Another busy year but still with things to do and announcements to be made. With Mr Leechman, our Headmaster, on a Study Tour and the Head of Junior School in Orange at the Anglican Grammar School, it has been very busy at Arndell. I will be replacing Mr Peterson at OAGS for the next few weeks and this week we will have the Headmaster back at the College.

During the past six weeks the Heads of House, our Headmaster (often via email), our Head of Middle School and I, have been deliberating on the 2015-16 leadership team. We have been blessed with a group of 86 students to select from, making the decisions both rewarding and very difficult. We have had a number of students working through the ‘Max Potential’ leadership program and through this and other deliberations our final list comprises of 23 students.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the following students on their appointment to a leadership position in the College.

**COLLEGE CAPTAINS**

Samuel Foster & Madeleine Wouters

**HOUSE CAPTAINS**

Olivia Suman & Fletcher Thew | Greenway
Katie Jungherr & Thomas Dobson | Tebbutt
Declan Horne & Elysia Sproule | Johnson
Ashley Rea & Amy Fradd | Macquarie

**PREFECTS**

Timothy Sandell & Cassandra Peisley | Chapel Prefects
Raymond Xian & Emma Purser-Hansen | Middle School Prefects
Bradley Kenny & Rachel Vielhauer | Sports Prefects
Samantha Rogers | Fundraising Prefect
Jack McCulloch & Isabelle Langley | Service Prefects
Isabella Newton & Tom Smithers | Creative and Performing Arts Prefects (CAPA)
Tyla-Jane Wickham & Steven Selff | Junior School Prefects

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**Other Information:**

**High School Uniform:**
Parents, we have a Uniform Policy that says quite clearly that the length of a girls’ dress should be mid knee. Please ensure that your child’s dress is the appropriate length.

**Base-Ball Caps:** The College no longer sells or sanctions any baseball caps.

**Parking:**
Please do not park in front of the Administration Building. The signs are clear.

**Punctuality:**
The High School day commences at 8.30am. It is crucial that your child arrives on time for the start of the day. There will always be times when traffic or late buses prevent this, however, it is not acceptable for a student to arrive late day after day. At work an employer would not accept this. Let us teach our children good habits. If your child is one of the regular late ones please expect a phone call.

Many thanks
James Webb
Acting Headmaster
Students new to Prep, Kindy and High School in 2016 hopefully enjoyed their orientation program last week. Our new student leadership team did a great job interacting with the younger children and helping them feel welcome.
Late last term many Arndell College students performed in the Hawkesbury City Eisteddfod in a range of sections including Christian Worship, Verse Speaking, Reading Aloud, Drama and Public Speaking, in ages ranging from 5yrs to adults. The results were outstanding, with Arndell students winning 39 x 1st places, 34 x 2nd places, 24 x 3rd places and 18 x 4th places.

Greer Johnson (Year 6) won the 11 Years Championship and Ainsley Fraser (Year 9) was second in the 14 Years and Over Championship. Olivia Vella was awarded the 14 Years and Under Encouragement Award for her consistently high standard.

The competitors were:

Kindergarten/Prep  Liesel Hussey, Xavier Sefic, Katelyn Heyne, Declan Johnson.

Year 1  Rhiannon Watts, Aidan O’Connor.

Year 2  Tiahna Hollis-Watts, Luke Smith, Oliver Isemonger.

Year 3  Bree Layton, Colbey Ellison, Tahlia Hudson, Ashlee Shoobridge, Poppie Gorton, Elouise Refalo, Lily Smyth, Olivia McIntosh.

Year 4  Alicia Smith, Samantha Westbrook, Tess Moore, Madison Isemonger, Bella Mezzomo, Lila Horne, Zara Fahey, Isabelle Turnbull.

Year 5  Alannah Vella, Caitlin Fraser, Sophia Price, Isabelle Turnbull, Sam Parry-Oueden, Todd Terheegde, Madison Isemonger, Madison Mackintosh, Victoria Zahra, Courtney Evans.

Year 6  Lachlan Watts, Mackenzie Holland, Natalie Zaiter, Lewis Buhargiar, Emily Ferris, Shannon McHale, Monique Wilson, Wil Thomas, Greer Johnson, Paige Ellison. Sarah Mitterer, Elizabeth Pearse.

High School students  Archer Dunnicliff, Clayton Issacs, Olivia Vella, Emily Cumming, Cate Moore, Kyle Hollis-Watts, Caitlyn Ridge, Laura Holman, Ainsley Fraser, Jordan Johnson, Rose-Maree Rodgers, Emily May.

We would like to congratulate all these students for not only their high standard of performance but also their outstanding behaviour and sportsmanship. They are a credit to our college.
Inside my bedroom
The warm summer breeze
Is flowing,
Heating me up,
She goes around the world
Keeping everything hot.
Pouncing and prancing
her warm hands,
She blows her happiness on the
winding window,
Softly spreading her
careful charming love
Across the universe.

Poem by Alexandra Liddel
During the September school holidays, a team of twenty students and seven staff served in Suva, Fiji as part of the first overseas Mission and Service trip. After months of training and preparation the team arrived in Fiji with big smiles and great attitudes. We worked alongside a school, Holy Trinity Anglican School, running their morning devotions, visiting classes, painting their library, teaching lessons and running an afternoon ‘Kids Club’. The week serving here was amazing and hugely rewarding. Some amazing relationships were formed and the kids club blew all expectations, with one hundred and seventy kids attending on the last day.

We were linked with a church that we spent a lot of time with and Father Claude was awesome in facilitating all our activities. The team helped at the Sunday school program at the Church, as well as the youth group on the Friday night.

It is hard to put into words all we did and enjoyed during the 12 day stay. The photos on the college Facebook page (and later in the Yearbook) may do a better job than this report, but one student’s reflections on their own growth and change during the trip gives some insight into how great it was to serve God in Suva Fiji! Planning has already begun for next year.

Jack Kenyon’s Fiji reflection:
Fiji, for me, was life changing. Coming from a non-Christian background and never really even considering God to be real, Fiji has changed my whole outlook on life. It started from the application form. I stated that I was not a Christian and was encouraged to consider going to a church, so I went to Pitt Town Community Church on Sunday and youth group on a Friday night. This began to change my perspective and inform me about the light, but I never really committed or really wanted to be there.

It was getting closer and I still was yet to really know much about Christianity. Then we were off. Straight away, I saw a difference. I saw how God was working in my life. Whilst at Holy Trinity Anglican School, I saw how accepting the Fijian children were. Even though they had so little, they all loved God so much and were so thankful of everything.

Mr and Mrs Webb cooked up a storm for us every night. I thank them so much for that. The leaders, Mr Warner, Mrs Warner, Mr Corr, Mrs Court and Miss Kenny were all amazing in their own ways.

Overall, Fiji was completely life changing and I am now proud to say that I have committed myself to God and am living for him. Fiji was awesome!

Arndell can’t wait to go back and continue serving in Suva again next year.

Fiji Mission

Mr Leighton Corr
As you can see from the photos, Holy Trinity School in Suva, Fiji, from where we have just returned, is a millions miles away from our beautiful libraries at Arndell. During our stay I was saddened by how much we have and take for granted. It was clear we could do so much to help.

The children all speak Fijian at home and then when they start school they all have to learn English as it is their official language for everything. Without English their prospects are minimal to say the least. To learn another language with so few books at their disposal, and such old, battered copies is a desperately hard task.

To this end I am asking that you might donate any pre-loved children’s books that you may have and no longer need so that we can all help to fill those empty library shelves. We are looking for any books that would suit students from Kindy to Year 8.

Please bring your pre-loved children's books to the front office so that I can parcel them up and send them to a new home where they will be so much appreciated. Many thanks in anticipation, Angela Webb.
Operation Christmas Mission
— Holy Trinity School (Fiji)

Arndell Anglican College and Holy Trinity Anglican School (Fiji) are working together to love those who won’t get a present this Christmas by providing gifts to both boys and girls. Join in extending the love of Jesus to others through this small gesture.

Each Homeroom will be providing 1 male present and 1 female present for primary aged students in Fiji.

- Your homeroom needs to bring in 2 empty shoe boxes
- Each family is asked to bring in $5 each to go towards postage
- Each homeroom needs to fill up the boxes
  Some suggestions would be:
  - Good quality textas and pencils, a colouring book, small unbreakable toys (tennis balls/hand balls) soft toys (teddy bear), hard toys (toy cars/small dolls), spreads (not honey) or TimTams.
  - No sharp objects or other types of food other than spreads and TimTams.
  - We want to be able to fit a mix of things into the box – so small items are great.

We will be collecting these at the end of Week 6

Make Christmas about giving not just receiving!
2017 Scholarship Opportunities

Arndell Anglican College has a number of Scholarships on offer for 2017:

- **Academic Scholarships** are offered for Year 7 and 11 entry and are awarded on the basis of results achieved in the ACER Scholarship Test.

- **Creative and Performing Arts Scholarships**, offered for Year 7 entry, require applicants to provide a resume, undertake an audition and complete the application form.

- **All-Rounder Scholarships**, offered for entry into Year 7, require completion of the ACER Scholarship Test, submission of a resume and the application form.

Applications close Monday, 8 February 2016.

To register for the ACER Scholarship Test please click here.
Creative and Performing Arts Scholarship Application Form, click here.
All-Rounder Scholarship Application Form, click here.

Appointments to tour the school and meet with the Headmaster can be arranged by calling the Personal Assistant to the Headmaster, on (02) 4545 2472 or emailing enquiries@arndell.nsw.edu.au.

College Fees are Now Overdue

As per the enrolment agreement, fees and charges are due and payable in advance or during the first week of the term to which they relate. Your commitment to on time payment is appreciated.

There are several options for paying fees:

- Cheque, Cash, Eftpos, Visa or Mastercard – accepted at the main office every day between 8am and 4 pm;
- Cheques can be posted to the school – PO Box 4063, Pitt Town NSW 2756;
- BPAY® - refer to your fee statement for reference details;
- BPOINT® (Visa, Mastercard and American Express credit card payments only) – visit www.arndell.nsw.edu.au click on the “Fee Payment” link at the top right hand corner or phone 1300 276 468 and follow the prompts. A 1% surcharge applies to each transaction; or
- Fortnightly or monthly instalments through the Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation (SASC) Direct Debit Installment Plan – application forms available by phoning or popping into the main administration office.

Where circumstances arise that may prevent timely settlement, contact should be made with Mrs Jodie Woods, the Business Manager at the College on 02-4545 2485 for a private discussion about your circumstances. Fees and charges not paid by the end of term, and where an approved arrangement is not place and being met, could lead to the exclusion of your student from the College next year.
INVITATION
Arndell Parents’ & Friends’ Association
Annual General Meeting

Thurs 29th October 2015: 7.00 to 8.00 pm Junior School Library

Come and talk to great new parent volunteers who have put their hand up to help run the P&F (and help to formally appoint them!)

Contribute to P&F 2016 Plans for Funding Raising and suggest your priorities for allocating P&F funds

Bring along your ideas / suggestions.

(P&F Association Membership is $1 payable on the evening)

For more information or enquiries contact Alannah Norman: pandf@arndell.nsw.edu.au | Mob: 0404 033 994
KRAV MAGA SYSTEMS: SELF-DEFENCE
TRAINING THAT LASTS A LIFETIME

F.A.S.T
Female Awareness & Safety Training

This 5 week female self-defence workshop will not only teach you how to protect yourself from common female-related dangers, it is also a great activity for those in the Duke of Edinburgh program.

📍 F.A.S.T Program at Arndell Anglican College
⏰ Starts on October 30th at 3:15 PM
📅 Runs every Friday for 5 weeks, 2 hours a session

For more info & to register, visit:
WWW.KRAVMAGASYSTEMS.COM.AU/AAC
1300532765 | info@kravmagasystems.com.au
Program will be delivered at Arndell Anglican College
Term Dates Remaining 2015

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

College Contacts

Headmaster: Mr Gareth Leechman
Deputy Head / Head of Senior School: Mr James Webb
Head of Middle School: Mr Austin Robinson
Head of Junior School: Rev 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

Equestrian Co-ordinator: Miss Kristen Bailey
                       kristen.bailey@arndell.nsw.edu.au

Uniform Shop: Mrs Liz Moore – 4572 3254
              Tuesday and Thursday (term time)
              8.20 am – 11.00 am & 2.30 pm – 4.00 pm

Before and After School Care:
Camp Australia – 1300 105 343 (for bookings)
www.campaustralia.com.au
Before School Care: 6.45am – 8.45am
After School Care: 2.45pm – 6.00pm
Ms Smriti (Co-ordinator) – 0401 904 531

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