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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF WELLBEING AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

MR STUART RYAN

Community Service



Service is a key aspect of our educational program at Arndell Anglican College as we endeavour to connect with our community and actively engage in service for our College and beyond. Some of the aims for our students include that they will develop a knowledge of the Christian faith, an understanding of who they are and a desire to contribute to the life of their community. An attitude of service, which focuses on the specific needs of 'our neighbour' and provides for them in our attitudes and actions, is one way that these aims can be developed. As well as developing virtues such as empathy, kindness and generosity, service is also a practical application of the Christian message.

Indeed, a large majority of schools emphasise the importance of service and participate in numerous fundraising activities, with schools becoming a source of fundraising for many different charities. Whilst charity and raising funds for those in need is an important aspect of service, direct or 'hands-on' service activities have a greater impact upon the participants.

A few studies have also been done to try and look at the impact of service learning on student achievement with some evidence that achievement increases.



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From the Director of Wellbeing & Community Service, Cont.

The current research into service learning suggests that there are a number of benefits for students including:

- Learning critical thinking skills and problem solving,
- Developing the five core social-emotional competencies (self awareness, social awareness, self-management, relationship skills and responsible decision making), and
- Respect for diversity, self confidence, collaborative skills, avoidance of risk behaviours and resilience.

When direct service is used in a structured way, students will:

- Make decisions that have real, not hypothetical, results.
- Grow as individuals, gain respect for peers and increase civic participation.
- Experience success no matter what their ability level.
- Gain a deeper understanding of themselves, their community and society.
- Develop as leaders who take initiative, solve problems, work as a team and demonstrate their abilities while, and through, helping others.



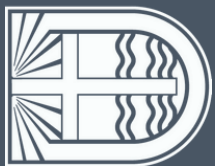
This year, Arndell commenced a partnership with Hawkesbury's Helping Hands to provide a hands-on service experience for all of our Year 9 students. Many of us are aware of the work of Hawkesbury's Helping Hands who have for a number of years provided support for the homeless within the Hawkesbury region, as well as reaching out to the community during recent events such as the bushfires and floods.

The Year 9 students work in small groups of about 10-12 and spend two consecutive Wednesday mornings assisting the volunteers at Hawkesbury's Helping Hands. This way, every student of the College, when they pass through Year 9 will be able to experience the benefits of this program. Some of the tasks they are doing include:

- Making lunches for students at local schools who aren't fortunate enough to be able to have a lunch each day. In 2020 approximately 12,000 lunches were prepared.
- Assisting with stacking and sorting donated food, clothing, etc.
- Preparing hampers of food, toiletries, clothes, blankets, etc.
- Preparing lunch to feed local homeless people as well as the other volunteers on site.

We are very excited to have been able to establish this ongoing Helping Hands which will be mutually beneficial to our community.

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CHAPLAINCY CHAT

REV JEREMY CLARK

Christ-Centred Learning Community #2

*For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.
He holds success in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless,*
Proverbs 2:6-7 (NIV)



In the first Advocate this year I started a series exploring what it means for Arndell to be a Christ-Centred Learning Community. In the first article I explored how Christ is the centre of all of God's promises to humans. This time I would like to explore the idea of learning.

In God's picture of the world, he is the creator and we are the creature. We are created under him to look after and care for the world. It is an amazing privilege to be given such a lofty position in his created order. At the same time we have a very important responsibility to look after his world.

So, as we work as a community we are seeking to form students to live in God's world, looking after it under him. To be able to look after something properly first we need knowledge. Some knowledge can be 'common sense', although, how often today does it seem commonsense is not that common. Most knowledge is learned. Learned from parents and caregivers. As a College we partner in the process of helping students learn and be ready for the world.

If this is to be a Christ-centred learning community, then the first place we go to learn is the creator's word, the Bible. Fortunately, the Bible gives us wisdom for God's world. The book of Proverbs is full of such wisdom. As the verse above says, when we listen to and use God's wisdom then his sense of success and goodness (walking blamelessly) comes. This may be different to what our society says, however, as someone who is part of that imperfect society, personally I'd prefer to listen to a perfect God.

I hope we as a learning community might find ways to reflect God's wisdom in our words and actions.

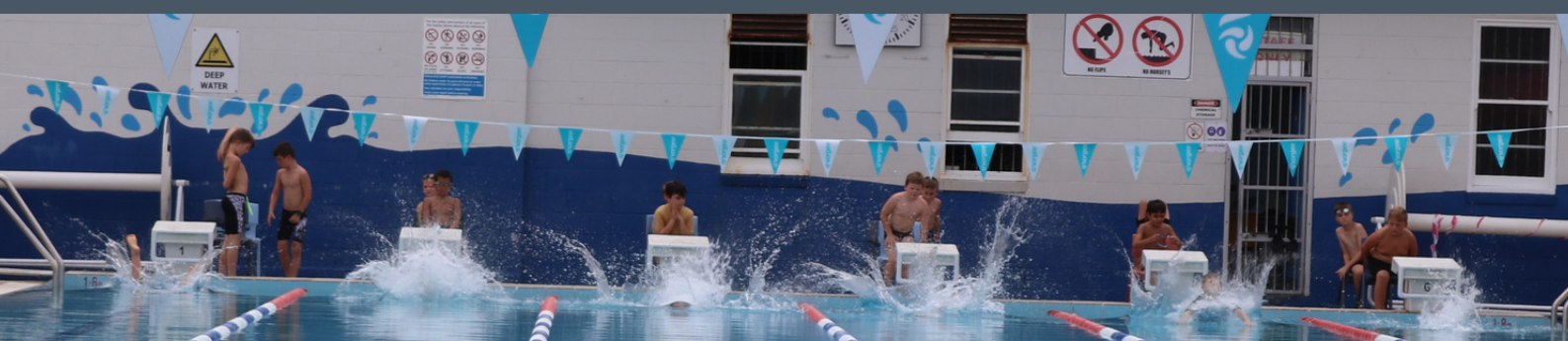
May God bless your lives.

MEET & GREET

Friday 10 March was the inaugural Arndell Anglican College 'Meet and Greet'. This informal, social event provided an opportunity for the parents and staff of the College to come together to deepen connections with other members of our community. Over 500 adults were in attendance, enjoying the tasty meals on offer from local food trucks and live music from our Year 12 students.



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JUNIOR SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

MRS SUSAN LANGFORD

The Junior School Swimming Carnival was an amazing success! We had an incredible turnout of over 100 competitive swimmers and everyone was in high spirits. The weather was sunny and hot, and the Secondary School student helpers did an outstanding job helping to run the day. There were a variety of outdoor games, as well as the 50m events. The carnival was a great opportunity for students to engage in some healthy competition and have an enjoyable day out. Everyone had lots of fun, and the energy and enthusiasm was infectious. It was great to be able to have a full carnival after a few years of challenges. We were thrilled to see the strong community spirit among the students, and the high level of student engagement throughout the day. We were also delighted to see so many parents attend the carnival to cheer on their children and show their support.

Congratulations to everyone who participated and well done to all the winners! Congratulations to Tebbutt House for winning the swimming carnival, Macquarie House for coming in second place, Cartwright House for third place, Johnson House for fourth place, Greenway House for fifth place and Lock House for sixth place. We would like to thank the teachers, staff and volunteers who made the event possible. Without their hard work and dedication, the carnival wouldn't have been as successful as it was. Our heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who took part and helped make the carnival a success. We look forward to seeing everyone again at our next carnival!



GRIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

MR STEVEN CATT

The Junior School Student Leadership Team attended the GRIP Leadership Conference at the Quay Centre Homebush on Wednesday 8 March. With over 1,500 other students from multiple schools across Sydney, our team members were challenged to be an "Others First Leader" and "A Leader that can Impact People". There were excellent ideas provided by the GRIP team on running school events with tips to get everybody on board with their ideas. It was a fantastic day of networking for the team with discussions and activities with many students across Sydney.

We look forward to witnessing our Junior School Student Leadership Team flourish this year as they lead our community!



CRU LEADERSHIP DAY

MRS KRISTINA CHARLES

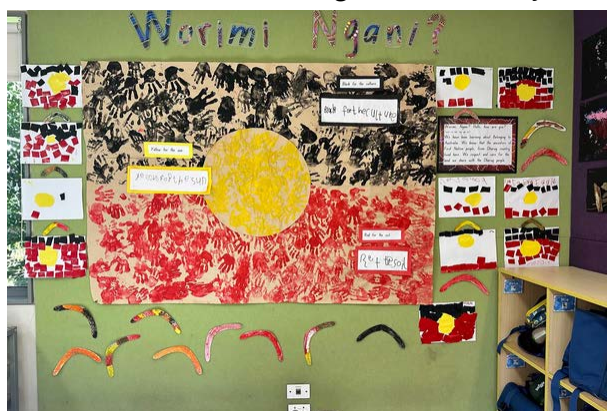
On Tuesday 14 March, seven Year 5 and 6 students visited Norwest Christian College for a CRU Leadership day. They attend this event because of their enthusiasm to serve Christ by leading our Christian lunch time group, JOLT (Jesus Over Lunch Time). During the day, they learnt about the importance of God's word and reading their Bible to grow themselves, before growing others. They also learnt new memory verse games that they could teach other students, to help them remember important Bible passages. The students are very excited to use what they've learnt in JOLT each week.



LEARNING IN PREP

MRS ELISSA TURVILLE

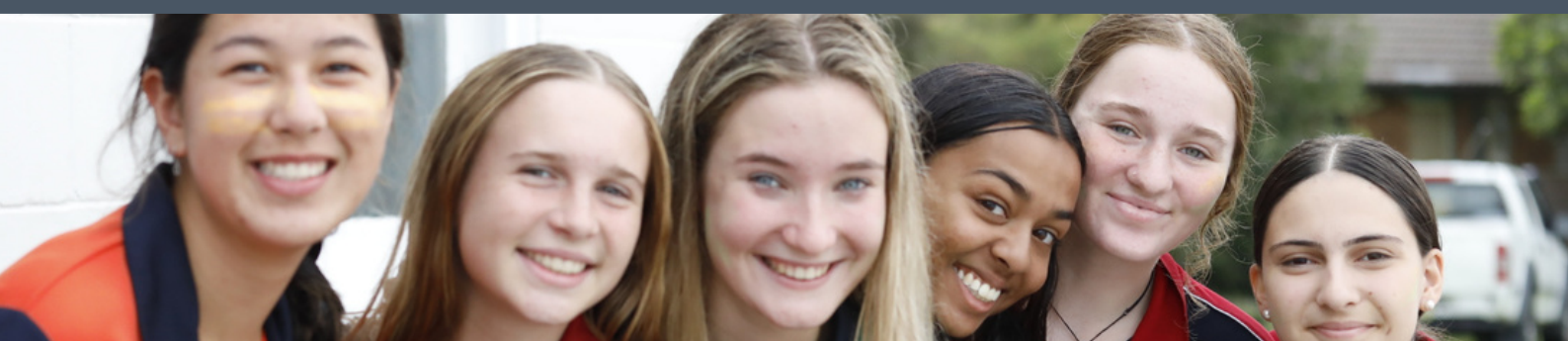
Our Prep classes have been focussing on the topic "Belonging to Australia" these past two weeks. Students have been building their appreciation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through language, art and song. The students worked together to create a beautiful display of the Aboriginal Flag. They have been learning Dharug phrases such as 'Woremi Ngani?' which means 'hello, how are you?'. The students loved looking at artworks by indigenous artists Bronwyn Bancroft and Sally Morgan. The students watched a video about how a boomerang was made, and decorated their own for the classroom display. Another aspect of this theme was exploring all the amazing animals God has created that are native to our country. The students loved making their own echidnas after thinking about how they look and how they behave."



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SECONDARY SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

MR PETER GORDON

On Tuesday 28 February, Arndell held our annual Secondary School swimming carnival. The house spirit was strong and it was wonderful to see our Year 12 students dress up and encourage and support each other and their houses. We had somewhat overcast conditions that kept the heat at bay, but it was certainly warm poolside and even hotter in the pool with some fast swimming in many of the events. The support from students during the championship races was really pleasing to see.

A number of students progressed through to HZSA with 21 of our students competing at Homebush. A big thank you to Mrs Danckert and the PDHPE team, Year 12 prefects and house captains and our staff who all did their part to make the day a success. We appreciate all your efforts.

FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL REPORT

YEAR 9 FRENCH STUDENTS

On Friday the Year 9,10 and 11 elective French classes went to Leichhardt to watch a French movie called "Têmpete". When we first arrived, we looked around The Italian Forum, also called Little Italy, and Madame Selmo explained the introduction of other cultures in central Sydney to us.

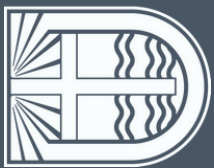
Next, we watched the movie, about a young girl who lives on a horse farm and one night a big storm happened. She was trying to pull the horses outside but it stood on her back and paralysed her. She shut everyone out after that but at the end of the movie she got over her fear of horses because of the accident and got back on the horse.

The town surrounding was beautiful and it had a large variety of nice shops, including a bookshop and some very nice gelato places. We had hot chips and Mochi for lunch, and walked around the Italian Forum.



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ARNDELL JUMPING CLASSIC

MS IMOGEN THEW

On Saturday 11 March the College hosted the Arndell Jumping Classic at Hawkesbury Showgrounds. After a few years hiatus hosting this event due to COVID-19 and the 2022 Floods, this year was the biggest we have run with over 115 riders across the Hawkesbury and surrounding regions.

Our Arndell team of riders all rode and represented the College exceptionally well.

Official results for Arndell students:

Cross Rails

- K-3 1st Eden & Kermit
2nd Harriette & Blaze
- 3-4 4th Millicent & Katz Park Audacity
- 5-6 6th Ruby & Dallu Allure

45cm

- 3-4 2nd Millicent & Jatz Park Audacity
- 7-8 2nd Monique & Myca
- 9-12 2nd Jachob & Khan
3rd Gabrielle & Gem
4th Georgie & Yulara Just Joy

60cm

- 7-8 5th Sienna & Mo Jo Jo Jo
- 9-10 3rd Gabrielle & Gem
- 11-12 1st Sarah & Cherrywood Kingfisher
5th Georgie & Yulara Just Joy

75cm

- 7-8 4th Sienna & Mo Jo Jo Jo
- 9-10 2nd Sarah & Llyodhurst Black Label
- 11-12 6th Sarah & Mt Pilatus

90cm

- 9-10 1st Grace & Yarrawa Contrast
6th Sarah & Llyodhurst Black Label
- 11-12 1st Sarah & Mt Pilatus



A big congratulations to our riders who placed in their respective classes and all our riders who attended, your success is testament to your talent and dedication to your sport, well done!

If you would like to find out more about Equestrian at the College, please email equestrian@arndell.nsw.edu.au and get in contact with Imogen.

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YEAR 7 CAMP

ISLA & CHARLOTTE - YEAR 7

On the 23 February, Year 7 went on camp at Lake Macquarie. It was a long drive, but people managed to pass the time by chatting and playing games.

The water activities included canoeing, sailing and fishing. Fishing was quite simple, as all we needed was a reel and some dough, although not many people caught one! For sailing, we all got on boats and went out into the middle of the lake, and for canoeing, we paddled around for a while around the edge of the lake.

Year 7 also did other activities, such as Archery, where we had to aim for foam aliens, and rock climbing. At the rock climbing wall was the 'Leap of Faith'. You were connected to a harness and rope, and you jumped off of the top of the climbing tower. Scary at first, but a lot of fun!

Another activity was the cave maze. It was an activity where you had to navigate and shuffle down a dark maze and get through to the other side. This activity was really fun, but since it was dark, cramped and included shuffling through the maze, it was definitely not for the claustrophobic.

After each house had done three activities, we were all assigned to cabins and got ready for dinner. Dinner was cheesy pasta and garlic bread, and it tasted as good as it sounds!

Then everyone walked (or ran!) to the main hall where we played games until it was time to get ready for bed. It was really crazy, with people ding-dong-ditching other rooms, and people shouting, but eventually everyone managed to settle down and go to sleep.

In the morning, everyone was in a mad rush to pack up and get ready for breakfast. We ate bacon, waffles and cereal, listened to a talk in the main hall, went to study groups and got ready for the final activity.

Once the activities had come to a close, everyone went down to the main hall for the last time to tuck into a lavish lunch of delicious nachos. With stomachs full, and bags in tow, we said our goodbyes to the wonderful leaders and hopped on the buses, tired and worn out from the awesome time we had on camp.



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For your chance to compete, book into Your OSHC at no additional cost to your session fee.

A message from your Coordinator

As we continue through Term 1 at Arndell Anglican College, I am glad to share that our new joiners from Kindy and Prep are settling well in the service. We also have some new families joining our community, these children are also settling well in the service.

Our upcoming highlight is the Handball Championship in March. We look forward to having an exciting time with the kids. Kids are very enthusiastic to show their talents, we will be starting practice sessions from week 6 in preparation for the event.

We thank our families and community for their ongoing support.



Activities coming up

- Handball Championship
- Art and Craft
- Outdoor Games



What's on the menu

- Lebanese bread pizza
- Choc Banana Cake
- Cheese and Lettuce Sandwiches

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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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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