From the Headmaster

Well where has that term gone? I struggle to believe that today we farewell our Year 12 students with a Valedictory Service and a Valedictory Dinner. Before we know it they will be completing their HSC examinations! This term ends with Junior School Creative Arts Week and the Senior School camps. I always enjoy this time of year as we move towards the summer term.

Much has been achieved by our students, across the College, and there is so much that I could write about, however I would like highlight recent results achieved in the Language Perfect Competition. Language Perfect is a competition that runs over many months helping students to learn and develop foreign language skills, in our case French. Students not only compete against themselves, improving knowledge and language capacity, but also compete against students, state-wide and nationally. I am pleased to report the following achievements:

→ As a school we placed 10th in NSW, beating a series of selective high schools.
→ We came 3rd in NSW out of schools of a similar size.
→ David Lavelle of Year 9 came 3rd in the overall competition.

These are wonderful results which our students can be extremely proud of achieving.

Over the holidays our inaugural Fiji Mission trip will be taking place. A group of over 20 students and staff will be travelling to Fiji to work in local churches, conduct outreach programs to students and undertake a variety of service activities. We wish them safe travel and look forward to hearing their stories upon their return.

Mr Gareth Leechman

With regards to Term 4, I would like to let the community know that I will be on study leave for the first three weeks of the term. Mr James Webb, Deputy Headmaster and Head of Senior School, will be Acting Headmaster in my capacity. Also, at the commencement of Term 4, the senior executive staff will be spending some time at Orange Anglican Grammar School supporting them as they continue to evolve and grow. This will mean that Mr Peterson and Mr Webb will be absent, at different times, from the College. We will communicate more fully on this matter early in Term 4.

Finally, I would like to remind parents that if you are intending to enrol your child in a different school next year, you do need to give one terms notice, in writing, of your intention. Failure to do so may mean that you are charged one term’s fees in lieu of notice. Enrolments for 2016 are very strong and we now have waiting lists in Prep, Year 5 and Year 7. If you are considering enrolling a sibling into the College can you please speak to my PA, Mrs Barbra Whelan, as soon as possible as spaces are filling fast.

Click here to download the Arndell Apple App: https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/arndell-mobile/id1004876453?mt=8
Operation Christmas Child

The Junior School will once again be supporting this worthwhile charity. Operation Christmas Child is a division of Samaritan’s Purse which distributes shoe boxes filled with gifts to thousands of children in underdeveloped countries around the world. Last year The Junior School students filled over 200 boxes which were collected and given to children in our neighbouring countries in the Pacific region.

The shoe boxes will be available soon from the Junior School Library, or you can begin to fill an empty shoe box from home. What a profound lesson it is for our students to learn the joy of giving to others who have not the advantages enjoyed by our community. Information about what can go into the shoe boxes can be found on the Operation Christmas Child website.

Parent Library

The Junior Library has an addition to the borrowing section which will be of great interest to parents who want to learn more about parenting – the most rewarding and challenging journey in today's world. Please feel free to come and browse this section of books that are filled with practical advice and encouraging words to help shape our next generation.

Spring by Madison Isemonger 4B

Look at what I have become
Inside myself
I hear myself crying with laughter
Watching leaves grow
Animals having life.
Look at the fun
Prancing around the trees.
But slowly I can feel the air softening.
It’s getting hotter and hotter
SUMMER!
Congratulations to the following students who competed in the Piano section of the Hawkesbury Eisteddfod.

Josiah Refalo  - 2nd Place
Sophie Turville - 3rd Place and Highly Commended
Joshua Webb - 1st Place and Highly Commended
Benjamin Webb - 3rd Place
Olivia McIntosh - 3rd Place, 4th Place and Highly Commended
Kaitlin Messerschmidt - 2nd and 3rd Place
Elouise Refalo - 2X 1st Place
Shannon McHale - 1st Place

Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two participated in the Verse Speaking Choir Sections of the Hawkesbury City Eisteddfod. Participating in the Eisteddfod provided the students with the opportunity to showcase their talent to a wider audience and also to apply the skills they learnt from the constant practice.

Kindergarten recited “Halfway Down” by A.A Milne and “Gloom and Doom” by Annette Kosseris. They were awarded First place in the Early Stage One section and also won $50 prize money.

Year One recited “Dad and The Cat and The Tree” by Kit Wright and “In the Dark” by Annette Kosseris. They were awarded Third place in the Stage One section.

Year Two recited “All My Great Excuses” by Kenn Nesbitt and “Sleepyhead”. They were awarded First place in the Stage One section and received $100 prize money.

Stage One were wonderful representatives of Arndell Anglican College at the Hawkesbury Eisteddfod and we are very proud of their achievement.

Congratulations Cate Moore –
First place winner at the Hawkesbury Eisteddfod
Reciting the poem, “Lost my Car.”
It was a frenetic and record shattering month of August for debating at Arndell Anglican College. Following four (of five) Arndell teams qualifying for the regional finals, the Middle Red (year 7) and Open teams were the last to fall in their respective quarter-finals. This is the furthest that debating teams have yet reached in the NSW HICES competition.

The Year 7 team of Sarah Black, Noah Sheen and Elizabeth Barter made the long trip to Central Coast Grammar (Erina) and were unable to refute the topic “That main roads are not for bicycles.” This team deserves the highest praise for reaching so high a level in their first year, including impromptu speeches in the finals. The Open team of David Lavelle, Emily May and Rosie Rodgers finally experienced a loss and it took an excellent team of five (one sat out once the topic was known) Year 12 students from George’s River Grammar (Bankstown) to defeat them. The Opens had the affirmative for the complex topic “That economic sanctions should be applied to all countries that have the death penalty”. A brief reflection (think about the U.S. or China?) will tell you that the Open team faced a tough challenge and it is a tribute to them that they gave George’s River Grammar such a good debate.

Whilst debating is definitely measured by team performance, individual HICES speaker awards from the four preliminary rounds were also announced with the recipients as follows (awards to be presented on College assembly on Friday, 4th September).

**Middle Division** (years 7 & 8)
- **Best speaker:** Joanna Nanthakamuran.
- **Runners Up:** Jake James and Sarah Black.

**Senior Division** (years 9 & 10)
- **Best speaker:** Bethany McNamara.
- **Runner Up:** Lleyton Bird.

**Open Division** (All years, including 11 & 12)
- **Best speaker:** Rosie Rodgers.
- **Runner Up:** Emily May.

Arndell claimed the best individual speaker awards in all three Senior School categories for the vast North Western Sydney region (10 schools), a truly magnificent performance! The College also had multiple award recipients within one team reflecting the high quality of these teams, since the sharing of points makes it very hard to amass a large total for any one speaker across each competition. Congratulations to all these fine debaters.

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**Australian History Competition**

Earlier in the term, 10 Blue participated in the Australian History Competition. Congratulations to the following students who attained credits and distinctions:

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On Wednesday the 2nd of September the Arndell Fiji Mission team hosted Fiji Awareness Day. The aim of this event was to inform the rest of the College on the details of the upcoming mission trip and provide an opportunity for the wider school community to support the trip with raising funds.

The team ran chapel that morning, which was a huge success before selling leis at recess to students. The playground was filled with flora as the team was successful in selling over 200 leis! This was followed up with a BBQ and live music at lunch, which once again was very well supported and was a sell out.

The students involved in the day were extremely encouraged and grateful to see the support their peers provided and the day raised over $700 which was well beyond expectation.

Last week the team held their final Thursday morning training session and leave Australia on September 26th. The release of the team blog page is not far away so stay tuned for more updates.
Student Work: Treasure Story by Harrison Tolar, Kindy Red

- 7 SEP 2015

The Treasure!
I found my treasure in a cave. It was God's love.
I gave it to the boy people.

Student Work: Home 1919 by Billie Kinder, Year 5

Around me, the crowd is a sea of fish, swarming in a group in the vast blue ocean. Hearing the whispers and cries all around, my heart pounds violently against my chest. Pale soldiers faces surround me, as white and dirty as dusk, but I keep my hopes high, swivelling my head round until I see a familiar face. Striding towards me is my beautiful baby boy, all grown up, shock plastered on his face.

Beside me, screams and shouts ring loudly in my ears as relatives see their sons once more, yet no-one's screams of joy are as loud as mine. One rusty crutch is supporting him as he makes his way towards me. Gently, I stretched out my arms and waited, overwhelmed, with salty tears streaming down my old wrinkled face. In front of me, my boy, whom I have missed beyond all words, is standing there, a tired grin on his young male face.

Feeling his arms wrap around me, I hug him tightly, the warmth of his body washing rapidly over me. Squeezing his hand, I feel more tears running quickly down my cheeks and neck, so glad that my baby boy is home, safe, alive.
Opportunities / Community Services

**BREAKTHRU**

**HSC STUDY CAMP**

www.breakthruhsc.com

**WHAT?**

Breakthru is a Year 12 HSC Study Camp designed to provide an ideal study environment for you. Not only will you complete 6-8 hours of study per day but we provide accommodation and delicious meals. Each day there will be supervised study sessions, one-to-one assistance from leaders in a variety of subjects, revivification from other students, as well as plenty of study-free chill-out time.

**WHY?**

- Minimum of 6 hours supervised study each day (+ extra sessions for the ultra-keen)
- No home-like distractions
- Assistance from professional teachers and camp mentors
- A variety of workshops run by teachers on difficult subject topics
- An opportunity to share notes and resources with students from other schools
- Great accommodation and plenty of delicious food
- Meet new people and make new friends
- Engaging bible talks
- Great chill-out activities

**WHEN & WHERE?**

21-23 September 2015
Crosstrees Youth & Convention Centre
100 Crosstrees Road, Goulburn

**REGISTER**

For enquiries and to register online: www.breakthruhsc.com
Cost: $220.00

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**Plant Sale**

19/20 September
Windsor Rd
Near ALDI
McGrath's Hill

Huge variety of plants available

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**NSW PARLIAMENT PRESENTS**

**FAMILY FUN DAY**

**COME ALONG FOR A LOOK AT AUSTRALIA’S FIRST AND OLDEST PARLIAMENT HOUSE**

**2nd OCTOBER 2015**

NO NEED TO BOOK
ALL WELCOME!
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
MACHUARIJAR ST, SYDNEY

**MACQUARIE ST, SYDNEY**

www.parliament.nsw.gov.au
ENQUIRIES: 02 9230 2047

**FUN ACTIVITIES**

- Photo and dress-up opportunities
- Tours of the Legislative Chambers
- Mystery object guessing competition
- Sausage sizzle (minimum charge)
- Moving historical characters
- Art and other displays

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**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

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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