Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
This week is celebrated as Queensland Women’s Week, with Tuesday being acknowledged as International Women’s Day (IWD). These events prompt us all to reflect on how we can contribute to achieving the IWD vision of gender parity, and also provide the opportunity for us to recognise and celebrate the achievements of women. Many primary schools are almost the exclusive domain of women. At Arundel, women make up 90% of our teaching staff; 100% of our teacher aide team; 100% of our office and admin staff; 100% of our tuckshop and uniform staff and all but one of our cleaning staff is a woman. All of the executive members of our P&C are women. All of these ladies juggle their school work with the extra role of being mothers and wives and even sole family leader in many instances. To all of these loyal employees at Arundel I thank you for your contribution to our school and its students.

On Friday evening we will hold the first of our school discos for the year with the junior disco for the prep, year one and year two children commencing at 4.30pm and continuing until 6pm and then the seniors starting at 6.30pm and continuing until 8pm. These are good opportunities for the children to have something to eat and drink and even do some dancing with their friends to the music supplied by our DJ. Please note that this time our year three children will join the senior school to balance the numbers a little.

On Friday we have asked our after school care providers, Helping Hands, to work out of other classrooms at the school. This is a huge imposition for Helping Hands as they have to move their large group from the hall into other parts of the school. I thank Helping Hands for their cooperation and support of our discos.

This week Guidance Officer, Matt Dwyer, commenced his Parenting Course. We had a really good attendance on day one and I hope this continues over the next couple of weeks of the course. At the beginning of Tuesday’s session, Matt asked parents to reflect on some of the things they had to do as parents – the list was huge – infinite I suspect. There is no doubt being a parent is the most difficult and most important job of all. Parents are the first teachers – they model for their children. Whether we like it or not our children are watching us all the time – they learn from us – they listen and watch and in time model the behaviour they see at home.

On Tuesday evening I caught a story on the six o’clock news which centred on the success of parenting programs. The research according to the news reporter suggests that 90% of parents who attend a parenting course actually had positive outcomes in improving their parenting skills. That is very strong data and difficult to argue with. I suppose with all things the hardest part is actually getting started and then attending for the duration of the program. You would be most welcome to the program that Matt is running – Tuesday at 9am in the staffroom – next Tuesday and the following Tuesday.

I hope the text messaging to your mobile phone is working okay. If someone in your family has not received a text it may mean you haven’t given us your contact mobile or you have changed numbers. Please try to attend to that as soon as possible.

Have a nice weekend, Michael Kelly

ASSEMBLIES - Friday, 18 March 2016
9:00 to 9:45am Prep – Year 2 (Presenters 2F, Sharing Item 2D)
9:45 to 10:15am Year 3 and Year 4 (Presenters 4C, Sharing Item 4A)
2:15 to 3:00pm Year 5 and Year 6 (Presenters 6E, Sharing Item 6B)
**ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

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**UP AND COMING EVENTS**

**Friday, 11 March**
- School Disco
  - Prep to Year 2 – 4:30pm-6:00pm
  - Year 3 to Year 6 – 6:30pm -8:00pm

**Monday, 14 March**
- 5A and 5B Excursion to Hastings Point Marine Museum

**Tuesday, 15 March**
- 5C and 5D Excursion to Hastings Point Marine Museum

**Wednesday, 16 March**
- 5E and 5F Excursion to Hastings Point Marine Museum

**Thursday, 17 March**
- Practical Prep Parent Program 1:45-3:00pm

**Friday, 18 March**
- P&C AGM – 3:30pm

**Tuesday, 22 March**
- Year 6 Surf Safety & Awareness Program

**Wednesday, 23 March**
- Prep and Year 1 Easter Concert 2:00pm School Hall

**Thursday, 24 March**
- Last day of Term 1

**YEAR 6 SURF SAFETY & AWARENESS PROGRAM – MAIN BEACH SLSC**

The Surf Safety and Awareness Program for Year 6 will be conducted on Tuesday, 22 March at Main Beach Surf Life Saving Club. The cost of the excursion is $15.00. This covers travel to and from school to Main Beach SLSC and the Surf program. Money is to be paid by Friday, 18 March via the payment window which is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings between 8:15am and 9:15am.
NEWS FROM THE P&C

DISCO
Our Easter Disco is on tomorrow Friday, 11 March
• Junior disco – Prep to Year 2 – 4:30-6:00pm
• Senior disco – Year 3 to Year 6 – 6:30-8:00pm
Tickets are $5. Presale from 8:00am Friday morning or at the door. Bundle with sausage sizzle and entry $7 to buy at presales only. Dress up, prizes to be won!

UNIFORM SHOP
Temporary bucket hats (navy blue) are arriving next week for sale at $10 each. These are until our new bucket hats with house colours arrive.

Dress back order that was due to arrive in February. Our apologies for the delay. We have received an update from our Supplier that they will arrive by end of March. A text will go out as soon as they arrive.

Our bulk order is arriving in May (Mr Charles is pushing for April).

TEMPORARY TEACHER AIDE POSITION
Expressions of Interest are sought for a temporary general teacher aide position for 4 hours per day.

Applicants must have a Suitability Notification (Blue Card) for working with children.

Please submit a short curriculum vitae showing relevant work experience to Cheryee Dick, via the school office, by Tuesday 15 March.

PRACTICAL PREP PARENT PROGRAM
We will be conducting our first Practical Prep Parent Program this term on, Thursday 17 March from 1:45 to 3:00pm in the Administration Block. During this session we would like to explore with you:
• Early Writing Activities
• Handwriting
• Metalinguistics and Oral Language Activities
If you would like to attend this workshop, please RSVP to the school office on 5561 4888.

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS (Mrs Thornton)
Prep and Year 1 Easter Concert – Wednesday, 23 March in the hall at 2:00pm
Please come along to see our Preps and Year 1 students perform Easter poems and songs with Mr B Bunny!
Instrumental Music – Please make sure all payments are made asap, or your child will not secure a position in the program.

P&C AGM
Come along and be inspired by a dynamic group of parents doing great things for your school. The Arundel P&C will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Friday 18 March at 3:30pm in the staff room. These meetings are informative and interactive - everyone is welcome to attend and contribute. The committee positions will be up for election so if you are interested in nominating yourself or someone else for a position, please complete the form below and return to the school office in an envelope labelled P&C. Positions include President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Grants Officer, Database Manager.

You may not want to be on the committee but you can come along anyway and contribute as much or as little as you are able.

P&C Election Nomination Form:
I, ____________________________ wish to nominate ____________________________ for the position of ____________________________ on the Arundel State School P&C Committee.

Signed: ____________________________
Dated: ____________________________
Mobile contact no: ____________________________

REMEMBER 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.

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COMPLETION OF ORAL HEALTH SERVICES
Gold Coast Oral Health Services have completed dental check-ups and treatment for eligible children at this school. If you have not arranged for your child to receive a free dental check-up please telephone the Oral Health Client Service Centre - 1300 300 850 Monday – Friday 8.00 am – 4.30 pm Excluding Public Holidays. Don’t wait to treat a problem, arrange a check-up for your child at least once a year.
* Eligibility – All Queensland resident children aged four years or older who have not completed year 10 of secondary school.
Further information on public funded oral health services can be accessed via URL:

REGIONAL CHESS TOURNAMENT
Congratulations to the following students who competed at the recent Regional Chess Tournament – Bailey of 4D and Joshua of 5B. Well done boys!

YEAR 5 EXCURSION TO HASTINGS POINT
The final day for payment for the Year 5 Excursion to Hastings Point is tomorrow Friday, 11 March. Payments can be made by cash at the payment window from 8:15am to 9:15am.

HIGH PERFORMANCE SPORTS ACADEMY
Year 7-9 in 2017
PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT
Monday 21 March 2016 - Sports Super Centre, Runaway Bay
6.00 pm – 7.00 pm
This program is for student athletes emerging as representative level competitors who are also seeking a challenging academic program at school with a view to attending university. This is a unique Gold Coast High School Sport Program endorsed and supported by local Olympians and Griffith University.
Parents who are genuinely considering this program are also invited to attend a 5.30 pm session on Growth Plate Injuries with Greg Fyffe our program Physiotherapist.

Book your seat now! coom@coombabashs.eq.edu.au
For further information visit our website - www.coombabashs.eq.edu.au or contact Program Directors
Hayden Ewens 5552 3826 or Cath Robertson 5552 3888

EXCITE ENTRANCE EXAM – Maths, Science, English, History
Helensvale State High, Student Activity Centre (SAC)
Saturday 12 March 2016 9am
Information and application forms available from Helensvale SH Administration
EXCITE Entrance Exam. Year ‘7 2017. No cost. Phone: 55 738555

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SPORT NEWS
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Tuesdays 19 and 26 April, 3 and 10 May 3:00-4:00pm
Register online at rookies2reds.com.au or call 1300 QLD REDS (1300 753 733)

GOLD COAST BASKETBALL
Gold Coast basketball will be running a Girls only basketball camp on Wed 6 and Thurs 7 April from 9am to 3pm both days. The camp will be held at Kings Christian College. For more details visit www.goldcoast.basketball.net.au or contact Rodney Coxedge on 0412180790.)