From the Headmaster

As the term, and the academic year, come quickly to an end I would like to thank every member of the college community for their positive involvement over the course of the past twelve months.

2014 has certainly been a year of challenge, in so many ways, but through it all our community has actively supported one another and we are so much stronger for the experience.

It is hard to believe how quickly the year is coming to an end. We still have ahead the Infants Nativity play, the Year 6 Dinner/Dance, the Year 10 Dinner and three presentation ceremonies. Before we know it, it will be Christmas!

At the most recent P&F AGM, Mrs Alannah Norman was elected President for a second time. At the AGM it was decided, by the parents present, to commence an active conversation with the parental community in regards to the future structures P&F might undertake. All organisations need to embrace change at some stage of their development so that long-term viability is maintained, and our P&F is no exception. Arndell Anglican College has been blessed to have had an active P&F Association and over the past five years they have made considerable contributions to the life of our college. But like many P&F Associations societal changes over the past two or so decades has seen many of them need to change their structures so they can remain engaged with the communities that they serve and I look forward to the discussion that Alannah and her team will have with our parents in the months ahead.

Enrolments continue to grow and we are on track to exceed 1020 students (P – 12) in 2015. This is very exciting as the college celebrates 25 years of service to the Hawkesbury and its surrounds. Over the course of our 25th year, there will be a series of celebratory activities planned, ranging from a Foundation Day service to a whole school photograph. A committee of staff will be planning these events and they will be appropriately advertised within the community.

As the term comes to an end, may I remind all of our community of our upcoming Presentation Ceremonies and hope to see many of you there at these events. It is a wonderful way for us to celebrate the achievements of so many of our students. Finally, may God Bless you all this Christmas Season.

Presentation Ceremonies 2014

Tuesday 2nd December: Infant Presentation Afternoon Auditorium 1:30pm - 3:05
Wednesday 3rd December: Primary School Presentation Evening GYM: 7:00pm - 9:00
Thursday 4th December: Senior School Presentation Evening GYM 7:30pm - 9:00
Junior School Stage 1 Nativity Play

Stage 1 Students are rehearsing for their Nativity Play:

Friday 28th November between 10:00 AM - 11:00AM in the Auditorium
Arndell Anglican College Teachers

Mr Jim Milford

There was once a view that a teacher did some training on how to teach, and then used that initial training for the rest of their career. At Arndell Anglican College this is far from the case. The culture, or what we call, ‘The Arndell Way,’ is evolving in many areas, but one in particular is staff professional growth. Arndell has a philosophy that inspires continual reflection on ‘what stimulates learning and achieving’ within the classroom and beyond. Much emphasis is placed on professional development, and teachers are encouraged to share their skills and strategies for success with their colleagues.

Arndell currently has nine teachers undertaking post graduate courses; one diploma, seven Masters and one Doctorate. This means study in addition to the minimum four years of university.

There are many other options for professional development, and Arndell staff participate in these regularly. Of particular interest, is how wide and reaching staff professional commitment spreads. We have numerous staff marking the HSC in their respective subject areas, and we have two teachers responsible for setting Board of Studies HSC papers. The obvious benefit here is the knowledge of standards and skills that accompany these processes.

A significant number of our staff are also involved with professional associations and clubs. The idea is to create ‘think tanks’ for sharing ideas to bring back to the classroom, and ‘being a lighthouse’ for other teachers within Arndell and beyond. The other form of professional involvement is through sporting teams for our PDHPE staff and musicals, choirs, ensembles and bands for our music staff.

So long gone are the days of set and forget teacher training. Part of the Arndell Way is to learn, implement and share in the wider professional community.

It All Adds Up at Arndell

Mr Graham Smith

Another successful year was experienced by a group of Arndell Anglican College students who entered the National Mathematics Competition held earlier this term.

Fifty students from year seven to year eleven sat through a gruelling hour and a quarter of demanding high level mathematical problems, without the use of a calculator. The problems are designed to be solved by those lateral thinkers, those who are able to extend their minds well beyond the norm, use logic to put together a series of abstract ideas. To the college’s credit 75% of our applicants were awarded recognition for their achievements.

In particular Tamsyn Smith and Hannah Batchelor, Year 7 and David Lavelle, Year 8, were all ranked in the top 20% of the credit recipients.

High Distinctions were achieved by David Sproule, Year 8, ranked in the top 11% and Brontie Hickman, Year 9, ranked in the top 8%. A marvellous effort and achievement.

All the participants deserve to be congratulated for their determination, perseverance and the fact that they extended themselves well beyond their comfort zone.

David S, Bronte, Hannah and David L
Proud of the achievement
National History Challenge Winner

As part of Year 7’s unit on Medieval Europe, students completed a research based essay on the different ways Vikings have been portrayed over time. Several students were selected to rework their essays in order to enter them into the National History Challenge.

Excitingly one of those students, Joanna Nanthakumaran, was announced as the NSW State winner for the Year 7 category of this competition. She was recently awarded a certificate and prize money by Dr Kay Carroll, at a ceremony run by the NSW History Teachers’ Association, at Australian Catholic University. Fittingly the room used for the presentation used to be the living room of former Prime Minister George Reid.

The prize was well deserved with Joanna having redrafted her essay in response to feedback a number of times before her final submission. Congratulations Joanna!

NSW History Mastermind Champions

History at Arndell is increasing in popularity, and on Friday 21st November, students from Years 7 and 8 tested themselves against competitors from across NSW at the Annual NSW History Mastermind Day. Arndell’s two teams contested against 350 students from thirty NSW schools, including many selective schools. Questions were based on Ancient and Medieval History.

The Year 7 team was made up of Chris Cheetham, Taylor La Rosa, Taryn Phillips and Chloe Harris and the Year 8 team included David Lavelle, Daphne Webb, Fiona Campbell and Jessica Steenbeeke. At the end of four rounds Arndell was placed first in both the Year 7 and Year 8 division, qualifying them for the finals. This was a thrill for both teams given the high quality opposition.

The Year 7 team performed exceptionally well, becoming the NSW Year 7 History Mastermind Champions with convincing 25-10 victory against Australian Christian College. Chris Cheetham was brilliant, demonstrating a huge amount of general knowledge and well supported by his team-mates. The Year 8 team was knocked out on the final question of their semi-final against Blacktown Boys High School, which was still an outstanding achievement. They placed 3rd overall. The college was presented with a prize book, and students were awarded trophies and medals for their efforts. Congratulations students on your fantastic achievement.
Year 5 and 6 Canberra Camp

Mr Martin Conway

Students from Stage 3 of the Junior School undertook, an education tour of the national capital in partnership with staff from Crusaders Summit Educational Camps.

Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs, with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The key personal development themes of Leadership for Year 5 and Change for Year 6, were also explored from the Bible, during Christian Discovery sessions.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate Program, for which we are thankful. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.
Next week at assembly, **twenty six students in our High School will receive certificates for completing the 2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge.**

This great initiative challenges students to read, and online register, twenty books in a year, fifteen of which must come from a preselected list of several thousand great books, written mostly by Australian authors.

A special congratulations to **Chloe Harris** in Year 7 and **Ryley Maunder** in Year 9, who received a Gold Certificate for completing the PRC for four years.

Two of our students are in the elite group of participants who received a Platinum Certificate for a fantastic seven years of successful completion. These great readers are **David Lavelle** and **Ainsley Fraser**, both in Year 8. They are to be commended on their consistent effort to develop their literacy skills, by reading widely. I’m confident this will be reflected in pleasing English grades for these two students in future years.

**Congratulations for completing the PRC 2014, also go to:**

- Reggie Papps
- Kyle Hollis-Watts
- Grace Brown
- Roxanne Burns
- Brooke Ellison
- Rose Grumley
- Laura Holman
- Jordan Johnson
- Jeremy Liu
- Emily Mitchell
- Emma Moore
- Jess Nevin
- Lara Parish
- Belle Simmons
- Lauren Smithers
- Mischa Spring
- Jess Steenbeeke
- Jared Van Wijk
- Ebony Zeuschner
- Bethany McNamara
- Jasmine Shur

In 2013 it was compulsory for all students in Years 7-9 and, I was pleased to see the flow-on effect of this, when twenty of our 2014 completions came from our current Year 8 students, even though it was no longer compulsory. Disappointingly, only three Year 7 and three Year 9 students managed to finish the challenge this year, although many more registered to participate. Thank you to those English teachers who worked proactively to encourage their students to finish the challenge.

All the PRC books in Mears Library have an identifiable PRC sticker on the spine, so I encourage all students in Years 7 to 9 to begin reading for the 2015 challenge in February next year, if not right now. As Albert Einstein once said, “If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales.”
Unifrom Shop News

Please note all new students, including all Kindergarten enrolments, require an appointment for their uniform fit-out (Prep students optional). New students (excluding preps) cannot be fitted out during our normal opening times on Tuesdays and Thursdays, due to the time that is dedicated to this process.

To book, please contact Mrs Barbra Whelan on 4545 2472 or enquiries@arndell.nsw.edu.au.

Last day Uniform shop is open 2014: Thursday 4th December 8.20am – 11.00am and 2.30pm – 4.00pm

Additional holiday opening times:
(for existing students)

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During this very busy period, a “take a number” system may need to operate to ensure customers are served in the order in which they arrived. We encourage families to attend the uniform shop sooner rather than later in November or December this year whilst we are well stocked with all sizes.

We take in consideration that children may grow a little when fitting them out, and always allow room for growth. It is recommended that you keep your receipt and leave tags and packaging intact so that you can simply swap sizes if need be in January when we reopen.

There is no need to wait in the queue if you need to exchange. Just come to the counter and we can assist you immediately.

Tuesday, 27th January 2015 - Normal uniform shop opening times will resume:

**Tuesdays:** 8.20am – 11.00am and 2.30pm – 4.00pm

**Thursdays:** 8.20am – 11.00am and 2.30pm – 4.00pm

Senior Girls Uniforms are ready for collection from the uniform shop. It would be appreciated if all senior girls uniforms that were pre-ordered could be collected from the uniform shop before the end of term.

Senior Boys short sleeve white shirts are now available from the uniform shop at a cost of $44.00 for a pack of 2 shirts.

I would like to thank our wonderful volunteers who regularly give their time so generously to assist in the Uniform Shop. Thank you Wendy, Sue, Caroline, Jo, Tammy and Collette and the other parents and grandparents who have jumped in at a moment’s notice to lend a hand during the busy times. We appreciate all that you do.

I would also like to thank in advance those who have offered their time to assist over the coming months. Arndell families benefit greatly as a result of the time given so willingly by our volunteers who help out by assisting customers and processing our 2nd hand clothing. Thank you all.
NSW Government Transport – School Student Transport Scheme

1. A Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) Subsidy is available for eligible school students, who are residents of NSW, where there is no public transport available for all or part of the journey. The PVC Subsidy is paid on a daily basis for the single distance journey between home and the transport pick up point/school. The PVC Subsidy may also be available on medical or safety grounds.

Apply online at www.transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc

2. NSW Senior Secondary Student Concession Cards for 16, 17 and 18 years: These cards permit students to travel at the discounted rate of fare on all CityRail trains, State Transit and privately operated buses and government ferries for journeys to and from sport, evening, weekend and vacation travel. Concession cards will also be available for interstate rail journeys on Countrylink services as indicated on the back of the card. College ID Cards are not accepted.

Concession Cards 2014 (valid until March 2015) are available from Administration.


A new application for Subsidised Travel is to be completed for all students requiring a bus/train pass who are:

* Entering Kindergarten
* Progressing from Year 2 into Year 3
* Progressing from Year 6 into Year 7
* Changing School
* Changing Address
* Changing Mode of Transportation

4. Bus Timetables can be found at the following links:

www.busways.com.au Western Sydney - School Timetables - Arndell
www.cdcbus.com.au School Information Hillsbus tab

Please return completed forms to the College as soon as possible to allow for processing before the end of term.

Are you able to Volunteer for Book Club?

In 2015 we are looking for a parent or parents to look after Book Club that operates in the Junior School. It involves:

• Collecting the brochures from the College, collating and dating them, putting them into class groups and into the pigeon holes at school.
• Advising the Admin office at the College that Book Club is out and putting out the letterbox for collection of envelopes.
• Collecting envelopes on the due date, entering orders online and distributing the book orders to the appropriate classes upon arrival.

It is a good job for 2 people but 1 person can manage. If you are interested in taking this important task on please let Mrs Woods know (4545 2485 or jodie.woods@arndell.nsw.edu.au) and she will put you in contact with the current organiser.
French Food and Culture Excursion

Last week Year 9-12 French Elective students enjoyed French food and culture at the Little Snail Restaurant, Darling Harbour.
Minikhana State Titles 2014

Parent Contribution

On the weekend of 25/26th October 2014 Mathew Pye of Year 7, and Brad Murray of Year 8, competed in the Minikhana State Titles. Extremely hot weather tested all competitor’s ability to remain focused on the challenges. Mathew achieved 3rd place in the 85cc Small Wheels Division and Brad achieved 1st place in the 85cc Big Wheels Division. Both boys rode extremely well against some great competition. All their training and hard work has paid off, and they both qualify to attend the ‘Motorcycling NSW Night of Champions,’ to receive their awards. Mathew is also receiving two more awards for State Enduro riding.
Congratulations Charlie Kinder

Charlie Kinder competed at the ACT Show Jumping Championships in Canberra winning the Junior Final for 2014. Well done Charlie!
“BRING MARNIE HOME” FUNDRAISER

Hopefully by now you would have all received the flyer for the “Bring Marnie Home” Fundraiser on Saturday 6th December 3pm – 9pm.

Please note that there has been a venue change. The fundraiser will now be held at Windsor Polo Club Lot 303 Old Kurrajong Road, Richmond.

The students were lucky enough to have a sample of one of the bands attending “Simply Bushed” at assembly last week. It was great to see the kids singing and dancing along to a few Aussie tunes.

We have attached the updated flyer for your information. We hope you are able to support this event as Marnie and her family really need our help. Please purchase your tickets now at www.trybooking.com/FVYK.

Thanks to the wonderful support of the Arndell and Hawkesbury community we are on our way to ensuring Marnie will have a suitable home to return to and receive the relevant therapies she needs. All monies raised on the day will go towards modifications to her new home, a suitable vehicle for wheelchair transport and the on-going costs for Marnie’s therapies.

If you can’t attend on the day but would like to contribute you can donate to Marnie’s Everyday Hero account: https://www.everydayhero.com.au/charity/view?charity=3665

Every contribution will make a difference in Marnie’s life.

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## Term Dates 2015

### Term 1 (10 Weeks) – 48 days

- **Monday 19th – Friday 23rd January**: STAFF professional 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 Remaining: 2014**

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

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