Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

Japanese / Fun Day

Next Wednesday our Japanese Fun Day will be held. Ms Nakanishi, or “Sensei” has organised a very active and interesting schedule of activities for students to enjoy. Such a special day adds significantly to the school program. It ensures that students develop a wider appreciation of aspects of Japanese culture. Our Japanese program is providing students with a very positive introduction to a second language. Lessons are very focussed on developing language understanding and skills in an enjoyable and practical manner. The standards being achieved are high, evidenced by the work of our students, the fact that our students do very well in secondary language programs, the high number of students who enter secondary excellence programs and students’ performance in language competitions.

The choice of Japanese as our LOTE (Language Other Than English) was taken some years ago, in conjunction with local high schools, such that students have every opportunity to continue to study the one language from primary school into secondary. The Government has advised that all primary schools will be offering a LOTE in Years 5 and 6 next year. There is also a proposal being circulated that schools will be teaching a LOTE from Prep to Year 6 by the year 2025.

Late Students

Parents are advised that the first bell for the day rings at 8:50am daily. This week, there are approximately 12-15 students per day who are arriving at school late. Arriving late for school has several impacts:
- Students may miss the early information sharing that takes place at the beginning of the day.
- Late entry to classes disrupts the learning of all students.
- Being late to school embeds a pattern of behaviour that is unacceptable in later life.

The support of parents and students is sought to rectify this situation. Being late, occasionally, for genuine reasons is reasonable.

Safe Practices

Our school is required to practice for possible emergencies that may occur. Evacuation drills are practised each term to ensure we have effective processes for having all students leave the building to assemble on the school oval. This is important in case of a fire. Lockdown drills are practised also. In lockdown situations, students stay securely within their classrooms, with doors and windows locked. This practice is valuable in case of a violent intruder or a chemical issue from the road.

While we hope we never have to use one of these processes for a real situation, it is necessary that we are well prepared. Our school can evacuate students from their classrooms and assemble on the oval within about 5 – 7 minutes.

Fun Run

The P&C will be conducting the Annual Fun Run on Friday, 17th October. All students are encouraged to participate in the Fun Run. There are opportunities to win prizes by raising funds or through actual participation in the Fun Run itself. Students will be issued with information and collection forms before the September holidays.

Outback Camping Crash Course (Holidays)

Come along on Monday, 29th September - 9am to 3pm (8:30am earliest drop off). Learn How To: pitch a tent, start a camp fire and make a camp oven feast!! (lunch). There will be some awesome games, activities and prizes for the best camper!!

All children 14 years and under are welcome to participate. It will be run in conjunction with Scouts Australia and The Gold Coast Suns Horizon program. Come dressed for the occasion: closed in shoes are a must (with joggers preferable), getting-dirty clothes, hat, sunnies and sunscreen too (sun safety first!) So come along and have a TENTASTIC time!!! Book Your Place NOW. Ph: 5529 8253. Where: Studio Village Community Centre, 87 Village Way, Studio Village.
Prep Enrolment 2015

Enrolments for Prep for 2015 are open. Already there have been many enrolments. Prospective parents may collect an Enrolment Pack from the school office. Students should be born between 1st July, 2009 and 30th June, 2010.

Each enrolling student requires an original birth certificate.

Information Sessions are being held as follows:
- **Thursday, 11th September** - 9:15am – 10:15am - followed by a walking tour of the school.
- **Thursday, 11th September** - 7pm to 8pm.
- **Tuesday, 11th November** - 9:15am to 10:15am

All sessions will be held in the staffroom.

Every child enrolled to begin Prep in 2015, will undertake a screening process. This takes approx. 30 minutes and provides information about the child’s readiness for school, how he/she can be supported from the first day of school and to form balanced classes.

**Screening will take place on Monday, 20th October (Pupil Free Day) and on other days as arranged.**

The Uniform shop will be open each day of the screenings.

Circus Tickets

The school has received some free tickets to the circus, to be located opposite Australia Fair, during September and October.

**Competition:** Students are to complete the spaces in this verse and return it to the office on Friday. Winning entries will be drawn at 12 noon Friday. Students can win one of 3 free tickets to the circus OR a $2 discount voucher. To purchase tickets please call 0448247287 or go to our website - [www.weberscircus.com](http://www.weberscircus.com).

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**The Circus by Cj Dennis**

Hey there! Hoopla! The circus is in town
Have you seen the elephant? Have you seen the ……………………
Have you seen the dappled horse, gallop round the ring
Have you see the acrobat, on the dizzy ……………………

Name: ……………………………………………………….

Class: ………………………………………

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**SENIOR SCHOOL SHARING – Years 3 - 7**

**Monday, 8 September 2014 - 2:10pm**

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**UP AND COMING EVENTS**

**Friday, 5th September**

Junior Sports Day - Year 1 – 9:00am
- Year 3 – 11:15am

Fathers’ Day Stall

**Wednesday, 10th September**

Japanese “Fun Play” Festival

**Thursday, 11th September**

Showcase Concert – 6pm in the Hall
Prep Parent Information Sessions
- 9:15am & 7pm

**Tuesday, 16th September**

Year 3/4/5 Dance Spectacular - 2:10pm

**Friday, 19th September**

Last Day of Term 3

**Friday, 17th October**

Fun Run

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**PE NEWS**

**Junior Sports Day - Friday, 5th September**

Year 1 – 9:00am to 10:45am.
Year 3 -11:15am to 12:45pm. All students should wear the School Hat, Sports Uniform and Sports Shoes. Parents and families are all welcome.

**After School Sport Program**

**Term 4 - Soccer**

SoccerX is providing an excellent soccer program for all ages on Wednesday afternoons on The Arundel State School oval, commencing Wednesday, 15th October from 3pm to 4pm for 8 weeks for only $70. Parents are asked to attend with their children. Sport shoes and hats required.
**Holiday Activity Programs**

**Activ8 Holiday Sport Programs** are a fun and high quality multi activity sports camp at St Hilda’s School this holiday with the aim of raising activity levels amongst children aged 4-12 from the Southport community. 22nd September to 3rd October. For bookings or enquiries phone 3495 6155 or [www.activ8camps.com.au](http://www.activ8camps.com.au) or email info@activ8camps.com.au.

**Swimming Dates**

**Prep, Year 3 and Year 5**

Term 4 sees the start of the Learn to Swim for Prep, Year 3 and Year 5. The cost of the program is $50 and covers, bus travel to and from the pool, pool hire and qualified swimming instructors. This is fantastic value for the 8 week program. Permission letters with greater detail will be distributed this week. Students will commence their program in week 2 of Term 4 on the following dates:

- **Monday, 13th October** - Year 5
- **Wednesday, 15th October** - Year 3
- **Friday, 17th October** – Prep

**Year 6 & 7 Aquatic Program**

Students will commence their aquatic program on Tuesday, 14th October in week 2 of Term 4 for 5 weeks. The program focuses on stroke correction and life-saving at Guardian Angels Pool, Ashmore followed by a Surf Life Saving Awareness Practical Activities at Main Beach on Tuesday, 18th November. Permission letters with greater detail will be distributed this week.

**Caps and Rashies**

All students require a swimming cap and rashie for all swimming programs. This is both a safety and hygiene policy of the pool. CAP & RASHIE DONATIONS are gratefully accepted. If your child has grown out of their current cap or rashie please bring any spares to the school office. Sorry we cannot accept swimmers.

**PERFORMING ARTS NEWS**

**Eisteddfod News**

- **Junior Choir** - Very Highly Commended.
- **Senior Choir** - Not Placed, but Good Job.
- **Senior Band** - 2nd
- **String Ensemble** - 3rd
- **Speech Choirs**
  - Prep - 3rd
  - Year 1 - 1st
  - Year 2(A) - Very Highly Commended
  - Year 2(B) - 2nd
- **Dance Year 4** - Very Highly Commended
- **Dance Excellence** - HC & Very Highly Commended
- **Drama Excellence**
  - 2nd - Tayla, Allie, Hannah, Georgia & Paige
  - 3rd - Lizzy, Mireina, Emma, Lily
  - VHC - Stef, Rhian, Eloise, Emilee, Vereta.

**REMINDER** – Our Showcase Concert for all our Eisteddfod entries will be held next Thursday, 11th September at 6pm in the School Hall. Everyone is welcome. A gold coin donation would be appreciated. Please return any uniforms and costumes after the concert. Thank you for all your support. We have done an excellent job this year.

**Mrs Thornton and Mrs Adamson.**

**JAPANESE ‘FUN PLAY’ FESTIVAL**

Date: Wednesday, 10th September

The Japanese Fun Play Festival is coming next week! The highlights of the event are the fun Karate and Sumo lessons offered by GKR Karate and Australian Sumo Federation and there will be many more traditional activities for children to take part in. Thank you to our teachers, volunteer parents and students of Coombabah SHS for assisting and supporting the event.

As a special treat of the day, children can pre order Sushi for lunch through the tuckshop. The order submission closes this Friday, 5th September.

**WANTED**: if you have an unwanted child’s small inflatable pool (approximately between 1-1.5 metres in diameter) please donate it to be used for the Japanese Fun Activity Day. Thank you.

Tomoko (Japanese Language Teacher).

**NEWS FROM 6D**

Congratulations to the students from 6D for their commitment to learning in semester 2! This term in English they are writing a letter to a “student of the future”. Students are learning about China in history and geography with an emphasis on Australia’s relationship with China. The science unit this term explores how sudden geological and extreme weather events can affect Earth’s surface. Students are designing and constructing their “ideal bedroom” in technology and creating Chinese arts and crafts in visual art lessons. They are working diligently to complete their tasks by the end of term.

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

Sport shorts have arrived! You can order through Flexischools or call into the Uniform Shop.