Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

School breaks for the Easter holidays, tomorrow Friday 4th April. Students are on holidays for 2 weeks and return on Tuesday 22nd April. I wish all in our community a safe and happy Easter. Hopefully, families can enjoy a break from the usual busy routine and expect that students will return for term 2, well rested and ready to commit to their learning. It is recommended that students continue their reading (books of their own choice) during the holidays.

Keep a watch on our school these holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please call School Watch on 13 17 88.

The School Watch program is a partnership between the Department of Education, Training and Employment, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

If you do see something suspicious, please do not intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

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 and child, problem solving and positive parenting strategies.

This interactive course helps you build strong and lasting relationships with your children. It is 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 next starting date is: Monday 28th April 2014  Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Coral House, 8 Byth St, Arundel
Booking Contact: Anna  Phone: 0422 996 153
Email: thewelltherapyclinic@gmail.com
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. Parents will be advised of these circumstances after the holidays.
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.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Parent teacher interviews will be conducted for Year 1 to Year 7 in week 2 of term 2 (28/4/14 to 2/5/14). This year to schedule parent teacher interviews Arundel State School is using the internet-based booking system “Parent Teacher On-Line” (PTO). By using this system you will be able to book the interview times that suit you best from the available time slots from any internet-connected computer. Complete instructions for accessing this online system were distributed to students on Wednesday 2/4/2014. These instructions included each student’s individual EQ ID number which is required to logon to the interview booking system.
Bookings will open on Wednesday 2 April 2014 from 6:00pm and will close at 3:00pm on Thursday 1 May 2014.
• The link to the booking page for parent teacher interviews can be found on the school's home page (www.arundelss.eq.edu.au).
  Please click on the (PTO) icon.
• Or Logon to https://bookings.parentteacheronline.com.au?school=88am4
If you do not have internet access, please contact the school on 5561 4888 for assistance.

AWARDS
On Monday, at “Sharing”, the Principal’s Award was awarded to a student from each class. This award recognised achievement, behaviour and citizenship. The first Whole School Sharing in Term 2, will be held on Monday 28th April. At this “Sharing”, students will receive awards for Home Reading (average of 4 nights per week in term 1) and for Attendance (above 98% and 100% attendance in Term 1). There will be many recipients of these awards, so they will be presented on a per class basis.

P&C NEWS – ADVERTISERS WANTED
Do you own a business and want exposure to around 1000 more families? The P&C are now taking expressions of interest to advertise in the school newsletter for the full financial year 2014-2015. We have room for 16 businesses to have a full colour ad in our printed and online newsletters. For more information please contact arundelpandc@gmail.com

LANGUAGE TIP 3
These “tips” are intended to bring to parents’ attention the importance of oral language in an endeavour to support students’ literacy development, esp reading and writing.
Adjectives are words that describe a noun. Adjectives help students to be descriptive when they are explaining themselves. They are easy to use and are easily modelled for children.
Example:
“...The timid boy tiptoed down the dark corridor.”
The nouns are underlined. Children have a choice of adjective (bold) to better describe the noun and therefore build a more descriptive sentence. Further, consider:-
The athlete waved to the crowd.”
This sentence could be built to:-
“The exhausted athlete waved to the excited crowd.”
Encouraging students to use descriptive words, particularly adjectives in their oral language, will support their reading and writing development. This applies to students of all year levels.
**BATS – RE: CHILD SAFETY**

Queensland Health and City of Gold Coast work closely together to determine and mitigate public health risks associated with flying foxes. A main concern is children not being aware of the dangers of handling bats/flying foxes or disturbing their roosts, with the risk they could be inadvertently bitten or scratched. If this does happen it is very important that they tell their parents or teacher so they can get appropriate treatment. A fact sheet/interactive poster has been developed by Queensland Health to educate children about health risks associated with flying foxes and to tell an adult if they are scratched or bitten. For more information Section 3.6 of Staying Healthy In Children 5th Edition discusses bats scratches and bites in slightly more detail.


**UNIFORMS - JACKETS**

The P&C placed an order for a new consignment of jackets some months ago, in readiness for the cooler months. Unfortunately, the consignment has not yet arrived. Parents will be advised when the consignment arrives. You can pre-order by seeing Mireta at the Uniform Shop. Track pants are in stock. In the meantime, parents are encouraged to have children wear an existing jacket until the consignment is here. The chosen jacket should be mild in colour, no large printed slogans and no hood attached. Chair bags introductory offer $5.00 for a limited time. Price will go up next term.

**UP AND COMING EVENTS**

- **Friday, 4 April**  
  Last day of Term 1
- **Tuesday, 22 April**  
  Students return – first day of Term 2
- **Friday, 25 April**  
  ANZAC Day Public Holiday
- **Monday, 28 April to Friday, 2 May**  
  Year 1-7 Parent Teacher Interviews

**TUCKSHOP WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY 4 APRIL FOR CLEANING**

**BENOWA STATE HIGH SCHOOL**

2015 Excellence Programs and ‘Out of Catchment’ Merit Entry Applications are now open. Applications close:

- Sports: Tuesday, 22 April
- Cultural and Academic: Monday, 28 April
- Scholarships: Friday, 4 April

Please see www.benowashs.eq.edu.au or phone 5582 7304 for information on how to apply.

**JAPANESE STUDENTS**

Would you like to have wonderful cultural experiences with students from Japan? Australia Japan Study Programme Pty Ltd (AJSP) organises short-term educational programs & host families for Japanese students. If you are interested in becoming a host family, please contact –

Mobile: 0417 902 035 (Miki)  
Email: ajspmiki@gmail.com  
Website: www.aisp.net.au

Arundel SS NAB AFL Auskick Centre
Sign on & 1st Session: – Friday 2nd May
Time: 3:10pm-4:10pm
Venue: Arundel State School Oval
Address: Cnr Arundel & Napper Rds
Cost:
For more information contact: Adam Dunning on 5594 5722
Or visit www.aflauskick.com.au
Participants receive benefits which includes, Hat, Football, Back pack and much more.

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.

GINGER SPORT
Fun Soccer Coaching for Boys & Girls aged 2-10
At Arundel State School
Sunday 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM
Sunday 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM
Sunday 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM
Sunday 9:45 AM - 10:30 AM
Sunday 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM
Sunday 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Please register for a FREE trial session any time!
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Phone: 07 3890 3338

WISHING ALL FAMILIES A SAFE AND HAPPY EASTER