Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

At our school Parade on Friday of last week we had quite a number of presentations to students. Firstly we had the presentation of medals to students in our Special Education Program who competed in the regional special school sports a couple of weeks ago. Prior to the presentation of these medals we were fortunate to view a short video of the students performing during the day at Griffith University Athletics track. We are very proud of these youngsters. Additionally, the students from Arundel were the champion school at the sports carnival – first overall amongst fifty schools. A phenomenal achievement! We also received a lovely trophy to acknowledge the fine performances of our athletes.

Later at the Parade we had the distribution of medals to children who performed very well at spelling words in our recent Spellathon. Close to 290 students received a medal of achievement.

The Spellathon almost reached our target of $10000. Now we can go ahead and organise for the instalment of goal posts on our oval. We are confident that the goal posts will be installed before the start of the new school year. They will certainly serve Arundel students for many years to come. My thanks to the Arundel P&C for directing their funds towards the purchase of the posts.

Have a nice weekend,
Mike Kelly, Principal

NO SCHOOL PARADE - FRIDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER

UP AND COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, 18th November Aged Care Visit – Snr Band/Choir
Tuesday, 1st December RE Christmas Concert – 9:15am
Wednesday, 2nd December Swimming Carnival – Yrs 4, 5 & 6
School Christmas Concert
  - Prep & Year 1 – 9:15am
  - Years 2 & 3 – 2:00pm
Thursday, 3rd December Dance and Drama Excellence Students Christmas Concert
  6:30 - 7:30pm in the Hall
Tuesday, 8th December Yr 6 Awards Ceremony – Hall – 5:30pm
Wednesday, 9th December Yr 6 Wet ‘n Wild Excursion – Leaving school at 9:30am
Friday, 11th December Last Day of School

PE NEWS (Ms Mitchell-Cowan)
QLD ALL SCHOOLS TOUCH CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to our awesome touch teams on a very successful weekend of sport. Arundel A Mixed got to the semi-finals and despite an inspiring first half win couldn’t maintain the attack and went down but not without giving it everything. Jye G. led the team with determination and set a high standard for others to follow. The result was a very commendable achievement despite the disappointing loss in the semi-finals. Outstanding performances over the weekend by Courtney, Flynn, Filisi, Ryusei and Paige was well supported by team members Phillip, Claire L, Claire K, Teina, Layne and Hunter. The Arundel B team played strongly in their last round game to let the opposition know they were serious contenders. In the quarter finals they drew 2-all only to go down in the drop off with a mistake by officials. A consistently high performance by Roman, Tai, Caitlyn, Milan and Malakai. They were supported by team members Joanne, Jessica, Ruby, Tiana, Camilla, Zeke and Dylan. This should encourage great determination for next year’s competition. Well done to all players. Thank you to Mrs Fletcher and Mr Addams (parent) for their assistance and to Mr McConnell (Deputy) for his
Support over the weekend. A big thank you to all our parents for all your support and encouragement.

**GOOD LUCK**

Hayden W. will compete in the Aquathon this Saturday in Southport.

**ARUNDEL SS SWIMMING CARNIVAL (for Years 4, 5, & 6)**

Arundel’s first ever swimming carnival will take place on **Wednesday 2nd December at the Guardian Angels Pool Edmond Rice Drive, Ashmore. All Year 4, 5 & 6 students** will attend this inaugural school event.

Competitive swimmers will have the opportunity to try out for the District Team and Age Champion in 100m & 50m freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly. All other swimmers can participate in 25m salmon swims for House points. The event is a rolling carnival commencing at approximately 9:30am with Year 4; 11:00am for Year 5 and 12:30pm for Year 6. The cost is $5.00 for bus and pool entry. Permission letters will be distributed this week.

**AFTER SCHOOL SPORT**

Thursdays: Aussie Hoops Basketball Update for Years 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6 girls and boys commencing week 6 at 3 - 4pm for 4 weeks only. The cost of the practical sessions will be covered by Sporting School funding. Places are limited. Register your child’s name at the school office.

**PERFORMING ARTS NEWS**

(from Mrs Adamson & Mrs Thornton)

Dance & Drama Auditions – Final call-backs will be this week and acceptance letters will be distributed to parents next week.

Arundel’s Got Talent has begun and is held on Tuesdays at first break. The dates for performances have been posted on Mrs Thornton’s window.

Little Voices – Year 1 & 2 – Wednesday, 2nd Break – Will finish next week (week 7)

Junior and Senior Choir is held on Monday in second break and Thursday morning from 8:10 to 9:00am. New members are very welcome!

Aged Care Visit: Senior choir students in Years 5 & 6 and Senior Band will be travelling to two facilities to entertain the residents. Please return notes asap to enable children to attend.

Christmas is coming ....... watch this space for information on the Christmas Concert! Please lock in these dates:

- Prep & Year 1 – Wednesday, 2nd December - 9:15am
- Year 2 & Year 3 – Wednesday, 2nd December - 2:00pm

(Dates have been distributed to students).

Drama & Dance Excellence Parents

Christmas Play will take place on Thursday, 3rd December - 6:30 pm (letters will be sent home soon).

**FRIDAY CHESS CLUB (Mr Lang)**

Friday Chess Club is held every Friday at lunchtime (1st break) for Years 4, 5 and 6. If you are new to the game or just want to improve your skills then come along. It is being held in the old computer room (Mod 8). If you are interested you will need to bring along your lunch and stay for the entire lunch break. I hope to see you there.

**P&C NEWS**

We had a visit from Helensvale Athletes Foot at our meeting on Monday. Athletes Foot have some interesting initiatives to help kids tie laces and learn about foot health. Further information will be provided in 2016. We are involved in their rewards program so the school will get $5 for every pair of shoes purchased. A brochure with a full range of school approved shoes is now available for viewing in our Uniform Shop.

The Uniform Shop is fully stocked for the new year and we are keeping the prices low. We have special opening days in January including the 25th January which is now a Pupil Free Day. We have had feedback about track pants - our supplier will alter free of charge. Just see Mireta in the Uniform Shop.

**LIBRARY NEWS (from Mrs McKay)**

Christmas Book Fair

The Library’s Christmas Book Fair will be held from 24 November to 3 December and we would love to see all of you there. This Book Fair is smaller than the Book Week Book Fair and is only for the sale of books. Pencils, pens, erasers etc. are not included in this Book Fair. Eftpos facilities will be available. We will be open from 8:30am to 3:30pm each day.

**2A NEWS**

Here are a few more stories from our Excursion to the Broadwater Parklands:-

“Yesterday the Year 2’s went to Southport Broadwater Parklands. First, 2A went to ANZAC PARK and answered questions. Secondly, we went to The Porch, it was built in 2009, and then we had lunch. After lunch, we went to the Day at the Beach. In the past, there weren’t a lot of people so they went nude. Later we went on the new pier. In the past it cost money to go on, now it doesn’t.”

Jay – 2A
Yesterday my class went to Southport. Firstly, we went to the Gates. We then read the people who were at war that sadly passed away. Next, we went to the ANZAC memorial. We read everything but we had to go. Then we went to have lunch. After lunch, we went to the beach. Mrs Main told us what they wore and read the timeline. Then we went to the pier. We went and saw some of the materials that were in the past. Then we did our work. After our work, we looked around. After that we ate again. Then we played games and went on the bus back to school. It was a great day out! — Ramin – 2A

Yesterday we went to the Broadwater Parklands. We got on a bus to get to Broadwater Parklands. We started our journey at 10.00. All of Year 2 went on the History Excursion. Firstly we had morning tea at the Little Lawn. Second we learnt about timelines and the old pier and the E cinema. After that we all had lunch. Next we all had a little play. Finally we all went on the new jetty. Some of us went to look at the fish at the jetty.” — Melissa – 2A

HEAD LICE REMINDER
The female louse can lay 5 to 12 eggs per day. Head lice hatch 7 to 10 days after being laid. So it is important to check everyone in the family’s hair weekly to pick up the lice before they mature enough to lay eggs (nits). If you do find head lice treat the hair by combing conditioner through dry hair. This will suffocate the lice and they can be combed out. Nits must be combed out as well. So rinse the conditioner out and dry the hair. Use a fine toothed comb dipped in white vinegar to remove the nits. If you treated your child’s hair for head lice last week, please check and if necessary, treat your child’s hair again this week as a follow up measure. Thank you for your persistence.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION AND AWARDS CEREMONY
On Tuesday, 8th December at 5:30pm, the Year 6 Graduation and Awards evening will be held in the Hall. At this Ceremony students will be acknowledged for excellence in a number of academic, sporting, performing arts and citizenship areas. Parents of Year 6 students are welcome to attend.

Wet ’n Wild Excursion
On Wednesday, 9th December, Year 6 students will attend their Graduation Excursion to Wet ’n Wild, from 9:30am. Letters will be sent home to parents shortly.

It will be a great day for the students.

LATE START FOR 2016
The new school year begins on Wednesday, 27th January 2016 for all students. Should any students be returning to Arundel later than this first day, please inform the school office via written letter or email. In the first 2 weeks of next year, there is very careful scrutiny of our enrolments. This is because enrolments determine our staffing allocation and therefore our class arrangement. The practice of having written information as to the circumstances of every student who has not attended from Day 1 of the new year is necessary for our school to meet audit requirements.

PREP 2016
Enrolments for Prep for 2016 are progressing very well. 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, 2010 and 30th June, 2011. Each enrolling student requires an original birth certificate. For the first two weeks of the new school year, Prep students will finish their regular classes at 2:45pm. This measure is intended to allow parents to park, walk in to collect their child from class and then to depart by 3pm, hopefully diminishing the congestion in the side car park. Students will be supervised in their classroom until collected.

PLANNING FOR 2016
The period over Christmas is a time when many families experience changed circumstances. This often results in students having to change schools. Families whose children are moving schools are asked to advise the school office either in person, by phone or email/letter. We are disappointed to lose students, but recognise that this is necessary at times and therefore are willing to assist with any transition into a new school.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS
Would parents please update their contact and emergency details. This is necessary, particularly in case of an accident, illness or emergency. Thanks to those parents who advise the office of new details. However, it is clear that there are many parents whose details are inaccurate. This includes mobile numbers where the phone is discontinued. I expect every parent’s contact details to be accurate. It is too late that we find out about this in an emergency!

TRAFFIC ALERTS
Parents are reminded that the area immediately in front of the school, along the fence from the front gate to the boom gate is a designated drop-off and collection zone. This means parents are welcome to use these bays to drop off students in the morning and to collect children in the afternoon. However, to use this facility properly, parents must never leave their car. Police often attend our school and are informed of inappropriate use.
On the eastern edge of the side car park, is an Energex depot. The entry/exit to this depot is to the left of the exit lanes. Energex has asked to request that parents leave an entry/exit pathway open at all times. Therefore, parents are asked to not park in such a manner as to block entry/exit from the Energex depot. This request is particularly important from a safety perspective – there needs to be access in case of an accident, allowing access by an ambulance.

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS (from Mireta)**

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