Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

On Monday afternoon, the AGM of the P&C was held. The financial records of the association were tabled along with the auditor’s report for the 2013 school year. The P&C has a sound financial base, achieved through sound financial management and diligent fundraising activities conducted within the school. The AGM is the time when the office bearers for the P&C for the new year, are appointed. Office bearers for 2014 are as follows:

- **President:** Amanda Clarke
- **Vice President:** Rebecca Moutin, Tanya Leckie
- **Secretary:** Rose Norgrove
- **Treasurer:** Trish Smith, Kristie Clarke
- **Grants:** Karen Bell, Neoma Fsadni

Thanks to these parents for accepting the responsibility that comes with these roles and for your willingness to contribute to our school community. Also, a special thanks to all parents who attended the AGM, especially the new parents who attended for the first time. The year ahead will be positive and productive.

**FETE 2014 – SUNDAY 1 JUNE**

The P&C has been planning to hold a Fete in 2014. Plans are already well progressed. The Fete will be held on Sunday 1st June. The fete will have a 20th anniversary theme, celebrating the 20 years since Arundel SS opened. More information will be provided in the coming weeks, of activities and how everyone in our community can help to make this fete a success. Make a note of this date in your diary – for the whole family, your relatives, neighbours etc.

**PARENTS IN SCHOOL GROUNDS**

I have a report this week of a parent intervening in an incident between some students, on school grounds. As the students were not the children of the parent, I assume that the parent was well intentioned in intervening in the incident. However, it is critical that all parents clearly understand the following. Parents must not deal with matters themselves within or around the school. Should a parent witness any issue that raises a concern, your responsibility is to report the matter to a member of staff.

*Parents must never make physical contact with a student or speak to children to address any issue regardless of whether the issue involves their child or not. This will be done by a member of staff, ensuring impartiality and with a full understanding of the background to the relevant issues.*
**DISCO – 28 MARCH**
The first Disco for the year will be held on **Friday 28 March** in the hall. The theme of the Disco will be an “Easter” theme. Students may choose to wear bunny ears or costumes or anything relating to Easter.

4:30pm – 6:00pm – Prep to Year 3 students
6:30pm – 8:00pm – Years 4 to 7 students

The P&C will be organising activities and prizes in conjunction with the DJ, guaranteeing another successful Disco. The same exciting DJ has been arranged, so an evening of fun is assured.

There will be a sausage sizzle and tuckshop operating on the night. Water and cordial will be available at no cost. Glowsticks and other “glow products” will be on sale.

Costs: $5 per student OR **$7 package which includes entry, free cordial and water and a sausage in bread. This $7 package is available as presale only – ie purchased on the Friday morning.**

Payment is to be made at the door or tickets may be purchased on the morning of Friday 28 March, from 8:00am to 8:45am, outside the admin building.

Parents are asked to note the following:

- **Prep students are invited to attend, providing their parents are in attendance.**
- Parents who nominate to help out through official processes, may bring along a younger child, providing the child is thoroughly supervised and cared for individually.
- Students should be escorted to the hall by parents.
- **All students must be collected within the hall after their disco is completed.** No student will be allowed to walk out to a car alone. Pick up must be prompt after the advertised closing time.
- Only students who are attending Arundel SS are allowed to attend.
- Older brothers and sisters are not to attend or be on the school premises.

**LUNCH TIME CLUBS**

Years 3 to 7 have the choice of attending a range of activities and clubs at lunch times, in addition to playing games of their choice. Below is a summary of these clubs and activities.

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LUNCH TIME CLUBS continued….
These activities are available for students to choose to attend. Attendance is conditional based on appropriate levels of participation and behaviour.
Thanks to Mrs Dick and all teachers for making this great range of activities possible for students.

FOCUS ON FAMILIES FESTIVAL
This festival aims to raise awareness in our community of families who are experiencing difficulties or distress due to mental illness. Opportunities to connect with resources and information will be available.
Sunday 6 April from 9am to 2pm at Broadwater Parklands – there will be rides, face painting, jumping castle, candle making, rock climbing etc

Mick Quinn, Principal

JUNIOR SHARING – Prep to Year 2
Monday, 17 March 2014 - 2:10pm

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UP AND COMING EVENTS
Friday, 28 March School Disco
Tuesday, 1 April Prep – Year 1 Easter Extravaganza Concert - 1:45pm
Friday, 4 April Last day of Term 1
Tuesday, 22 April Students return – first day Term 2

EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA CONCERT – TUESDAY, 1 APRIL
AT 1:45PM
We are excited to announce the Arundel Preps and Year 1 students will be performing in our Easter Extravaganza Concert on Tuesday, 1 April at 1:45pm.
The students have been working very hard at learning songs and dances to perform. The concert will celebrate all the great things about Easter. This concert will be a wonderful event to showcase the talents of our junior school. So mark the date on your calendar and we will see you there. Everyone Welcome!

CHESS TUTORING
Chess tutoring will be offered again in Term 1 and 2 for all students. Mr Peter Froehlich will be taking the classes. Letters and permission slips are available from the office. Cost for participation is $44. This payment covers 11 lessons from week 7 through to week 9 of Term 1 and week 2 through to week 9 of Term 2. Permission slips and payment are to be returned to the office in an envelope with student’s name, class and “Chess” marked on the front. Payments are due by Friday, 14 March.

CONSTRUCTION CLUB
Each Tuesday and Thursday, during lunch break, a construction club is being held for students in Years 3 to 7. This is becoming increasingly popular with the children and we now find ourselves short of construction materials. Any donations would be greatly received. This includes such items as Lego, Duplo, Mobilo, blocks etc. If you have any of these items lying around at home and you do not use them anymore, we would very much appreciate them. Please send them to Mrs Fletcher’s Year 7 classroom. Thank you.

NEWS FROM 5C
In 5C we are learning about quest novels and how the author engages the audience through descriptive language and keeping the audience guessing about what will happen next. We are starting to write about our own characters and will be writing our own chapter soon. We are also looking at plant and animal adaptations. We have to create our own creature and justify why it has the adaptations that it does and present it to the class.

ISLAMIC RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – YEAR 1 – YEAR 7
As part of religious education at Arundel State School we are investigating the possibility of offering Islamic religious education for 30 minutes a week for Year 1 through to Year 7. If you would be interested in your child participating in Islamic Religious Education classes, please fill out the form below and return it to the school office by Wednesday, 19 March.

Islamic Religious Education - Expression of Interest
I would be interested in my child ______________________ of class ________ attending Islamic Religious Education classes.

Parent Name:_______________________ Signature:_______________________
HELPING HANDS ARUNDEL
A couple of weeks ago we asked the children if they had family that were born outside of Australia. The majority of our group stood up. We then asked them where their families were born and if they could tell us something about that culture. As we have a broad range of cultures enrolled at Helping Hands we have decided that we will involve the children in a project on culture. We are asking parents to help their children learn something about their culture that they can teach us or talk to us about in group time.

REMINDEERS:
- Please remember to sign your child in and out each day.
- Our hours of operation are 6.30am to 6.00pm. Children are not allowed to be left at Helping Hands until 6.30am. Our licence does not apply until 6.30am and we cannot accept children until 6.30am.

Vacation Care
Our Vacation Care booking sheets have been emailed out to all families. Complete the booking sheets and return to Tamara. We will receive some brochures in the mail soon and they will be distributed to families in the school.

Handball Championships
At Helping Hands we are involved in a handball championship; the Educators are very good at winning, just ask us. We will keep everyone updated on how great we are.

UPCOMING JAPANESE CULTURAL EVENTS ON THE GOLD COAST
Sunday 16 March, Annual Japanese Festival ‘Japan & Friends Day’. This event attracts some 5000 visitors each year for its fun and interactive cultural performances and Japanese food stalls. A group of our students will join the local Yosakoi performance team ‘Maito’ and perform Japanese Dance on stage. The event runs from 10:00am – 3:00pm. Our students perform around 12:00pm.
Visit the website for further details: http://www.jsgc.org.au/ Venue: Albert Waterways Community Centre, Cnr Hooker Blvd & Sunshine Blvd, Mermaid Waters.

SATURDAY, 29 MARCH - Concert by a professional Japanese drumming group at Somerset College
This event ‘Taiko Baka 2014’ features various drumming groups and a Jazz Band and Japanese drumming collaborative. The concert runs from 6:00pm-8:00pm, $20 per person, tickets are still available.
Enquiries: Phone 5559 7382 or email events@somerset.qld.edu.au
Purchase tickets online at www.somerset.qld.edu.au
Venue: Performing Arts Theatre, Somerset College

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

ANIMAL ANTICS – SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES PROGRAM – ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE QLD
If you are aged 6-10 years old, then come and join us at the Animal Welfare League for a fun day full of animal related activities. One day only – 8th April 2014. Get a ‘behind-the-scenes’ tour of the animal refuge and vet clinics, cuddle some of our special dogs and cats and learn about how to care responsibly for your best furry friends and more! For more information or to get your registration pack, call 5509 9034 or email education@awlqld.com.au.