Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

**PARENT – TEACHER MEETINGS**
These meetings are very valuable in establishing a supportive network between parents and teachers, to support our students. My thanks to the many parents who attended. I know you have benefited from the presentations. Also, thanks to our teachers for their efforts in sharing information about how the class functions and expectations for the year, with parents.

**PARENTS IN SCHOOL**
Our school enjoys the support of parents in so many ways. We strongly desire to have parents within our school, knowing what is happening, co-operating to better support all children.

The expectations of parents while in/around the school, within the locality of students, staff or other parents are high. While expectations generally are at a standard of high respect, positive role modelling and co-operation, some specific pointers in attaining this are:

- Interaction with staff must always be respectful
- Observe all school rules and expectations
- Demonstrate patience and consideration of others.
- Never speak/interact with students, other than your own, to address any concern.
- Refer all concerns to a staff member – never endeavour to sort out an issue involving others by yourself.
- Work with the school to support your students with their learning and personal growth.

I thank all parents for your co-operation in setting a high standard in these past few weeks.

**PLAY EQUIPMENT (BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL)**
Parents and students are to be aware that playground equipment is “out-of-bounds” before and after school. Supervision by staff is unable to be provided at these times. Also, play equipment is built with specific “fall heights” for specific groups of children, making it highly dangerous for some children, especially pre-school children. This rule applies regardless of whether parents are standing in the vicinity at the time.
YEAR 6 AND 7 TO HIGH SCHOOL
At the end of 2014, both Year 6 and Year 7 students will progress to high school. Traditionally, the majority of our students have progressed to Helensvale, Coombabah, Southport, Pacific Pines and Benowa State High Schools.
As time passes, high schools are increasingly limiting enrolment to students who live in their catchment area, due to enrolment pressures. This may limit the choices that are available to our students, resulting in access to the school of their choice only through excellence programs (a competitive process). In some cases, when an older sibling attends a school, remaining family members are accepted as well.
Parents are encouraged to begin their research into their child's secondary placement as soon as is practical. Each school will have its own processes for informing the parents of new students and their parents of their programs. Parents are encouraged to read each school’s website. The school’s catchment area will be able to be accessed. Contact the school if you have any questions. Please do not leave this process until the end of the year as your choices may be limited.

PLAYGROUND OPTIONS
A new playground play/supervision plan has been developed. The plan sees Prep to Year 2 students enjoying lunchtimes together and Years 3 to 7 having their break after. These staggered lunch breaks ensure less congestion and students have ample playground space to play well. Handball courts in the main undercover area have been allocated to a year level each day, thus ensuring equitable access.
Students have allocated playground spaces to play each day as well as the choice to attend a range of ‘clubs’, following a special interest eg choirs, chess, computers, board games, reading circles, library and construction clubs to name a few. Our thanks to Mrs Dick and teachers for ensuring these initiatives are available for the benefit of students.

POLICY FOR MOBILE PHONES (STUDENTS)
This policy makes clear that the privilege of taking a mobile phone to school will be withdrawn if a student fails in his or her duty to behave responsibly and in accordance with the school’s requirements. The school accepts that some parents give their children mobile phones to protect them from everyday risks involving personal security and safety eg children travelling alone on public transport or commuting long distances to school. The decision to provide a mobile phone to children should be made by parents or guardians. Parents must be aware if their child takes a mobile phone to school.
• Mobile phones are to be switched off upon entry into the school grounds and kept out of sight within students school bags, not hand held or kept in students’ pockets. Alternatively, students may choose to present the phone to the classroom teacher, for safe keeping.
• Phones can then be turned on as the children are leaving the school grounds at 3.00pm.
• Parents are reminded that in cases of emergency, the school office remains a vital and appropriate point of contact and can ensure your child is reached quickly and assisted in any appropriate way.

UNACCEPTABLE USES
• Mobile phones should not be used to make calls, send SMS messages, surf the internet, take photos or use any other application during the school day. (Arrival at school till 3pm or while present during school activities).
• Any student needing to leave the school because of sickness or emergency MUST report to the office or sick bay and parents will be contacted through the office. Parents must not be contacted via mobile phone in relation to any issue. Students leaving school early, must be signed out at the school office.
• Students must not phone parents or other persons during the school day. Should a student have any issue, be unwell or have changed afternoon arrangements, contact must be made through the school office.
POLICY FOR MOBILE PHONES (STUDENTS) continued…
The school accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged mobile phones.

Any student/s found using a mobile phone at inappropriate times (i.e. arrival to 3.00pm) will have their phone confiscated for the rest of that day and returned at 3.00pm that day. This incident will be recorded.
It should be noted that it is a criminal offence to use a mobile phone to menace, harass or offend another person. As with all such incidents, the school may report the matter to the police.

Mick Quinn,
Principal

JUNIOR SHARING
Monday, 17 February 2014 - 2:10pm

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UP AND COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, 26 February  4C and 4D Ashmore Bicycle Safety Centre
Thursday, 27 February  4A and 4B Ashmore Bicycle Safety Centre
Friday, 28 February   4E Ashmore Bicycle Safety Centre

YEAR 4 ROAD AND BICYCLE SAFETY AT ASHMORE BICYCLE SAFETY CENTRE
Year 4 students have the opportunity to visit the Ashmore Bicycle Safety Centre for a Road and Bicycle Safety course.

The timetable is as follows:

Wednesday 26 February
9:00am to 11:45am  4C
12:00pm to 2:45pm  4D

Thursday 27 February
9:00am to 11:45am  4A
12:00pm to 2:45pm  4B

Friday 28 February
9:00am to 11:45am  4E

The cost for the visit is $5.00 per student. Money is to be paid via the money payment window, Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings 8:15am to 9:15am. Payment is due by Friday, 21 February.

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS
Welcome back to a fabulous year in the Performing Arts Department. We have many groups happening at school for your wonderful, talented children. This is the timetable at the moment. These are all in Mrs Thornton's room

Little Voices (Year 1 and Year 2) - Monday 2nd break
Junior Choir (Year 3 and Year 4) - Tuesday 1st break
Senior Choir (Year 5, 6, 7) - Tuesday 2nd break (and later on Wednesday 8:00am - not until notified)
Band - Friday 8:00am
String Ensemble - Friday 2:00-3:00pm
Dance and Drama Excellence - Thursday 2:00-3:00pm

P&C
Meet 2nd Monday monthly in staff room. Time in newsletter. Follow us on Facebook: “Friends of Arunde!”
pandc@arunde.sq.edu.au

Our P&C raises much needed funds which Education Qld do not provide.
Please come and support the dedicated team, which supports your children.

Tuckshop
Open 8:30-2pm M-F
Healthy Choices Approved
Order online:
www.flexischools.com.au
Volunteers always welcome!

Uniform Shop
Open 8:30-11:30 Tues & Thurs
+ First Mon of each term
Order online:
www.flexischools.com.au
P&C NEWS – Cadbury Chocolate Drive

All chocolate boxes have now been distributed. All money is to be returned to the uniform shop or tuckshop by Thursday 27th February. Families returning their money by Tuesday 25th February will go into the earlybird prize draw to win one of four $50 Coles-Myer vouchers. Please ensure you label the envelope with child’s name and class.

No chocolate bars will be able to be returned once they have gone home. Please email the P&C (arundelpandc@gmail.com) if you would like additional boxes. This fundraiser will be the only one we conduct in term 1 so we are hoping for a great start to the year.

Wishing you all a fantastic 2014.

From the Arundel State School P&C

BUS PASS INFORMATION

Bus passes have arrived at school. Please call into the office to collect your pass.

CALLING ALL GRANDMAS! WE’RE LOOKING FOR WOOL

We need your help. Mrs Mildren is collecting wool for a lunch time club. If you are discarding wool or no longer using it, could you please send it to 3B or label it and drop it into the office. Even small amounts would be appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Rebecca of 6D who competed at the regional athletics on the weekend. She placed 1st in discus, 1st in shot put and 2nd in Javelin. She is off to the State Championships in March. Well done Rebecca!

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Tuesday and Thursday 8:30am to 11:30am

SUPPORT FOR CHAPLAINCY

There has been a High Court Challenge against legislation for Federal Government funding for school Chaplains.

As you may be aware we have been involved in the school Chaplaincy program for 5 years. Our Chaplains have provided an invaluable support for many of our children and families over that time. Our new Chaplain is Zane Howell and in the few weeks that he has been at the school he has made some meaningful connections with our students and staff.

Scripture Union is the accredited employing authority for school chaplains and they are asking for support to defend this challenge.

This new High Court challenge means School Chaplaincy is under threat. You can take action right now to ‘back our chappies’ by signing a Statement of Support.

For anyone who wishes to support this cause please complete a Statement of Support, at the office or the tuckshop.

JAPANESE STUDENTS

Would you like to have wonderful cultural experiences with students from Japan? Australia Japan Study Programme Pty Ltd (AJSP) organises short-term educational programs & host families for Japanese students.

If you are interested in becoming a host family, please contact –
Mobile: 0417 902 035 (Miki)
Email: ajspmiki@gmail.com
Website: www.ajsp.net.au

BOUNCE DANCE

Classes are opening on Saturday 22nd Feb with the following timetable
11:30 – 12:00 Kinder (2-5yrs)
12:00 – 1:00 Jazz/Ballet (5-8yrs)
1:00 – 2:00 Hip Hop (5-12yrs)
2:00 – 3:00 Contemporary (8-12yrs)

Please visit www.bouncedance.com.au or call 0425 BOUNCE for further information.

GOLD COAST HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

FAMILY FUN DAY AND SIGN-ON

Saturday 15 February, 2014 10:00am – 2:00pm
Cnr Musgrave Avenue and Hockey Lane, Labrador
For more information phone: 5571 2244
Email: admin@goldcoasthockey.com
Website: www.goldcoasthockey.com