Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

Last year, our school implemented a “Personal Development Program” aimed at teaching students about their personal growth as they develop from young children into teenagers. Generally, the program involves teaching students about body parts, body changes and appropriate behaviours and personal safety.

Last year we conducted information sessions for parents and surveyed parents for feedback and ensured our program was consistent with the expectations of our community.

The lessons, two per year level, were implemented successfully. It is empowering for students to have an understanding of themselves and others, as they grow and develop from young children into teenagers. It is important that students receive this information from credible sources. Our aim is to introduce students through basic lessons, with the view that parents will conduct follow up conversations at home. In this way, the values and beliefs of the family are conveyed to children.

Last year, the lessons were implemented very successfully. This week, every student will receive a letter outlining the content of the lessons for his/her year level. Every student will require parental permission to participate in the lessons which will begin in Week 7 (ie from Monday, 25th August.)

There is a copy of the Whole School Overview located in the front office, for parents to peruse. In a few weeks, there will be resources available from the library for parents to borrow. These often support easier conversations between parents and students.

Traffic / Car Park
In the next week, a letter will be issued to all parents regarding appropriate use and driver behaviour within our car parks around the school. In the meantime, it is essential that we manage our frustrations positively. There is never an occasion when there is shouting etc between parents in the car park.

Patience and tolerance, even when a driver is “in the wrong”, is critical in modelling positive conduct to our children.

Whole School Sharing – Student Councillors
New student councillors for Semester 2 will be presented with their badges at a Whole School Sharing on Monday. Students have been identified by the classmates for these roles. They enjoy the responsibility and experience these roles offer.

Our thanks are extended to the outgoing student councillors, who have served our school and classes, very well.

The parents of students receiving badges were sent a letter advising of the presentation, this week.

Home Reading
Home Reading plays an important role in students’ reading growth. Younger students generally engage in home reading but sadly not all of our older students are doing the same.

Home reading should be a pleasurable experience – if older students, in particular, choose their reading material with care, such that it is of high interest level to them, they are better placed to enjoy the experience.

However, it will take a conscious choice to devote approximately 15 minutes to reading as opposed to other pursuits.

Parents should not be required to actually sit with older students to read along with them, however an interest by parents is effective in supporting students.

WHOLE SCHOOL SHARING – Prep to Year 7
Monday, 18 August 2014 - 2:10pm

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Student Councillor Badges will be presented at Sharing on Monday.
**UP AND COMING EVENTS**

**15th August**  
School Photos

**Thursday, 21 August**  
Junior Sports Day  
Prep - (9:00am-10:45am)  
Year 2 - (11:15-12:45pm)

**Friday, 22 August**  
Junior Sports Days  
Year 1 (9:00am-10:45am)  
Year 3 (11:15-12:45pm)  
Free Dress Day for “Story Dogs”

**Friday, 29th August**  
Gold Coast Show Holiday

**Wed, Thurs, Fri 3, 4, 5 Sept**  
Fathers’ Day Stall

**Wednesday, 3rd September**  
Regional Chess

**Wednesday, 10th September**  
Japanese “Fun Play” Festival

**Wednesday, 17th September**  
Fun Run

**Friday, 19th September**  
Last Day of Term 3

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**  
Friday, 15th August – Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 6 & Year 7.  
All sibling photos will be by appointment. Specific sibling group envelopes are available from the office.  
Please return the completed envelopes to your class teacher on the day of the photographs. Do not send money to the office as the school will not be responsible for any payments held on behalf of MSP Photography.  
Please remember to wear full school uniform. Special group envelopes (sporting and musical) will be available after the photo day.

**LIBRARY NEWS**  
**Book Club**  
Issue 6 of Book Club will be distributed this week. It is due back to the Library by Tuesday, 26 August. We only accept credit card payments or cheques made out to Scholastic Australia.

**Library Stocktake**  
Last term’s Library stocktake allowed us to keep track of our resources. I am pleased to say that the Library had a very small percentage of lost books. Thank you to the parents and students for being so responsible and taking care of our resources.

**Book Fair**  
Thank you for your support. We were able to add $3000 worth of books to our Library collection.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**  
We hope that this year will be the biggest yet. Remember to keep reading and write down all your books on the Reading Record Form. If you lose your form, you can download another from the school’s website. Reading forms need to be handed in to Mrs McKay by 9th September, so you still have plenty of time.

**3G NEWS**  
3G students are extremely busy this term with their daily creative writing, language rotations; consisting of spelling, grammar, reading and writing tasks, are keen mathematicians, scientists, historians, artists and geographers and are always trying hard to be fit and healthy; participating well during our daily fitness or boot camp sessions. We are a class of 29 and very hard working students!

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
Our congratulations are extended to Tellas in Year 7 for his selection in the Gold Coast U12 Rugby Union Development Squad. To be selected is a real achievement. Tellas’s development as a player and as a person will benefit from this wonderful experience.

**DENTAL VAN**  
Students in Years (7, 6, 5, 4, 1, 2A-D) have been provided with an Oral Health Care Examination Card to take home. If your child is enrolled in one of the Years listed above or are new to the school and did not receive an examination card and would like to arrange for your child to receive oral health care please contact the Oral Health Call Centre on 1300 300 850 Monday to Friday 8:00am – 4:30pm excluding public holidays.  
If your child requires disability access please identify this requirement with the Call Centre Operator.

**NEWS FROM THE P&C**  
An easy way for you to help raise funds for your school’s P&C is to simply shop at the IGA at Crestwood Plaza on Olsen Ave using an IGA card. Each time you shop you swipe the card and points are given to our school. We have 100 IGA cards that have already been activated available for collection at the school office. All you have to do is register the card online and nominate Arundel State School as the recipient of points.
The points translate into funds donated to the school and the card also gives you access to special member discounts.

Please collect a card and start shopping at our local IGA.

**PERFORMING ARTS NEWS**
The Gold Coast Eisteddfod has begun. Our students have been rehearsing really well and are very excited. We have 16 entries this year. Please return slips asap as they are required to go to Eisteddfod. We are giving out costumes and uniforms to many students. PLEASE MAKE SURE THEY ARE RETURNED THE DAY AFTER THEY HAVE PERFORMED.

The following is the schedule for the Gold Coast Eisteddfod:

**Gold Coast Arts Centre - Bundall**

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**JAPANESE ‘FUN PLAY’ FESTIVAL**

Date: Wednesday, 10th September

The LOTE department is recreating a ‘Natsu matsuri’, a type of small ‘fun fair’, that are often seen during the summer time in Japan. There will be various interactive games and traditional wooden toys for all to play with.

GKR Karate School and Sumo Federation kindly offered to support our event by providing fun lessons to our students to experience Japanese traditional sports.

The event will run the whole day in the Hall and main oval for all children to participate in many physical activities. As a special treat, children can pre order Sushi for lunch through the tuckshop!

We are collecting any clean pet bottles for the games. Please send any with your children to school.

Any Japanese mama san and papa san free on the day to interact with our students are welcome (our students enjoy meeting Japanese people beside their sensei!!!). Please contact Tomoko on email tnaka15@eq.edu.au.

**KEEBRA PARK SHS PATHWAY EVENINGS**

Keebra Park State High School Junior Secondary Information Session for parents and prospective students who are currently in Year 6 and 7 will be held Thursday, 21st August, at 5pm in the Resource Centre.

Contact Details: info@keebraparks.eq.edu.au

www.keebraparks.eq.edu.au

Anne St. Southport 55092555

**COOMBABAH STATE HIGH SCHOOL**

Dance News - Success at the Quota Beenleigh Dance Eisteddfod – Our seniors came first in their section, as well as having the highest scoring group in both days of the competition and best hip hop performance.

Our Leadership students are currently working with Gold Coast City Junior council and Interact to collect donations for our cities Homeless population.

Cheese Club is on in the school Library every Monday from 3pm till 5 pm. Primary students are very welcome to come. We already have some our primary feeder schools represented. Contact Sue Kimura (skimu4@eq.edu.au) for more details.

Enrolment forms for year 7 and 8 2015 are now due. You can drop them into the office at any time.

**LABRADOR JUNIOR TOUCH**

Labrador Junior Touch is on again!!!

Sign-on is 11th & 16th September 2014.
Round 1 Starts October 9th 2014.
Divisions: U8 – U16 Boys and Girls

Where: Cos Zantiotis Playing Fields, Jacobs Dr Labrador

When: Sign-on 11th & 16th September 2014 5pm-7pm

([www.labradorjunior-touch.com](http://www.labradorjunior-touch.com)) 0405479021

Cost: $90 per child (individual registration) or $900 per Team Nomination

**SOUTHPORT LABRADOR CRICKET CLUB**

Sign on Day – 16th & 17th August from 12pm ‘til 3pm

Allied Drive, Arundel

Contact Dean Johnson on 0418 312 647 dean@pscoastwide.com.au

**RUNAWAY BAY LITTLE ATHLETICS**

Sign on Dates – Lae Drive, Runaway Bay

Wed Sept 3rd – 4.30pm - 6.00pm
Fri Sept 5th – 4.30pm – 6.00pm
Sat Sept 6th – 1.00pm – 3.00pm
Wed Sept 10th – 4.30pm – 6.00pm

First night of Competition is Friday 12th September 2014

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