Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Each day we are encouraging our teachers to have students engage in a regular writing activity in order for us to continually develop the writing skills of our students. This starts in the early days of Prep and continues through to the end of primary school. Usually a handy topic starter is to ask the students to write about a holiday or something they had done on the weekend. This is relatively easy for most of the students to get started. During the week whilst I was in one of the year 1 classes I was reading one of the stories passionately written by one of our very keen youngsters. Her opening sentence read – “On the weekend I visited my granny and grumpy.” I’m hopeful that grumpy was a simple spelling error and that she was in fact talking about grandad. Regardless, I had a nice quiet chuckle to myself.

Last week I flagged that our enrolments had not quite reached the predictions made at the end of last year. Today is the day to submit official numbers for purposes of staffing and resourcing of all state schools in Queensland. Our slightly lower numbers will have a small impact on funding received and on our total allocation of teacher aide hours. However, our current class numbers of 44 classes will need to be reduced to 43 classes as we just don’t have enough children to make 44 class groupings. Our smallest class sizes are in year three so it is in this year level that changes will need to be made. Mrs Dick will start that process today and continue into next week. Parents will be informed of any decision impacting on their child.

This week I sent home a separate letter to all families outlining the Voluntary Contribution Scheme we have at this school. I would ask that you consider this to boost our finances and enable us to continue to provide the very best resources for our teachers and students. Even a donation of some kind would assist us in our endeavours. Payments for this scheme can be made at the money collection window.

I also have included with today’s newsletter a note on behalf of our P&C who are keen to establish a database of families to obtain email contacts and interest from parents who may be able to assist the P&C in some way. Please endeavour to complete this and send it back to school as well.

We have a couple of important meetings at the school next week.
On Monday at 3.30pm we have our first P&C meeting of the year. This will be held in the staffroom in the administration block. An invitation is extended to all parents to attend. If you can’t stay for the whole meeting that is okay but your attendance shows support for this very important school committee which supports all of our students.

Parent teacher meetings will also be held during week 3. These will be held at different times and even on different days to allow you to attend if you have more than one child at the school. Of course there are many meetings which clash and if that is the case you may need to prioritise and have mum and dad go to separate meetings. These meetings are an opportunity for your teacher to outline the learning program for the year ahead as well as share details of extra curriculum opportunities, behaviour expectations, bookwork expectations, homework and a range of other topics. I hope you are able to attend.
My sincere thanks to our P&C members who donated their time last Saturday to conduct the BBQ to raise funds for the school at the election booth. My thanks also to parents using the drop off zone at the front of the school. This seemed to work much better this week. Please note that our Preps will revert to full days at prep starting next Monday 9 February.

Have a nice weekend,
Mike Kelly
A/Principal

SENIOR SCHOOL SHARING – Year 3 to Year 6
Monday, 9 February 2015 - 2:10pm

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PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS
Parent Teacher Information Evenings for Prep – Year 6 will be held throughout next week. The teachers in each year level will be talking about general aspects of the way they will be conducting their classes during the year.

It is not intended to be an opportunity to discuss the progress of individual children. If you wish to speak to the teacher about your child’s progress please ask to make an appointment to meet at another mutually agreeable time.

We look forward to meeting you.

Prep                      Wednesday, 11 February 3:10pm-3:50pm
Year 1                    Thursday, 12 February 3:10pm-3:50pm
Year 2                    Wednesday, 11 February 3:15pm-3:50pm
Year 3                    Tuesday, 10 February 3:15pm-4:00pm
Year 4                    Tuesday, 10 February 4:00pm-4:45pm
Year 5                    Wednesday, 11 February 4:00pm-4:45pm
Year 6 & 5/6A             Wednesday, 11 February 5:00pm-5:45pm

UP AND COMING EVENTS -
TERM 1 — SWIMMING
Swimming will commence in Week 5 for Years 2, 4, and 6.
Letters and Permission forms will be sent home during week 2.

BIKE ED
Year 4 will be participating in the Bike Safety Program to be held during week 5 this term.
Letters and permission forms will be sent home during week 2.

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER –
useful website available
The start of a new school year can be an exciting time for students, parents/carers and school staff. It has been promising to see so many students engaging positively with their new classes, their new teaching staff and their 2015 curriculum activities. Well done to our students for your positive start to the school year.

I have provided text, below, from a useful website that is available for parents who are seeking information about a wide range of topics that are relevant to supporting children at home and at school. I encourage you to click into www.kidsmatter.edu.au when you consider issues affecting your child/children and family. Throughout the year I will highlight some of the information that is provided by Kidsmatter, within our school newsletter.

“Starting school involves a big change for your child and family. It can be a time of great excitement, but also a time of potential challenge and stress. Families play an important role in supporting children to manage the transition to primary school. The resources below (within the Kidsmatter website) will give you practical ideas and strategies to help your child make a successful start to school. You will be able to watch a series of Kidsmatter videos, as well as access information sheets and other practical resources.”
Once again, well done for the collective efforts within our school community, for such a positive start to 2015. If parents/carers would like to contact me to discuss any issues concerning your child/children, please call the school and ask to speak to Mr Dwyer, Guidance Officer.

**PE NEWS**

**Qld State Oztag Cup**

Congratulations to the following Arundel State School students who competed in the recent Oztag competition at the Sunshine Coast on the weekend- Paige, Madison, Courtney, Roman, Kai & Wil. Mrs Fletcher who attended the event said our students played very well in their respective teams progressing to the semi and quarter finals. Many of these students started playing in the school Oztag during their PE unit and went on to play Oztag in the local competition for the 11 and 12 years age group before being selected. Well done!

**Junior Rugby League Sign Ons**

Date: Saturday 7th February

Venue: CBus Super Stadium

Information: On field come and try clinic with development staff. There will be 3 clinic time slots 10am, 11am, 12noon. Titans Player ambassadors will be present from 10am-12noon approx. All Junior League Clubs will have a stall there providing information, and the opportunities to sign up to your local club. There will be lots of other activities happening on the precinct at the stadium including: face painting, rock climbing wall and jumping castles.

**Touch Sign Ons**

Date: Saturday 7th February

Venue: CBus Super Stadium

On the same day there will be also be a touch competition happening where anyone not registered to play in the games can watch the games in the stadium. Touch football will also have information for students about playing touch.

**Runaway Bay Netball Club**

Interested players contact 0432 865 524 or email runawaybaynetball@gmail.com.

**STUDENTS’ PERSONAL DETAILS**

It is critical that every student’s personal details at school are accurate and current. This applies to address, contact details of parents, illnesses/conditions, custody issues etc. In emergency situations, this data needs to be accurate. Parents are asked to ensure any changes to their child’s enrolment details are updated as soon as possible. This may be done by advice in writing or email, or by visiting the school office.

**BUS PASSES**

Bus passes have now arrived at the school office. If you have ordered a bus pass for your child, collect it at your earliest convenience.

**STUDENT ABSENCE LINE – 5561 4995**

If your child is absent from school could you please call our Student Absence Line direct on 5561 4995. This is a recorded message so please leave details of your child’s name, class and reason for absence.

**BOOK PACKS**


Booklists are available from the school office.
**UNIFORM SHOP**
Senior Shirts have arrived. We also have extra sizes to sell but limited stock so be quick - $30.00.

**UNIFORM SHOP HOURS -**
Tuesday and Thursday 8:30am to 11:30am

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**
Valentine's Day Red Day Special at Tuckshop Friday, 13 February

Vanilla cupcake with red frosting and candy heart sprinkles $2.00 each. Pre-order yours now on Flexischools online at [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) or over the counter before Thursday, 12 February. Cakes will be served on Friday, 13 February.
4 February 2015

Dear Parents,

This form has been issued to each family attending Arundel State School on behalf of the P&C. The P&C is comprised of Mums, Dads and teachers from the school who volunteer their time to run services such as the Tuckshop and Uniform shop and also to run fundraising activities throughout the year to improve facilities at your school.

From time to time these activities require extra volunteers to help out. The P&C wishes to collate a database of parents. The concept is to create a list of contacts (email and mobile phone) to better facilitate communication from the P&C. When volunteers are needed the database can advise parents of the times and what kind of help is needed.

This initiative has worked very well in the past but our previous database has now become outdated. We hope to improve communication, raise the understanding of the P&C activities, improve the capability of parents and carers to engage in P&C activities and provide an easy way for the P&C to seek assistance when needed.

If you think you may be able to help out even for just an hour at one of our stalls or discos or if you have some great ideas to share then please complete the information below and return to the office by Friday, 13 February. We invite all interested parents, grandparents and carers to attend P&C meetings held in the staffroom on a month, date and time is in the newsletter. The first meeting of the year will be on 9 February at 3.30pm.

Kind regards

Michael Kelly
Principal
On behalf of the Arundel State School P&C Committee

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