For, at its given, taught and lived-in best,

‘Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere’.

Year 7 Excursion: Taming of the Shrew

Last Friday, 8th March, Year 7 had the rare opportunity to see a local quality production of Shakespeare’s The Taming of the Shrew at the Q Theatre, within the Joan Sutherland Centre at Penrith. Much to the relief of the diligent Year 7 students, this only required missing periods 2 to 5 and they could enjoy periods 1 and 6 as normal. This production provided a fine introduction for the unit “Introduction to Shakespeare” later in the year but importantly, provided many Year 7 students with the opportunity to see live theatre.

The reactions of the Year 7 critics on the bus back to the College after the event was mixed. One quote was “seriously weird” whereas “I could follow what was happening but had trouble understanding a lot of the words” was a common reaction. The performance was a good one with some standout performances from the leading female roles although some female Year 7 critics thought one of the actors stole the show because “he looked like Justin Bieber”. What would Shakespeare say….?

Year 7 are a large year group and despite, disappointingly, the poor example of some older students from other schools present on the day, the overwhelming majority of Year 7 students behaved in a commendably responsible manner both on the buses and in the theatre. My thanks to my colleagues in the English faculty for their enthusiasm, energy and effort on the day and to those unfortunate colleagues in other faculties who had to forego their beloved Year 7 classes on the day in favour of supervising English classes instead.

Mr. Tom Lavelle – Head of English
Social Sciences go Beyond the Classroom…….

It's been a busy start to the year in Social Sciences. Already we have had three major fieldwork site studies and there is more to come in 2013.

Many of the courses we offer have mandatory fieldwork requirements that we need to meet. Having students experience the sites they study first hand gives them a greater understanding of the topic area and allows them to gain valuable fieldwork skills.

**Year 10 Geography** spent the day at Long Reef and Collaroy Beaches. All three Year 10 Classes collected fieldwork data that they will use in their first assessment task. They spent the day learning many of the management strategies that have been used by Warringah Council.

**Year 11 and Year 12 Geography** students travelled to the Intertidal Wetlands at Homebush Bay. Here they spent the day understanding the delicate nature of the Intertidal ecosystem. They also got to use sophisticated GIS equipment to explore changes over time at Homebush.

**Year 12 Business Studies** students spent a day in the City touring the Queen Victoria Building, Darling Harbour and Pitt Street Mall. They were studying the topic Marketing and gained a valuable about of first hand experience to assist them with their understanding of the topic.

Upcoming trips include Year 11 Business Studies, Year 9 and 10 Commerce and Year 11 and 12 Legal Studies. Keep an eye out for information from your classroom teacher!

Mrs. Amy Woodward
Head Teacher Social Sciences

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Round 1 of HICES Debating

Round 1 of HICES Debating was held at The Hills Grammar School after school on Thursday, 28th February. It was a tough task just to choose teams since so many students, from Year 8 (6 students, 5 girls/one boy) and particularly Year 7 (12 students, 8 girls and 4 boys) were keen to be involved. The HICES rules stipulate that each debating team must comprise a minimum of at least one girl and boy, and so it was decided to mix the teams in terms of age groups this year with Year 8 and Year 7 students in each.

The topic for the first debate was “That there should be more police on public transport” with one of our teams debating the affirmative case and the other the negative. Both teams were against teams from St. Paul’s Grammar.

A close win resulted for the experienced “B” team of first speaker Elly Hibberd and third speaker Rosie Rodgers in company with Callaghan Kelly (2nd) and David Lavelle (4th) making their debuts arguing the negative case. Elly and Rosie were in the team that made the regional final last year. The “A” team of Emily May (first speaker), Sarah Wilton (2nd), Oliver Hopping (3rd) and Jessica Steenbeeke (4th) went very close to winning arguing the affirmative case, with the adjudicator highlighting the need for just a little more rebuttal as the narrow difference between the teams. All students are to be congratulated on fine efforts and excellent conduct on the day and I thank them for sacrificing their lunchtimes for practice sessions.

Jasmine Shur did a great job chairing and timekeeping and Miss Willis needs to be acknowledged for her support on the day and in successfully guiding the mini-bus to our destination.

Round 2 will be held after school at Penrith Anglican College on Tuesday, 26th March. A new set of speakers for the “A” team will argue the affirmative case (again) against Rouse Hill “B” on the topic “That the driving age should be raised to 18”. The “B” team will also argue the affirmative case against Penrith Anglican “A”.

Mr. Tom Lavelle
Head of English/Debating Co-coordinator

Equestrian News: Team Manager Kristen Bailey

On Monday 11th March, Abigail Dowey represented the College at Evans Crown Sport Horse Day. Abigail won and placed in most of her events and was awarded the citizenship award on the day.

Congratulations Abigail and we commend you on your sportsmanship shown on the day.

Just a reminder, if you and your family wish to be a part of the equestrian contact list and receive news and information about upcoming events please email: equestrian@arndell.nsw.edu.au
Attention all Business Owners......

HURRY places filling FAST!
Don’t miss out on the Opportunity to be part of the First issue of the Arndell Anglican College Business Directory.
Listing only businesses within the school community.
This will be a Fundraiser for the P&F. We are working towards tables & benches for both Junior & Senior Playgrounds.

**What is it?**

A5 Full Colour publication
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Arndell Anglican College Directory

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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
After School Care: Camp Australia – 1300 105 343 (for bookings)
                  After School Care from 2.30pm - 0401 904 531
                  (at Arndell only)
P & F President: Mrs Jo Selff
Equestrian: equestrian@arndell.nsw.edu.au
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                   Funday@arndell.nsw.edu.au
Canteens: Monday – Friday - 4545 2486
          (Recess / Lunch)

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