Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

The number of students participating in after school sporting programs at Arundel is very satisfying to me. These students receive excellent tuition and engage in a range of activities to assist their fitness and skill levels. As well as the after school program, our PE teacher, Ms Mitchell Cowan and other helpers have been running a before school running club. This is open to all children – regardless of their fitness or ability level.

I thoroughly enjoy watching Arundel students engaging in any fitness / sporting activity.

Next week we get the chance to see our Prep, Year One and Year Two students perform on the oval as they participate in their Athletics Sports Days. Parents are most welcome to attend and support the children.

The dates and times are very important to note:
- **Prep**: Thursday 9:00am – 10:45am
- **Year One**: Thursday 11:15am – 1:00pm
- **Year Two**: Wednesday 9:00am – 10:45am

Next week we also have students participating in the Regional Athletics championships. At the conclusion of this carnival, the Gold Coast team will be selected for the State Titles later in the year. Best of luck to students, Jai G, Paige G, Matilda B and Roman S.

Continuing the sporting theme, the Special Education Program (SEP) students will board the bus to travel to Griffith University next Thursday for the Special Education Program Sports day. This is a huge day with all Gold Coast State Schools involved. We will send 70 students and more than 10 staff along to this event.

Last week a group of year three children attended a Rugby League Gala Day where they performed impressively; so much so, that they were invited to play at the half time break of the Titans game at Cbus Stadium. This was a really exciting time for the students. My sincere thanks to year three teacher, Mr Baker, for his coaching of this talented group.

While I’m not certain if chess is classified as a sport it is an activity that has strong participation. On Wednesday, Arundel sent a team to the Gold Coast Chess Competition which was held in the auditorium at Carrara stadium. We have a lot of very strong players at Arundel. Currently we offer coaching of a Thursday afternoon for all interested chess players, and, as well as this, we have a chess club operating each Friday of a lunch time organised by teacher Mr Lang. All children interested are most welcome to join the chess program.

This week is set aside as School Support Staff week. It is a time to acknowledge the work of the non-teaching staff in our school including cleaners and grounds, teacher aides, office staff and business services managers. These people all play a vital role in assisting in the education of your students.

I thank them sincerely for their work.

On next Monday September 7, we will hold the monthly meeting of our P&C Association. This will commence at 3:30pm in the staffroom at the school. All parents are welcome to attend.

Hope to see you next week at the junior sports days.

Michael Kelly, Principal

**JUNIOR SCHOOL PARADE – PREP TO YEAR 2**
Friday, 11th September, 2015 – 12:15 - 12:45pm

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**SENIOR SCHOOL PARADE – YEAR 3 TO YEAR 6**
Friday, 11th September, 2015 – 1:00 – 1:30pm

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UP AND COMING EVENTS

Friday, 4 Sept
Father’s Day Stall

Monday, 7 Sept
P & C Meeting – Staffroom – 3:30pm

Wednesday, 9 Sept
Yr 3 & Yr 5 Dance Display – 12noon
Yr 2 Athletics Day

Thursday, 10 Sept
Prep, Yr 1 & SEP Athletics Day

Wednesday, 16 Sept
Eisteddfod Showcase Concert – 7pm

Friday, 18 September
Last Day of Term 3 - Free Dress Day

LIBRARY NEWS (from Mrs McKay)

Premier’s Reading Challenge
The Challenge is now over. Thank you to everyone who participated. I am very proud to inform you that we had just over 300 students from Prep to Year 6 meet the challenge. Certificates from the Premier will be presented in November.

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS
(from Mrs Thornton and Mrs Adamson)

Showcase Concert - All the wonderful children who performed at the Eisteddfod will do a final performance in Week 10, Wednesday 16th September at 7:00pm. All performers have been given a letter with information.

Year 3 & Year 5 Dance Display – Wednesday, 9th September at 12noon in the Hall. Parents, we would love you to come along to support your children.

String Ensemble – The children performed at the Eisteddfod last week and everyone said they were amazing! They didn’t place but deserved too.

The final week of Eisteddfod has arrived, good luck to our Drama Excellence students performing on Thursday and Sunday night.

DVD Info for our Eisteddfod Parents
Limelight Multimedia - professionally recorded all school Bands and Choirs. You may still place an order for a DVD by contacting them with your details - www.limelightmultimedia.com.au or email - admin@limelightmultimedia.com.au or phone Matthew Smith - 0409 61 LIME (5463).

Move Photography
Move Photography photographed the School Choirs & Bands at this year’s Eisteddfod. The images are available to view and order online at www.movephotography.net
Access Code: 646 732.
If you have any queries regarding photos please email admin@movephotography.net

REMINDER REGARDING VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION (from Mrs Rawle)
The Voluntary Contribution Scheme is based on parents contributing the sum of $90 per student for their first child at the school and $60 for each other child in the family. Funds accumulated through this scheme provide good value to the school and consequently to our students to enhance our capacity to resource the school above the standard provisions.

Payment can still be made for this scheme on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the payment window in the Administration Block or internet payment can be made to the following school bank account - BSB: 064-430, Account Number - 10206101 stating your child’s name and class along with the characters VFC, e.g. Adam Smith 4A VFC.

PE NEWS (from Ms Mitchell-Cowan)

South Coast Regional Track & Field Championships
Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th, September
Good luck to the following Arundel athletes who will be doing their best at the Regional Track & Field next week at the Griffith University Athletics Centre. Jye G.(100m, 200m, Long Jump); Paige G. (100m, High Jump); Matilda B.(100m, 200m, Long Jump) and Roman S.(100m, 200m).

Year 3 Rugby League Gala Day
Following very successful Rugby League sessions in Year 3 for PE, several students participated in a special tackle session run by the NRL and Mr Baker. Students were selected in compete in a District Rugby League Gala Day competition and were undefeated in their division. From there the team was invited to play at the half time NRL main game at Cbus stadium last Sunday. Congratulations to all students and especially Mr Ben Baker for his time and fantastic result!!Thank you to all parents who supported and attended these events.

Badge Running
Badge Running has not finished for the year. Since its start in May our students have run over 1000km. Corey and Omar Year 4 have achieved the best result receiving their 75km Badge (300 laps) and also Alex in Prep achieving his 50km Badge. Many others have done exceptionally well. Thank you parents who came to assist. Total laps for each student will be transferred onto a table for 2016. If you still want to buy your badge see Ms Mitchell. Badges are $3. Last day for buying badges is Wednesday 16th October.

Oztag Sign On
Students who want to play Oztag at Labrador on Wednesday afternoon/ nights can sign on Wednesdays from 4pm-6pm at Labrador Oztag, Jacob Drive or contact Ray on 0404 030 244 to register their name. Ages from 5 years +.

You don’t have to be in a team just list your name.
Afterschool Sport
Netball – Wednesdays – 3:10-4:10pm. Prep, Year 1 & Year 2 only. Both girls and boys are welcome. Commencing Term 4 on Wednesday, 14th October in weeks 2, 3, 4 and 5. No cost but parents must attend with their child for the sessions. Registration will start next week.
Cricket – Day to be confirmed. Prep to Year 4. Both boys and girls welcome. The program will commence in Term 4. More information will be provided next week.

**Sport and PE Events at Arundel State School in weeks 8 & 9**

**Friday 4 September**
Gold Coast Cup Touch – selected girls and boys.
Year 1 PE NRL Development reading and activity program.

**Tuesday 8th Sept**
Year 6 Otagz Competition on Arundel Oval.
South Coast Regional Track & Field Championships (select students).

**Wednesday 9th Sept.**
Year 2 Junior Sports Day (9am-10:45am).
Griffith University student sessions with Prep and select SEP students (9am-3pm).
South Coast Regional Track & Field Championships (select students).

**Thursday 10th Sept.**
Prep Junior Sports Day (9:00am -10:45am)
Year 1 Junior Sports Day (11:15am-12:45pm)

**Friday 11th Sept.**
Year 1 PE NRL Development reading and activity program.

**Junior Sports Day**
Prep – Thursday, 10th September 2015 - 9:00am – 10:45am
First Activity starts at 9:10am, change every 12 minutes

- PA Sprints
- PB Long Jump
- PC Ball throw
- PD Obstacle Course
- PE Soccer Challenge
- PF Novelty Relays
- PG Hurdles

**Year 1 - Thursday 10th September 2015 – 11:15am – 12:45pm**
First Activity starts at 11:20am, change every 12 minutes

- 1A Sprints
- 1B Long Jump
- 1C Ball throw
- 1D Obstacle Course
- 1E Soccer Challenge
- 1F Novelty Relays
- 1G Hurdles

**Year 2 – Wednesday 9 September 2015 - 9:00am – 10:45am**
First Activity starts at 9:10am, change every 12 minutes

- 2A Sprints
- 2B Long Jump
- 2C Skipping tricks
- 2D Obstacle Course
- 2E Soccer Challenge
- 2F Novelty Relays
- 2G Hurdles
- 2H Modified High Jump

**P&C NEWS**
A big thanks to all our Father’s Day Stall volunteers, it was a huge success and there will be lots of happy Dads.
The next P&C meeting will be this Monday, 7th September at 3:30pm in the staffroom.

**REMINDER**
Parents/caregivers, could you please check that your phone numbers and contact details are up to date with our office staff.

**5A NEWS (from Mr Mattiacci)**
Term 3 has been filled with exciting learning opportunities in 5A. In Science, we are exploring and investigating LIGHT! From colour wheels to pinhole cameras! From reflection to refraction! We are investigating shadow height in relation to distance from a light source and we will be studying the effects of all disasters and the role that government plays in warning, preparing and educating citizens. Students will be designing and creating a musical instrument for technology and then, importantly, critiquing their design. In English we have been studying poetry. Students have written limericks, haikus, cinquains, diamante poems and others. English will culminate with the difficult task of converting a narrative poem into a complete narrative, including structural elements, language features and imagery. In maths we are continually covering all strands and pushing students with challenging opportunities to extend their numeracy skillset. A final ‘hats off’ to 5A, with 89% of students completing the Premiers Reading Challenge!
REMINDER: NO SMOKING on or near school grounds
(from Cheryee Dick, Workplace Health & Safety Advisor)

Smoking ban extended to 5m around school grounds
Smoking any tobacco products or using an electronic cigarette within five metres of any state or private school grounds has been banned. This applies before, during and after school hours as well as over weekends and school holidays.

On the spot fines can be issued by environmental health officers, police officers or other officers authorised by the local government to anyone found in breach of this legislation. The ban does not extend over businesses or residences that share a property boundary with a school.

Please remember to put out your cigarette and dispose of the litter thoughtfully well before you reach the school boundary.


KURRAWA SLSC NIPPERS
Season commences Sunday, 11th October
Sign On Days: 6th and 27th September at Pizzey Park Pool from 9am – 11am. $40 per child. $60 for up to 2 adults.