From the Headmaster:  Mr Gareth Leechman

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all members of the Arndell Community as we start a very exciting year for the College. For those new to the College, it will be a year of real expectation as we get to experience first-hand the educational programs this college has to offer.

Congratulations to our Class of 2013 on their very pleasing HSC results, so many achieved personal best scores. At this point I would like to announce our **Dux for 2013** was **Miss Natasha Van Der Eyk** who obtained an **ATAR of 97.1** and our **Dux Proximate** was **Miss Brianna Scully** with an **ATAR of 95.35**, both of these girls were closely followed by **Miss Victoria Refalo** who achieved an **ATAR of 93.2** and **Miss Abbey Wightley** who achieved an **ATAR of 90.65**. I am pleased to announce that for the second year running Arndell Anglican College was the best performing HSC School in the Valley and the challenge now for our current Year 12 students is to maintain this position. A more detailed analysis of our HSC results will be published in subsequent Arndell Advocates by our Director of Curriculum and Policy Mrs Karen Merrick.

I also welcome all our new teaching staff for 2014:

- **Mr David Hall** (Head of English)
- **Mr Matthew Oakes** (Geography/HSIE)
- **Mrs Kirsten Warner** (Biblical Studies/HSIE)
- **Mrs Leah Thomas** (HSIE)
- **Mr Adam Condie** (Junior School Teaching Staff)
- **Miss Jamie Leeson** (Junior School Teaching Staff)
- **Miss Annika Hodgson** (Junior School Teaching Staff)
- **Miss Kelly Smith** (Junior School Teaching Staff)
- **Mr Edwin Pearce** (Junior School PE Teacher)
- **Mrs Sarah Abboud** (Learning Support – Senior School)
- **Miss Angeline Catto** (Learning Support – Senior School)
- **Mr Lloyd Manefield** (Admin IT Support)
- **Mrs Jennifer Bower** (EA /Junior School Administrator)

At this point I would also like to inform the school community that Mrs Julie Nixon (the College Councillor) has been appointed as a Senior Lecturer with the Wesley Institute. Our loss will be Wesley’s gain and on behalf of the college community, I thank Mrs Nixon for all the support she has offered so many of our students within our community. We wish her well as she embarks on the next stage of her career. In the meantime, we have commenced our search process for finding a suitably qualified replacement and we will attempt to fill this position as soon as practically possible. In the meantime the current pastoral care structures within the Junior and Senior School will continue to give effective and strong pastoral support to the students under our care.
I would also like to again thank the contribution the P&F have made to the purchase of the gymnasium floor. Over the recent holiday break the floor in the school gymnasium has been re-done and we now have a surface appropriate for this heavily used space. Without the contribution from the P&F the re-flooring would not have been possible, so I would like to thank the former P&F President, Jo Self and her team for their support in this matter. Also during the holiday break we have done some refurbishment in the Junior School with some of the general play and walking areas resurfaced.

In 2014 we will be embarking on our IT journey with the introduction of an iPad program for Stage 3 (commencing Term 2) and our one-to-one laptop program for Years 7 – 11 commencing immediately. This is a very exciting development and one that we expect will have a positive impact on the learning culture in the college. Our Head of IT services Mr Nathan Mares has sent letters out to all parents regarding the distribution of the laptops and textbooks, please make sure you have read the letter and bring a signed copy of the contract with you to your respective distribution evening, this will assist in making these evenings as smooth as possible.

At the beginning of the year I would once again like to take this opportunity to remind both parents and students of the expectations that we have of all our members of the College Community here at Arndell. We are first and foremost a College interested in developing the many gifts and talents our students have been given so that they can go on to live productive lives in the world God has provided for them. Therefore we require all of our students to come into the College with attitudes that are positive and conducive to achievement.

Students who have the right attitude can be clearly identified; they wear their uniform with pride, they are prepared for each day, they are attentive and willing to contribute to class learning - they do not distract the learning of others and they seek to be involved in the broader life of the college. In short these students want to embrace the life they have been given and make the most of it, not just for themselves but for the lives of those they come into contact with. God has made us relational beings, first with himself and then with those around us.

Relationships are fundamental to what we stand for here at Arndell. We will at all times seek to create positive relationships between home and school and between staff member and student, because we know that great things can be achieved when all members of the community are working together in an attempt to meet a common set of goals. From Pre-Kinder to Year 12 each child is guided and encouraged to excel academically, physically and spiritually in a Christian learning environment.

It is my hope and prayer that God may continue to bless what we do here at Arndell Anglican College and I look forward to serving you all in the year ahead.

**On behalf of the Head of the Junior School:** Rev’d Keith Peterson

The beginning of Term 1 2014 has been an extremely positive one for Arndell Anglican College Junior School as we have welcomed, this January, a new cohort of 40 students in this year's Kindergarten, and a record 40 new students beginning across the Junior School: Year 1 – Year 6.

This has resulted in the Junior School now running three year level classes at both Year 4 and Year 6 level, with the corresponding promise for teaching and learning that this brings. We are also able to confidently continue our policy and strategy of organising the Junior School within year appropriate learning groups, whilst also experiencing strong enrolments and interest in our Prep Classes for 2014.
This is a very positive scenario and has resulted in us being able to welcome four new members of staff to the Junior School for 2014: Miss Annika Hodgson (Class 1 Red); Mr Adam Condie (Class 4 Green); Miss Jaimie Leeson (Class 4 Blue) and Mrs Kelly Smith (Class 5 Blue). A very warm Arndell welcome to them all! Each new staff member brings their own uniquely special range of gifts, to their individual classes, their Year and Stage Team and to the Junior School community as a whole. We are grateful to be able to host, acknowledge, facilitate and benefit from those gifts over 2014 – gifts of energy, mission, vision and wonderful commitment and enthusiasm.

And what an affirmation these exceptional numbers of growth represent for the Junior School!

As our organisational strategies adjusted and developed over the holidays so I had personal privilege and opportunity to escort many of these provisional new families and students around the Junior School. Whilst ‘touring’ I always looked to take opportunity to ask, ‘Why have you considered selecting Arndell Anglican College Junior School as the home for your child’s education?’ And the answer was always 100% the same. ‘It’s because the School was so strongly recommended to us by one, two or three presently attending families’.

I found this ‘universal’ affirmation by ‘word of mouth’ very encouraging! And certainly, our passionate intent is now to confirm and sustain this level of confidence through the continuing development of our educational and pastoral practices that these might also continue to grow and to operate to the individual flourishing of each and all of our students.

And all this as primarily set within the abiding and defining affirmation of our mission and vision as a School where we intentionally seek more and more of the reign of Jesus as King in all we plan, say and do.

It really should be such a great year ahead!

Every blessing!

**Equestrian News: - Miss Kristen Bailey**

The Interschool Competition year will soon begin with Oxley College hosting their K - 12 carnival in March. With many more events to come over this year I would like to be able to make contact with parents and riders and I ask if you and your family are thinking of representing Arndell Anglican College during the year to send me an email with riders names and their year to equestrian@ardinell.nsw.edu.au. This way I can email programs and entry dates, entry procedures and follow up riders results.

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Year 11 and Year 7 Scholarships for 2015

The following scholarships will be offered for students entering the College in 2015 for:

**Year 11**
- Academic Scholarships
  - All Rounder
  - Performing Arts Scholarships

**Year 7**
- Academic Scholarships
  - All Rounder
  - Performing Arts Scholarships

**Performing Arts scholarships** will be based on an audition process.

To apply for an **Academic Scholarship** visit [www.arndell.nsw.edu.au](http://www.arndell.nsw.edu.au) to find out more on how to register.

For application forms for **All Rounder and Performing Arts Scholarship** contact the College on 4545 2472.

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

**Applications for Scholarships close Monday 10th February 2014**

For further enquiries contact

Mrs Whelan on 4545 2472

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**Before School Care 2014**

Available at the College for our Prep to Year 6 students. This service will be offered through our Outside School Hours Care provider, Camp Australia, currently provides a quality After School Care program at the College.

**What will be on offer?**
- Coverage Hours: 6.45 am – 8.45 am
- Breakfast: Cereal, toast and fresh fruit
- Structured games and activities provided by trained staff to a set program
- Kindergarten – Year 6 students released at 8.30 am
- Prep escorted to their classroom at 8.45 am

**What will be the cost?**
- Cost (without Government rebates):
  - $16.00 per session (permanent booking rate) or
  - $21.00 per session (casual rate).

Please contact Camp Australia on 1300 105 343 or visit [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au) to register. Camp Australia can advise you on the rebates that may apply in your circumstances.
Uniform Shop News: Mrs Elizabeth Moore

It is time to try on your blazer as Blazer fitting day is less than 4 weeks away (Thursday 27th February). See details below.

Every student in the College (K-12) will require a Blazer to wear with their winter uniform. Whilst winter changeover does not occur until Monday 12th May, now is the time to decide if your current blazer will still fit, or if you require a new one (or a 2nd hand blazer). In past years we have had many students without a blazer that fitted them simply because they had grown out of last year’s blazer and didn’t realize until after the fitting day. If you have outgrown your old blazer, and it is in good condition (new logo, in good repair and dry cleaned), it may be brought to the uniform shop to sell in the 2nd hand clothing pool. Many families are looking for good quality 2nd hand blazers, so get them in ASAP.

Blazer fittings will be held on Thursday 27th February 2014

Students must be at school on this day to be fitted. (Infants will be fitted first shortly after 9am, followed by primary, then high school classes at recess). Blazers are a compulsory part of the Arndell Anglican College Uniform and they are individually fitted for each student.

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- **Note**: Boys Blazers have extra details e.g. pockets and lapels. Prices include fittings, alterations and GST.
- An **$80.00 deposit** is required to confirm and register your child for a fitting. This must be paid to the Uniform Shop before Tuesday 25th February 2014 or your child cannot be fitted. A late fee **$30.00** will apply to anybody requiring a fitting after 27th February 2014.
- **Years 11/12** students requiring a senior stripe to be applied to their blazer will automatically be applied at the above price. If you currently have a blazer that fits please bring your dry-cleaned blazer to the Uniform Shop before Thursday 27th February 2014 will be applied at a cost of $25.00, to be paid in advance.
- **Second Hand Blazers**: anyone wishing to sell their blazer (in good condition, with the current logo and dry-cleaned) can bring them into the uniform shop now.

**NSW Adolescent Vaccination Program 2014**

The NSW Health provides a school-based vaccination service each year to offer vaccines recommended for adolescents by the national Health and Medical Research Council.

- Year 7 boys and girls will receive their 1st does of HPV and dTpa
- Year 9 boys only will receive their 1st does of HPV

Vaccinations will take place at Arndell on **21st February**. Information will be given to your child with regards to the vaccinations that they will receive. Parents are asked to read the information and sign the forms (either with a black or blue pen) and return them back to the College no later than 16th February 2014.

Only students who have the vaccine specific consent form signed by their parent/guardian will be vaccinated.
Arndell Anglican College Directory

Headmaster: Mr Gareth Leechman
Deputy Headmaster/Head of Senior School: Mr James Webb
Head of Junior School: Revd. 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
Business Manager: Mrs Jodie Woods
Uniform Shop: Mrs Liz Moore – 4572 3254

Before and After School Care:
Camp Australia – 1300 105 343 (for bookings)
www.campaustralia.com.au
Before School Care from 6.45am – 8.45am
After School Care from 2.30pm - 0401 904 531
(at Arndell only)

P & F President:
Mrs Alannah Norman – 0404 033 994
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

Canteen:
Monday – Friday - 4545 2486
(Recess / Lunch)

Term Dates 2014

Term 1
Monday 20 January Staff Professional Day
Tuesday 21 January Staff Professional Day
Wednesday 22 January Staff Professional Day
Thursday 23 January Staff Professional Day
Friday 24 January Staff Professional Day
Monday 27 January Australia Day Holiday
Tuesday 28 January Term 1 commences for Prep, KG, Yrs. 7,11 & 12
Wednesday 29 January All students return to College

Term 2
Monday 28 April Term 2 commences
Monday 9 June Queen’s Birthday Weekend
Friday 20 June Term 2 finishes

Term 3
Monday 14 July Term 3 Commences
Friday 19 September Term 3 Finishes

Term 4
Tuesday 7 October Term 4 Commences
Tuesday 2 December Infants Presentation Afternoon
Wednesday 3 December Primary School Presentation Evening
Thursday 4 December Students last day for 2014
Senior School Presentation Evening
Friday 8 December Staff Professional Day