Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

DAY 8 – STAFFING/CLASS PLAN
As at Day 8, our enrolment has come in less than anticipated. A number of students have not returned to Arundel following the holidays. This has resulted in a smaller staffing allocation. A small number of students makes a significant difference.
I have made maximum use of any flexibility which exists within our staffing allocation, to minimize changes to existing classes. This is particularly important after such a positive start to the school year.
Our Staffing Plan and consequently our Class Arrangements will have to be slightly modified.
The change will involve rearranging one Year 3 class such that there are 6 classes on the year level, rather than 7.
Letters were issued to parents of students in 3 today, advising of the change. Letters specifically advising Year 3A students/parents of actual placements into other Year 3 classes were also issued today. This reorganization of a class is undertaken with great care, aiming to make the transition as smooth as possible.
This change will result in our school having 46 classes across the 8 year levels.
I want our school community to know that these decisions have to be made in accordance with our resources but always implemented in such a way to result in the best possible outcome for our students.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS
Next week, Parent – Teacher Meetings will be held. These meetings will be held after school or early in the evening. An invitation to parents has been sent home this week.
The Parent -Teacher meetings are important activities within our school. They are a special time, when teachers can talk with parents about the conduct of their child’s classroom.
Information about the curriculum, management processes and expectations in regard to behaviour, homework and home-school communication are shared. Questions from parents will also be answered.
It is anticipated that every student will be represented by a parent at their class’s Parent -Teacher meeting. When you receive the invitation (issued last week), please enter the day/time in your diary and make it a priority to attend.

A reminder of scheduled times for P-T Meetings:
Prep  Mon 10 February   3:10pm-3:50pm
Year 1 Tue 11 February  3:10pm-3:50pm
Year 2 Wed 12 February  3:10pm-3:50pm
Year 3 Wed 12 February  4:30pm-5:15pm
Year 4 Thur 13 February 4:00pm-4:45pm
Year 5 Wed 12 February  4:00pm-4:45pm
Year 6 Mon 10 February  5:00pm-5:45pm
Year 7 Mon 10 February  5:00pm-5:45pm

Meetings are held in classrooms.

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ADDITIONAL SCHOOL FUNDING

Schools were advised of allocations from the “Great Results Guarantee” Funds by EQ last week. Our school will receive approx. $338,486 from the total allocation of $131 million. These funds are to target literacy and numeracy from Prep to Year 2.

Schools have to develop a strategy to improve student performance and the principal will have to sign a guarantee that every child will be either at National Minimum Standard or working within an individual learning plan.

It will take some time for our strategy to be developed.

This is a genuine boost for all schools and we are currently undertaking a planning process to determine how to maximise the benefits from these funds.

PARKING

Parents are asked to note that at the front of the school, there is a designated drop off/ collection zone. In this section, parents must not park and leave their car. The zone is intended as a short term stop of approx 2 minutes, to drop off or pick up students.

Parents who park their car and leave it there for an extended period have caused serious congestion during the past week, especially in the mornings.

P&C (Parents & Citizens Association)

The P&C is the parent forum within our school. It is a forum in which parents can play a constructive role in the school, contributing greatly to the life of students.

In recent years, the P&C has organized numerous activities which are beneficial to students – Discos, Fun Runs, Mothers/Father’s day stalls as well as fundraisers eg raffles, fetes and chocolate drives.

The P&C also operates both the Tuckshop and the Uniform Shop, which provide a great service to students.

Through the P&C, parents can have input into school decisions, providing advice to the principal. Often, the advice of parents has assisted some school decisions to be more relevant and workable, in consideration of the perspectives of families.

Further, many parents who attend meetings or assist at P&C activities, enjoy meeting other parents.

Our P&C’s efforts have provided the school with a significant array of resources – iPads, Interactive whiteboards, the “Reading Eggs” online program, upgrades to our hall, sets of books for home/class use, to name a few.

One major project for 2014 is the installation of a major adventure playground for middle school students.

All parents are welcome to attend meetings and/or assist at P&C activities. Please note:

1. The Annual General Meeting of the P&C will be held on Monday 10th March at 3:15pm in the staffroom. A change to the constitution will also be tabled. All parents are invited. Students of parents who attend can watch a DVD.

2. A letter was issued this week re the P&C email database. Parents who nominate to be recorded on the database, will be emailed with P&C news and receive a direct request to assist with P&C activities. Please return your details to the school office.

P&C NEWS – Cadbury Chocolate Drive

To start 2014 we are holding a Cadbury Chocolate Drive. Each family is asked to take a box of chocolates to sell. Each box contains 50 items for just $1 each. Due to the nature of the product we are storing them in air conditioning. Boxes are available to be collected by parents from the uniform shop or prep area at the following times:

Wed 12th Feb from 8:00am-9:15am or 2:00pm-3:30pm
Thurs 13th Feb from 8:00am-9:15am

Please email the P&C by Wednesday 12th if you do not wish to support this fundraising event.

THE CORRECT P&C EMAIL ADDRESS IS arundelpandc@gmail.com

Any families not collecting a box during these times will have a box sent home with your child on Thursday afternoon (13 Feb).

All monies are to be returned to the uniform shop or tuckshop by Thursday 27th February.

Wishing you all a fantastic 2014,

From the Arundel State School P&C

Mick Quinn, Principal
TERM DATES FOR 2014
Term 1 – Tues 28th Jan to Fri 4th April (10 weeks)
Term 2 – Tues 22nd Apr to Fri 27th June (10 weeks)
Term 3 – Mon 14th July to Fri 19th Sept (10 weeks)
Term 4 – Tues 7th Oct to Fri 12th Dec (10 weeks)

SENIOR SHARING
Monday, 10 February 2014 - 2:10pm

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UP AND COMING EVENTS
Monday, 10 February  Year 4 Swimming Commences
Wednesday, 12 February Year 2 Swimming Commences
Friday, 14 February  Year 1 Swimming Commences

SWIMMING
Swimming classes will commence in
Week 3 for Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4 on:

- Year 1  Friday, 14 February
- Year 2  Wednesday, 12 February
- Year 4  Monday, 10 February

$50.00 is outstanding value for 8 half hour lessons that includes bus travel to the Guardian Angels School Pool by qualified PE and swimming instructors. Payments need to be made by tomorrow, Friday 7th February.

Please note it is compulsory for students to wear a sun shirt (rashie) and a swimming cap. Swimming caps are available from the uniform shop for $10.00 and also from the pool. Any donations of rashies and unused caps would be greatly appreciated. Please drop them into the office.

PREP PICK UP REMINDER
A reminder for all Prep parents that classes will end at 3:00pm from Monday 10 February, in line with the rest of the school.

Please wait in the junior undercover area or the undercover walkways, not in front of the classrooms as it is distracting for the children.

STATE SCHOOL CONSENT FORM
The requirement for schools to send out this document each year for updating has now been removed and is only required for new and/or re-enrolments. However if parents/carers have any changes that they would like to make regarding this consent form please contact the office.

BUS PASS INFORMATION
Bus passes have now arrived at school. Please call into the office to collect your pass.

CALLING ALL GRANDMAS! WE’RE LOOKING FOR WOOL
We need your help. Mrs Mildren is collecting wool for a lunch time club. If you are discarding wool or no longer using it, could you please send it to 3B or label it and drop it into the office. Even small amounts would be appreciated. Thank you.
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.

TUCKSHOP NEWS
Red Day - Valentine’s Day Special
Friday, 14 February 2014
Pizza and a chocolate iced donut - $5.00
Pre order only
Orders close Thursday 13 February at noon
No late orders will be accepted.

Could all parents please update your child/children’s classes for 2014 on Flexischools.

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

SUPPORT FOR CHAPLAINCY
There has been a High Court Challenge against legislation for Federal Government funding for school Chaplains.

As you may be aware we have been involved in the School Chaplaincy program for 5 years. Our Chaplains have provided an invaluable support for many of our children and families over that time. Our new Chaplain is Zane Howell and in the few weeks that he has been at the school he has made some meaningful connections with our students and staff.

Scripture Union is the accredited employing authority for school chaplains and they are asking for support to defend this challenge.

This new High Court challenge means School Chaplaincy is under threat. You can take action right now to ‘back our chappies’ by signing a Statement of Support.

For anyone who wishes to support this cause please complete a Statement of Support, at the office or the tuckshop.

JAPANESE STUDENTS
Would you like to have wonderful cultural experiences with students from Japan?
Australia Japan Study Programme Pty Ltd (AJSP) organises short-term educational programs & host families for Japanese students.
If you are interested in becoming a host family, please contact –
Mobile: 0417 902 035 (Miki)
Email: ajspmiki@gmail.com
Website: www.ajsp.net.au

HELENSVALE HOGS RUGBY UNION CLUB
Sign on dates – see below
Rugby Lane, Helensvale
For any enquiries please email: info@helensvalerugby.com.au
Fri 7th Feb 5-7pm; Sat 8th Feb 11-2pm; Sun 11-2pm
Thanks for your support towards community sport.
Regards Brad & Karen McEldowney