Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

ACTING PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Welcome back to everyone, it is hoped that you were able to spend quality time with your loved ones and are ready for Term Four. It promises to be an extremely busy term for students, parents, teachers and the school community. I had an experience which reflects this train of thought. I was visiting a relative in a small country town, just wandering up the main street that consisted of 11 houses enjoying the serenity when my family and I were suddenly chased by a huge swarm of bees. Naturally we ran at a pace, found the nearest open garage and hid. I think a few prayers were involved. Then before we knew it, the bees were gone. In reflection this is similar to the pace of this term. We are all rested from the holidays, we will work at a pace and then before we know it Christmas will be upon us.

Speaking of bees there will be a Spelling Bee in Week 2 which has been supported by the P&C. Encourage your children to spend some time having a turn with selected spelling words for each grade. All sponsored money will be going towards the purchase of our multipurpose goal posts. Our final disco of the year has the fun filled theme of Halloween. It is always exciting to see what adventurous decorations the P & C will provide in the hall. Parents do a fantastic job with the student’s costumes as the children often aren’t recognisable. This always provides a great night in Week 4.

Swimming is commencing next week and involves Years Prep, 1, 2, 3 and 5. This is an exciting time for the students. The preps particularly enjoy the bus ride and the common song of, “The Wheels on the Bus”, is often heard flowing through the aisle of the bus. Many thanks to our dedicated Physical Education Teachers who run a highly organised program with the assistance of the qualified swimming instructors based at Guardian Angels. The deadline for payments has been extended until Monday, 12th October.

It is also that time of the year where our students are given the chance to demonstrate their talents in, “Arundel’s Got Talent”. The heats will be commencing in Week 2 leading up to the final in Week 10. This event really brings the school together and promotes a great sense of pride. Don’t forget about our gifted teachers! They will be dusting off their tap shoes, bringing out their leotards and providing everyone with a highly polished performance. Thanks to secret sessions they have been having with the Tony Bartuccio Dancing Troupe.

Speaking of talent the Prep, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 students will be performing a delightful Christmas Concert for our community and the Dance and Drama Excellence Students will provide a Christmas Play for all to enjoy in Week 9. Mrs Thornton and Mrs Adamson will diligently be preparing the children for the productions.

We will bid goodbye to our Year 6 children at the conclusion of this term, they will be honoured with an Awards Ceremony and a fun filled excursion at Wet and Wild. Mmm! I wonder if Mr Kelly will be popping on a waterslide and demonstrating his aquatic skills?

One hopes so! Have an enjoyable week.
Patrina Dendrinos

CLASSES FOR 2016 PARENT REQUESTS

Deputy Principals and Teachers are commencing the long process of forming classes for next year where all student's needs, progress and friendship groups are taken into consideration for their class placement in 2016. To assist with the process parents are invited to provide a written request for the children who have special circumstances to be considered individual teachers may not be requested. This request must be of a genuine nature.

Parent requests for 2016 classes will only be open for a two week period from Thursday October 8 to Friday October 23. As you can imagine it is a mammoth task to create new classes and all additional information is required early in the term to contribute to this process. The requests must be written or emailed to the deputy concerned and provided to the front office in the administration block. Please do not email your child’s current teacher with requests, it must only be directed to the administration team of Patrina Dendrinos P-1 Deputy, Maria Thompson Year 2 Deputy, Cheree Dick Years 3 - 4 Deputy and Des McConnell 5-6 Deputy. All placements are ultimately the decision of the principal. Every student will know of his/her 2016 class during the final week of class.
**Parent Reminders**

Parents are not allowed to approach other students relating to any personal concerns in any way. All matters of concern should be directed to the school administration.

Parents are required to leave the school grounds after collecting their children at 3:00pm. Children are not to play on any play equipment after 3:00pm.

Please also note that school hours are 8:50am to 3:00pm. Children are to be dropped off and collected close to these times.

**WHOLE SCHOOL PARADE – PREP TO YEAR 6**

Friday, 9 September, 2015 – 2:20pm – 2:50pm

**UP AND COMING EVENTS**

- **Thursday, 8th October**
  - Chess commences – 3:05pm

- **Monday, 12th October**
  - Year 5 – Swimming commences
  - P & C Meeting – Staffroom – 3:30pm

- **Wednesday, 14th October**
  - Year 3 Swimming commences

- **Thursday, 15th October**
  - Prep swimming commences
  - Prep 2016 Information Session – 9:15

- **Friday, 16th October**
  - Year 1 swimming commences
  - Spelling Bee

- **Monday, 19th October**
  - Pupil Free Day

- **Thursday, 22nd October**
  - Yr 2 History Excursion – Broadwater Parklands

- **Friday, 30th October**
  - Spooky Disco

**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 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 to enhance our capacity to resource the school above the standard provisions.

Payment can still 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.

**PE NEWS** *(Ms Mitchell-Cowan)*

The Queensland State Track & Field Championships will be held on 16th and 17th October. Good luck Jye from 5/6A who will be doing his best at the State Athletics next week at the Townsville Sport Reserve/Athletics Centre. Jye will be competing in the 200m and Long Jump.

The Queensland All Schools Touch Teams will compete on Saturday, 7th & Sunday 8th November at Redlands. Two mixed teams will represent Arundel at the competition this year. Teams are in the process of being finalised. Training will occur each Wednesday morning at 8am.

**Swimming Term 4**

Prep, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 will participate in swimming next week (week 2) for 6 weeks.

**Note to Prep and Year 1 Parents:** Successful government funding through Sporting Schools has resulted in an extra swimming instructor for the Learn to Swim program this year and one cap being provided to each Prep & Year 1 student. Arundel teachers will label the cap with each student’s name. Students will take the cap home & bring it back for swimming sessions. Caps are unable to be replaced if lost or ripped.

**Afterschool Sport**

Netball – Commencing in week 2 on Wednesday, 13th October from 3:10 – 4:10pm after school.

Prep, Year 1 & Year 2 only. Both girls and boys are welcome. Classes will continue until the end of week 5. No cost but parents must attend with their child for the sessions. Parents can register at the school office.

**PERFORMING ARTS NEWS** *(from Charmian Adamson)*

**Arundel’s Got Talent** will start in week 3 and will be held on Tuesday first break. Children will be told the date that they are on next week.

**Little Voices** will start next week for Years 1 & 2 on a Wednesday in second break. We would love to see as many as possible joining.

**Junior and Senior Choir** will combine for term 4 and will be held on Monday in second break and Thursday morning from 8:10 to 8:50am. New members are very welcome!

**Auditions for Dance and Drama Excellence** will be held on Friday in Week 5. Details will be provided at Parade and in the Newsletter shortly.

**Dance Ed** performance is in week 3 on Friday. Information letters will be handed out to students in their lesson this Thursday.

**P&C NEWS**

Welcome back to Term 4 and we hope everyone had a wonderful holidays. We have a busy term ahead and it will be Christmas break before we know it! Hopefully everyone has been learning
their spelling words and getting some sponsorship for the upcoming Spelling Bee on October 16th.

We will also be having a **Spooky Disco** on 30th October. The next P&C meeting will be held next Monday, 12th October at 3:30pm in the staffroom – all welcome.

**REMINDER - CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL**

The Arundel State School Shoebox Appeal closes next week. **Please send completed boxes or items to the office by Thursday, 15th October.** If you are filling a shoe box just cover it and the lid separately and pack it with a number of items.

The shoeboxes are divided into 3 categories for either Boys or Girls aged 2-4 years; 5-9 years; 10-14 years. Each shoebox could 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. **Thank you in anticipation for your kind donation!**

**Please do not send** – Second Hand Clothes, Food, Liquids, Toothpaste, Aerosol Cans, Vitamins, Breakable items or war related toys.

**CHAPLAINCY SERVICE PARENT SURVEY**

Please send your completed Chaplaincy Survey to the office by this Friday, 9th October. Thank you to everyone who has already completed their Survey and sent them in.

**SCHOOL CHESS PROGRAM (from Mr McConnell)**

Gardiner Chess are offering our students the opportunity to play Chess in an afterschool program. Coaching will be held in Mod 4 beside the LOTE room every Thursday afternoon after school from 3:05 – 4:05pm at a cost of $91.00 per student. Classes commence on Thursday, 8th October and run through until the 3rd December. Lessons cater for all ages and abilities. To register your child/children please go to www.gardinerchess.com.au and click on the ‘parents’ icon. You then need to create a new account and follow the instructions. For further information please call Gardiner Chess on 5522 7221.

**DENTAL VAN**

The Gold Coast Health Oral Health (Dental) Services are offering free dental check-ups to children in all years. This service will be provided on-site by Mobile Dental Clinic 172A. Hours of operation for this clinic are 7:45am – 4:15pm, unattended Wednesdays.

To arrange an appointment for your child telephone:

- The Oral Health Client Service Centre on 1300 300 850.
- Monday – Friday 8:00am – 4:30pm
- excluding Public Holidays.

Child Dental Benefit Schedule Vouchers are accepted. When your child's $1000 cap is reached, there will be no out-of-pocket expenses provided your child meets *eligibility criteria. *Eligibility – All Queensland resident children aged four years or older who have not completed year 10 of secondary school.


**PREP INFORMATION SESSIONS (from Mrs Dendrinos)**

The Prep program is designed to promote individual development and a foundation for successful learning and personal development. Sessions are available to prospective parents to learn about The Arundel State School and specifically about the Prep program. All parents are welcome to attend. Information sessions for prospective parents will be held on Thursday, 15th October at 9:15am. We look forward to seeing you there.

**LIBRARY NEWS (from Mrs McKay)**

**Book Club**

The Library offers students the opportunity to purchase books through Scholastic Book Club, with two issues per term. Brochures go home via each student’s classroom teacher. Issue 7 has been sent out and it is recommended that you order by 20th October, although later orders are possible. Payment is via LOOP only at www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP. 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.

**Stocktake**

The Library is conducting an annual stocktake in Week 5 of this term (2 to 6 Nov). The Library will be closed during this week. Students borrow in week 4 and return the books in week 6. Students may borrow over their regular allocation to make sure their reading is not disrupted.

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