



Mid-Term 3 Newsletter

30 August 2016

Dear Parents and Students,

We are now at the half-way mark of Term 3 and so thought to share some news and provide an update regarding our future planning.

1. Website Upgrade

We have recently updated our website and would like to invite you to explore and share with family and friends. It is accessed as follows: www.arrendell.com.au

2. Teacher Reports

Currently, our tutors are in the process of providing all parents of their students with an update of the program and specifically how your child is progressing this term. This will be undertaken either in person, via phone or email.

If you have any questions or information you would like to share, please call, email or drop in for a quick chat. Your input is always welcome.

3. NAPLAN Results

The results for NAPLAN are now out. NAPLAN was never designed to be a 'test' of a specific child's ability level but a way of ensuring an ongoing evaluation of how a student is performing over time in the areas of literacy-reading, writing and language conventions and numeracy.

However, if you were concerned with the results achieved by your child, please telephone Jenny on 0431 739 400 or email jenny@arrendell.com.au to discuss what we can offer your child.

4. 2016 Merewether Preparation

The results for the Selective High School exam undertaken this year are out. There was a dramatic increase in the mark needed to be successful. Last year a result of 182 saw students being offered a position at Merewether for 2016. This year only students who received more than 199 were offered a place for 2017. We are delighted to inform you that many of our students surveyed were offered a position for 2017.

The Selective High School Exam for 2017 will be held on 9th March. This is for students preparing to enter high school in 2018. Selection for Merewether Selective High School is based on a student's

marks in English and mathematics during Year 5 and the actual exam result. Therefore, it is vital that the student achieves the best possible result in Year 5, especially if the results required to be offered a position continue to increase.

Part I Preparation: Term 4 2016

Preparation at ARRENDELL commences when your child is in Year 5. Many students currently enrolled in ARRENDELL in Year 5 are working towards achieving the best result in the Selective High School tests by improving their reading, writing and mathematical skills.

Part II Preparation: Term 1 2017

In the first term of Year 6, before exam day, **9th March 2017**, students undertake extra tuition to develop exam techniques and complete activities related to the reading, writing, mathematics and general aptitude tests. We also plan to do several general aptitude practice tests in Term 4 2016 as very few students have had experience with this style of exam.

If you wish to enrol your child in Year 5 in preparation for the Merewether Selective High School exam, please telephone 0431 739 400, email office@arrendell.com.au or go to our web site at www.arrendell.com.au for further information or to complete the enrolment forms.

5. Term 4 Re-Enrolment

We're more than half way through Term 3, which means that we are not only starting to coordinate our Term 4 classes, but it's time for you to think about re-enrolling. If you haven't already done so, kindly complete the attached re-enrolment form and return to us via email office@arrendell.com.au, or by giving it to the receptionist.

6. Monthly Instalment Plans

We are also pleased to announce that we are now offering *Monthly Instalment Payment Plans* commencing Term 4. This is an exciting new opportunity for parents who prefer to balance the cost over the whole term. If you would like to take advantage of this option, please contact Helen at office@arrendell.com.au or by phone 02-49423000.

7. Early Bird Special

Don't forget our Early Bird Special! (**save \$50 when you pay before Friday 7 October 2016**).

- This option is not available under payment plan instalments.
- *Please note the change in due date for the Early Bird Special is now the week prior to the commencement of the new term.*

8. EFTPOS Availability Soon

EFTPOS and credit card transactions will be shortly available at reception or by phone!

Calendar Events –Terms 3 and 4 2016

- *23rd September:* Term 3 concludes
- *10th October:* Term 4 commencement
- *11th October:* Applications for the Merewether Selective High School Placement Tests open.

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6/assessments/shsplacement/index.php>

- *14th November:* Applications for Merewether Selective High School Placement Test close.
- *16th December:* Term 4 concludes