Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

To all of our school community I welcome you back to another very busy term at Arundel State School. This term is eleven weeks duration with two long weekends providing relief with two public holidays falling right next to weekends – Anzac Day and Labour Day.

This week we enrolled sixteen new students into our school taking our enrolment to 1,133. Fortunately we are beginning to see some cooler autumn weather after what has been a long period of very warm weather. Whilst the Easter vacation period was fantastic for those of us on holidays, our school oval and grounds have become parched and need a good dose of rain.

The highlights of this term include:

• NAPLAN Assessment for the students in year three and year five in week five – May 10, 11 and 12
• Internal School Review – Week four – 3, 4, 5 and 6 May
• Mother’s Day Stall May 4, 5 and 6
• Interschool Sport
• School Cross Country
• School Fun Run
• Regional Chess
• Music performances
• Senior Athletics carnival
• Report cards for semester one

It is a fairly full agenda, so watch your newsletter for updates and information during the term.

On Friday of this week we will hold the April meeting of our P&C Association. This will be held in the staffroom commencing around 3:30pm. You are most welcome to come along and join us for a friendly hour and a half.

The P&C will conduct the Fun Run again this year to raise funds for their projects to support the school. The date of the Fun Run is June 1. Next week we will distribute the sponsorship booklets. I would ask that you assist your child to gain sponsors and thus make our Fun Run a successful fund raising event. Children should ask sponsors for a donation rather than sponsoring children for a certain amount per lap of our oval. In this way the donation can be received up front and there is no need to go through the difficult process of collecting monies owed.

There will be prizes for the highest fund raisers in the school. All children who participate in the Fun Run will also receive a refreshment at the end of the run.

Therefore please look out for the sponsorship forms next week and then aim to have all sponsors secured by the date of the run on June 1. I’ll provide reminders in our newsletter and remind the children at school assemblies.

Our P&C works side by side with the school admin to continually update our school facilities and provide the best resources for the children.

This year the P&C has spent $12,000 providing air conditioning to the library as well as funding the Mathletics and Reading Eggs programs. These two programs alone cost close to $20,000.
By supporting your P&C fund raising endeavours you are ensuring our students have the very best opportunities in their primary years.

I should not forget to mention that the P&C will also conduct a Mother’s Day stall to enable the children to purchase a small gift for their mum on this special day. This will run on 4, 5 and 6 May.

On Friday of next week at 9:15am in our hall we will hold our Anzac Day Ceremony. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Have a nice weekend,
Michael Kelly

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**ASSEMBLIES - FRIDAY 15 April, 2016**

9:00am to 9:45am  Prep – Year 2 (Presenters 2B)

9:45 to 10:30am  Year 3 and Year 4 (Presenters and Sharing Item 3A)

2:15 to 3:00pm  Year 5 and Year 6 (Presenters and Sharing Item 5B)

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**UP AND COMING EVENTS**

**Friday, 15 April**  P&C Meeting 3:30pm Admin Building

**Friday, 22 April**  ANZAC Day Ceremony 9:15am

**Monday, 25 April**  ANZAC Day Public Holiday

**Friday, 29 April**  Cross Country (times to be advised)

**Monday, 2 May**  Labour Day Public Holiday

**4, 5, 6 May**  Mother’s Day Stall

**10, 11 and 12 May**  Year 3 and 5 – NAPLAN

**Wednesday, 1 June**  Fun Run

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**NATIONAL ASSESSMENT – YEARS 3 AND 5**

The Year 3/5 test will be conducted on 10, 11 and 12 May 2016. It is important that your child arrives at school at the appropriate time as the tests will be conducted in the morning sessions on each day.

Please ensure your child has the following items for each test day:-

- 3 x 2B or HB pencils
- White eraser
- Pencil sharpener

Tests will be held in numeracy and literacy for all students in Australia in Years 3 and 5. Over the next few weeks students will become familiar with the test formats and the type of questions they have to answer through classroom teachings.

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**PERFORMING ARTS NEWS (Mrs Thornton)**

**Rehearsals**

Please ensure your children are at all rehearsals this term, as many performances are coming up.

Dance Excellence - Tuesday 8:00am and Thursday 11:15am

Drama Excellence - Thursday 11:15am

Band - Wednesday 8:00am

String Ensemble - Friday 1:30pm

Please make sure payments for Excellence Programs is in by the due date Friday 13 May.

Looking forward to another great term!

Performing Arts Team
SPORT NEWS (Mrs Mitchell-Cowan)

Arundel State School Cross Country Championships Week 3 Friday 29 April 2016

Cross Country training has began in PE lessons. A new course has been set. The fastest 5 girls and boys born in 2004, 2005 and 2006 will go on to compete at Districts. Broadwater District Cross Country takes place on Thursday 19 May at Runaway Bay.

Broadwater District Sport Reps

Congratulations Caitlin 6D who has been selected in the 12 year girls hockey team.

After School Sport Term 2 includes

Rookie2Reds (Rugby Union) week 2-5 Tuesdays $60; register online - rookies2reds.com.au or call 1300753733.

Auskick (AFL) week 4-10 Wednesdays approx. $75; register online - aflakick.com.au.

Aussie Hoops (basketball) week 2-9 (day to be confirmed) approx. $60; Pay by 19 April - Direct deposit into Gold Coast Basketball Account BSB 124001 Account Number 10205665 Reference Surname-Arundel.

Badger Running is back!

Every Tuesday and Friday mornings from 8:00am to 8:30am. Parents and all new runners welcome! Walk or run or combo walk/run. Bring a water bottle and fruit for after your effort. Distances from last year will be added to this year’s totals.

Year 6 Surf Safety and Awareness Excursion Tuesday 22 March

Last term Year 6 students participated in surf lifesaving beach and surf activities at Main Beach conducted by real Life Savers. This excursion provides the opportunity and life long experience of fun beach activities and events and highlights the importance of water safety and especially personal safety on our beautiful Gold Coast beaches.

Interschool Sport

Students born 2006, 2005 or 2004 are eligible to participate in Interschool sport. In week 2 students can nominate a sport during PE. Sports include Girls: Touch and Netball; Boys: AFL, Football (soccer) and rugby league. Trails are to commence in week 3 and training in weeks 4 and 5. Interschool sport runs for 4 consecutive Mondays commencing in week 6 on 16 May. The cost is expected to be approximately $45.

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

If you would like to receive our weekly Newsletter by email, please contact the office on 5561 4888 with details of your email address.

Our Newsletter is also available on our website at www.arundelss.eq.edu.au.

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 or $120 for two or more students per 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 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 account - BSB: 064-430, Account Number - 10206101 stating your child's name and class along with the characters VFC, e.g. Adam Smith 4A VFC.

NEWS FROM 6D

Hi, we have the privilege of writing this piece on behalf of 6D. In term 1 we learnt many things. In Science, we learnt about irreversible and reversible changes. In English, we compared two short stories and gave our personal opinion on both stories. In Art, we created 5 different pieces including our preference on what we thought could be the Australian flag, mosaics, quilting and two positive and negative pieces of art using only paper to create beautiful pictures. In History, we learnt about Australian Federation and women suffragists. In Mathematics, we learnt about graphs and timetables. The whole class has also been using iPads since week 6 in term 1 and we are enjoying learning through the use of technology.

Written by Tyla, Julia, Rebecca and Nicholas
NEWS FROM THE P&C
Welcome back to term 2 and hopefully everyone enjoyed the magical weather across the holidays. This term is a busy one for the school and also for the P&C as we are holding the annual Fun Run on 1 June, the Mother’s Day Stall and a disco. The sponsorship forms for the Fun Run will be out early next week and we encourage everyone to get behind this fundraiser, with proceeds paying for Mathletics, Reading Eggs and also going toward further air conditioning. Sponsorship will be by way of a donation from family, friends and neighbours and there will be awesome prizes for the biggest fundraisers. This is a great way for you to get behind the P&C and make this a successful fundraising event.

We also have a Mother’s Day Raffle with 3 beautiful baskets to be won by some lucky Arundel mums. Tickets now on flexischools.

UNIFORMS AND LOST PROPERTY
Please remember to label all uniforms and belongings. The weather is cooling off and children usually warm up by midday and discard their jackets. Lost property bins are located in the school office. If your child has recently lost an item, please come and have a look in the lost property.

COOMBABAH STATE HIGH SCHOOL
Invitation to Parents of Year 5 and 6 Students
Your child’s learning is as unique as their fingerprint. Unlock your personalised journey at Coombabah High.

Join Us – Tuesday, 19 April 5:00 to 7:00pm
Venue: Coombabah Information Resource Centre (main presentation starts at 6:00pm)

What to expect on the night:
• A Virtual School Tour
• Meet the Principal and key staff
• Learn more about iGniTe Programs, Guaranteed Entry and Scholarships

Enrol & Win – Enrol your child on the night to win great prizes: iPad Mini, Uniforms, Year 7 stationery Packs, 2017 School Photo Packs.

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