Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
Welcome back everyone, it is hoped that you all had opportunities to spend with your children during the holidays and are ready for our final term of the year.

Where is Mr Kelly, you may ask?? Well he and our other intrepid travellers are returning from their Japan trip today and I am quite sure he will have many stories to relay back to everyone. What a wonderful international relations experience for the students to be exposed too. I did hear that there was a trip to the Japanese version of Disneyland and Mr Kelly was fortunate enough to have a ride from his favourite movie Frozen.

Now that Spring is in the air a lot of the children are abuzz about our Spelling Bee which will be next Thursday 13 October. So pop those spelling words out and start practising as there are great prizes to be won! Thank you to the P&C for organising this fundraising event.

We have been privileged this week to have Camp Quality perform for our students and create a general awareness of cancer. The performances have been entertaining, informative and supportive of our school families who are currently experiencing challenging journeys dealing with this illness. Our thoughts are always with those families.

Arundel’s Got Talent is commencing again and it is such a special format that brings great joy to the school community. Mrs Thornton and Mrs Adamson always provide great support to our up and coming performers. Plus, there is always a special treat of the teachers showing their talents including Mr Kelly who is a keen tap dancer.

Don’t forget on Monday 17 October it is a Pupil Free Day and while the children will be enjoying a fun day, the teachers and teacher aides will be hard at work screening pre preps, exploring more reading comprehension QAR, linking curriculum subjects across year levels and addressing classes for next year.

Classes for 2017 Parent Requests
Deputy Principals and the teachers are commencing the detailed process of forming classes for next year where all student’s needs, progress and friendship groups are taken into consideration. To assist with the process parents are invited to provide a written request or email explaining special circumstances to be considered for their child.

Individual teachers may not be requested. A two week period commencing on Friday 7 October to Friday 21 October, is available for parent requests.

No requests will be accepted after 21 October. Please submit the written requests to the administration block. Please do not email your child’s current teacher with requests, it must only be directed to the Administration Team.

Administration requests are to be directed to:
Patrina Dendrinos for Prep, Year 1 and Year 2
Des McConnell for Years 3 and 4
Cheryee Dick for Year 5.

Enjoy the rest of your week and we look forward to a busy and eventful term.

Patrina Dendrinos

NO ASSEMBLIES - FRIDAY, 7 OCTOBER
Special Presentations
9:30am Year 1 (Camp Quality Presentation)
10:15am Year 2 (Camp Quality Presentation)
12:10pm Year 4 (Camp Quality Presentation)
**UP AND COMING EVENTS**

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**2016 CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL**

The Arundel State School is once again supporting the Shoebox Appeal for children living in extreme poverty. To do this just cover a shoebox and lid separately and pack it with a number of items.

The shoeboxes are divided into 3 categories for either BOYS or GIRLS: 2-4 years; 5-9 years; 10-14 years. Each shoebox should contain one or more of each of the following:

- **Something to play with** e.g. small car/truck, ball, yo-yo, slinky, costume jewellery.
- **Something for school** e.g. pencils, textas, glue stick, writing pad, rubber, calculator.
- **Something for hygiene** e.g. soap, washer, hand towel, comb, brush, toothbrush etc.
- **Something to wear** e.g. t-shirt, shorts, cap, sunnies, hair clips, scrunchies, thongs etc.
- **Something to love** e.g. Australian animal, soft toy, doll etc.

A donation of $10 will help organisers to be able to send the boxes overseas. Without this money the boxes will not be able to be sent.


Please send shoeboxes and/or the $10 donation or items to Mrs Nelson (1A).

Thank you in anticipation for your kind donation!

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**PERFORMING ARTS NEWS (from Mrs Thornton)**

- **Instrumental Tour, Week 2, Term 4** – Please return notes to the music block.
- **Term 4**
  - Week 2 - Instrumental Tour to Canungra (Strings and Band)
  - Week 3 - Dance Ed in the Spotlight, Gold Coast Arts Centre (Dance Excellence girls)
  - Week 4 - Auditions for Drama and Dance Excellence (Sheets have gone up for students to write names on. Drama auditions need a poem).

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**SCHOOL CHESS PROGRAM**

- Lessons cater for all ages and abilities
- Coaching Days and Time: Thursdays - 3:05 – 4:05pm
- Venue: The LOTE Room
- Cost per term: $93.00 per student for Term 4
- Start Date: Thursday, 6th October – 1st December

To register and pay for your child/children please go our website [www.gardin chess.com.au](http://www.gardinerchess.com.au) and click on the ‘parents’ icon. You then need to create a new account and follow the instructions.

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**PREP TUCKSHOP REMINDER**

Preps can now order Tuckshop for both breaks this term. Parents may use the Flexischools option or write the order on a bag with the money inside and place it in the class Tuckshop Box. You can place an order at the Tuckshop before school.

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**YEAR 6 GRADUATION**

Save the Date - The Year 6 Graduation and Awards Evening will be held this year on 7 December. The following day on the 8 December students will attend an Excursion to Wet ‘n Wild Waterpark.

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**LIBRARY NEWS (from Mrs McKay)**

- **Stocktake**
  - The Library will be closed for stocktake in week 3, from Monday 17 October to Friday 21 October. Next week students will borrow for two weeks. They may wish to choose a longer novel or additional home readers.

  - The Library will reopen on Monday 24 October.

**Library dates for this term** –

- Week 1 – Book Club Issue 7 distributed
- Week 3 – Library closed for stocktake
- Week 5 – Book Club Issue 8 distributed
- Week 6 – Last week of borrowing for Year 6
- Week 7 – Last week of borrowing for Prep to Year 5
- Week 7 & 8 – Christmas Book Fair (books only, no stationery)
- Week 9 & 10 – Returns only

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Tuani in Year 5 who has been chosen to compete for South Coast School Sport at the Qld Track and Field championships this month. We wish him the best of luck.
PLANNING FOR 2017
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 and complete a leaving form. 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.

INVITATION – FREE PARENTING COURSE at The Arundel State School
1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING PARENT COURSE (facilitated by Matt Dwyer, G.O.)
This parenting information course is being offered to all interested parents/carers at our school. The course is aimed at parenting 2–12 year olds. This three-session program, for parents and carers, will be held at The Arundel State School on Fridays, 28th October, 4th November and 11th November from 9 -11am.
Learn:
- To engage your children’s cooperation by positively noticing and encouraging them.
- To set clear expectations and help them to develop frustration tolerance.
- To help children’s brains to develop filters for behaving well.
- To resolve family conflict quietly.
- Some simple strategies to practise being a calm parent.
The course is FREE and includes a course workbook and morning tea. Young children and babies are welcome to attend with you, although no childcare is provided, sorry.
Register for this course by contacting the school office, or all enquiries to Matt Dwyer, Guidance Officer, on 55614 888.

NORTHERN GOLD COAST COMMUNITIES FOR CHILDREN
FREE PROGRAMS FOR PARENTS – OCTOBER - TERM 4
Topics include: Parenting Made Easier, Tuning in to Kids, Circle of Security Parenting, Assertiveness & Self Esteem.
Please contact us for any further course information and outline - Oxenford and Coomera Community and Youth Centre (OCCYC), 25 Leo Graham Way, Oxenford. Phone: 5529 8087 or 5580 4995
Email: family@youthcentre.org.au
Website: www.youthcentre.org.au

SPORT NEWS
Swimming Term 4 – Learn to Swim and Stroke Development
Permission Forms have been distributed to students for Prep, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5. The cost remains at $45 for both small group instruction and bus to and from Ashmore Swimming Pool. Please return permission forms with payment to the school payment window on Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings from 8:15am to 9:15am.
Commencement Dates:
Prep – Week 2, Thursday 13 October;
Year 1 – Week 2, Friday 14 October;
Year 3 – Week 3 – Wednesday 19 October;
Year 5 – Week 4 – Monday 24 October
Cost remains at $45 per student for bus travel to & from pool and specialist swim instructors in small groups for 6 sessions. All students will need the following items for swimming and to assist students get the most out each session:
1. Swimmers
2. Caps
3. Rashie (or t-shirt)
4. Goggles
5. Towel
6. Thongs
7. Towel
Any families that can donate caps, rashies or goggles please hand in to the office. This is greatly appreciated to help families and our students. Queensland Primary All Schools Touch Trials
Year 5 & 6 students only who have played in the Gold Coast Touch Cup or who have competed in a regular touch competition can trial for selection next Thursday 13 October from 3:10pm to 4:10pm. Students selected will be required to attend training on Wednesday afternoons and commit to both competition days on Saturday 5th and 6th November at Redlands. Any queries please see Ms Mitchell-Cowan prior to trials.
Arundel State School Swimming Carnival
Our 2016 swimming carnival for Year 4, 5 & 6 students will take place at the Ashmore Swimming Pool on Wednesday 30th November (week 9). There is an event for everyone!

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
**ASSEMBLY AWARDS – 16 SEPTEMBER**

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