From the Headmaster

Mr Gareth Leechman

At the end of last term, Arndell Anglican College was able to enjoy a wonderful week of celebration, achievement and outdoor pursuits.

The final week of term commenced with the Year 12 Valedictory Service and Dinner. These two events gave us with a wonderful way of celebrating and recognising what our leaving Year 12 students have so far achieved. Our students conducted themselves impeccably at both events, which was a fitting way for them to end their time at the college. Both School Captains spoke well at the respective events and a common theme of the ‘quality of our Arndell community’ was something that they both reflected upon.

As our Year 12’s enter the HSC exam period we wish them all the best and hope that the hard work so many of them have put into their six years of high school will enable them to get the results that they deserve.

On the final three days of term our Senior School students enjoyed camps and the challenges that camp brings. With over five hundred students out and about Sydney, at various sites, our students participated credibly and positively. I was able to experience first-hand the Year 7 and 8 camps and as I walked around the various activities I was struck by the way so many of our students were supporting and enjoying one another’s company. I was also encouraged by the way so many of our Year 11 students stepped up to the responsibility of leadership; something we have been fostering in them. When our students came back on Friday afternoon, with their tired faces, you could see they had had a good time, but were then looking forward to the holiday break.

Whilst the high school were enjoying their time away the Junior School, on the other hand, were completing their preparations for the Junior School musical. I had the privilege of seeing the production on Friday night and all I can say is how impressed I was with the overall quality of production. As part of our policy of inclusiveness it was wonderful to see all of our Year 3 – 6 students involved in the production, whether on stage, behind the scenes, on the music desk or the various other aspects which make a production of this type possible. Miss Mitchell and Mrs Merrick are to be congratulated for their fine efforts, and so many people I spoke to on the night were impressed with what these two ladies and their team were able to produce.

As Term 4 starts may I remind all members of our community to keep in touch with what is happening in the College. Over the next eight and a half weeks a lot of things will be happening and it is important that students stay on top of their academic work as well as the various co-curricular activities on offer. Regularly reading the daily notices and the college Advocate newsletter will keep everyone informed of what is happening around the college.

Keep up to date with the latest college events and activities
Junior School Musical

Photo collage by Mitchell Holder (member of the Arndell Student Media Association.)
Year 12 Valedictory

Photos by petersechenyphotography
Senior School Camps (More photos in next Advocate)

Year 7 Port Hacking

Photos by Mrs Sally Abboud
Congratulations Equestrians  
Miss Kristen Bailey

Over the term break, four of Arndell’s Equestrian competitors travelled to Melbourne to compete at the 2014 National Interschool Championships. Imogen Thew, Georgie Batten, Milly Ramsey and Fiona Campbell qualified for the NSW State team, following their outstanding individual performances representing Arndell at the NSW State Interschool Championships earlier this year.

All four riders achieved a successful show – Imogen Thew was awarded the overall Champion in the Working Show Hunter, Georgie Batten came in the top 10 in the Working Show Hunter, Fiona Campbell placed 11th in the Introductory One Day event and Milly Ramsey competed in the Show horse events.

Congratulations Girls!
Congratulations Charlie Kinder

Over the holidays, Charlie competed at the FEI 2014 Saddle World Youth Show Jumping Festival that took place at Camden. This was an international competition where approximately twenty five countries were represented.

Four jumping rounds took place over the two days. Charlie on Merry won all four rounds to take out the overall 2014 winner of the Australian Saddle World Silver Tour. Charlie is currently sitting in 5th position on the worldwide score sheet for this 2014 event. Well done Charlie.

Congratulations Briney Rigby

Well done Briney for finishing 2nd in China at the International F1H20 Competition. Here are 2 links to the stories.

http://www.f1h2o.com/news/articles.php?idnews=798 This was from the first race on Sunday

http://www.f1h2o.com/news/articles.php?idnews=800 This was from the 2nd race on Monday.
**Jake Saunders’ Returns from Space Camp**

Jake has returned from his exciting scholarship trip to the US Space and Rocket Centre in Alabama. He says the 5-day camp was ‘even better’ than he expected and it was great meeting other vision impaired youth and observing their abilities in challenging situations. Jake particularly enjoyed the team-building simulation activities and is already saving up to attend next year’s Space Camp.

**Congratulations Lana Rigby**

Lana Rigby has been awarded the Women in Tourism and Hospitality Scholarship from the Australian Hotels Association. Lana is planning to study a Bachelor of Business (International Hotel Management and International Event Management) through the Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School. She was one of three recipients out of nine finalists. Usually only one candidate is awarded the scholarship, however, the field was so strong that they awarded three.

The scholarship is worth $20,000 for the period of study and covers room and board fees. Her tuition fees still apply through FeeHelp. In addition to the financial benefits, Lana has already been scouted by two hotel chains (ACCOR and IHG) with offers of future employment opportunities. All this before she has even sat her HSC!

**Well done Demi Pritchard**

Well done Demi for your stunning performance at Darling Harbour on Friday the 10th of October. Demi was part of a water ski show with H2O Events.
Before and Afterschool Care

Throughout October we will be having a few special days at Afterschool Care to help raise funds for the Smith’s Family Back to School Appeal. We believe that all children should experience a positive school education and through this appeal we will help those who have the disadvantage of such experiences. Each week we will be doing something fun and exciting that requires only a simple gold coin donation, these activities are. Our final event is Tuesday 28th of October: ‘Scary’ Monsters Party.

If you aren’t already registered on these days you can book your child in for one or all of these special days as an adhoc booking by contacting Camp Australia on 1300 105 343. If your child hasn’t been to Before or Afterschool Care before one of these days might be a great way of introducing them to our program.

Also don’t forget we are here from 6.45 am for Before School Care (breakfast included) and until 6.00 pm for After School Care (afternoon tea included).

NSW Adolescent Vaccination Program 2014

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

Reminder to Parents of Year 7 and Year 9 boys re Vaccinations.

All Students in Year 7 and Year 9 (boys only) who have received their injections over the year will be receiving their 3rd does of HPV on Friday 31st October.

For further enquiries, please contact Mrs Whelan on 4545 2472.

Scholarship Opportunities for 2016

Arndell Anglican College has a number of Scholarships on offer in 2016:

- **Academic Scholarships** are offered for Year 7 and 11 entry and are awarded on the basis of results achieved in the ACER Scholarship Test.
- **All-Rounder Scholarships**, offered for entry into Year 7, require completion of the ACER Scholarship Test, submission of a resume and the application form.
- **Creative and Performing Arts Scholarships**, offered for Year 7 entry, require applicants to provide a resume, undertake an audition and complete the application form.

Applications close Monday, 9 February 2016.

To register for the ACER Scholarship Test and download information on the All-Rounder Scholarship Application Form and the Creative and Performing Arts Scholarship go to the College website.

www.arndell.nsw.edu.au

For further information please contact Mrs Whelan on 4545 2472.
Orientation Programs: Mrs Whelan

Kindergarten 2015 Orientation Morning

- Wednesday 22 October 9.30am – 10.30am in the Stubbs Library

Prep 2015 Orientation Morning

- Thursday 23rd October from 9.30am – 10.30am in the Stubbs Library

Year 7 2015 Orientation Day

- Tuesday 21st October 8.30am – 3.05pm in the John Lambert Performing Arts Centre – Lunch is provided and students are required to wear their school sports uniform.

Year 7 2015 Testing Day

- Monday 27th October 2014 8.30am – 3.05pm
- Students are required to wear their school sports uniform.

Year 7 Orientation Evening (for parents only)

Wednesday 22nd October - 7.30pm to 9pm in the John Lambert Performing Arts Centre.

Ruby Sponsorship Opportunity

The College is looking at gaining sponsorship from companies within the school community to support the Rugby Program which is growing in strength each year. Sponsorship money will go towards training jerseys, game balls and equipment. Company logo can be put on the game ball and training apparel.

There are 2 packages available:

- Front of training jersey and game ball - $600
- Sleeve of training jersey and game ball - $300

Please contact the Head of Sport, Mr Peter Gordon, on 4545 2425 or peter.gordon@arndell.nsw.edu.au to register your interest by this Friday 17th October.
Help for Anxiety

FRUSTRATED? STRESSED? OVERWHELMED? ANXIOUS?

Stress and Anxiety can affect you and your loved ones in many different ways.

From feelings of restlessness, constant worry, irritability in certain situations or trouble concentrating, overwhelming anxiety affects all areas of life.

The Stress and Anxiety Workshop provided by Healthy Families Healthy Community will show you and your loved one:

• What anxiety is, how it works and where it goes wrong;
• What the warning signs are; and
• How to control stress and anxiety and overcome it when it does happen

This is a hands on workshop where you will get specific tools and strategies.

You will leave relaxed, focused, confident and equipped to get through any situation.

When: Wednesday 22nd October 2014
Time: 6:45pm for a 7:00pm start
Where: Pitt Town Anglican Church Hall
       110 Bathurst St Pitt Town
Cost: FREE

Seats are limited so book your seats by emailing hfhc@pitttownchurch.com or call 1300 851 336 and leave your details.
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Find us at: 290 George St Windsor (under the Salvos church)
Website: www.facebook.com/hawkesburydigitalhub
Term Dates 2015

**Term 1 (10 Weeks) – 48 days**

*Tuesday 27th January:* Term 1 Commences for Prep, KG, Yrs 7, 11 and Yr 12.  
*Wednesday 28 January:* All other students commence

*Thursday 2 April:* Term 1 Finishes

*Friday 3 April:* Good Friday  
*Monday 6 April:* Easter Monday

**Term 2 (9 Weeks) – 44 days**

*Monday 20 April:* Term 2 Commences

*Saturday 25 April:* ANZAC Day  
*Monday 8th June:* Queens Birthday Weekend

*Friday 19 June:* Term 2 Finishes

**Term 3 (10 weeks) – 49 days**

*Monday 13 July:* Staff Professional Day

*Tuesday 14 July:* Term 3 Commences

*Friday 18 September:* Term 3 Finishes

**Term 4 (9 weeks) – 44 days**

*Monday 5 October:* Long Weekend

*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 2014**

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