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FROM THE HEADMASTER

DR GARETH LEECHMAN



I would like to extend a warm welcome to all members of the Arndell Anglican College community as we start a new year with almost 1,275 students. Our focus for this year is to once again pursue excellence; excellence in our learning, character and service to others. For those new to the College, a special welcome, I hope that your experience of the College and what it has to offer will be a positive one.

Congratulations to our Class of 2022 on their wonderful HSC results, so many achieved personal best scores under some very challenging conditions. We can't underestimate the impact the past two years have had on their capacity to perform their best, but so many of our Year 12 2022 students rose to the challenge and excelled. At this point I would like to announce our **Dux for 2022** was **Miss India Culey** who obtained an **ATAR of 96.45** and our **Dux Proximate** was **Miss Boyi Li** with an **ATAR of 95.40**. A more detailed analysis of our HSC results will be published in subsequent Arndell Advocate by our Director of Curriculum, Mrs Katrina New.

I also welcome all our new teaching staff for 2023:

- Mr M Wakely - PDHPE
- Mrs S Langford - Head of JS Sport
- Mrs F Hindeleh - JS Teacher
- Mrs S Kassis - JS Teacher



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- Mrs J Kincaid - JS Teacher
- Mrs J Cooper - JS Christian Education
- Mrs J Nair - Science
- Ms C Stafford - HSIE
- Ms E Bond - HSIE
- Ms I Falconi - Languages
- Mrs N Preusker - Mathematics
- Mr D Darwall - PDHPE
- Dr J Burns - College Psychologist

During the holiday break a series of refurbishments were completed across the whole of the College; the refurbishment of the Whelan Block was finished and the whole school received a much needed repaint, this has lifted the overall appearance of the College. These capital works will ensure that we maintain the quality of learning spaces we currently enjoy. Further to this, during the course of this year the College Council will be approving the future Master Plan for the College – there are some very exciting things planned.

At the beginning of the year, I would once again like to take this opportunity to remind both parents and students of the expectations that we have of all our members of the College Community here at Arndell. We are first and foremost a College interested in developing the many gifts and talents our students have been given so that they can go on to live productive lives in the world God has provided for them. Therefore, we require all of our students to come into the College with a growth mindset which is conducive to seeing what they are capable of achieving.

Students who have the right attitude can be clearly identified; they wear their uniform with pride, they are prepared for each day, they are attentive and willing to contribute to class learning - they do not distract the learning of others and they seek to be involved in the broader life of the College. In short, these students want to embrace the life they have been given and make the most of it, not just for themselves but for the lives of those they come into contact with. God has made us relational beings, first with himself and then with those around us.

Relationships are fundamental to what we stand for here at Arndell Anglican College. We will at all times seek to create positive relationships between home and school and between staff member and student, because we know that great things can be achieved when all members of the community are working together in an attempt to meet a common set of goals. From Pre-Kinder to Year 12 each child is guided and encouraged to excel academically, physically and spiritually in a Christian learning environment.

It is my hope and prayer that God may continue to bless what we do here at Arndell Anglican College and I look forward to serving you all in the year ahead.



CHAPLAINCY CHAT REV JEREMY CLARK

Christ-Centred Learning Community



For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ.
2 Corinthians 1:20a (NIV)

At Arndell we have a goal to be a ‘Christ-centred Learning Community’. To me this sounds good but then I wonder, what does it actually mean? There are many different perspectives on who Christ is, and even more on how that might impact a school community. In the Chaplaincy Chat articles this year I’d like to unpack a bit of this thinking and what it might look like.

As I begin I recognise that many may not hold the same view as myself, even other Christians will disagree with some of what is said. As I’ve said in my Biblical Studies classes this year, this is good when we do it respectfully. I hope in humility that what is said is respectful and true. I also hope this might begin a conversation that is fruitful and beneficial for all.

Firstly, we need to have a place to go where we can find out about this ‘Christ’. We believe the Bible is where his story is revealed. This explains why we give such importance to the teaching of the Bible in Chapels, Biblical Studies and Christian Education classes. In fact, I would argue the whole Bible is actually about Jesus Christ, as all of God’s promises are made true by him (2 Corinthians 1:20).

So, as we begin considering a Christ-centred learning community we begin with the Bible. In fact, it could be worth getting it out, or asking your child what they learnt from the Bible this week at school. I know every time I open it I have my eyes opened a bit more to who Jesus is and why he came. These last few weeks I’ve been struck by the supremacy of Jesus, which I’ll turn to next time.

Have a great week!





ENROLMENTS

MRS PENNY FINLAY

We are currently completing our Year 7, 2024 enrolment interviews, and are once again pleased to see the strong interest from our community to enrol their children at Arndell.

In the coming months we will move to interviews for Kindergarten 2024, Prep 2024 and other year group applications.

Families wishing to secure a place for Prep, Kindergarten and Year 7, 2024 are encouraged to submit their applications now, as places are offered based on order of receipt of application, and we have received significant interest already and places are limited.

Advance applications are accepted for all years of entry and are recommended due to the North West Growth Corridor. We strongly encourage you to plan ahead to secure your child's place on the wait list.

Please contact Mrs Penny Finlay for enrolment and Open Days enquiries, phone: 4572 3633 or email penny.finlay@arndell.nsw.edu.au



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Open Days

Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10th March 2023

Online Bookings Essential
enrol.arndell.nsw.edu.au/events/open-days-2023



JUNIOR LIBRARY NEWS

MISS KRISTY HORTON

Welcome to 2023!! Mrs Sharvell and Miss Horton are excited to welcome Junior School students back to the library.

Library lessons have already begun for some classes. Classes have a fortnightly lesson in the library with Miss Horton. Prep-Year 2 in Week A and Years 3-6 in Week B. Students still visit the library on their allocated day each week, the other lesson is run by their class teacher.



Lunchtime activities have also resumed. Students in Years 1-6 are able to come to the library after eating time to participate in our daily activities.

- MONDAY – Minecraft Monday (Years 3-6 only)
- TUESDAY – Build it + quiet reading
- WEDNESDAY – Creative (colouring, drawing, quiet reading)
- THURSDAY – Build it + quiet reading
- FRIDAY – Chill (Board games + quiet reading)

Wednesday 1 February was World Read Aloud day. The event has been running for 13 years. It is a global event run by LitWorld and sponsored by Scholastic to highlight the importance of sharing stories. Some of our Junior School classes had the opportunity to watch a live reading by Matt Cosgrove of his new book, Alpaca Picnic Panic. 4 Green even got to ask Matt Cosgrove a question which he answered live.

The Junior library has a subscription to Story Box Library which you are able to access from home either through the app or the website. Log in details will be sent via Seesaw. Story Box Library is an online resource that includes read a loud stories read by celebrities and well known Australians.

NSW Premiers Reading Challenge will be kicking off on the 27 February. K-2 complete this challenge with their class teachers. Years 3-6 will be receiving more information during their library lessons.



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USE YOUR 2023 ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER- 8 WEEKS FOR FREE!

** PLEASE NOTE FOR 2023 unfortunately we won't be able to accommodate prep students for safety reasons, but can't wait to have them once they go to "big School"

Starting TUESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY - 4TH APRIL 2023!

Every WEDNESDAY afternoon we will arrive on school grounds to set up an amazing afternoon of sport. As soon as the school bell sounds our team will be waiting with an elbow bump, big smile and fully planned afternoon of entertainment. This clinic is specially designed for the children of Arndell and parents can relax knowing that everything takes place on school grounds. Our event is designed to motivate, encourage, build resilience and inspire children to be successful. Our 8 week event represents awesome value and over the course of the program your child will experience: Super Soccer, Ultimate League, Vortex Gridiron, Ballers, Street Hockey, Rope Wars, Bazooka Ball, Flagball, 8-Down, Command-o and a long list of other cool non-contact sports.

We use sport as a tool to grow confidence, self-esteem, resilience, determination, and fitness. As a coaching team we have all completed our first aid training, working with children checks, constant training and most importantly we LOVE coaching kids. We look forward to motivating the Arndell children in Term 1.

Please contact Kylie on 0414 891 802 if you have any questions

ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS are accepted here. This government subsidy covers your entire term of Motiv8sports!!

To use this please select the active kids voucher ticket option and enter your voucher number in the required field!

Don't forget that Motiv8sports is registered for **ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS**

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Newsletter



A message from your Coordinator

As we return from holidays and head back to school, the OHSC team at Arndell Anglican College is ready and excited to start term1 for 2023.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank our families and community for their support through 2022. We would also like to welcome new families joining our OHSC community.

This term is packed with several programs which are aimed at keeping our kids engaged with a focus on fun and learning.

We are looking forward to having a fun filled and engaging time. Please also see attached flyer for some handy details regarding registering with Camp Australia, making bookings using our QR Code and useful information related to kick start your school year.

Kiran Nadeem.

Activities coming up

- Art and Craft
- Board Games
- Outdoor Fun

What's on the menu

- Baked Beans with Lebanese Bread.
- Cheese Rolls
- Salad Sandwich

It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustalia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



Visit our blog

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

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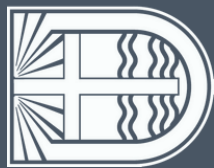
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Term Dates – 2023

Term 1 (10 weeks)

Thursday 19 and Friday 20 January	Kindergarten Transition Assessment Interviews
Monday 23 to Wednesday 25 January	Staff Professional Development Days
Thursday 26 January	Australia Day Public Holiday
Friday 27 January	Year 7 Orientation & Secondary Leaders
Monday 30 January	Pre-Kinder – ½ day (morning) Year 7, Year 11 and Year 12 Students Commence
Tuesday 31 January	Pre- Kinder ½ day (morning) Year 1-6 and 8-10 Commence
Wednesday 1 February	No Pre-Kinder Kindergarten Students Commence
Thursday 2 February	Pre-Kinder ½ day (morning)
Friday 3 February	Pre-Kinder ½ day (morning)
Monday 6 February	Regular Pre-Kinder timetable begins
Thursday 6 April	Term 1 Concludes
Friday 7 April to Monday 10 April	Easter

Term 2 (9 weeks)

Monday 24 April	Staff Professional Development Day
Tuesday 25 April	Anzac Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 26 April	Term 2 Commences
Monday 12 June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Friday 23 June	Term 2 Concludes

Term 3 (10 weeks)

Monday 17 July	Staff Professional Development Day
Tuesday 18 July	Term 3 Students Commence
Friday 22 September	Term 3 Concludes

Term 4 (9 weeks)

Monday 9 October	Staff Professional Development Day
Tuesday 10 October	Term 4 Students Commence
Wednesday 6 December	Term 4 Concludes – Junior School
Thursday 7 December	Term 4 Concludes – Secondary School
Friday 8 December	Staff Professional Development Day

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COLLEGE CONTACTS

Headmaster:

Deputy Headmaster:

Head of Senior School (10-12):

Head of Middle School (7-9):

Head of Junior School (P-6):

Asst Head of JS: Curriculum

Asst Head JS: Pastoral Care (3-6) & Organisation (P-6):

Asst Head of JS: Pastoral Care (P-2)

Chaplain P-12:

Director of Curriculum 7-12:

Director of Professional Learning:

Director of Strategy and Planning:

Director of Wellbeing & Community Service:

Director of Business Services:

Enrolments Manager:

Careers and Tertiary Education Advisor:

Equestrian Co-ordinator:

Uniform Shop:

Before and After School Care:

Canteen:

Website:

Advocate Newsletter:

Sport Scene Newsletter:

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Shop Opening Hours – Term Time

Monday – 2.30 pm to 4.00 pm

Tuesday – 8.15 am to 4.00 pm

Thursday – 8.15 am to 6.00 pm

Camp Australia - 1300 105 343

www.campaustalia.com.au

Before School Care: 6:45 am – 8:45 am

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