Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

A warm welcome back to the new school term – this time a little shorter than last term, with ten weeks of school. Some relief for children and staff is provided courtesy of the Gold Coast Show holiday on August 26.

This term we have many activities to complement the strong teaching and learning that continues in every classroom every day. Important extra curricula events and significant dates include:

• Visit from Hasuda School (Japan) students – Wednesday, 3 August
• Year 6 Camp – Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - week two
• Under Eights – Friday - week two
• Gold Coast Eisteddfod
• Year 5 Camp – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday – week four
• School Photographs – week five
• District Athletics – week six
• Book Week – week seven
• Regional Chess – week eight
• Junior Athletics – week nine
• Showcase Performance – week nine
• Prep Information Sessions – ongoing
• Gold Coast Show Holiday – 28th August

The Annual School Opinion Survey will be conducted from July 11 to July 29. All families, school staff and a random sample of students will be invited to participate. This is an opportunity to have your say about things that the school does well and ways that the school can improve.

All families will have the opportunity to complete the Parent / Caregiver Survey with survey access details to be sent home to every family in the school. The survey is anonymous, and the results are not reported in ways that an individual’s response can be identified by the school. You can complete the survey on line at home with your individual code or if you don’t have access to a computer you could come along to school, bring your individual code, and use one of our computers. Just give me a call and I’ll arrange this.

Today the eldest child in each family will bring home the information sheet, blue in colour, which has your own code to complete the survey. Please ask your eldest child in case it is left in their school bag.

Students selected at random in years five and six – 60 students in each year level – will complete the Students Survey. The students will complete this electronically at school next week. The selected students are chosen using a formula devised by our Central Office. We input the formula and the computer prints us a list. Next week, if you have a child in year five or year six, they may come home and tell you that they completed a survey at school. You will now understand what they are referring to.

During semester one I have been carefully tracking student attendance to see if we are on target to achieve one of our school goals for the year – achieving a student attendance rate of 92.5%. Happily I can report that at the end of semester one we were at 93.4% attendance. This is a very pleasing result. Many thanks to you for working with us to ensure students are at school every day possible.

Next week the year six students travel to Camp Goodenough for their annual camp. Best wishes to our campers. I attended this camp on one day last year and on that day it absolutely bucketed down for the whole day. I hope for better weather this year. On Friday of next week the Prep, year one and year two students will participate in Under 8’s Week activities.

Have a nice weekend,
Mike
UP AND COMING EVENTS

**Friday, 15 July**  
P & C Meeting – 3:30pm - Staffroom

**Tuesday, 19 July**  
Prep 2017 Parent Information Sessions - 9:15am and 6:00pm

**Friday 22 July**  
Prep and Year 1 Under 8’s Day - 1:45pm - School Hall and Oval

**20-22 July**  
Year 6 Camp at Camp Goodenough  
(Bilambil NSW)

**Wednesday, 27 July**  
Prep Experience One – 9:15am

**1-3 August**  
Year 5 Camp at Lake Ainsworth Outdoor Education Centre

**8, 11, 12 August**  
School Photos

**Friday, 26 August**  
Gold Coast Show Holiday

ASSEMBLIES – FRIDAY, 15 JULY 2016

**9:00 to 9:45am**  
Prep, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3 (Presenters 1A; Assembly Item 3E)

**2:15 to 2:45pm**  
Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 (School Leaders; Assembly Item 5C)

PREP AND YEAR 1 UNDER 8’S DAY

It is that time of the year again where we celebrate being Under 8!!

**When:**  
Friday, 22 July

**Time:**  
1:45pm to 3:00pm

**Where:**  
Arundel State School Hall and Oval

**Theme:**  
Early Learning – Everyone Benefits

Come dressed in your favourite costume. That includes all parents who may dig out their favourite Super Hero Outfit, Animal PJ’s or Frozen Costume.

Lots of fun activities including face painting, musical/statues dancing, skittles, quoit toss, ball toss etc.

NEWS FROM PREP D

Prep D and most children spend their whole day at school in the company of others. Each interaction influences their social skills awareness. Teaching the children how to give and receive compliments will help them to appreciate others and to feel appreciated as well.

In Prep D we try to use compliments as much as we can as a way of keeping positivity and growing self-confidence in our busy day. Sometimes their tasks are challenging and sincere compliments encourage them to “give it their best shot”.

It is reassuring to see children give and receive compliments. Compliments are often remembered long after they are spoken. They can lift, heal and inspire great things. Well done Prep D.

NEWS FROM THE P&C

There will be a P & C Meeting in the staffroom at 3:30pm this Friday. Everyone is welcome to attend.

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Hours – 8:30 – 11:30 (Tuesdays and Thursdays)  
Track pants SALE - $20.

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS (from Mrs Thornton and Mrs Adamson)

We have a busy term coming up. There are many events on, please keep an eye on the Newsletter for information.

Pre-Eisteddfod Concert

We have a concert each year a couple of weeks before Eisteddfod begins for the students at school. Parents are not invited. It is a dress rehearsal for the students and the school is invited so they have an audience before they perform. If your child is in Dance Excellence, Drama Excellence, Boys Dance group or SEP Dance group they will be involved.

Please check your child has brought in the items their teacher asked them to. We will have a Showcase concert for parents later in the term.

Gold Coast Eisteddfod dates (letters will be coming home shortly with information)

- **Thursday, 11th August** - Dance Excellence girls and boys dance group
- **Thursday, 18th August** - Senior Band
- **Thursday, 18th August** - SEP Dance group - No Limits (Robina Community Centre)
- **1st September - 4th September** - Drama Excellence- Robina Community Centre

We will keep you posted!
YEAR 5 CAMP
Year 5 Students will be attending a camp at Lake Ainsworth Outdoor Education Centre from Monday, 1 August to Wednesday 3 August.
The cost of the camp is $225.00. **Full payment is due on or before 22 July.**
Payments can be made via the payment window in the administration building on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings only from 8:15am to 9:15am.**

STUDENT INVOICES
As our database for student data evolves, new and enhanced functions are released such as automatic emailing of invoices.
Many parents may now be receiving emailed invoices for excursions or other school activities. Please don’t be alarmed, but wait for your child to bring home the official letter which will have all information regarding the excursion/activity for which you receive the invoice.

REMINDER 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.

PACIFIC PINES STATE HIGH SCHOOL
Junior Secondary School Tour – Book Now
You are invited to attend Pacific Pines SHS School Tour on one of the following dates. You will have the opportunity to meet the Deputy Principal, Lisa Chippendale and Dean of Students, Julie Paul. Come along to visit classrooms, talk with staff and students and see what makes Pacific Pines SHS a high performing school. Please ring Margaret at the School Office to book on 5502 5111.
Thursday, 28 July – 9:15 - 10:30am
Thursday, 25 August – 9:15 – 10:30am.

SPORTS NEWS (from Mrs Mitchell-Cowan)
_Arundel State School Year 4, 5, 6 Track & Field 2016_
This year has been a fantastic display of athleticism by our Arundel students. This week 3 events were held to complete our Year 4, 5, & 6 athletics program. Well done to all students who competed. And a very appreciative thank you to Mr Kelly, Mr McConnell, Mrs Dick Mrs Jepson, Mrs Thornton, Mrs Adamson for volunteering their time to help officiate. Special thanks to Tracey Mark (parent) for helping both days. Age Champion medals and 2016 Champion House will be presented at an assembly on Friday.
_After School Sport_
Soccer X commences week 3 to week 8 – Thursdays, 28 July - $75 (8 weeks) Register online www.soccer-x.com

The cost of the camp is $225.00.

If your child is absent from school could you please call our Student Absence Line by either calling the office on 5561 4888 and selecting “1” for our Student Absence Line or by calling 5561 4995 direct. This is a recorded message so please leave details of your child’s name, class and reason for absence.

**ASSEMBLY AWARDS - (from 17th June)**
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