Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Last Friday’s cross country was held under sunny skies with an enthusiastic student group participating and trying their best, with a supportive parent group on the sidelines providing encouragement and applause. Our PE teacher, Ms Mitchell Cowan, organised the cross country and ensured it ran to schedule throughout the day. Participants took home ribbons and stickers, and, for the seniors, where it was more serious, students received place ribbons for their efforts. Students received points for their respective houses and at our next school assembly we will announce the winner of the cross country shield.

Our top finishes in the senior age groups will now go on to represent Arundel at the district cross country on May 19.

Next week the students in years three and five will sit the national assessment in numeracy and literacy (NAPLAN). The schedule for the three days is:

- Tuesday May 10: Language Conventions, Writing
- Wednesday May 11: Reading
- Thursday May 12: Numeracy

Friday May 13: Catch up day for students who have been absent for any of the tests.

Nearly all of our students will sit the assessment. Some of course meet exemption requirements due to a learning disability and a few have been withdrawn by parents, however, in the main our participation rate will be around the 97% range. We are very proud of our high participation.

After the assessment the students work will be sent away to be marked and then we should see the results later in July.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week the P&C has conducted the Mother’s Day Stall to provide the children with an opportunity to purchase an inexpensive gift for their mum on Sunday. It is a huge task purchasing enough gifts for so many children but the ordering has been precise. Thankfully we had many parents give their time to work on the stall during the day helping the children with their purchases. Incidentally in conjunction with the stall, the P&C is conducting a raffle - $1 a ticket – three lovely baskets of assorted gifts for mum. The raffle will be drawn Friday at midday. It is not too late to purchase a ticket.

Our P&C is also in the process of seeking advertisers from local businesses for our newsletter. If you have a business and you would like some exposure to the local community you might consider this opportunity. Please phone our office and register your interest.

The Internal Review Team has been in the school all week speaking to school staff, parents and students and visiting classrooms. All schools have a school review every four years and 2016 is our turn. The feedback from the reviewers will be made available on our school website at a later date and will be used to inform forward strategic planning for the next four years. The reviewers have already reported to me of the very positive tone around the school of Next Friday afternoon, May 13, we will hold our May P&C Meeting commencing at 3:30pm.

Happy Mother’s Day to all of our mothers on Sunday.

Mike
SPORT NEWS (Mrs Mitchell-Cowan)
Interhouse Cross Country - Friday 29 April
Despite a wet start the weather brightened to perfect running conditions. Our students competed with great determination demonstrating the best competition seen between athletes. Thank you to our grounds staff, Mr Kelly for the after race drinks, teacher officials and parent spectators. Also thank you to our House Captains and several volunteer Seniors who set the carnival up at the start of the day.
Our Age Champions for 2016 who received a gold, silver or bronze medal are;
12 years: Sarina, Matilda, Brooklyn; Lachlan, Malakai, Nicholas
11 years: Darina, Hayley, Ricquelle; Elijah, Ieuan, Tyler
10 years: Olivia, Indiana, Macy; Jack, Kahu, Nia
9 years: Isabelle, Kira, Skye; Kaison, Noah, Robert
The top 5 students born 2004, 2005 & 2006 will make up the Arundel Cross Country team to compete at the Broadwater District Cross Country on Thursday 19 May at the Runaway Bay Sport Precinct.

Interschool Sport
Due to increased student participation the cost of interschool sport has been reduced to $40. Permission Letters and payment must be returned prior to competition. Competition starts Monday 16 May. Selected students should wear their Arundel State School Uniform. Mouthguards are required for League and shin pads for football (soccer). Boots are needed for league, soccer & AFL. Venues are Runaway Bay Sport Precinct for Netball, Soccer, AFL and Touch will be at Owen Park and League is at Helensvale.

UP AND COMING EVENTS

4, 5, 6 May  
Mother’s Day Stall

10, 11 and 12 May  
Year 3 and 5 – NAPLAN

Friday, 13 May  
P&C Meeting 3:30pm Admin Building

Monday, 16 May  
Interschool Sport commences

Wednesday, 1 June  
Fun Run

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT – YEARS 3 AND 5
The Year 3/5 test will be conducted on 10, 11 and 12 May 2016. It is important that your child arrives at school at the appropriate time as the tests will be conducted in the morning sessions on each day.
Tests will be held in numeracy and literacy for all students in Australia in Years 3 and 5. Over the next few weeks students will become familiar with the test formats and the type of questions they have to answer through classroom teachings.

ASSEMBLIES - FRIDAY 29th April, 2016
9:00am to 9:45am  
Prep – Year 2 (Presenters 2D)
9:45am to 10:30am  
Year 3 & 4 (Presenters 3A)
2:15pm to 3:00pm  
Years 5 & 6 (Presenters – Student Leaders)

REMINDER REGARDING VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION (Mrs Rawle)
The Voluntary Contribution Scheme is based on parents contributing the sum of $90 per student for their first child or $120 for two or more students per 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 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.

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS (from Mrs Thornton)
Instrumental Band students- Notes for Fanfare were due this week with a Project consent form. Please have both signed immediately and give to Mrs Thornton by next Monday, 9th May.
Dance and Drama Excellence students - Your levies are due with the permission note to office. Please have them in by Wednesday, 11th May (next week).
**NEWS FROM 2G**

2G are enjoying learning about poetry this term. We are investigating a variety of poetic devices including alliteration, onomatopoeia, rhyme and rhythm. We are beginning to write rhyming couplets and love playing with words. Here are some of our awesome and amazing alliterations:-

- Silly silver soggy sausages sizzling on the soft silver sea – Elly
- Slithery snakes eat slithery students – Flynn
- Lions love to learn on logs – Holly
- Burley bears like to bounce brown and blue balls – Cassell
- Little Lily likes lots and lots of little lollies - Charlotte

**Library News (from Mrs McKay)**

**Library Borrowing**

Students who miss their borrowing day or forget their books may come to the library from 8:30am to 8:30pm to change their books. Years 3 to 6 have a 2 week borrowing period for chapter books and novels. If students need longer, they may log into the Orbit, the student section of our library system Oliver, with their library number (both for user name and password) to renew their books. [https://arundelss.softlinkhosting.com.au/oliver/junior.do](https://arundelss.softlinkhosting.com.au/oliver/junior.do)

This can be done at school or at home. The link for Oliver is on the home page of the school’s website under Quicklinks. [https://arundelss.eq.edu.au](https://arundelss.eq.edu.au)

**Book Club**

Just a reminder that ordering and payment for Book Club is now via LOOP [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP). Books from Issue 3 are currently being distributed. If you require assistance to purchase, please come to the library before school and we will help you order online. Ordering is also possible on an iPhone or iPad via the Scholastic LOOP app.

**INTERSCCHOOL SPORT**

Interschool Winter Sport will be held on Mondays on the following dates: 16th, 23rd & 30th May and 6th June.

All participating students have received their information letter. Travel to and from the venue will be by bus. Buses will depart at approximately 11am and return to school at approximately 2:45pm each Monday.

The cost for the 4 weeks is $40.00. Payment is required on or before Friday, 13th May.

Money is to be paid via the payment window situated on the Napper Road side of the administration block. Collection days are Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings only from 8:15am to 9:15am. Payments can be made by Cash, Cheque, Credit Card, EFTPOS or Internet banking. Internet banking and credit card forms are on the reverse side of your letter.

Internet Payments are required by Wednesday 11th May to allow sufficient time for funds to reach the school bank account.

**Students who have not paid by Friday 13th May will not go to sport and will undertake normal school activities.**

Please sign the sports contract/permission slip and return to the office with your payment.

**PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO REFUNDS for weekly games missed unless a medical certificate is provided.**

Refunds are provided in the form of a credit to the students account for amounts of $15.00 or less (a medical certificate must be provided to enable staff to action a credit). For refunds over $15.00 an “Application for Refund Form” must be completed and the appropriate documentation provided. “Application for Refund Forms” are available from the school office.

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Mr Kelly with Jack’s (Yr 5) 6 day old sister, Annie at Cross Country.
STUDENT INVOICES

As our database for student data evolves, new and enhanced functions are released such as automatic emailing of invoices.

Many parents may now be receiving emailed invoices for excursions or other school activities. Please don’t be alarmed, but wait for your child to bring home the official letter which will have all information regarding the excursion/activity for which you receive the invoice.

FUN RUN

Wednesday, 1st June, 2016

The Fun Run will be held on the OVAL at the following times:-
Prep: 9:15 – 9:45
Year 1: 9:45 – 10:15
Year 2: 10:15 – 10:45
Year 3: 10:45 – 11:15
Year 4: 12:00 – 12:30
Year 5: 12:30 – 1:00
Year 6: 1:00 – 1:30

Parents are welcome.

*Every runner will receive an ice block

Highest Fundraiser Prizes

1st Place - iPad Air, valued at over $500.
2nd Place - 5 Village Road Show Theme Park Tickets
3rd Place - Gift pack from Game Over
4th-7th Place - $50 Coles-Myer voucher
8th-10th Place - $20 Coles-Myer voucher