Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

The scheduling of major school events has received feedback from parents who have been disadvantaged in not being able to attend two functions held at the same time involving their children. This week we had school concerts and the swimming carnival clashing on Wednesday which is certainly not demonstrating our scheduling expertise. I apologise for the inconvenience to parents who could not attend to see their child/children compete and I will ensure we don’t have clashes of major events in the future. Out teaching team for next year has strength right across the board. There could be one or two changes before school commences in seven weeks’ time but I’m hopeful these are kept to a minimum.

Prep: Carly Whybrow, Julie Baker-Evans, Juanita McCann, Jackie Koroglu/Tarna Chapman, Mollie Rhodes, Sheree Babbage, Leonie Brosnaham.
Year 1: Jenny Nelson, Sara McDonald, Melissa Penberthy, Isabel Webb, Deb Dempsey, Leah Heap/Denise Davidson, Billy Lang.
Year 2: Lisa Tranter, Jackie Hill, Anneliesse Castellanos, Ann McLachlan, Christine Ough, Lauren Ingram, Shannon McLeod.
Year 3: Carole Hartley, Vicki Main, Mary Williams/Eric Schreibmaier, Julie Anne Hoksins, Alma Sejdic, Catherine Ferguson/Kerry Thompson, Elly Dempsey, Zoe Lowe.
Year 4: Ben Baker, Samantha Tyne, Kerryn Gray, Belinda Roderick, Deb McMillan, Gabrielle Ramos.
Year 5: Tyler Mattiazzi, Corinna Ulbrich, Toni Goriss, Jo Leigh, Karen Hermann, Mandy Brown.
Year 6: Georgi Kropp, Rebecca Moutin, Dale Pearse, Sally Kingston, Raj Chandan Ram

SEP Teachers

Specialist Team
PE: Sharron Mitchell Cowan, Eric Alexander
LOTE: Kiyomi Takahashi
Music: Belinda Thornton, Charmian Adamson, Petros Stylianou, Andrew Stubbs
Technolog: Tony Miller
Library: Tanya McKay
EALD: Bernadette Macle
Guidance Officer: Matt Dwyer
Speech Language Pathologist: Kamen Iyer
Support Teachers Literacy and Numeracy: Barbara Hollis, Jane Mitchell-Watson

Admin
Head of Curriculum: Theresa Jepson
HOSES: Nick Kennon
Deputy Principals: Des McConnell (Years 3/4), Cheryee Dick (Years 5/6), Patrina Dendrinos (Prep – 2)
Principal: Michael Kelly

Next week on Tuesday, students will receive semester Report Cards to take home to parents and included with this will be your child’s teacher for 2016. Any queries should be directed to the relevant Deputy Principal in the first instance.

I’ve been asked to bring to the attention of parents that there have been sightings of snakes close to walking paths around and coming to and from the school. Just keep an eye out when walking the children into the school. Generally the snakes will scamper into the bushes but exercise caution.
Next year the start of the school year has been delayed so as to provide a consistent start rather than a stop start beginning of the year.

The situation at Arundel will be:

**Monday January 25:** Pupil Free Day  
**Tuesday January 26:** Australia Day Holiday  
**Wednesday January 27:** School starts

Our office will be open the week before school starts, from Monday January 18, and all teaching staff will attend Professional Development on Wednesday, January 20, Thursday, January 21 and Friday, January 22.

Parents of Prep children should note that for the first three weeks, Prep will finish at 2:45pm each day. If your child attends After School Care we will care for the children until 3:00pm when they will be collected to move over to After School Care.

Next week is the final week of the school year. It is still busy.

**Monday:** Sports Assembly at 9:10am for Years 4 – 6.  
**Tuesday:** Arundel’s Got Talent 9:30am until 11:00am; Year 6 Graduation at 5:30pm, Semester Reports go home.  
**Wednesday:** Class celebrations (red day).  
**Thursday:** Classroom reorganisation.  
**Friday:** Last day of school, farewell for Year 6 students by the rest of the school at 2:50pm.

Next Friday a number of school staff will attend for the last time as they will be retiring from the Department of Education. Best wishes to Dianne Pate (classroom teacher) and Jon Evans (Teacher Aide/IT Officer) in their retirement from the Education Department. Have a nice weekend, Michael Kelly.

**WHOLE SCHOOL PARADE – PREP TO YEAR 6**  
**Friday, 4 December 2015 - 2:10pm – 2:50pm**

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**UP AND COMING EVENTS**

- **Monday, 7th December**  
  Sport Sharing – 9:00am - Hall

- **Tuesday, 8th December**  
  Year 6 Awards Ceremony –5:30pm  
  Arundel's Got Talent Grand Final  
  Report Cards to Students

- **Wednesday, 9th December**  
  Year 6 Wet 'n Wild Excursion

- **Friday, 11th December**  
  Last Day of School

- **Wednesday, 27th January**  
  School resumes for all students

**NO MONEY COLLECTION NEXT WEEK - WEEK 10.**

**PE NEWS (Ms Mitchell-Cowan)**

**Arundel has Scored!**

Finally Arundel State School has scored goal posts for its students. A collaborative effort between the School’s Administration, P&C Committee and Sports Department. Arundel get its goal posts in January. Thank you to all parents and students for their effort to helping raise money from the Spelling Bee. It’s an exciting time for this school and sport.

**Swimming Carnival**

Arundel’s inaugural swimming carnival at Ashmore Swimming Pool on Wednesday was a fantastic display of student enthusiasm participation and competitiveness. A huge thank you to Carly Whybrow & Eric Alexander for their contribution to the organisation and success of the day. Special thanks also to Sharlene Good, Vicki Thomson, Lyle Thornton, Eden and Damon Jepson, Liz Farrelly, and Wendy who volunteered as officials. A special appearance by past student Presley Good was made. Presley demonstrated his outstanding ability as a State level swimmer. It’s always great to have our past students assist with carnivals. Thank you to all parents and students for their effort to prioritise the day to attend. There were many wonderful swimmers on the day. Age Champion medals will be awarded at the Special Sport Sharing on Monday at 9:00am.
PERFORMING ARTS NEWS  
(from Mrs Adamson & Mrs Thornton)

Thank you to parents, teachers and the community for all your support this year. Have a great holiday.

Performing Arts team.

P&C NEWS

As this is likely the last Newsletter for 2015, we really want to thank the school community – parents, teachers and children – for all of their support throughout the year. It has been a hugely successful year in many ways and we also couldn’t do it without our committee, our staff and our volunteers. Financially, we have finished the year in a good position to support some big projects for the school in 2016. We have already given $40,000 towards a WiFi upgrade and we have promised further funding for a set of mini-robots for the junior school to use in their IT coding and programming. We have also given money for a significant reading and comprehension resource for the middle school and we are looking at installation of air-conditioning in the Library.

In addition, we installed a shade over the new playground and have been able to support the Performing Arts and Sports Departments this year. We will start 2016 with some lovely multipurpose goal posts on our oval.

We have had a Fun Run, a Spelling Bee and a number of fun Discos this year. The Grill’d matters program at our local outlet at Harbour Town signifies our last bit of income with them gifting us $100 to put towards some of the costs of supporting the Year 6 Graduation. Some successful grant applications have helped us reach some of our goals in 2015 and we are pleased to be able to keep uniform and tuckshop prices stable for the start of the new school year.

On behalf of the Arundel P&C I would like to wish everyone a very happy, safe and restful festive season.

BOOK PACKS

Book Lists have been sent home. Our school uses the company Kookaburra Educational Resources. The cut-off date for all orders is Friday, 11th December for delivery to your home by Friday 15th January, 2016. Orders received after Friday, 11th December will be given a lower priority. Please also note that only online ordering is available after Friday, 11th December, 2015. **Student Packs will only be available for home delivery and are unable to be collected from School.** Associated fees and charges will apply. To access the Kookaburra Website go to www.kookaburra.com.au.

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Password – studentpack (lowercase).

3D NEWS

As the year comes to a close 3D have reflected on what they enjoyed this year.

Jaydin – Art  
Mathew – Maths, Tables  
Lachlan – Writing (7 steps)  
Mia – History  
Chloe G – Music  
Gianna – Silent Reading  
Tommy Kc – Handwriting  
Lilly – Reading Groups  
Sophie – Swimming  
Brdyen – Strive Program  
Daniel – Math Mentals  
Luke – Swimming

3D would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION AND AWARDS CEREMONY

On Tuesday, 8th December at 5:30pm, the Year 6 Graduation and Awards evening will be held in the Hall. At this Ceremony students will be acknowledged for excellence in a number of academic, sporting, performing arts and citizenship areas. Parents of Year 6 students are welcome to attend.

Wet ‘n Wild Excursion

On Wednesday, 9th December, Year 6 students will attend their Graduation Excursion to Wet ‘n Wild, from 9:30am.

It will be a great day for the students.

PLANNING FOR 2016

The period over Christmas is a time when many families experience changed circumstances. This often results in students having to change schools. **Families whose children are moving schools are asked to advise the school office either in person, by phone or email/letter.** We are disappointed to lose students, but recognise that this is necessary at times and therefore are willing to assist with any transition into a new school.
**FRIDAY 11th DEC – CLEAN UP DAY**

Friday, 11th December, 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.

**PLEASE NOTE THE TUCKSHOP WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, 11TH DECEMBER FOR CLEANING. THURSDAY 10TH IS THE LAST DAY FOR ORDERS.**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND SAFE NEW YEAR**

**FROM ALL THE STAFF AT THE ARUNDEL STATE SCHOOL**

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