Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

With mixed feelings, I advise our community that I will not be the principal at Arundel next year. I will be working for the School Improvement Unit attached to central office.

To agree to take this role has been difficult, with the biggest hurdle being that I will have to leave a place where I have been happy, where our team has been highly professional and committed to our school and our students, our P&C has grown to be vibrant and strong and where we have made really positive gains over the past few years. Our community is very cohesive and supportive of our school which impacts positively on our students. However, I’m not getting any younger and the highway (50 mins each way, each day) is not getting any shorter.

Your support for me and what I have endeavoured to do at Arundel is highly valued and appreciated. Please ensure that the focus is sustained into next year and beyond. Regional office is currently working through arranging a replacement principal. My conversations with our ARD indicate that there is great care being taken as to who will be the principal next year. Coming to a new school as principal is difficult. I anticipate that our admin team, all members of staff and P&C members and parents will support the incoming principal in whatever way is necessary.

I will let our community know who the new principal will be, when region advises me. Mick Quinn, Principal

STAFF PLAN 2015

A staff plan has been developed for 2015. The plan sets the number of classes in each year level. The plan is based on current enrolment and predictions. As with all schools, it is subject to change in response to our enrolment as at day 8 in 2015. Should change be required (ie an additional class to be formed) this may cause a number of alterations to the following plan.

Sadly, I advise that Mr Clayton, Mr DeBoer and Ms Nakanishi will be leaving Arundel to take up duties in a secondary school. On behalf of all in our school community, I extend my thanks to these three teachers for their dedication to our students and our school. Mrs Clarke and Ms Brosnan are taking leave. We hope this time is thoroughly enjoyed by you both. The classes and class teachers for 2015, will be as follows:

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<td>Mrs Webb; Mrs Dempsey; Mrs Ough; Ms Penberthy; Mrs Heap/Mrs Ferguson; Mrs MacDonald/Mrs Davidson.</td>
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<td>Year 6</td>
<td>Mrs Brown; Mrs Goriss; Mrs Moutin; Mr Chandan Ram.</td>
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SEP teachers will continue as per current.

Head of Curriculum: Mrs Jepson.

Specialist teachers remain the same as for 2014.

Students will be informed of their 2015 teacher and classroom next Wednesday. Parents have been given the opportunity to table any requests relating to their child’s learning, during October. Students will remain in the class into which they have been placed.

Again, the above plan is dependent on our enrolment as per Day 8 of the new school year.

FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER – CLEAN UP DAY

Friday 12th 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.

WHOLE SCHOOL SHARING

There will be a whole school Sharing on Monday afternoon from 2pm. At this Sharing, there will be a presentation of the “Arundel Spirit Award” sponsored by the Parkwood/Arundel Rotary club.

This award recognises:
- Positive behaviour and co-operation
- Support community fundraising activities – fun run, free dress days etc
- Involvement in a range of school activities in accordance to their year level
- Is motivated and enjoys learning
- Supports peers in a positive and caring manner
- Initiates positive interactions with others
- Initiates leadership opportunities
- Initiates learning opportunities

Students will be nominated by teachers with the final recipient to be decided by the school admin.

Also, there will be presentations of the Principal’s Award. This award is decided against the following:
- Academic – recognising high achievement.
- Improvement – recognising students who apply themselves and make personal gains.
- Citizenship – recognising students who are good team members, support others, demonstrate care for others and the class/school.

Exemplary behaviour will feature strongly in the criteria for each of these awards. Home Reading Awards will also be presented on Monday’s Sharing if the printer is able to have all certificates completed.

Attendance Awards are being considered up until Friday 5th and will be awarded through teachers next week.

EXCELLENCE AWARDS CEREMONY

On Tuesday 9th from 9:30am, Year 6 and 7 students will attend an Excellence Awards Ceremony 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 and 7 students are welcome to attend.

Graduation Presentation and Dinners

On Tuesday evening Year 6 students will attend their Graduation Ceremony at Sharks, from 6:30pm for 7pm. Parents and students should have purchased tickets for the evening by now.

On Wednesday evening Year 7 students will attend their Graduation Ceremony at Sharks, from 6:30pm for 7pm. Parents and students should have purchased tickets for the evening by now.

Table plans will be in place and parents and students must sit at tables in accordance with this plan.

This event is always a very positive evening with the spirit of the children a feature.

PLANNING FOR 2015

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. Further, if a parent wishes to have advice about the process of changing schools or information about prospective schools in another locality, please contact the office. 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.
LATE START FOR 2015
The new school year begins on Tuesday 27th January 2015. Should any students be returning to Arundel later than this first day, please inform the school office via written letter or email. In the first 2 weeks of next year, there is very careful scrutiny of our enrolments. This is because enrolments determine our staffing allocation and therefore our class arrangement. The practice of having written information as to the circumstances of every student who has not attended from Day 1 of the new year is necessary for our school to meet audit requirements.

GRADUATION PHOTOS
Photos from the Year 6 & Year 7 Graduation Nights will be available for viewing in the School Hall on Wednesday 10th, Thursday 11th and Friday 12th December from 8am to 3:30pm. Orders can be placed on these days and times ONLY. We only accept cash. Prices start from $2 per photo.

DENTAL VAN NEWS
Students in all Years (Prep,1,2,3,4,5,6,7) are invited to take up the offer for an oral health care examination. If your child did not receive an examination card and you would like to arrange for your child to receive oral health care please contact the Oral Health Call Centre on 1300300850 from Monday to Friday 8:00am – 4:30pm excluding Public Holidays.

Soccer X Christmas Holiday Clinic
Soccer X will be running a 3 day holiday clinic at The Arundel State School during the first week of the upcoming Christmas holidays. When – 15th to 17th December from 9am to Midday. For 5 -14 years. Cost $90/3 days, $40 single day. Contact Justyn on 0451162346.

CINEBUZZ OFFER
The school has received some discount vouchers for Event Cinemas (excluding Australia Fair Cinemas) valid until 24th December, 2014.

Competition: Students can enter by completing the following sentence and returning it to the school office by Monday, 8th December. Winning entries will be drawn at 12 noon Monday. Students can win one of 50 discount voucher pamphlets to the movies.

Question:
Name a movie penguins appear in ..............................................................

Your Name: ............................................................... Class: ............................

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WHOLE SCHOOL SHARING – Prep – Yr 7
Monday, 8 December, 2014 - 2:10pm

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UP AND COMING EVENTS
Monday, 8th December
Last Day Swimming – Year 5
Arundel’s Got Talent Final

Tuesday, 9th December
Year 6/7 Awards Presentation – Hall
Year 6 Graduation – Sharks – 6:30pm

Wednesday, 10th December
Year 7 Graduation – Sharks – 6:30pm

Friday, 12th December
Last Day of School

Monday, 26th January
Australia Day Holiday

Tuesday, 27th January
First Day of School - 2015

BOOK PACKS
Book Lists have been sent home. Our school uses the company Kookaburra Educational Resources. The cut-off date for all orders is Thursday 18th December for delivery to your home by Friday 16th January, 2015. Orders received after Thursday 18th December will be given a lower priority. Please also note that only online ordering is available after Thursday 18th December, 2014. Student Packs are unable to be collected from School.

PLEASE NOTE TUCKSHOP WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, 12TH DECEMBER FOR CLEANING. THURSDAY 11TH IS THE LAST DAY FOR ORDERS.
PREP 2015
Enrolments for Prep for 2015 are progressing very well. The support of all families is sought to spread the message that early enrolment allows for the school to plan ahead, for a smooth start to the new year. 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 a birth certificate. For the first two weeks of the new school year, Prep students will finish their regular classes at 2:45pm. This measure is intended to allow parents to park, walk in to collect their child from class and then to depart by 3pm, hopefully diminishing the congestion in the side car park. Students will be supervised in their classroom until collected. This makes it easy for children who are being collected by an older child.

PREP D NEWS
Developing a Love of Reading - A love of Reading and books is one of the most precious gifts parents and teachers can give their children. While knowing how to read is essential for day-to-day survival, loving to read opens new worlds for children. Fostering a love of reading requires a bit of work on our part as parents and teachers.
In Prep D we:
- share books and stories.
- practice the sounds of letters using a “catchy” Phonogram program.
- sound out words.
- have fun with rhyming words.
- practice handy “Sight Words”.
We read, read, read. Reading is fun.

LIBRARY NEWS
Christmas Book Fair - 24 November to 5 December.
Library Borrowing - Please return all Library books before the end of this week.