Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

STAFF PLAN

A staff plan has been developed for 2014. The plan sets the number of classes in each year level.

The plan is based on current enrolment and predictions. As with all schools, it is subject to change in response to our enrolment as of day 8 in 2014.

Should change be required (ie an additional class to be formed) this may cause a number of alterations to the following plan.

Sadly, I advise that two of our current long serving teachers have accepted transfers to other schools.

Mr Matt Holland is transferring to Upper Coomera State College and Mrs Elizabeth Gill is transferring to Palm Beach Currumbin State High School. We anticipate Mr Brendan Geselle will be placed at local schools next year. On behalf of all in our school community, I extend my thanks to these three teachers for their dedication to our students and our school. I hope their new placements are positive, stimulating and rewarding.

Our school is welcoming two new teachers, Mrs Tranter and Mrs Lassau.

The classes and class teachers for 2014, will be as follows:

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<th>Prep</th>
<th>Mrs Whybrow; Mrs McCann; Mrs Koroglu/Mrs Babbage; Mrs McLaren; Mrs Clarke; Ms Brosnahan; Mrs Baker-Evans</th>
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<tr>
<td>Year 1</td>
<td>Mrs Webb; Mrs Dempsey; Mrs Nelson; Mrs Ough; Ms Penberthy; Mrs Heap/Mrs Davidson; Mrs MacDonald/Mrs Babbage; Ms Aydogar</td>
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<td>Year 2</td>
<td>Mrs Main; Ms Castellanos; Mr Ramos; Mrs Hartley; Mrs Hill/Mrs Ferguson; Mrs Kropp/Mrs Thompson; Mrs Tranter;</td>
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<td>Year 3</td>
<td>Mrs Roderick; Mrs Lindeberg/Mrs Pate; Mrs Williams/Mr Schriebmaier; Mrs Mildren/Mr Schriebmaier; Mrs McMillan; Ms Goldfinch; Mrs Fogarty;</td>
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<td>Year 4</td>
<td>Mrs Hokins; Mrs Sedjic; Mr DeBoer; Mrs McLachlan; Mrs Lassau/Mrs Kingston;</td>
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<td>Year 5</td>
<td>Mr Mattiazz; Mrs Ulbrich; Mrs Moutin; Mrs Stubbs/Mr Baker; Mr Pearse;</td>
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<td>Year 6</td>
<td>Mrs Leigh; Mrs Hermann; Mr Clayton; Mrs Kearsley; Mrs Brown;</td>
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<td>Year 7</td>
<td>Mrs Goriss; Mrs Fletcher; Mr Chandan Ram;</td>
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SEP teachers will continue as per current.

Head of Curriculum: Mrs Jepson.

Specialist teachers remain the same as for 2013.
STAFF PLAN continued...
Students will be informed of their 2014 teacher and classroom next Wednesday. Parents have been given the opportunity to table any requests relating to their child’s learning, during October. Students will remain in the class into which they have been placed. Again, the above plan is dependent on our enrolment as per Day 8 of the new school year.

SCHOOL REPORTS
All school reports will be issued to students next Wednesday, 11 December.

FRIDAY 13th DEC – CLEAN UP DAY
Friday 13th Dec, the final school day is a regular school day. Students will be well supervised and those attending will assist in tidying classrooms and generally cleaning up.
Many parents choose to keep their child home on this day – this is a parent’s decision, not a school decision.
Students who attend will be well catered for as per usual.

KEEP A WATCH ON OUR SCHOOL THESE HOLIDAYS
Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school.
If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number, police or State Government Protective Security Service to deal with the matter.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2014
To assist with planning for next year, parents whose children will not be at Arundel SS next year, are asked to advise the school office of your movements in writing. A Student Leaving Form is required to be completed. This form is available at the school office or via email to the.principal@arundelss.eq.edu.au.
The Christmas period usually is a time when a number of families change their residence or move interstate.
The new school year begins on Tuesday 28th January 2014. Should any students be returning to Arundel later than this first day, please inform the school office in writing. This practice is necessary for our school to meet audit requirements.

PREP ENROLMENT 2014
Enrolments for Prep for 2014 continue to be open for students.
Enrolment should be carried out by contacting the school office.
While the formal information sessions provided by the school have been completed, parents can still enrol. Every child enrolled to begin Prep in 2014, will undertake a screening process.
Screening appointments can be made through the school office.
Early enrolments ensure each child is sensitively placed within a class within the planning stage.
If there are prep-aged children in your street, please encourage their parents to enrol as early as possible.

BILLY G’S GOURMET COOKIE DOUGH
All cookie dough orders can be collected on Friday, 6 December. Please collect your orders from the school hall between 2:00pm and 3:00pm.

Natural Disasters
Early in the new year, there are often floods, cyclones etc which cause concern as to whether school is open or not. Schools are always open, unless exceptionally serious circumstances arise.
Parents are advised that our website will carry up-to-date information and parents will be contacted through our texting system and the P&C

Mick Quinn, Principal
Student checklist for the holidays

- Plan a holiday reading program.
- Check uniforms – are students ready for the new year
- Check school shoes – is each student’s footwear predominantly black or white, with laces or Velcro
- Ensure books are ready for new year
- Plan some fun activities
- Do some jobs at home
- Talk to parents about safe play

**VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION SCHEME**

The school is again conducting a **Voluntary Contribution Scheme** in 2014. The **Voluntary Contribution Scheme** is based on parents contributing the sum of:

- $90 per student from Prep to Year 7 for the first child in the family and ..
- $60 for each other child in the family.

Funds raised through this process and also through the P&C will continue to contribute to your student’s education by providing:

- Access for every child to **Mathletics**, free of charge (a saving to families of $99 per child). Mathletics is a valuable online computer program, accessible both at school and at home by every student, supporting learning in Mathematics.
- eLearning (additional digital cameras/video cameras, data projectors, computers and interactive whiteboards etc.) Access to the internet and wireless capability is extremely expensive.
- Photocopying (provides additional teaching resources without the cost of extra textbooks).
- Art and Craft (additional paints, craft materials etc).
- Additional class requirements to enhance literacy and numeracy.
- Additional specialist resources (P.E. - sports equipment, Music – scores, CDs etc, Learning Support – educational games & computer software programs)

**Information will be provided to parents re this contribution in Week 1 of the new year.**

**YEAR 7 AWARDS CEREMONY AND GRADUATION DINNER 11/12/2013**

To celebrate and farewell our Year 7 students, 2 major events have been organised. The first event is the Year 7 Excellence Awards Ceremony which will be held in the school hall on Wednesday, 11 December starting at 9:30 am. At this ceremony students will be acknowledged for excellence in a number of academic, sporting, performing arts and citizenship areas.

The second event is the Year 7 Graduation Dinner which will be held on Wednesday, 11 December at the Southport Sharks AFL Club starting at 6:30 pm. Tickets on sale now.

**BOOKLISTS FOR 2014 - NOW AVAILABLE**

Arundel State School Student Packs for 2014 have now been distributed to all students. Student packs can now be ordered online at [www.kookaburra.com.au](http://www.kookaburra.com.au). To ensure delivery prior to the commencement of Term 1 - 2014, orders must be completed by Friday, 13 December 2013.

Please use the following details to access the online ordering system.

- Username: ARUND002
- Password: studentpack

All students have received the student pack ordering instructions and 2014 booklists. Please follow the directions when placing your order. If your child/children have not received a booklist, further copies are available from the school office. Please contact the office if you require further assistance.

**WHOLE SCHOOL SHARING**

*Monday, 9 December 2013 - 2:10pm*
UP AND COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, 11 December
9:30am Year 7 Excellence Awards Ceremony – School Hall
6:30pm Year 7 Graduation Dinner Southport Sharks AFL Club

Friday, 13 December
Last day of School

Tuesday, 28 January 2014
School Resumes – first day of school for all students

GOLD COAST PUBLIC TRANSPORT CHANGES ARE COMING
From 20 January 2014, if you or your child catches an urban bus route or Queensland Rail train to school on the Gold Coast you may be impacted by upcoming changes to the public transport network. To find out if your service is changing, visit translink.com.au.
Detailed information booklets will be distributed to all Gold Coast households prior to these changes. Handheld timetables will be provided closer to the introduction of the network change in January and will be accessible online from the TransLink website.
It is important to note that these changes are for urban bus routes operating on the Gold Coast. Dedicated school services, operated by Surfside Buslines will still service local schools. Information on school service timetables and routes can be accessed online at www.surfside.com.au.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS
The uniform shop will open an additional day in the last week of school for your convenience – Wednesday, 11 December 2013 8:30am to 11:30am.

OPENING HOURS - JANUARY 2014
Monday, 20 January 8:30am-2:00pm
Tuesday, 21 January 7:30am-2:00pm
Wednesday, 22 January 8:30am-2:00pm
Thursday, 23 January 12:00noon-6:00pm
Friday, 24 January 8:30am-2:00pm

First week of school – Tuesday 28/1/14 to Friday 31/1/14 – 8:30am-11:30am

PLEASE NOTE TUCKSHOP WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, 13TH DECEMBER FOR CLEANING. THURSDAY 12TH IS THE LAST DAY FOR ORDERS.

CAROLS ON THE BEACH
Bring a blanket and settle in for a magical evening of carols! Hosted by Shelley Craft, enjoy singing along to traditional carols with an Australian Christmas twist… and perhaps even catch a visit from Santa Claus himself!
An incredible array of talent will take to the stage, with finalists from The Voice, Caterina Torres and Simon Meli; USA Motown legends The Drifters; Frankie J Holden and many more. A spectacular fireworks display at the end of the evening will top off a memorable night.
DATE/TIME - 6.30pm to 8.30pm, Sunday 22nd December.
LOCATION - Surfers Paradise Beach, end of Hanlan Street, Surfers Paradise.