Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

At our Whole School Sharing on Monday afternoon, eligible students were awarded either a Home Reading Award or an Attendance Award. These awards are central to achieving our purpose if we are to maximise the learning of students. Home Reading is critical if we are to maximise students’ reading development, capitalising on parents’ involvement and shared experience. Home reading should be enjoyable and interesting, with parent input a real bonus. Never allow it to become a chore. Attendance is also highly valued. Students received a Gold Award for 100% attendance and a Silver Award for 98% attendance throughout term 1. A high level of attendance is a sound platform for progressive development, allowing the daily learnings to collectively amount to something significant. Congratulations to every student who received an award. Hopefully, all students will strive to achieve this standard through this term.

LEAVE

Mr Quinn will be on leave for the next 2 weeks. Mr McConnell will be Acting Principal. Mr Kennon will be Acting Deputy Principal and Mrs Burger will be Acting HOSES.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL

The P&C is conducting a Mother’s day Stall on Wed 7th, Thurs 8th and Fri 9th May. The stall is conducted as a service to students. The P&C has a range of items packaged for sale to students, up to the limit of $5. Classes are rostered to attend the stall, under teacher supervision, at a designated time, to view items for sale and to purchase an item to give to Mum on Mothers’ Day on Sunday 11th May. This stall has proven to be popular with students. The stall will be held in the conference room each day but only for a half day on Fri 9th. Parents are also encouraged to nominate to assist with the conduct of the stall.

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**FREE DRESS DAY**

This Friday is a Free Dress Day associated with the conduct of the fete to be held on Sunday 1st June.

This Friday, students who come dressed in casual clothes are asked to donate either a sealed bag of lollies or sweets or a gold coin. These items will be collected from students’ classes, immediately after 9am.

Students must wear modest clothing which is unsafe. “Short” shorts, singlets, uncovered shoulders, bare middriffs, make-up and jewellery are unacceptable. Students must have a sunsafe hat and wear closed in shoes/joggers.

**NAPLAN 2014**

Each year, all Australian schools participate in the national testing program, titled Naplan. Naplan is held for Years 3, 5 and 7 students.

All students are expected to participate. In special circumstances some students may be exempt or receive special considerations. Parents of these students will be contacted.

Students will undertake tests in Numeracy, Reading, Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation and Writing. These tests are held in the week 12th to 16th May. Tests are administered by class teachers, consistent with formal test requirements.

Our school does not strongly engage in specific preparation for the tests. Rather, students are prepared through their regular class program, with some selected activities so that students are familiar with the test format.

Parents are asked to assist to endeavour to minimise anxiety about the tests. The tests are a requirement and provide us with good information but they are not life changing – certainly nothing for students to be worried about.

**PARENTING PROGRAM**

“The Incredible Years” Parenting Program is an internationally acclaimed parenting program. Having been developed in Seattle, it has extended to the UK and NZ. This program is recommended for all parents, not just those who may be struggling with their children currently.

Incredible Years acts on the belief that a child is the most precious of all human beings, and the ability to withstand the emotional and social challenges as a teenager, clearly rests upon a caring relationship between parent, teacher and child. It is supported by over 30 years of research and aims to reduce children’s aggression and behavioural problems as well as increasing social competence at home and school.

Throughout this course there is a strong emphasis on relationship building, coaching skills, emotional regulation and stress management for parent & child, problem solving and positive parenting strategies.

This interactive course helps you build strong and lasting relationships with your children. It is a run in an enjoyable, relaxed and comfortable environment, with meals or light refreshments available each week.

The Gold Coast Cluster of 20 schools is being supported to conduct this course.

**The program is facilitated by trained professionals:** Anna Reid and Michael Nielsen

**The starting date is:** Mon 10th May 2014 at 7 pm

**Location:** Coral House, 8 Byth St, Arundel

**Booking Contact:** Anna

**Phone:** 0422 996 153

**Email:** thewelltherapyclinic@gmail.com

**LANGUAGE TIP 6**

Language patterns are developed early in a child’s life. Many children are using good English – words, sentence and patterns – simply because they have been exposed to positive modelling. It is positive to talk about our oral language patterns with students, at home as well as at school.

Sentences require for there to be agreement between the verb of the sentence and the subject.

For example:

- The students is/are in class.
- The chickens was/were eating their mash.
- The pencil is/are from my desk.

Often this agreement comes naturally because students have been exposed to positive language patterns.

Here are some others to try:
• We ........ going shopping (was/were)
• The trees ........ swaying in the breeze. (was/were)
• The man ........ at work. (has been, have been)
• The girls ........ visited the library. (has, have)
• Parents are encouraged to develop oral games and positive experiences around this topic.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
These interviews are currently being conducted for Year 1 to Year 7 in week 2 of term 2 (this week - 28/4/14 to 2/5/14).
If parents have not yet participated in an interview, please arrange an interview by contacting the school office.

SENIOR SHARING – to Year 3-7
Monday, 5 May 2014 - 2:10pm

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UP AND COMING EVENTS
Friday, 2 May       Free Dress Day – Donate a bag of lollies or a gold coin donation
Wednesday, 7 May to ...
Friday, 9 May       Mother’s Day Stall

NEWS FROM 1G
1G has settled in for another exciting term. In reading, we are focusing on comprehension rather than reading levels and retelling of stories. After we have read our book to our parents each night, we are going to retell the story in sequence remembering the main ideas.
In spelling we are learning the vowel sounds and are concentrating on the high frequency words. We are writing character descriptions which will include what the character looks like, how they act and what sort of personality they have.
In maths we are continuing partitioning of numbers, counting in patterns and beginning map reading. This combined with all our other subject areas will keep us busy so we are going to need lots of sleep every night to stay focussed.

SOUTH COAST REGIONAL SPORT
Congratulations to Connor Te-Kani 6A who was selected in the South Coast Regional Rugby League Team last week after a successful performance in the GCNSSA Rugby League Team. Connor is a very fit young man who is passionate about his sport.

PE THIS TERM
Year 5, 6, 7 - Cross Country, AFL and Athletics
Year 3, 4 - Cross Country, Ball Games and Athletics
Prep Year 1 & 2 - Fitness activities & Ball skills
Please ensure your child has a hat and wears the Arundel State School PE uniform on the day your child does PE.

Dates for your Diary
School Cross Country-Wednesday 7 May for Years 3 to 7. Keep active and encourage student fitness. 10-15 minutes daily dramatically improves heart health and you look good too!

District Trials - Students must see Ms Mitchell prior to attending any District Trials
Touch                 Monday 5 May
Rugby Union           Thursday 22 May
Softball              Wednesday 28 May

New Equipment for Sport & PE
New post pads have been purchased for the outdoor multipurpose courts. All students should look after the pads by staying off the posts. New brightly coloured foam balls have also been purchased for the Prep, Year 1 & 2 PE classes to develop ball handling and co-ordination skills. 10 minutes of catching and throwing helps students with their skills and activity makes them happy. Makes parents happy too. Have a go!
PERFORMING ARTS NEWS
A big hello from the Performing Arts department. We have a busy term coming up. Our choirs, dance groups and bands are all rehearsing every week now for the Fete and Eisteddfod.

• A reminder that permission slip and payment for levies are due next week. Without this levy the children will not be able to perform at Eisteddfod. The levies are due for Junior Choir, Senior Choir, Dance Excellence and Drama Excellence.
• Fete - Little Voices, Junior Choir, Senior Choir, Dance and Drama Excellence, and the Band will be performing at the Fete and our 20th Anniversary Celebration. A note will be coming home shortly.

Thanks to all our wonderful parents for supporting our Department and bringing their kids to all our rehearsals.
Thanks again for your support, Mrs Thornton & Mrs Adamson.

PRACTICAL PREP PARENT PROGRAM
Our next Practical Prep Parent Program is on next Tuesday 6 May. It will be held in the Administration Block and will commence at 9:00am and conclude at 11:00am.

What are we exploring this time?
The children have now completed their first term of Prep and are progressing well. To compliment where the next direction of teaching is leading, we are going to examine Early Reading Strategies, Early Writing Strategies, Early Mathematics and for a special treat we will have a half an hour Handwriting lesson. If you would like to attend please complete the attendance form and send it back to your child’s classroom teacher. Parents who are not able to attend can request a package of information by leaving their names at the front office counter.

CHAPLAINCY NEWS
K’s for Kids
It’s that time of year again! Ks4Kids is proudly supporting S U Qld state school chaplains that are working in our school communities to provide assistance, love and more positive options to our young generation. Why not donate to someone walking for this great cause, or better still.....walk yourself and raise valuable funds to ensure these invaluable Chaplaincy services are maintained and expanded to bring hope to every child in our school communities.
The K’s for Kids walk is on Saturday the 24th May. If you would like sponsor a walker, donate or even join the fun and walk too.
Go to KS4KIDS.ORG.AU

TUCKSHOP NEWS
Prep students are now welcome to order from the Tuckshop for first break only. Please order online at www.Flexischools.com.au.
A reminder to parents - please do not bring $50 or $100 notes to the Tuckshop. We also do not accept any foreign coins! Volunteers always wanted and appreciated.

COOMBABAH STATE HIGH SCHOOL
ENROLMENT TIMELINES AND INFORMATION FOR YEAR 7 AND 8 IN 2015
Monday 5 May - iGniTe Specialist Program Parent and Student Experience Night for Year 7 and 8 in 2015 6.00 pm to 7.30 pm starting in the Junior Secondary Centre (L Block). Includes iGniTe workshops – Academic, Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Sport & Exercise Science.
Friday 16 May - Applications for iGniTe programs and scholarships due
Thursday 22 May - Visual Arts Workshop – 9.00 am to 2.45 pm
Friday 23 May - Performing Arts Auditions (Dance, Drama, Singing) – 9.00 am to 2.45 pm

ARUNDEL SS NAB AFL AUSKICK CENTRE
Sign on & 1st Session: Friday 2nd May, 3:10pm-4:10pm
Venue: Arundel State School Oval Cost: $65

For more information call Adam Dunning on 5594 5722 or visit www.aflauskick.com.au

TO REGISTER:

OPTION A – PREFERRED OPTION - 3 Easy Steps:
Register online at www.aflauskick.com.au
Print submitted registration form
Hand form with payment to your AFL Auskick Co-ordinator at the first session

OPTION B - Complete a handwritten registration form and give along with payment to your AFL Auskick Co-ordinator at the first session.