



The Arndell Advocate

Term 3 - Week 2

The Newsletter of Arndell Anglican College

From the Head of the Junior School: Revd. Keith Petersen

Next week (week 3) the Eagle's Wings, Junior School co-curricular Extension Program for Term 3, will begin. Eagles' Wings will run On Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 3:15 – 4:00pm from its base in the Junior School Library.



For Term 3, Eagle's Wings will present a multi-dimensional, varied and rich series of programs across two strands; science and the creative arts (Exploration and Adventure). There will be units on exploring science in the High School Laboratories; science in the kitchen; model making; making African masks; learning to play percussion to African rhythms; producing and acting a play, 'A Pirate's Life for Me' ; autobiography and adventure ('Boy' by Roald Dahl); dancing to the themes and music of 'The Lion King'.

All of these units will be taught and facilitated by teachers across the College Staff – High School and Junior School – who have generously chosen to contribute their own time and talent to the wider flourishing of the children of the Junior School.

And that's our intention – to commit to enabling children's progress through recognising each child's unique capacity to become their fullest self.

Our intention is to educate our children to 'plug into' their creative capacities – so that our children might be explicitly educated into creativity – and not out of it.

Ken Robinson, a very eminent thinker and writer on education, describes *what we know about intelligence* in this way,

*'Firstly intelligence is diverse. We think about the world in all the ways that we experience it. We think visually, we think in sound, we think kinesthetically. We think in abstract terms, we think in movement. Secondly, intelligence is dynamic. If you look at the interactions of a human brain intelligence is wonderfully interactive. The brain isn't divided into compartments. In fact creativity ...the process of having original ideas that have value...more often than not comes about through **the interaction of different disciplinary ways of seeing things.**'*

And that's exactly the point of "Eagle's Wings" – why so many teachers choose readily to devote so much time and personal resource to it; why as a Junior School we were determined to create the program in the first instance (a program which in 2012 over 1/3rd of the children of Arndell Anglican College Junior School experienced and contributed to).

It's because we do believe that it is our task to affirm the potential and hope in each of our students – and this by offering them extended pathways to the education of their whole being; in preparation for the very new future they will hopefully then be equipped both to shape as well as experience.

Our job is to open new doors to our children – and to invite them to step through to new horizons. That's the point and inspiration of 'Eagle's Wings'.

And thank you so much for your vital partnership as parents in it!

Poetry Soldiers

On Friday 14th of June, students from 9B penned poems and scattered them around the College during a “guerrilla poetry” exercise as part of an English Poetry Unit. The aim of this activity was to promote literacy and creativity.

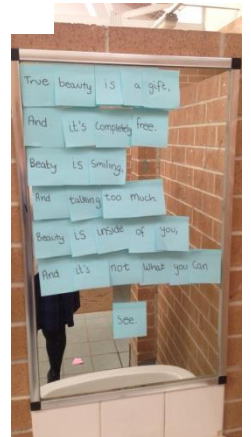
“Guerrilla poetry” comes from the word “guerrilla” which describes a type of soldier who uses the element of surprise when fighting. “Guerrilla poetry” involves publishing poetry in unexpected and unconventional ways and places.



Students were encouraged to use these unusual methods like a “surprise attack” on the reader. They had absolute freedom to do anything with language and therefore had the opportunity to look at language from a different perspective.



The response from other students at lunch time was a mixture of confusion and interest. The girl’s toilets were full of inspirational quotes promoting beauty being on the inside. Denae Rafter, Year 7, said “the poems used a lot of imagery and put her in a good mood for the rest of the day”. Paige Gleeson, Year 7, commented that “the poems were pretty cool and it was a good idea to show people more poetry”. Abby Cox, Year 7, said “the poems were inspiring”.



9B student, Thomas Dobson, said the poetry exercises allowed him to “forget about the rules, which is different to what is normally taught”. He believes the College should do guerrilla poetry on a bigger scale as he “found it very fun and educational”. Fellow 9B student Matthew Smith commented “It was a fun and easy way of learning poetic techniques. The most interesting part was seeing how others displayed their creative writing. Some were placed on staircases or in massive chalk letters on the ground. I'm sure the guerrilla poetry made everybody’s day, not only the writers but also those who read them”.



Miss Kenny – English Department

Enrolling for Year 7, Kindergarten and Prep 2014

The College is now enrolling for Years 7, Kindergarten and Prep 2014.

If you have a sibling to enrol for 2014, please do not leave it to the last minute.

Speak with Mrs Barbra Whelan re enrolment information on 02 4545 2472

Are you able to help?

The High School require readers for the HSC Exams.

If you are able to assist, please contact Mrs Donna Allen on 4545 2401

Parking & Traffic Movement at the College:

The College car park has designated **Drop Off Zones** – these zones are **No Parking** and for the majority of our community this is respected. It is when one parks in these dedicated Drop Off Zones, or parks outside of a marked space, that congestion is created and the flow of traffic is interrupted. To assist everyone with the peak times of morning drop off and afternoon pick-up please use the drop off zones appropriately, Park only in designated spaces, drive slowly and be courteous. Attached for your reference is a map showing the traffic flow and parking available at the College.

Remember supervision at the College commences at 8.05 am and ceases at 3.30 pm, so why not bring your child in slightly earlier, or pick them up slightly later, to help ease the congestion.

Business Manager – Mrs Jodie Woods

Arndell Anglican College Directory

Headmaster:	Mr Gareth Leechman
Deputy Headmaster/Head of Senior School:	Mr James Webb
Head of Junior School:	Revd. 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
College Counsellor:	Mrs Julie Nixon – 4545 2461
Uniform Shop:	Mrs Liz Moore – 4572 3254 Tuesday/Thursdays from 8.2am – 11am/2.30pm – 4pm Camp Australia – 1300 105 343 (for bookings) www.campaustralia.com.au After School Care from 2.30pm - 0401 904 531 (at Arndell only)
After School Care:	
P & F President:	Mrs Jo Selff pandf@arndell.nsw.edu.au equestrian@arndell.nsw.edu.au
Equestrian:	
Funday Co-ordinator:	Mrs Alannah Norman – 0404 033 994 Funday@arndell.nsw.edu.au
Canteen:	Monday – Friday - 4545 2486 (Recess / Lunch)

Term Dates 2013

Term 3	Monday	15 July	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday	16 July	Term 3 Commences for all students
	Friday	20 September	Term 3 Finishes
Term 4	Monday	7 October	Long Weekend
	Tuesday	8 October	Staff Development Day
	Wednesday	9 October	Term 4 Commences
	Tuesday	3 December	Infants Presentation Afternoon
	Wednesday	4 December	Primary School Presentation Evening
	Thursday	5 December	Students last day for 2013
	Friday	6 December	Senior School Presentation Evening Staff Development Day

Term Dates 2014

Term 1	Monday	20 January	Staff Professional Day
	Tuesday	21 January	Staff Professional Day
	Wednesday	22 January	Staff Professional Day
	Thursday	23 January	Staff Professional Day
	Friday	24 January	Staff Professional Day
	Monday	27 January	Australia Day Holiday
	Tuesday	28 January	Term 1 commences for Prep, KG, Yrs. 7,11 & 12
	Wednesday	29 January	All students return to College

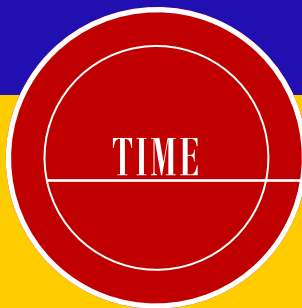


ARNDELL DAD'S SOCCER

friendly **soccer** game
all ages

any skill level

on every **FRIDAY**



8 PM—10 PM



Arndell GYM



Gold coin



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ARNDELL ANGLICAN COLLEGE

20TH ANNUAL EQUESTRIAN CARNIVAL

HAWKESBURY SHOWGROUND CLARENDON

Program and entry information available online

www.arndell.nsw.edu.au

With a **new program** and **more classes**, it is the perfect way to celebrate

Arndell Anglican College's 20th Annual Equestrian Carnival

Saturday 21st September 2013—9:00am start



ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2013

Enquiries: Kristen Bailey, Equestrian Co-ordinator

P: 0407 474 161 E: equestrian@arndell.nsw.edu.au



Tools for Parents

FREE WORKSHOPS & GROUPS FOR DADS & MUMS / PRIMARY CARERS OF CHILDREN 0 – 12 YRS WITH **FREE CHILDCARE!**

Helping The Anxious Child

Wednesday 14th August 2013

6.30—9pm

In this workshop parents can learn:

- ⇒ Strategies for parents as well as children, in managing children's anxiety
- ⇒ How teaching your child strategies can help settle anxiety
- ⇒ To understand better what may be behind anxiety in children
- ⇒ The importance of 'listening' with the anxious child

This is a project offered by
Richmond Community Services Inc.

and all activities are held at :

The Neighbourhood Centre
20 West Market Street
Richmond NSW 2753

Bookings - call 4588 3502 Mon – Thursday
or email: admin@rcsi.ngo.org.au



The project is funded by the Australian Government Family Support Program for continuation of the 'Tools for Parents' project until June 2014— to provide free workshops and ongoing courses designed to help parents/primary carers of children 0—12 years develop better relationships between themselves and with their children —and to enhance parenting skills. Richmond Community Services Inc . purchases group and workshop facilitation from Relationships Australia and childcare services from Hawkesbury Community Outreach Mobile Mindsers Service for the project and is delighted to offer them free to participants.

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Managing Challenging Behaviours in Kids

3 weeks ongoing

Saturdays 3rd, 10th & 17th

August 2013, 10am—12.30pm

Sometimes things don't go as well as we would like in our family. When children exhibit challenging behaviour it can be confusing and distressing to everyone – even your child! We will look at what may be behind the behaviours, what else may be contributing, and ways to manage those tricky situations.

This is an ongoing 3 week group and participants must be able to attend all 3 dates.

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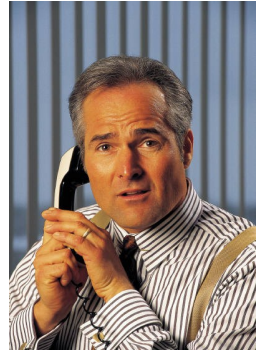


Free 4 week course for parents:

Communicating with Teenagers[©]

WHEN:

MONDAYS for 4 weeks ongoing:
August 26th, September 2nd, 9th, 16th
6.30– 8.30PM



Learn to **spea**k to teens and be heard!
Learn how to **listen** to their communications!
Learn how to effectively **communica**te together!



WHERE:

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NSW 2753**

**BOOKING
ESSENTIAL!**

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Our experience is that many parents out of sheer frustration resort to unhelpful patterns in relating to their offspring which tend to exacerbate the difficulties and often alienate their teens even further. Our expectation is that as parents become more skilled at talking and listening to their teens, the teens are more likely to feel understood and less likely to experience and express their anger in violence towards others. This will have great benefits to the teens, their families, and increase safety to the Hawkesbury community at large.

