Arndell Anglican College remains committed to turning our Ethos and Vision statement into a reality. Over the course of the last six years, we have worked hard at raising the overall standard and quality of the Christian education that we provide. At times it takes a little longer to turn this statement into reality and one such area has been our agriculture program.

Over the course of the last few years we have endeavoured to create a vibrant agriculture program within the college, however in reality we have had mixed success in this area. At this point in time I would like to publicly thank Mr Gillen for stepping up to keep the program going over the last twelve months. This has not been easy, but his efforts have been appreciated by many.

We have been actively looking for a suitable replacement for Mr Gillen, who will, with experience and enthusiasm develop the program we have always wanted. I am now pleased to inform the college that we have found such a candidate, and Mrs Nicole Evans, current agriculture teacher at Bede Polding College, has accepted the full time role as our agriculture teacher from the commencement of 2016.

Mrs Evans comes to the college with a very strong reputation for what she has achieved in developing agriculture at Bede Polding, over the course of the last decade. She will have complete oversight of the agriculture programs and future expansion. This includes overseeing the development of the recently purchased 5 acre block adjacent to the college. It is our intention to develop the 5 acres next door into an Agricultural Centre. Work will commence next year as we seek to raise the standard of agriculture in the college. This is an exciting development and we look forward to seeing the positive changes that Mrs Evans will bring in this area.

Finally, I would like to remind parents that enrolment places for 2016 are filling very quickly. In actual fact, we only have one remaining place in our Year 7 2016 cohort. If you are intending to enrol your child into the college next year, or you know someone who is intending to, then please do so as quickly as possible. I wouldn’t want you to miss out.

Summer Uniform Changeover

On the 7th of September 2015 (the first Monday after Father’s Day) we will change into summer uniform. Please take the time now to check that your child’s summer uniform still fits, and if not, plan a visit the Uniform Shop to ensure you have all the uniform elements before changeover. Junior School uniform requirements can be found in the student diary. Middle and Senior School uniform requirements can be found in the students’ online e-planner.
Grandparents’ and Special Friends’ Day

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HICES Debating Victory

The Arndell debating success continued into another round, the HICES NSW quarterfinals. Both the Year 7 and Open teams were victorious against quality opposition. Both teams have now been undefeated after six rounds of competition. Given that it is the first year of HICES competition for Year 7, this is an outstanding accomplishment. Congratulations to Sarah Black, Noah Shean, Elizabeth Barter and Makenzie Thomas. This team will now take on the winner of Hills Grammar versus Central Coast Grammar in the quarterfinal.

The Open team, comprising David Lavelle, Emily May and Rosie Rodgers have beaten yet another Year 12 team in what the independent adjudicators described as “the finest debate they have seen in some years,” “a most excellent debate worthy of a grand final.” Given that our team comprised of Year 9 and 10 students without the aid of a fourth speaker, beating a Year 12 team is a remarkable performance. They now take on Bankstown Grammar in the quarterfinal.

Meet the Fiji Mission Team Part 1:

Declan Horne

Declan is in Year 11 and looking forward to helping the kids that he meets on the Fiji trip and help them understand Jesus better. He describes himself as charming, outgoing, sporty and genuine. He loves sport, and is looking forward to helping run the sports program at the school, while in Fiji.

While completing the training for Fiji, Declan has found the team building and problem solving activities challenging but enjoyed coming along early in the mornings to learn more about what we will be doing and planning for Fiji.

He hopes to make a difference in people's lives and can't wait to talk with people over there about his life and beliefs.

Emily Ayres

Emily is in Year 10 and enjoys reading and music in her spare time. She is a caring and creative student who is looking forward to sharing God's love with the people in Fiji and building new relationships.

During the Fiji training Emily has been challenged by getting out of her comfort zone and having to get up to speak in front of the team. This has helped her get more prepared for the trip, though. Emily hopes that she is able to make a positive influence on the people she meets, and have an impact on their lives by sharing the gospel with them. She is excited to have the opportunity to share her Christian faith with others.

To help fundraising for the trip Emily ran an outdoor movie night at her church, Richmond Anglican. This was a hugely successful night and obviously very encouraging for Emily to see her church be so supportive of her efforts. She was able to raise enough funds to donate some money to the Fiji team, which was a huge blessing.

Well done Emily on an excellent effort in raising money for the trip!
Arndell has been volunteering at the Hawkesbury Community Kitchen in Windsor every second Friday since 2011. A team of staff and students from the Senior School support this Christian based aid-agency which provide a food service to those in need.

“Helping at the Hawkesbury Community Kitchen has been a rewarding experience and I encourage everyone to get involved. I enjoyed undertaking a variety of duties such as preparing and serving meals, cleaning up, washing dishes and mopping the floor. The opportunity provided by Arndell has allowed me to feel a sense of satisfaction by helping the local community. It helped me realise just how lucky I am and to appreciate what I have in my life”.
– Declan Horne

It has been such an encouragement to see so many students and staff show an interest in serving our local community and helping make a difference. Thank you to all the volunteers who have given up their time to help this worthy cause. I look forward to the continued support.

*It is more blessed to give than to receive - Acts 2:-35*

Mrs Lauren Kenny – Hawkesbury Community Kitchen Liaison/English Teacher
Charlie and Billie have been selected for the NSW State Show Jumping Team to compete at the 2015 National Interschool Championships in September. The event is being held at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre from the 28th September to the 2nd October.

Year 5 student, India Culey, played viola with the Penrith Strings Ensemble last month.

Well done India.
Fear is a charging bull,
Charging so fast you can’t get away.
Horns head first, piercing your courage,
Eating your heart
And spitting it out.
India Culey 5W

Sadness is a corner of darkness
Sneaking up on you
Grabbing you
And swallowing you
Bit by bit
Crunching all bones.
Maddie Isemonger 4B

Happiness is a forest
Of bubbles
Flowing with the wind.
Bursting.
Alexandra Liddell 4B

Happiness is a tip of sunshine
That beams into your heart
Like a swirly lollypop
Just licked.
Tashi Bowman-Karepa 4R

Happiness is a rainbow
Gliding through your world.
Laugher is spreading your wings
There’s nothing like it in the world.
Kaitlin Messerschmidt 4R

Fun is a present
Loaded with surprises
That can’t wait to be opened,
And has amazing colours
So bring that they blind you.
Hayley Thomas 3R

Anger is a volcano
Bursting fireballs onto the earth
Raining with fireballs.
Caleb Nolan

Sadness is a waterfall
Screaming for help
Rushing to the rocks.
Lila Horne.
Thank you Paul and Heather at McGrath's Hill Florist for providing 16 flowers free of charge to Arndell Science Department for a dissection lesson.
Arndell Anglican College Interschool Equestrian Carnival

22 August 2015
9.00 AM HAWKESBURY SHOWGROUND, CLARENDON

Classes include: Show Ring & Sporting Garlands for all Supremes


Entries close: Friday, 14 August 2015
Enquiries: Miss Kristen Bailey, Equestrian Co-ordinator

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Years 10 & 11 Drama Presents

THE ARNDELL SHAKESPERIENCE

FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST
7.30PM - THE JOHN LAMBERT CENTRE
TICKETS: $5 (ON THE DOOR)
Few issues are more challenging for parents, teachers and students than helping our young men and women to make positive decisions regarding relationships, self-image and sexual choices. Over the coming term as part of our Pastoral Care Program we are running a number of Seminars focused on discussing issues such as Sexual Pressure, Body Image, Eating Disorders, Pornography, Self-Worth, Sexting, Unhealthy Relationships, Media and Marketing, Bullying and the Appropriate Use of Social Media. To help us connect with students on these important issues we have invited Senior Constable Benjamin Gillen and presenters from YourChoicez to speak to the students.

Parents are invited to attend a free information evening which will be held in the College Auditorium TOMORROW, the 18th of August at 7:30 pm. The aim of the evening is to empower parents to be an influential presence in their children’s lives with presenters from YourChoicez addressing many of the questions that parents may have about how they can help their children navigate decisions regarding sex, dating, relationships and pornography.

If you would like more information regarding YourChoicez please feel free to visit their website www.yourchoicez.com.au.
Would you like to learn about NOVA Employment or NOVA Transition?
Do you have a disability and want to participate in the workforce?
Are you a member of the local community and want to learn more?
Are you an employer who has hired, or would like to hire, through NOVA?

You are invited to
Pathways to Employment
An information session about the different services NOVA offers, And a chance to recognise our clients & supporters

Wednesday August 19th 2015
10:30am to 2:30pm
68 Mileham Street, South Windsor

Refreshments and lucky door prizes on the day!!

Please RSVP by 7th August by contacting
Anthony Gale and the Windsor team on (02) 4571 6600 or Anthony.gale@novaemployment.com.au
Term Dates remaining for 2015

Term 3 (10 weeks)
- **Tuesday 14 July**: Term 3 Commences
- **Friday 18 September**: Term 3 finishes

Term 4 (9 weeks)
- **Tuesday 6 October**: Term 4 commences
- **Tuesday 1 December**: Infants’ Presentation Afternoon
- **Wednesday 2 December**: Primary School Presentation Evening
- **Thursday 3 December**: Students’ last day for 2015
  Senior School Presentation Evening

Term Dates for 2016

Term 1 (11 Weeks)
- **Wednesday 27 January**: Term 1 Commences: Prep, KG, Yrs 7, 11 and Yr 12.
- **Thursday 28 January**: All students return to College
- **Friday 25 March**: Good Friday
- **Monday 28 March**: Easter Monday
- **Friday 8 April**: Term 1 Finishes

Term 2 (9 Weeks)
- **Tuesday 26 April**: Term 2 Commences
- **Monday 13 June**: Long Weekend (Queen’s Birthday)
- **Friday 24 June**: Term 2 Finishes

Term 3 (10 weeks)
- **Tuesday 19 July**: Term 3 Commences
- **Friday 23 September**: Term 3 Finishes

Term 4 (8 weeks)
- **Tuesday 11th October**: Term 4 Commences
- **Thursday 8 December**: Term 4 Finishes – Students’ last day for 2016
HSC Music Evening  Wednesday 26th of Aug: HSC Music students will combine with the HSC Drama students for this evening, and play a selection of repertoire in preparation for their upcoming HSC examinations. The performances will be vocal, guitar and piano and will include a diverse mix of musical genres. It is an excellent opportunity for students to perform for their families and peers in a relaxed environment before the HSC examination. (Coordinator – Mrs Court)

“Arndell on Stage” – Drama Evening Friday 28th August: This year each of the Elective Drama classes will have the opportunity to showcase their dramatic talent and curriculum based projects at the Arndell on Stage Drama evening. A variety of dramatic styles and forms will be presented – such as comedy, slapstick and farce, contemporary tragedies as well as the classic works of Shakespeare and student devised adaptations. (Coordinator – Mrs Wilson)

Peripatetic Concert Week 9 Term 3: Students involved in the Peripatetic Program at Arndell Anglican College have to opportunity to perform for their family, friends and peers at one of our Peripatetic concerts. Each concert is presented in a casual environment where students can present pieces they have been working on throughout the year. (Coordinator – Mr Wilson)

Creative Arts Week 10 Term 3: Throughout Week 10 the Junior School will be learning about the Arts with a focus on Asia. “Out of Asia” will have performances and displays from all the primary year groups, culminating with a final performance at the Friday assembly. (Coordinator – Miss Joyce)

Showcase Evening – Week 3 Term 4: Join Arndell’s Music and Dance students as they present a showcase of work from throughout the year. All Music ensembles, from the Stage Band to the Guitar Ensemble will be performing, as well as the College’s Dance groups. (Coordinators – Mr Wilson, Mrs Wilson)
Infants Nativity Week 8 Term 4: Come and join the Infants school as they celebrate and present the birth of Jesus in the Nativity. With song, drama and dance, students from Prep to Year 2 will perform their specially devised performance for family members. (Coordinator – Miss Joyce)

Presentation Evenings: 1st Dec (afternoon - Infants) 2nd Dec Junior School, 3rd Dec High School: Music students from the College will perform a variety of pieces during Presentation Evening. Ensembles that have worked throughout the year will have an opportunity to perform at these special events for the entire school community. (Coordinator – Mr Wilson)

Hawkesbury Eisteddfod – TBC: 2015 will see Arndell’s Music Ensembles and Dance Groups compete in the Hawkesbury Eisteddfod. Exact dates will be published once entries are confirmed. This will be an excellent opportunity for students to perform in an external competition against other local schools. (Coordinators – Mr Wilson, Mrs Wilson)

Community Performances – TBC: Throughout 2015 Arndell Anglican College Creative and Performing Arts students will be involved in a number of community performances. Details of these performances will be posted onto the College’s Facebook page and promoted in the Advocate newsletter prior to the event. (Coordinator – Mr Chris Wilson)
College Contacts

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Head of Junior School: Rev Keith Peterson
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