

The Arundel State School Newsletter



"Putting Students First"

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From the Principal's Desk



Christmas at Arundel

This Friday evening our community has the opportunity to celebrate the forthcoming Festive Season due to the wonderful efforts of our Performing Arts Department and teachers. If you have not already purchased tickets to this event there are still some available for purchase before school outside the administration block or you might care to purchase them on the evening.

So why do we put such emphasis on celebrating Christmas with our community? By bringing people together, the values of caring and tolerance are promoted encouraging inter-class, inter-religious and inter-racial social interaction.

Such activities strengthen a community's identity and create a spirit of peace and good-will that lingers long after the celebrations have ended.

I am very much looking forward to Friday evening and the joy it will bring to our children, parents, extended families and all community members.

*Margaret James
Principal*



CRAZY SOCK DAY
FRIDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2009
GOLD COIN DONATION
RAISING FUNDS FOR YEAR 7 GRADUATION



YEAR 7 EXCELLENCE AWARDS CEREMONY

Monday, 7th December, 2009 at 9:30am in the School Hall

YEAR 7 GRADUATION DINNER

Monday, 7th December, 2009 at 6:30pm

Southport Australian Rules Football Club (Southport Sharks)



UP AND COMING EVENTS

Friday, 27 th November	Year 3, 4, 5 Singing Group – Christmas Advent Pageant, Labrador Broadwater 10:00 am - 12:00 noon (near Charis Seafoods)
Friday, 27 th November	Arundel Family Christmas Carols – Doors Open 5:00pm School Hall
Tuesday, 1 st December	R.E. Christmas Concert – 9am (Yrs 1 to 3), 9:45am (Yrs 4 -7)
Monday, 7 th December	Year 7 Excellence Awards Ceremony - 9:30am School Hall
Monday, 7 th December	Year 7 Graduation Dinner - 6.30pm Southport Sharks
Friday, 11 th December	Last day of Term 4, 2009

Senior Sharing – Friday, 27th November at 9:15am

Presenters	Sharing Items	Social Skill
7E	7B	6A

SOCIAL SKILL OF THE TERM - CONFIDENCE

Confidence is thinking "I can do it" when you are having difficulty with your work.

Things to say to encourage Confident Behaviour:

- "That took confidence."
- "That wasn't easy to do, but you did it."
- "You had a confident voice when you spoke in front of others."
- "You really stood up for what you believed!"
- "You were not afraid to make a mistake. Good for you."
- "You have a positive attitude towards your work."
- "You did not get too upset with yourself for not achieving a good result."

VALUE OF THE WEEK - COURAGE

Courage helps you to do the right thing. Admit mistakes and learn from them. Stand up for what you know is right even if your friends are doing something wrong. Ask for help when you need it.

Year 3, 4 and 5 Singing Group



The Year 3, 4 and 5 Singing Group will be performing at the Christmas Advent Pageant at Harley Park on the Broadwater on the 27th November at 10:00am. Come and join us if you can.

Mrs Kropp and Miss Hymus



IMPORTANT REMINDER

If you will be returning to The Arundel State School next year but are unable to commence school at the start of the year, could you please send a letter to the office advising that you will be returning late and why. Unless we receive this in writing, your child's place is not guaranteed to be held and the school will not be funded for the total enrolment.

URGENT INFORMATION

As Class Lists for 2010 are now being organised would you please complete and return this slip to the School Office if your child/children are NOT returning to The Arundel State School next year.

Please note my child/children will be leaving the Arundel State School on / / and will be transferring to

Child 1	Class
Child 2	Class
Child 3	Class
Child 4	Class

Borrowing and Book Fair

This week the Christmas Book Fair begins. This Book Fair is smaller than our Book Week Book Fair and only consists of books (no stationery items). During your child's borrowing time this week, they will need to return their library book(s) and then they may browse the Book Fair and write a wish list. The Book Fair will run for 2 weeks during school hours. You may buy anytime up until 12:00 noon. 4th December. Cash and Eftpos will be accepted. Sorry we are unable to accept cheques.



R.E. CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Tuesday, 1st December 2009

Two Sessions: 9:00am to 9:45am – Years 1 to 3
9:45am to 10:30am – Year 4 to 7

Please come and join us in our School Hall for our Christmas Concert.
Everyone Welcome



INTERSCHOOL SPORT – SECOND PAYMENT

The second payment for interschool sport is now **overdue**.

Please note payments have been reduced due to wet weather cancellation.

Year 6 & 7 - \$21.00

Year 5 (reduced due to camp) - \$14.00



Arundel Family Christmas Concert

Tickets for the Christmas Concert are now on sale every Tuesday and Friday morning from 8:00am – 8:45am. If there are any parents or guardians who would like to help at the concert please fill in the slip and return to the Music Room asap. Thank you for your support. Melissa Quirk

Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Please number from 1 to 3 (1 – first choice, 3 – third choice) the areas where you would like to assist.

Raffle Ticket Sales	_____	BBQ food Sales	_____
Glow Stick Sales	_____	Santa Photo Sales	_____
Balloon Sales	_____	Ticket Sales	_____
Cooking BBQ	_____	Pack Up	_____

Please number from 1 to 3 (1 – first choice, 3 – third choice) the times you would like to assist.

4:50 – 5:35	_____
5:30 – 6:15	_____
6:15 – 7:00	_____
7:00 – 7:45	_____
7:45 – 8:30	_____
8:30 – 9:15	_____



WANTED

There are a few everyday items that we are looking for to use for the Christmas Concert. If you have any of the following items that you no longer want, could you please send them to the music room.

- Ice – cream containers with the flip top lid
- Foam boxes – often used for eskies or to pack fruit and veggies in.
- Any Christmas decorations that you no longer want.

Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Thanking you, Melissa Quirk



A big thank you to Peppertown Gold Coast, Toys and Playground Products, for their very kind donation of \$350.00 in toys and equipment. We are very appreciative.



CHANNEL SEVEN HELICOPTER SCHOOL VISIT

On Wednesday, 2nd December at 9:30am the Channel Seven Helicopter and team will be visiting our school and speaking to our students.

2010 UNIFORM PRICES

We have not had a price increase for some time and are now being charged increased prices from our suppliers. The P&C appreciate these prices will seem quite high. Unfortunately, we are at the mercy of the suppliers as our school colour of Teal has to be specially dyed.

However, if you purchase your uniforms before the end of term this year, we will hold the current prices for you.

Day Polo	\$28
Sport Polo	\$28
Day Short	\$30
Skort	\$35
Girls Dress	\$60
Long sleeve polo	\$40
Jacket – zip	\$35
Jumper	\$35
Track pants	\$30
Hats	\$15/\$18 remain same cost
School bag	\$35 - very limited stock available
Socks	\$5.50



We are no longer stocking the Sports Short – due to many complaints from parents, we have decided to eliminate them. Normal uniform shop hours are each Tuesday & Thursday 8.30 – 11.30 am.

January Opening Times:

If you can help out during these times, please let Sarah know...5561 4844.

Tuesday, 19th January - 8:00am-12:00pm and 3:00pm – 6:00pm

Thursday, 21st January - 8:00am – 6:00pm

Friday, 22nd January - 8:00am – 12:00pm

We appreciate your understanding of the difficult and time consuming decisions, we as a P&C must make on your behalf.

Carmen Cameron, President, P&C carmencameron@bigpond.com

CHRISTMAS DRINKS & DINNER FOR ALL P&C PARENT HELPERS Monday, 30th November, 6 pm, Parkwood Tavern

For all the parents who have helped at our fundraising events, in the Tuckshop or have attended P&C meetings etc we invite you to join the P&C Executive for drinks and dinner.

Everyone is welcome and, please note, all expenses will be your own.

We will meet in the family bistro, so your children are very welcome.

On behalf of all the School Community I sincerely thank you for your fantastic enthusiasm, dedication and motivation. You are a small but determined group of parents with the school's best interests at heart. You give selflessly and without question. Without you the school and our children would not reap the tangible benefits of your work. THANK YOU.

Please RSVP by Thursday 26 November to my email address.



Carmen Cameron, President P&C
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Tuckshop Roster

Mon 30/11	HELP
Tues 1/12	HELP
Wed 2/12	HELP
Thur 3/12	HELP
Fri 4/12	HELP

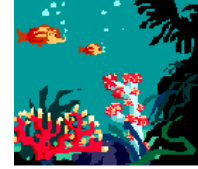


1/2B

What a busy term we have had!

Year 2

Our Key Learning Areas were Visual Arts and LOTE.



We had a range of circus related shared texts and wrote narratives around the circus – animal escapes, collapsed tents and the lost ring master. We also designed an advertising poster to inform others about the circus. In LOTE we made origami animals which we put on our posters.

In Maths we investigated how much money we would need for a day at the circus and budgeted accordingly.

Our culminating activity was presenting a circus to our peers and the community. It was fantastic and we had lots of fun!

Year 1

We read a range of texts related to the sea and the circus. We also wrote narratives around sea animals and dramatised the song “The Three Little Fishes” in Mrs Hoskin’s lessons.

We all had a fabulous day at Seaworld learning about the characteristics of sea animals. In Maths we wrote a pattern story about sea animals.

Mrs Webb is very proud of our achievements and she thinks we deserve a well earned break.

Merry Christmas to Everyone! Love 1/2B

LOST PROPERTY

We have many items in our lost property bins in the office. Please come and check the bins before the end of the school year. Any items not claimed will be donated to charity. **Lots of pairs of glasses, wallets, jewellery, keys, stuffed toys, mobile phones and much more.**

One Chunk at a Time

by Pastor Al

How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time. How do you move a mountain? One truck load at a time. You chisel away one chip at a time. I am amazed when I look at documentaries about the construction of the Great Wall of China. Hundreds of years were needed to build over seemingly impossible mountain ranges. We all marvel at the great pyramids of Egypt, and the building of those magnificent mountains; one block at a time.

Sculptor Dallas Anderson was creating out of marble, a larger than life statue of the man called Job. A guest was invited to join him in his studio, with a giant three metre chunk of granite marble which weighed many tonnes. Dallas said to the guest, "Job is inside there - and we'll have to bring him out". Then he handed him a sledge hammer that weighed around seven kilos. "Take a good whack at it; you really have to bend your back and work up a sweat". The visitor gave an almighty swing with all the power he could muster, and a small piece of marble chipped away. Many months and tens of thousands of chips later, a glorious statue of Job stood in all his inspiring glory. Job was the guy in history who was always patient; no matter what came along, he never let the problems or obstacles of life get the better of him.

How do you move your mountain? One load at a time. How do you take a big rock and turn it into a work of art; one chip at a time. This is exactly the same principle and attitude we need to employ in all aspects of our lives. We chisel away at life's problems and challenges with confidence and hope, until beauty emerges. You will win; one chunk at a time.

*Arundel
Family
Christmas*



Carols

27th November, 2009

Hall Doors Open at 5pm, with a variety of stalls, raffles and photo's with Santa.



\$5.00 per Adult
\$2.50 per Child (children under
school age free)

Tickets can be pre purchased in the undercover area from week 6 on Tuesday and Fridays between 8 -8:45am or purchased at the door.