From the Headmaster

Mr Gareth Leechman

On Saturday August 22nd we hosted our 22nd Equestrian Carnival out at the Hawkesbury Showground. Once again it was a spectacular day, not just in terms of the weather and the general riding conditions, but also because it was well organised. To this end I congratulate Miss Bailey and her team of volunteers for all their hard work leading up to and on the day itself. Without this committed group of people our students, and the students of other schools, would not have been able to have experienced such a day of healthy competition and friendship.

I had the great experience of time keeping on the sporting events, and I always come away amazed at how skilful our students are on these wonderful animals. The care and love shown for the horses is clear for everyone to see. They are presented with such pride. I am in awe at the horsemanship that is displayed, especially from some of our younger riders, who always seem to be disproportionately small in comparison to the horse they are riding. Well done to everyone for their efforts and we look forward to the carnival again next year.

I am also pleased to announce the release of the College’s mobile app “Arndell Mobile” available for download via the Apple App Store. We believe that timely, effective communication with parents and the community is key to the success of every school, and the app provides another platform to achieve this. The app has push notification alerts for the Advocate and other news items and easy access to the College calendar and your children’s individual timetables when you log in with your parent portal credentials. To download the app, open ‘App Store’ on your Apple device and search for “Arndell”.

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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.

High School Lost Property

Just a reminder that all High School lost property is now sent to the Mears library. Junior School lost property is sent to Mrs Bower. Because of the huge number of items that are sent here, I am seeking your co-operation in ensuring your child’s clothing is labelled with his/her name. When clothing is labelled I can quickly add it to the list of lost property items, published online on the College Dashboard – Today’s Announcements. This list is updated daily so that it is current. Students are expected to check the Dashboard daily to see if any lost property is being held for them, so that they can collect it promptly.

It is frustrating though, when clothing is not labelled. When students come looking for unlabelled clothing they take the newest looking item, and sometimes, when the next student comes to look for their ‘new’ item, it is no longer here. For this reason, of not being properly able to identify ownership, ALL unlabelled clothing is now washed and sent to our Uniform Shop for resale.

So, please check that ALL your child’s school clothing, both PE and daily uniform, is labelled, so that it can be returned to them. As the weather gets warmer jumpers and blazers are frequently removed and left behind.

Parents are welcome to ring me on the above number to enquire about your child’s labelled property or simply ask your child to check on the Dashboard from home.

Transport for NSW

A message from Transport of NSW re PVC Semester Return Publishing for the first half of 2015

Transport for NSW has been reviewing PVC subsidy claims for accuracy because it has introduced a new computer system. Unfortunately this has caused a delay. This has also deferred, for a short time, the attendance day’s collection process for all schools. We understand this will lead to a delay of several weeks compared to the usual processing time.

Transport for NSW apologise for the inconvenience.
Meet the Fiji Team Part 2

Katie Jungherr

Katie is in Year 11 and a positive team member, whose fun loving personality will be a huge asset on the Fiji trip. She is always keen to volunteer for things and describes herself as outgoing, fun-loving and adventurous. This has been evident during Fiji training where Katie is keen to be involved wherever possible. Katie is looking forward to getting to know the kids in Fiji, whilst serving and teaching them alongside her good friends from Arndell. Even though she has found getting up early for Thursday morning training difficult, she knows it will all be worth it when she meets the Fijian kids and hopefully makes a difference in their lives. Katie anticipates that this trip will give her the opportunity to help others less fortunate than her.

Jack Kenyon

Jack is in Year 10 and is part of the music team for Fiji. Music, in particular, guitar is a real interests of Jack’s and he is looking forward to playing and teaching music to the kids we meet over there. His musical ability will be a huge help as we run a kids club for Primary School students. Jack is excited by the opportunity to help and teach other people while being overseas, and hopes that this trip strengthens his own relationship with God. He has found the early morning training sessions tough but is still positive about the trip and making a difference in other people’s lives.
The Australian Mathematics Competition has been held annually since 1978. It is held in over 40 countries. A number of students from Arndell in Years 7 to 11 sat the papers for the Junior (Years 7 and 8), Intermediate (Years 9 and 10) and Senior (Years 11 and 12) sections earlier this term. The competition is aimed to be accessible to all students and not just the mathematically gifted. It is a fun competition with many of the problems set in situations familiar to students, showing the relevance of mathematics in their everyday lives. The questions are also designed to stimulate discussion.

Congratulations to the following students who have received awards of Distinction and Credit. These Percentile Ranks are across Australia and the other countries in our region and all the students who entered should be proud of their results.

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Education Perfect Science Competition

Our Year 8 and 10 Science classes recently entered the Education Perfect global Science Competition and are congratulated on their exceptional achievement:

→ 6th place globally, 3rd in Australia, 2nd NSW (in the schools with 251-500 students category.)
→ 22nd place overall globally
→ 16th place overall in Australia

Well done students!

Surveying Excursion

On Friday, 14th August, eight students from Year 10 enjoyed participating in a surveying excursion at Bicentennial Park. There were a range of activities designed to test our grasp of mathematical concepts in real-life situations, and we were introduced to the career of surveying. We used modern technology such as computer programs, GPS’s and measuring devices, and also learnt about historical tools such as sundials. We also chatted with experienced surveyors about their profession, what it involved and why it was important.

The day involved a variety of mathematical questions that challenged our normal thinking about problem solving. For example, one activity was to try and measure a section of an artwork in mid-air using only shadows. All in all, the day was challenging and fun, and we all learned a lot about the profession of surveying. Thank you all the teachers who made this possible, Mr McGowen for driving, Miss Turnbull for organising the event and Mr Stephens for being an excellent navigator. Hopefully next year’s students will enjoy it as much as we all did.
Community Services

RAISING BOYS
a special evening with Steve Biddulph


Monday 26 October 2015. 7:30pm
Fusion Western Sydney Youth and Community Centre
12 Carsons Lane, St Marys
Cost: $20 per person or $15 concession per person
Bookings: www.fusionwesternsydney.org.au

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# 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  

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# 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**
**Peripatetic Concert Week 9 Term 3:** Students involved in the Peripatetic Program at Arndell Anglican College have the 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)*
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[link to Camp Australia website: www.campaustralia.com.au]  
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