Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

I think the most nervous person in the auditorium watching the Eisteddfod performances is your own school principal. I watch and listen for any wrong musical note or harmony, movement or dance step or costume malfunction and at the end of the performance I am totally spent. However, I love watching the children perform and regardless of the result am very proud of the Arundel children. This week we had the school choirs competing. Both of these groups – junior and senior, were highly entertaining and whilst I am a little biased, I thought they were the best in their sections. My congratulations to the students and thanks again to our music staff Mrs Adamson and Mrs Thornton.

This week, junior school deputy, Mrs Dendrinos has organised information sessions for parents of our new Prep students for 2016. These are good sessions to attend as they give a detailed outline of the program we offer at Arundel.

As we move towards the final term of the year we have to commence thinking about our staffing for the new school year. It would be very helpful if you could advise our office if your child will not be attending Arundel next year or even if you know of students who will be relocating to Arundel in 2016. Just give our office a call and the ladies there will record your details.

Next week the athletics team competes in the district carnival on two days – Tuesday and Wednesday, at the athletics track at Griffith University. My best wishes to all of our competitors.

Two dates for parents to mark off their calendars are September 9 and 10. These are the dates for the junior athletics’ carnivals. The Year Two carnival will be held on the Wednesday (9th) and the Prep and Year One will be held on the 10th – the Prep from 9am until 10:45am and then later at 11:15am the Year One carnival will take place.

The P&C Association had a beautiful mural painted on the walls of our tuckshop over the weekend. This makes such a difference to the area and the children really love the design. Thank you very much P&C for your imagination and support. Please take moment to have a look next time you’re in the school. The P&C has also organised a Father’s Day Stall to enable the student to make a very affordable purchase for their dads. I’ll send home the schedule for class visit to the stall which will operate on September 2, 3 and 4. The P&C is also looking for parents to assist in working at the stall. Watch the newsletter in the next couple of weeks for details. One other P&C event is the free dress day to be held on the last day of the term – September 18. The theme for the free dress day is sporting teams. That should be interesting.

Have a nice weekend.
Michael Kelly
Principal

**JUNIOR SCHOOL PARADE – PREP TO YEAR 2**

Friday, 21st August 2015 – 12:15 - 12:45pm

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**SENIOR SCHOOL PARADE – YEAR 3 TO YEAR 6**

Friday, 21st August 2015 – 1:00 – 1:30pm

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UP AND COMING EVENTS

Friday, 14th August  School Photos
Monday, 17 August & Tuesday, 18 August  Year 2 History Excursion - Hall
Tuesday, 18th August  Senior Band - Eisteddfod – 9:00am
Broadwater District Athletics
Tuesday, 18 August & Wednesday, 19 August  District Track and Field Carnival
at Griffith University Athletics Track
Friday, 28 August  Gold Coast Show Holiday
Thursday, 10 September  Last Day of Term 3

LIBRARY NEWS (from Mrs McKay)

Book Fair
Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair. I hope our 600 fairy lights conveyed the Book Week theme of Books Light Up Our World. I am pleased to announce that, with your support, we were able to add just under $3000 worth of books to the Library collection. I really enjoyed so many parents and students coming to the Library and visiting our Book Fair. At the end of the year, there will be a smaller Christmas Book Fair.

Premier's Reading Challenge
The reading challenge is coming to a close. Please hand in your form as soon as you are finished. I will be submitting the reading records online on 1 September. I will be unable to submit any reading records after this date, so please make sure I have your form before then.

Book Club
The Library offers students the opportunity to purchase books through Scholastic Book Club, with two issues per term. Brochures go home via each student’s classroom teacher. Issue 6 will be sent out soon. Payment is via LOOP at www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP. Please note we are unable to accept cash orders. If you require assistance to purchase, please come to the Library before school and we will help you order online. Ordering is also possible on an iPhone or iPad via the Scholastic LOOP app.

SCHOOL PHOTOS (Mr McConnell)

Our last School Photo Day is this Friday, 14th August. Envelopes were distributed to students last week. Please read the information from MSP Photography printed on the payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:
- Don’t seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope; however, each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day. Please indicate on the child’s envelope that contains all sibling payments the names of the children you are paying for.
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash, cheques, money orders or credit cards are accepted.

For any enquiries please feel free to contact MSP Photography on 55202999 or our deputy principal, Mr McConnell.

Day and Date  Classes
Friday, 14th August  2B, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 2H, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6

PREP EXPERIENCES (Mrs Dendrinos)
If your childcare is not having any Prep visits to our school, then don’t worry! We are offering Prep Experiences on Thursday, 20th August from 9:30 to 10:30am and Tuesday, 15th September from 9:30am to 10:30am. This experience will include visits to our Music Teacher (who is a lot of fun), the Library, Lunchtime play experiences, Prep classroom fun and a whole lot more! So if you wish to come and join us and have a great time then please call the school on 55614888, just to let us know you are coming. It is also fine if you just turn up on the day. We hope you can join in and have fun at Arundel.

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS
(from Mrs Thornton and Mrs Adamson)
The Eisteddfod is here. Please check that your child has all the items they require to perform. Performance times are as follows:
- Tuesday 18th August - Band: 9am
- Wednesday 26th August - String Ensemble: 6pm
- Thursday 3rd September - Drama Poems - 5.30pm (Seniors)
- Sunday 6th September - Drama Poems - 5.30pm (Juniors)

The Band and Strings students going to the Eisteddfod need to purchase a Band shirt from the Uniform shop. They are available to purchase now. Students are to wear the Band shirt, black pants and black shoes and socks.
Dance Excellence (Charman Adamson)
Congratulations on achieving such amazing results at the Eisteddfod last Thursday!! Our students gained a Highly Commended for their Hairspray dance in the first section and in the second section a Very Highly Commended for our contemporary piece to Fight Song and Highly Commended for our Uptown Funk number!! All of the students showed exemplary behaviour and performed with precision and enthusiasm! Our comments were all very positive as well. Very proud of them.

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 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 - BSB: 064-430, Account Number - 10206101 stating your child’s name and class along with the characters VFC, e.g. Adam Smith 4A VFC. Instalments and donations will also be accepted to assist the school in enhancing the day to day learning in classrooms and ensuring that the learning is dynamic, interesting and linked to real life activities.

1E NEWS
Term 3 has been a very busy time in 1E.
The children have enjoyed learning about …

I like writing at school. Maddison
We have been learning about cultural stories. Elly
I love art. Kalan
We have been learning about part, part, whole in maths. Ryder
In science we have been learning about day and night. Zoe
I like going to the computer lab. Indigo
I like learning science and the day and night sky. Eric
I have been learning my phonograms. I love going to music. Ella-Jade.

FRIDAY CHESS CLUB (Mr Lang)
Friday Chess Club will be starting this 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. I will be holding it 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.

PE NEWS (Ms Mitchell-Cowan)
Badge Running
Only 4 more sessions of Badge Running left for 2015. Those dates are 14/8, 21/8, 25/8 and 1/9.
Be proud and display your awesome running achievement on your school hat. Well done to all students running so far!

Interschool Sport Wrap
Netball - Junior B Team
Although few students had played before, with training the girls were finding the games more enjoyable and successful. The Junior A team – Started to play really well together as a team, developing good co-ordination and skills.
Senior A girls won this year and Senior B girls were very competitive.

Touch
A very successful season for our touch footy teams. Three teams in all, we had a Year 5 team as well as two Year 6 teams. Our Year 6A team went undefeated throughout the season. The other two teams had a 50% or higher win ratio. The girls played with great skill and even better attitudes. I was very proud of both their behaviour and their playing abilities. I would also like to take this opportunity to say a HUGE thanks to Mr Paul Addams for his efforts to both train and coach the 6A team and Mrs Fletcher for her ever present support of sport!

Junior Sports Day
- Wednesday, 9 September – 9:00am-10:45am - Year 2
- Thursday, 10 September – 9:00am-10:45am - Prep;
- Thursday, 10 September -11:15am – 12:45pm – Year 1
The program includes a march past, rotational activities and war cries. Students require their school hat; House coloured shirt and a water bottle. All parents are welcome.

Sport Events for your Calendar
Tuesday, 18th & Wednesday, 19th August – Broadwater District Track & Field at Griffith University Athletics Track.
Wednesday 26th August – Year 3 Rugby League Gala Day at Helensvale JRFC
Friday, 4th September – Gold Coast Cup Touch Tournament.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN PROGRAM
The Woolworths Earn and Learn program gives our School the chance to earn new educational resources. When you shop at Woolworths you will receive one Sticker for every $10 spent. Stick the Stickers onto the Sticker Sheet. These can be downloaded from the Woolworths website. Once your Sticker Sheet is full, please bring it into the School office and drop it into the Collection Box located in the foyer of our school administration building. The promotion closes on the 8th September.

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SCHOOL CHESS PROGRAM (Mr McConnell)
Gardiner Chess are offering our students the opportunity to play Chess in an after school program. Coaching will be held in the school Library every Thursday from 3:05 – 4:05 pm at a cost of $91.00 per student. Classes commenced on the 23rd July and run through until the 17th September. Lessons cater for all ages and abilities. To register your child/children please go to www.gardinerchess.com.au and click on the ‘parents’ icon. You then need to create a new account and follow the instructions. For further information please call Gardiner Chess on 55227221.

P&C NEWS
Shortly we will be calling for volunteers for the Father’s Day Stall to be held over 3 days - Sept 2nd - 4th. As usual we will have a huge supply of well-priced gifts for all the Dads. We are in the planning phase for our huge fundraiser in Term 4 – a Spellathon. We hope all the children are being inspired by the Spelling Bee on TV. We will also have great prizes to be won.