Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

Sunday is Mother’s Day. On behalf of the staff and students of our school, I extend our best wishes to all Mothers and carers for this special day.

The importance of the role of Mothers and Carers is obvious but is often understated in our daily routines. A fundamental aspect of the role is the love and care that students enjoy and benefit from. This may mean different things in each home, but the nurturing, guidance and comfort provided at home, contributes significantly to happy, positive, confident children.

Best wishes for a special day.

**NAPLAN**

The annual Naplan Tests for students in Year 3, 5 and 7 will be conducted on the 13, 14 and 15 May 2014. It is important that your child arrives at school at the appropriate time as the test will be conducted in the morning session of each day. It is essential that all students attend for the days of the test.

There is only a small window for “catch up” tests to be conducted before all materials are packed off for external marking.

Students must understand that the tests are basically Maths and English tests of work that they will have covered in class. There will be some support to assist students to prepare for the format of the tests, but at Arundel, we do not “teach to the test”, with our curriculum program being our major guide.

Please ensure your child has the following items for each test day:

- 3 x 2B or HB pencils
- White eraser
- Pencil sharpener
- Calculator (Year 7 only)

**PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Thank you to all parents for attending last week’s parent/teacher interviews. I know the opportunity to speak to parents is greatly appreciated by teachers. If you were unable to attend these interviews, I would encourage you to contact your child’s teacher to arrange a time to discuss your child’s progress.

**WHOLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY PHOTOGRAPH**

The 20th Whole School Anniversary Photograph will be taken on Friday 9th May at 9:30am on the school oval. I ask all parents to ensure that their child is in the correct Arundel State School uniform for this event.
SCHOOL FETE SUNDAY, 1ST JUNE 10:00AM to 4:00PM

Fete preparations are continuing at a feverish pace and I would like to thank all parents and students for their support for the free dress day held last Friday.

Please see below key dates related to fete activities.

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<td>Donations for bake sale to be delivered to the Tuckshop between 3:00pm and 5:00pm. Please label all donations with ingredients.</td>
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VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

The Voluntary Contribution Scheme is based on parents contributing the sum of $90 per student for their first child at the school and $60 for each other child in the family. Funds accumulated through this scheme provide good value to the school and consequently to our students.

This contribution scheme is approved by Education Qld on the clear understanding that it is voluntary. Strong levels of participation by our families, greatly enhances our capacity to resource the school above the standard provisions.

Payment may be made in one sum or a number of instalments, in accordance to family circumstances. Funds received contribute towards

- Access for every child to Mathletics,
- Photocopying (provides additional teaching resources without the cost of extra textbooks)
- Art and Craft (paints, craft materials etc)
- Additional literacy and numeracy resources
- Additional specialist resources (P.E. -sports equipment, Music – scores, CDs etc.

Payment collection days are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only from 8:15am to 9:15am. The collection window is located at the front of the admin building. Phone the school office for details if you wish to pay online.

Des McConnell
Acting Principal

JUNIOR SHARING – Prep - Year 2
Monday, 12 May 2014 - 2:10pm

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**INTERSCHOOL SPORT – YEAR 5 TO 7**
Semester 1 Interschool Winter Sport will be held on **Mondays** on the following dates:

19th, 26th May; 2nd, 16th June

Letters have been handed to students who have been selected to play in a team.

Travel to and from the venue will be by bus. Buses will depart at approximately 11:00am and return to school at approximately 2:45pm.

The cost for the 4 weeks is $40.00. **We will require two separate payments.** Please **do not pay** the full amount of $40.00 due to wet weather cancellations that may occur.

The **first payment of $20.00 is required on or before Friday, 16 May.** Payments will be accepted Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings only from 8:15am to 9:15am via the payment window. Payments can be made by cash, cheque, credit card, EFTPOS or internet banking. Internet payments are required by Wednesday 14 May to allow sufficient time for funds to reach the school bank account.

**NEWS FROM 6B/C**
Highlights of Term 2

- Interschool Sport
- High School Visits
- Fete (helpers needed please, contact Mrs Brown 6E)
- English—Advertisement
- Maths—3D shapes/angles/number
- Science—Electricity
- Technology—Creating an ad
- Music—Performance/60’s and PEACE

Focus
- Homework—Due Friday
- Home reading—Parents please remember to sign logs
- Advertisement task (to be given)
- T-shirts—Please send in white t-shirt for music
- School uniform—No hooded jackets for winter
- Following school rules

We are encouraging students to be independent and mature for a smooth transition to high school.

**CHAPLAINCY NEWS**
K's for Kids
It’s that time of year again! K’s4Kids is proudly supporting SU Qld State School Chaplains that are working in our school communities to provide assistance, love and more positive options to our young generation. Why not donate to someone walking for this great cause, or better still...walk yourself and raise valuable funds to ensure these invaluable chaplaincy services are maintained and expanded to bring hope to every child in our school communities.

The K’s for Kids walk is on **Saturday 24th May.** If you would like to sponsor a walker, donate or even join the fun and walk too go to [KS4KIDS.ORG.AU](http://KS4KIDS.ORG.AU).

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**
Prep students are now welcome to order from the Tuckshop for first break only.

A small quantity of stationery items are available for purchase at the tuckshop. Student portfolios are also available at a cost of $4.00 each.

A reminder to parents - please do not bring $50 or $100 notes to the Tuckshop. We also do not accept any foreign coins! Volunteers always wanted and appreciated.
MORE STORY DOGS NEEDED
Our school currently has Story Dogs volunteers helping our students; however more dog teams are needed to meet the demand.

The teachers love this program, the kids can’t wait to read to the dogs and the program works!

Do you have a dog that is well behaved, gentle and is happy around children?
Can you spare a couple of hours a week?

Give Story Dogs an email or call so you can start helping our children find the joy of reading.
Phone:  Janine 0411 536 355
Email:  info@storydogs.org.au
Web Site:  www.storydogs.org.au

THE MOZI RUN
Supporting education in Mozambique
Saturday, 24 May 2014 2:00pm start – 5km Emerald Lakes Circuit, The Boulevard, Carrara

How to participate:
1. Just come for the 5km run or lake walk
   *$10 per person  *$25 per family
2. Help raise funds for Mozambique, find people to sponsor you. Register online at www.themozirun.org

Forms are available from the school office or for more information contact 5534 8050 or mozirun@missioneducate.org

COOMBABAH STATE HIGH SCHOOL
ENROLMENT TIMELINES AND INFORMATION FOR YEAR 7 AND 8 IN 2015
Friday 16 May     Applications for iGniTe programs and scholarships due.
Wednesday 21 May  Sport & Exercise Science trial day - 9.00 am to 2.45 pm.
Thursday 22 May   Visual Arts Workshop – 9.00 am to 2.45 pm.
Friday 23 May     Performing Arts Auditions (Dance, Drama, Singing) – 9.00 am to 2.45 pm.
Monday 26 May     ARC Catch-up Testing (for those who cannot attend on Thursday 22 May) – 3:30pm to 4:40pm Resource Centre.
Friday 30 May     iGniTe offers and Scholarship winners advised by mail.
Friday 13 June    Acceptance to iGniTe courses and scholarships due.
Friday 20 June    All enrolment forms due and can be returned to the school office.
Friday 5 December Junior School Welcome Day for 2015 Year 7 and Year 8 students 8:50am to 2:30pm.
Parent Welcome and Information and Morning Tea 9:00am to 10:00am.