Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

Welcome
A warm welcome to all students, parents and staff to the new term. I hope families enjoyed the holidays and especially the change to the usual busy routines.
The school term will again be very busy as we implement the final units of our class programs for the year, undertake reporting and end–of-year activities, as well as planning for a smooth beginning to the new year.

Effective sharing of information (eg via newsletter) along with the commitment of all in our community, will ensure this term is positive, smooth and enjoyable for our students. This exemplifies the importance of the newsletter as it is the major avenue for communicating with parents – please ensure that your newsletter is provided to you every Thursday.

Classes for 2015
Deputy Principals will begin planning class groups for 2015, in the next few weeks. Every child’s progress, needs and friendship groups, will be considered by our Deputy Principals, in association with teachers. In every case, the best placement for each child is our desired goal.

However, we welcome parent assistance in this process, especially for those few students who may have special circumstances that should be considered.

Should parents have special circumstances in relation to their child’s learning and class placement for 2015, these matters should be submitted to the school office, in writing or by email, by Friday 31st October.

This is the avenue for parents to have input into this process. If you wish to discuss your child’s needs with the class teacher, this is fine. However, the class teacher will also ask you to record your thoughts in writing and submit them in written form to admin.

These letters will then be handed to the relevant deputy principal for consideration. All requests will be confidential.

This invitation is for parents to table genuine matters for consideration, to support the best placement for the child – it is not an avenue for parents to endeavour to choose a specific teacher.

Late requests may not be considered due to progression of the planning process. All placements are ultimately the decision of the principal.

Every student will know of his/her 2015 class during the final week of 2014.

Before/After School Arrangements
The following points are important for parents and students in relation to before and after school.

Adventure Playgrounds – No student (or toddler) is permitted to play on any adventure playground before or after school. This is a safety rule. Students should be under the supervision of a staff member when using this equipment – at lunch times.

Parental supervision does not meet our health and safety requirements, especially when children are on the equipment while the parent is in conversation with others. Adventure playgrounds have specified “fall heights” and “step-up heights’ according to the age and size of the child.

Leaving School Premises – It is important that parents leave the school premises after school as soon as is possible. Generally, parents, with their students, should have left the school grounds by 3:20pm unless meeting a teacher. This is important from a security perspective, following several concerning incidents in recent times.

Fun Run
Every student was issued with a flier advertising the Fun Run before the holidays. All students are encouraged to participate.

Students are encouraged to seek sponsors for the Fun Run, from family, friends, relatives and neighbours. The sponsors’ name, amount donated and signature are to be entered on the table on the back sheet.

This sheet, along with the sponsorship money collected must be handed into the tuckshop by Friday 10th October, (this Friday), to qualify for an Early Bird prize.

All forms and money must be delivered to the tuckshop by Wednesday 15th October, (next Wednesday).
Students must not go door-knocking for sponsorship, unless under parental supervision. On Thursday, 16th October (Thurs of Week 2), year levels will report to the oval and endeavour to run the maximum number of laps within a designated period. Students are invited to wear a house coloured shirt – Sea Eagles (Red) Kites (Yellow), Harriers (Green) and Hawks (Blue), along with their school shorts/skorts. Each student must wear their school hat.

There will be a range of prizes for students who run the most laps, collect the most sponsorship, on a school and class level. The prizes are of excellent standard. All information is clearly provided on the flier that was issued to students.

The schedule for each year level is as follows:

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Parents are most welcome to attend to see their child participating in running the circuits. The canteen in the hall will be open, selling snacks and drinks.

Prizes will be awarded at the next possible “Sharing.”

**Pupil Free Day – Monday 20th October**

Parents are reminded that Monday 20th October is a designated Pupil Free Day in all Qld schools. While staff attend school, students are under the care of their parents on this day. The Outside School Hours Care Service is open on this day, if required.

**Prep Enrolment 2015**

Enrolments for Prep for 2015 are open. Already there have been many enrolments. The support of all families is sought to spread the message that early enrolment allows for the school to plan ahead, for a smooth start to the new year. Prospective parents may collect an enrolment pack from the school office. Students should be born between 1st July 2009 and 30th June 2010. Each enrolling student requires a birth certificate.

An Information Session is being held on Tuesday, 11th November from 9:15am to 10:15am in the Staffroom to provide parents with an insight as to how they can prepare their child for Prep, the curriculum, the wider school and screening processes.

Every child enrolled to begin Prep in 2015, will undertake a screening process. This takes approx. 30 minutes and provides information about the child’s readiness for school, how he/she can be supported from the first day of school and to form balanced classes.

Screening will take place on: Monday 20th October (Pupil Free Day) and on other days as arranged. The Uniform shop will be open each day of the screenings. School tours will be offered after the completion of the screening session.

**WHOLE SCHOOL SHARING – Prep to Year 7**

Monday, 13 October 2014 - 2:10pm

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to Georgia 4B on receiving a Bronze Endeavour Challenge Certificate and Junior BP Certificate from the Girl Guides. These are the top awards for her age group! Well done Georgia.

**P&C NEWS**

Welcome back to school and what a busy 4th term it will be. The Fun Run is on for all classes next Thursday, 16th October. All sponsorship money is due back in Wednesday 15th to be in the run for the many prizes we have. If you get your money in by this Friday 10th, you will also go into the early bird draw.

We also have a Halloween Disco on Friday, 24th October and we say good bye to Years 6 and 7 with Graduation days in early December.

The next P&C meeting is on this Monday, 13th October at 3:30 in the staffroom. We invite any interested parent, carers and grandparents to join us. It is a great way to know what’s going on in your school and to have input. It’s also an awesome way to meet other parents. Light refreshments will be served.

**HELPING HANDS NEWS**

Helping Hands Arundel School Community Survey - $100 Grocery Voucher to be won.

To assist us in providing an OSHC program that meets both your and your child’s individual requirements, we would appreciate if you could please take a couple of minutes to complete this survey. Please include your name and contact details to be eligible to go into the draw to win a $100 Grocery Voucher. (One survey per family). Follow this link to complete the survey online - https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RRR8V6S or email accounts@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au to get a copy emailed to you. The survey will close on Monday, 27 October 2014.
IGA PROMOTION
An easy way for you to help raise funds for your school's P&C is to simply shop at the IGA at Crestwood Plaza on Olsen Ave using an IGA card. Each time you shop you swipe the card and points are given to our school. We have 100 IGA cards that have already been activated available for collection at the school office. All you have to do is register the card online and nominate The Arundel State School as the recipient of points. The points translate into funds donated to the school and the card also gives you access to special member discounts. Please collect a card from the school office and start shopping at our local IGA.

UP AND COMING EVENTS
Monday, 13th October Year 5 Swimming commences
Tuesday, 14th October Year 6 & 7 Aquatic Program commences
Wednesday, 15th October Year 3 Swimming commences
Thursday, 16th October Fun Run
Friday, 17th October Prep Swimming commences
Monday, 20th October Student Free Day
Friday, 24th October Halloween Disco
Tuesday, 9th December Year 6 Graduation & Presentation
Wednesday, 10th December Year 7 Graduation

PE NEWS
Swimming Dates
Prep, Year 3 and Year 5
This term is the start of the Learn to Swim for Prep, Year 3 and Year 5. The cost of the program is $50 and covers, bus travel to and from the pool, pool hire and qualified swimming instructors. Please pay this amount through our Money Window which will be open every day this week between 8:15am and 9:15am. All money must be paid by Friday, 10th October. This is fantastic value for the 8 week program. Students will commence their program in week 2 of Term 4 on the following dates:
Monday, 13th October - Year 5
Wednesday, 15th October - Year 3
Friday, 17th October - Prep

Year 6 & 7 Aquatic Program
Students will commence their aquatic program on Tuesday, 14th October in week 2 of this term for 6 weeks. The program focuses on stroke correction and life-saving at Guardian Angels Pool, Ashmore followed by Surf Life Saving Awareness Practical Activities at Main Beach on Tuesday, 18th November. Please pay this amount through our Money Window which will be open every day this week between 8:15am and 9:15am. All money must be paid by Friday, 10th October. All students require a swimming cap and rashie for all swimming programs. This is both a safety and hygiene policy of the pool. CAP & RASHIE DONATIONS are gratefully accepted. If your child has grown out of their current cap or rashie please bring any spares to the school office. Sorry we cannot accept swimmers.

SCIENCE TRIVIA CHALLENGE
This term on 9th October, we will be holding our inaugural House Science Trivia Challenge for Years 4 & 5. Teams of 5 or 6 students from the same house group, will compete in a six round trivia challenge testing their science knowledge against other house groups. Prizes will be awarded to the winning groups from each year level.

2014 CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL
Don't forget to participate in this year's Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal! This is a great chance for our children to learn about giving to those in need. Many children around the world are living in desperate need, and the annual Shoebox Appeal is an opportunity for us as a school community to give these children a Christmas gift that they ordinarily wouldn't receive. If you want to participate please put the shoebox's into categories for BOYS and GIRLS 2-4 Years; 5-9 Years, or 10-14 years, then write the gender and age the shoebox is intended for on the box. If you require a shoebox you can pick one up from Mrs Fogarty or Mrs Nelson or Chaplain Zane. Please include in the box, something to play with, something for school, something for hygiene, something to wear and something to love (please only include new items & do not include any consumables or breakables). Please return the shoeboxes by Week 2 of Term 4 (17th of October). They can be returned to your classroom teacher, the office or Chaplain Zane. Thank you for your generosity, we’re hoping this is our most generous shoebox appeal so far!

PRECIOUS CHILDREN, PRECIOUS SMILES
This is an opportunity for all eligible* children aged 0 -3 yrs to be seen by the specialist paediatric dentist and receive dental care from a specialized dental team at the Gold Coast Oral Health Service. We are looking to recruit 100 eligible children aged 0-3 yrs old to participate in this community oral health initiative that aims to prevent the onset of dental caries and treat early caries lesions to stop progression. *To be eligible, parent/guardian has to have a concession/pension card holder. For enquiry or to make an appointment please contact 1300 300850 or email GCOHS_PricelessSmiles@health.gov.qld.au.
COME ALONG FOR A FAMILY FUN HAT DAY
SATURDAY 11th OCTOBER, 2014
Shining a light on Mental Health
Wear your favourite Hat

Live Bands, Car Displays, Face Painting, Celebrities - Bruce Page, Magician, Aerobic Displays, Hat Parade, Fun Foods, Carnival Rides, Gold Coast Suns, On-Stage Performances.

Prizes to be WON!

Broadwater Parklands - 9am - 4pm