Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

This week we received advice that the Education Department is inviting schools to submit an application to join the Independent Public Schools Program (IPS).

Our Director General, Jim Watterston writes: “The Independent Public Schools initiative provides us with an exciting opportunity to increase empowerment in decision making and remove barriers to maximize student learning. As a department we recognise that the best decision making often occurs at a local level through direct response to local community needs and aspirations. By using local expertise to respond to local community needs, Independent Public Schools are able to embrace innovation, and make the most of opportunities to collaborate. This includes increased agency to work in new ways with local businesses, industry and other community organisations. It is about enabling school leaders to make decisions that will impact on teaching and learning while the department devotes resources to build capacity and capability, and provides an authorising environment built upon collaboration and shared responsibility.”

Arundel applied to be an Independent Public School in 2014 but was unsuccessful. I believe we are now better placed to submit a strong application. A major part of a successful application is the support of school staff and the parent community. Over the next couple of weeks I’ll seek support from our staff. At the same time I’ll provide information to your P&C Association executive to enable them to make an informed decision in providing support or otherwise.

There are few IPS schools in our area. Helensvale State High and Southport State High are IPS schools. I believe it is time for Arundel to join this group.

Some features of IPS are:

- Increased innovation.
- Formation of a School Council separate to the P&C which comprises school, community and other stakeholders.
- More autonomy to manage and use infrastructure, financial resources and human resources.
- Increased flexibility to shape curriculum offerings that suit the needs of their students.
- Freedom to shape and deliver innovative educational practices that maximise outcomes for students.
- Direct recruitment of teaching and non-teaching staff.
- Of course there is also a financial incentive with an up-front grant of $50,000 and then $50,000 per year to support innovation and lift student learning opportunities.

It is an exciting prospect. I’ll liaise with our P&C and hopefully win strong support for the application.

Our P&C Association is conducting, for the first time a Spelling Bee to raise funds, this time to assist in the purchase and installation of goals posts for our oval. The Spelling Bee will be held on October 16. Children will soon receive their sponsor sheets which will give them a couple of weeks to gain sponsors. I urge parents to join in this fund raiser. Our goal posts will cost around ten thousand dollars to purchase and install. If each student could raise just $10 we would meet our target.

As you know, our school has been participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school. We’re now at the important stage of the program where the Sticker Sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn & Learn claim. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. So this week, please send in your Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheets and any loose Earn & Learn stickers you may have. Thanks again for all your support!

I hope you’ve been able to catch some of the sporting action this week from our Prep, Year One and Year Two students as well as our SEP students. It’s been a big week.

Michael Kelly, Principal
WHOLE SCHOOL PARADE – PREP TO YEAR 6
Friday, 18th September, 2015 – 12:15 – 1:00pm

Presenters Sharing Items
3D PA, 5D

UP AND COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, 16 Sept Eisteddfod Showcase Concert – 7pm
Friday, 18 September Last Day of Term 3 - Free Dress Day

CLASS AWARDS (Junior & Senior Sharing)

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PERFORMING ARTS NEWS
(from Mrs Thornton and Mrs Adamson)

The Gold Coast Eisteddfod is over for another year. All the children have done a wonderful job performing. We have finished on a high with Drama Excellence. On Thursday night last week our Senior groups performed. They received a 2nd, 3rd and VHC. The junior groups performed last Sunday night and received a 1st and 2nd. I’m very proud of my students.

The Showcase Concert will be held next Wednesday night, 16th September, in the School Hall to showcase all our 12 entries from the Eisteddfod. The parents of these children should have received a note. Please see the teacher if you have not received one. It will begin at 7pm and it is the last time this year they will perform these pieces.

There will be Auditions for Dance and Drama Excellence next term. Keep your eye on the Newsletter and we will announce them at Sharing. We ask the children from Years 3 to 6 audition only if they have a talent in this field. Because of time constraints, we ask that only children that excel at these subjects audition.

In the first week of school next term there will be NO Strings lessons as Mr Stylianou is away. ALL Classes will resume in Week 2.

CHOIRS - Next term we will be joining our Junior and Senior Choirs and starting a Little Voices for Year 1 and Year 2. Junior and Senior Choir will become Senior Choir (Years 3-6) and will rehearse on Tuesdays during 1st Break in Mrs Thornton’s room, Little Voices (Years 1 & 2) will rehearse in Mrs Thornton’s room on Wednesdays during 2nd Break. Please encourage your children to join in, all are welcome.

DVD Info for our Eisteddfod Parents
Limelight Multimedia - professionally recorded all school Bands and Choirs. You may still place an order for a DVD by contacting them with your details - www.limelightmultimedia.com.au or email - admin@limelightmultimedia.com.au or phone Matthew Smith - 0409 61 LIME (5463).

Move Photography
Move Photography photographed the School Choirs & Bands at this year’s Eisteddfod. The images are available to view and order online at www.movephotography.net. Access Code: 646 732.

If you have any queries regarding photos please email admin@movephotography.net

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.

TUCKSHOP NEWS
Please note that the Tuckshop will be closed for cleaning on Friday, 18th September (the last day of term).

PE NEWS (Ms Mitchell-Cowan)

Afterschool Sport

Netball – Wednesdays – 3:10-4:10pm. Prep, Year 1 & Year 2 only. Both girls and boys are welcome. Commencing Term 4 on Wednesday, 14th October in weeks 2, 3, 4 and 5. No cost but parents must attend with their child for the sessions. Registration will start next week.

Sport and PE Events

Friday 11th Sept
Year 1 PE NRL Development reading and activity program.

Term 4 Swimming

Swimming will take place from Week 2 to Week 7 in term 4 for the following groups:
Prep – Thursdays Year 1 – Fridays
Year 3 – Wednesdays Year 5 – Mondays
Swimming is still only $45.00 and that includes small swimming groups, qualified instructors, bus transport and swimming caps for Prep and Year 1. Parents and Caregivers that need financial assistance please contact the school.

P&C NEWS

Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious will not be on the possible list of spelling words for the upcoming Arundel Spellathon. There will be many other awesome words for everyone to learn over the holidays before the big event on Friday October 16th. Next week every class will get their words, sponsorship forms and a flyer showing all of the great prizes to be won. All children getting 100% of words correct will get a medal and the class raising the most money will have their very own pizza party. Get behind your kids and sponsor their efforts. All funds raised are going towards the installation of some multipurpose goal posts on the oval.

Next Friday is the last day of term and it is a Free Dress Day. The theme is ALL SPORTS so swap your uniform for your sports gear. A gold coin donation will be collected by the P&C and put toward the goal posts. We wish everyone a happy and safe holidays.

HELPING HANDS ARUNDEL

Tamara Syron is officially the Coordinator at Helping Hands Arundel and is very excited to be working back in this role. Jenny has started this week as the Assistant Coordinator. Please say hello if you see her around.

Vacation Care

We are getting excited about the upcoming Vacation Care. These holidays we are going on an excursion to Bounce Trampoline Park again and also Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary.

Dress up Day

The children can dress up as something starting with the letters A, E, I, O or U.

Visit Bounce Trampoline Park again and also Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary.

Some housekeeping: Please remember to sign your child in/out. This is a legal document that is used to keep a record of attendance as well as a document we use in an emergency when evacuating. It is vital that each child is signed in/out correctly.

We practice sun safety: please ensure your child has a hat to use at OSHC.

Please notify us if your child is absent. When children don’t arrive at After School Care we need to call parents and look for the missing child (taking staff away from supervising the main group, if we have not found or contacted the parents by 3:30pm our policy is to call the police. This can take time especially if parents have not notified us of their child’s absence. It is imperative that you notify us of your child being absent. Our policy states a $5 fee will be incurred if we need to contact you and your child is absent. We currently have vacancies for Before School Care and After School Care. If you need care for your child please give us a call on 0458010769. We are happy to answer any questions you may have.

REGIONAL CHESS COMPETION

The Regional Chess Competition was recently held at Carrara. Congratulations to the following students:-

2nd Place in their Division
Jackson, Joshua (Merit Ribbon), Nate, Bailey (Merit Ribbon).

3rd Place in their Division
Leyla (Merit Ribbon), Alexander, Natalie, Nicholas (Merit Ribbon).

2G NEWS (from Mrs Hartley)

In English we have been learning how to write a procedure. We made up our own recipes. Try these two – they are very yum.

Delicious Mango Milkshake by Jacqueline

Aim – To make a cool drink for summer.
Ingredients - mango, milk and ice
Equipment – milkshake maker, knife, cutting board and a mug.
Method

1. Cut up the mango on the cutting board.
2. Put the cut up mango in the milk shake maker.
3. Pour in some milk.
4. Turn on the milkshake maker.
5. Turn it off.
6. Pour it into a mug.
7. Add some ice.

Summary – Drink and enjoy.

**Fruit Sticks by Shania**

**Aim** – To make a healthy summer snack

**Ingredients** – strawberries, watermelon, apple, raspberries

**Equipment** – skewer, knife

Method

1. Cut the fruit into little pieces.
2. Get a skewer and put the fruit onto the skewer.
3. Eat it.

Summary – Eat it and enjoy it.

**2015 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. 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. **Closing date: Thursday, 15th October, 2015.**

**Collection points:** Mrs Nelson (1A) or Mrs Mildren (2H)