Leadership 2015

Leadership, to me, is a verb. It is an action word. Leadership is not merely a noun. When someone is appointed as a leader, it does not give them the right to feel that they are superior to others, nor are they to expect that those who they lead are to serve them. Once the student has ‘the badge’ the real job lies ahead of them, and the quality of their leadership will be judged in twelve months time, when the job is done.

In coming to the decision of which students should lead our college, our current Year 11’s have been observed on their conduct and involvement since they entered the college. We have looked to see how fellow students in their peer group and the wider school have responded to the leadership they have already displayed. We have also asked staff and students to give their opinions on whom they would like to see help lead.

All in all, our Year 11 students have conducted themselves very well indeed, and it was not an easy decision to make. I am pleased to announce the following student leaders for 2015:

**School Captains**
- Taylah Gabriel
- Zachary Elven

**House Captains**
- Greenway – Harrison Ridgewell and Madeline Eglin
- Johnson – Mitchell Kenny and Mia Quinn
- Macquarie – Jake Hilder and Jessica Aldacour
- Tebbutt – Daniel Jones and Demi Pritchard

**Prefects**

We congratulate all of the students who have been appointed to these positions and look forward to seeing how they handle the responsibilities that they have been given.

Keep up to date with the latest college events and activities
Staff Change – Agriculture Science

Mr Gareth Leechman

I wish to inform you that due to significant personal reasons I have accepted Mr Peter McCann’s resignation, which will come into effect immediately. I am aware that this may cause some concern from his classes but we have been able to find a suitably qualified replacement to continue the teaching of his agriculture classes.

Mr Jim Gillen is an experienced Agriculture and Science teacher who has taught a variety of agriculture classes before, including the current HSC Agriculture course. Mr Gillen went with the elective agriculture classes last Friday to Orange on their field trip and he will continue working with them over the coming months. We look forward to the work that Mr Gillen will do with this group of students.

From the Head of Junior School

Rev Keith Peterson

What can we best do to support the learning of our children? Research from the University of Melbourne makes this, perhaps surprisingly, very clear. And the answer? Read aloud to them.

Here are some of the key findings from the Melbourne Research:

• Reading to children at age 4 - 5 every day has a significant positive affect on their reading skills and cognitive skills later in life i.e., language and literacy, numeracy and cognition.

• Reading to children 3 – 5 days per week (compared to 2 or less) has the same effect on a child’s reading skills at age 4 – 5 as being six months older.

• Reading to a child 6 – 7 days per week has the same effect as being almost 12 months older.

• Research has found that reading storybooks to children is one of the most important activities for developing the knowledge required for eventual success in reading.

• In addition, reading to children stimulates them to read books themselves and further develop their reading skills.

• Children who are read to more frequently at an early age enter school with larger vocabularies and more advanced comprehension skills. The same research also indicates that consistently reading aloud to children increases the child’s reading and other cognitive skills up to the age of 10 – 11.

The author Roald Dahl once commented, “I have a passion for teaching kids to become readers, to become comfortable with a book... learning to be a reader gives a terrific edge.”

This research from Melbourne University proves Dahl right in his premise as to the importance of reading, whilst also placing, absolutely in the forefront, the wonderfully positive potential role of parents in the development and educational performance of their children.

This is something that it might be great to explore further in future articles...

Every blessing!

Rev Keith Peterson
Head of Junior School.
Prep Orientation Day

Parents and Friends Association General Meeting – New Date

Arndell Parents & Friends Association

Annual General Meeting – NEW DATE

P&F AGM Postponed to 13th November 2014

All welcome to join the Parents and Friends Association! The AGM will now be held on Thursday 13th November at 7pm in the Junior School Library. Your help is needed! Nominations are now called for all positions including President, Vice President, and Secretary.

For more information, contact P&F President, Alannah Norman, on 0404 033 994

The Arndell P&F aims to build a strong sense of community through social activities such as The Trivia Night and Family Funday while fundraising to support the College in providing the very best equipment to our students.

If you are interested in joining our friendly and committed team, please collect nomination form from the Headmasters PA, Mrs Whelan, or contact pandf@arndell.nsw.edu.au

- The nomination will not be accepted if the above person is not a paid financial member of the P & F (membership fee is $1.00 payable at the meeting).
- This application must be received by the Headmaster’s PA – 3pm Monday, 10th of November 2014.

Absentee voting forms
If you are unable to attend the meeting Absentee voting forms are available from the Headmaster’s PA.

- This application will not be accepted without the proper signature of the absentee voter.
- This application will not be accepted if the above person is not a paid financial member of the P&F (membership fee is $1.00 payable to the treasurer before the meeting).
- This application must be received by the Headmaster’s PA – 3pm Monday, 10th of November 2014.

Becoming a member of PSF provides a great opportunity to meet other families, build friendships and have meaningful input into your child’s education. We know your time is precious, any help, great or small, is very much appreciated.

Please join us at the P&F AGM.

7.00 pm the 13th of November
Rex Stubbs Library (Junior Library)

All Welcome!
Arndell Anglican College has for the first time entered the state wide Douglas Shield knockout competition and began with a very strong performance.

Winning the toss and batting, Arndell reached a score of 335 all out. Harry Ridgewell and Ryan Mizzi combined in a spectacular partnership of 181. Harry made an unbeaten 130 and Ryan 53. There were many other pleasing contributions.

Redeemer were in immediate trouble through a direct hit run out in the first over. Redeemer were 8 for 16 in the 12th over before eventually reaching 35 all out (16 overs). Harry took 4 for 16 (7 overs) and was on a hat trick, whilst Rhys Parish took 2 for 7 (6 overs) and Daniel Jones, 2 for 6, took the other wickets (2 good run outs, too). Good catches to players including Jack Kenyon and Riley Horne, and a spectacular left hand diving wicket keepers catch to Jake Hilder. A great start to the season.
"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." Peter 4:10

Since 2011 Arndell staff and students have volunteered their time at the Hawkesbury Community Kitchen. The Hawkesbury Community Kitchen is a Christian based aid agency providing a food service Monday - Friday from 6pm to 7pm. Duties include preparing and serving meals, cleaning up, washing dishes, mopping the floor and an array of other tasks. Arndell Anglican College is rostered on every second Friday from 5pm – 7:30pm. Putting up your hand to help others in need is an extremely rewarding experience.

"Working in the Hawkesbury Community Kitchen this year has been an enjoyable, humbling, and rewarding experience. I found it a new experience working with people connected from Arndell that I had not worked with before, and if I knew them before volunteering, I certainly saw them in a different light after the shift was over. For me, it was amazing to see just how resilient people in our community can be, even in the face of adversity I cannot imagine, and the meals we prepared always felt appreciated. Heating up food, serving meals, and cleaning become enjoyable in the friendly environment. Volunteering at the Hawkesbury Community Kitchen is something I always look forward to." – Frederick Webb (Year 10)

I would like to thank the staff and students for volunteering their time. I look forward to their continued support in maintaining the current relationship and making a difference in our local community.

Photography

This amazing photograph was taken at Cattai. I took this picture because God had created an outstanding sky and I wanted to have it forever, 'The heavens are telling of the glory of God.' Psalm 19.1
During September the Stage 1 students were able to further establish the Stage 1 garden due to the generous donation of soil, plants and seeds from Stonehill Rural Services. Mr David Spencer from Stonehill Rural Services also updated the watering system in the garden to make watering the new plants possible during the holidays. The students planted, and are now tending to an abundance of produce, including spring onions, spinach and lettuce. The Stage 1 students will also be able to plant the seeds at a future date and watch them grow into seedlings ready to be planted into the garden.

Establishing the garden has provided the students with the opportunity to be physically active and to learn to care for living things. Working in the garden has given us the freedom to integrate the garden into the curriculum and to draw on different learning styles. The garden is a joint project between Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 allowing the students to develop an understanding of shared ownership. Establishing the Stage 1 garden has provided the students with a greater understanding of the care required to produce our food.

We are very grateful to Stonehill Rural Services for their sponsorship of the Stage 1 garden.
Samaritan’s Purse is an international Christian relief organization that stands ready to respond at a moment’s notice when humanitarian crisis or disaster strikes. Operation Christmas Child, as part of Samaritan’s Purse, helps to bring the good news of Christmas and great joy to thousands of children who live in underprivileged countries in the Pacific, and throughout Asia.

This year in the Junior School, Arndell students and staff have filled and donated 110 Christmas boxes that will shortly be delivered to children overseas. Thank you to everyone for this wonderful opportunity that you have taken to share with other less fortunate children. What a privilege and joy – Truly it is more blessed to give than receive.

In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ” Acts 20:3

Term 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 administration office every day between 8 am 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 Instalment 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 02-4572 3633 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, may lead to the exclusion of your student from the following term.
Senior School Camps

Year 8
Youth Group at Pitt Town Community Church

Check out Gravity, our Youth Group for Yrs 6-9
Friday nights 6-8pm @ Pitt Town Church
(116 Bathurst St Pitt Town) - just $3

Come join us at our youth group on Friday nights just for years 6-9, we'll have fun and games, food and best of all we'll spend some time thinking about Jesus. Throughout Term 4 we'll be looking at the book of John so come along and hear the good news!

Term 4 - 2014
Oct 10 - Outdoor Madness
Oct 17 - Fluoro Friday
Oct 24 - TWIN NIGHT
Oct 31 - Olympic Extravaganza
Nov 7 - Blaze a Trail YOUTH SERVICE SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER
Nov 14 - INTENTS CAMP (See flyer!)
Nov 21 - Water Blitz
Nov 28 - The Maze Walk
Dec 5 - Slip and Slide!
Dec 12 - End of Year Party

For more info please call or email Rob Warner
0410 448 659 / rob@pitttownchurch.com

Find us on Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/groups/167714921494968/

Also new for this year is
The Hive
For Yrs 10-12
Friday nights 6-10pm
@ 55 Bathurst St, Pitt Town

The Hive is a group for guys and gals in years 10-12, we'll hang out, share some food and play some games, then sit down and spend time hearing what God has to tell us from the Bible. In Term 1 we'll be looking at what it means to follow Jesus in the book of Luke, as well as spending the last few weeks of term seeing how we can be a part of the church wide Jesus Brings campaign.

For more info please call or email Rob Warner
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Playground Skills Camp

For children who have difficulty knowing how to play in the playground, how to make friends, how to keep friends.
- Greetings
- Playing in a group
- Following rules of game
- Sharing and taking turns
- Understanding and communicating feelings (e.g. anxiety, anger)
- Playing with games and friends
- Winning and losing in competitive games

Problem solving
- Developing resilience
- Recognising and responding to feelings
- Dealing with conflict
- Co-operating
- Understanding play
- Being confident

For more information please call Bec on 02 4739 5267

SKEILLS for KIDS presents

Playground Skills Camp

When?
- 30 June - 4 July, 2014, 5 half days
- 20 - 26 September, 2014, 5 half days
- 19 - 25 January, 2015, 5 half days 9.00 - 4.00
- 13 - 17 April, 2015, 5 half days

Where?
At a school in the Blacktown Area

How Much?
July Camp
- Early bird - $450 by Friday 2 May, 2014
- Standard - $480 after Friday 2 May, 2014

September Camp
- Early bird - $480 by Friday 19 July, 2014
- Standard - $500 after Friday 19 July, 2014

April Camp
- Early bird - $500 by Friday 30 January, 2015
- Standard - $540 after Friday 30 January, 2015

We are registered to provide rebates through health funds and services through NDIS.
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**MECHANICAL BULL / LIVE AUCTIONS / SILENT AUCTIONS**

**HOT AND COLD FOOD, ALCOHOL & SOFT DRINKS ETC**

**BUSHDANCE / RAFFLES / LUCKY DOOR PRIZES**

**NO BYO ALCOHOL - LICENSED EVENT**

**BYO CHAIRS OR PICNIC BLANKET**

**TICKETS**

- $50 - FAMILY OF 4
- $10 PER EXTRA CHILD
- $20 - ADULTS/CONCESSIONS

*TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW: www.trybooking.com/FVYK*
Free Family Computer Lessons

Hawkesbury Digital Hub

Family Computer Lessons.

Monday afternoons 4-5pm

Discover the internet step-by-step

it’s free

This is the last opportunity to join in the Family Fun on Mondays! Learn how to programme your own games and animate cartoons in "Scratch" as featured on ABC TV.

Enquiries: 02 4577 4859

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 27 January:* Term 1 Commences for Prep, KG, Yrs 7, 11 and 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

Tuesday 2 December  Infants Presentation Afternoon
Wednesday 3 December  Primary School Presentation Evening
Thursday 4 December  Senior School Presentation Evening
Thursday 4th December  Students’ last day for 2014

College Contacts

Headmaster: Mr Gareth Leechman
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Head of Junior School: Rev Keith Peterson
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