Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
Our sincere thanks to the P&C for the wonderful Mother’s Day Stall conducted last week. The stall was well organised and students benefited from the range of items available for sale. The level of interest by students was very high.

Hopefully, this initiative helped make Mothers’ Day a little more special at every Arundel home.

Thanks to the executive for their planning and preparation and those parents who assisted by serving students at the stall.

NAPLAN
I wish to express my thanks to our school community for support with the conduct of the Naplan tests this week. Our participation rates were very high again this year, with few absences. Students generally completed the tests positively.

Thanks to teachers for their commitment and to Mrs Dick and Mr Kennon for undertaking the “behind the scenes” administration of the testing program.

This year, there was only limited time for “catch up” tests, for those who may have been absent on the actual day of the test. Writing and language Conventions were collected from school earlier than previously.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS
Our school has an excellent uniform. The P&C has worked hard over the past 3 years to not only improve appearance, comfort and quality but also to develop the capability to have a large amount of stock on hand.

There are a number of students who are wearing inappropriate jackets or coats to school, now that it is cooler. Students are expected to wear the school jacket, an improved component of the school uniform. Loudly coloured jackets, with printing are unacceptable. “Hoods” are also unacceptable. Parents are asked to check this issue and ensure that students comply with the school policy.

If you require a school jacket for the winter months please check with the school’s uniform shop for availability and sizes.

OUR GREAT AMBASSADORS TO GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY
Last Tuesday, eight of our students from Year 3, 4, 5 and 7 were guest speakers at Griffith University (Gold Coast). During Dr Leonie Rowan’s lecture each of the children addressed an audience of over 60 first year student teachers in one of the lecture theatres. Their task was to tell the prospective teachers what they believe a great teacher should be like.

The children were all well-presented, well mannered, confident and spoke articulately to the audience who enthusiastically took notes!

Dr Leonie Rowan said their visit has been described as the highlight of our students’ term! She also said that our students were “very impressive: thoughtful, well prepared and engaging.”

Congratulations to our Professors-Mikayla, Nicholas, Mia, Jasmine, Cooper, Brandon and Graham for being excellent ambassadors for our school.
VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

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.

This contribution scheme is approved by Education Qld on the clear understanding that it is voluntary. Strong levels of participation by our families, greatly enhances our capacity to resource the school above the standard provisions.

Payment may be made in one sum or a number of instalments, in accordance to family circumstances. Funds received contribute towards:

- Access for every child to Mathletics,
- Photocopying (provides additional teaching resources without the cost of extra textbooks)
- Art and Craft (paints, craft materials etc)
- Additional literacy and numeracy resources
- Additional specialist resources (P.E. - sports equipment, Music – scores, CDs etc,

Payment collection days are **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only** from 8:15am to 9:15am. The collection window is located at the front of the admin building. Phone the school office for details if you wish to pay online.

Des McConnell
Acting Principal

SENIOR SHARING – Year 3 to 7
Monday, 19 May 2014 - 2:10pm

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UP AND COMING EVENTS

- **Friday, 16 May**  
  Free Dress Day – Gold Coin Donation for Fete Preparations
- **Monday, 19 May**  
  Interschool Sport – Game 1 - Year 5-7
- **Wednesday, 21 May**  
  Fanfare Band Competition Upper Coomera State College – Senior Band
- **Monday, 26 May**  
  Interschool Sport – Game 2 – Year 5-7
- **Sunday, 1 June**  
  20th Anniversary Fete 10:00am-4:00pm
- **Monday, 2 June**  
  Interschool Sport – Game 3 – Year 5-7
- **Monday, 9 June**  
  Public Holiday - Queen’s Birthday
- **Wednesday, 11 June**  
  Year 5 Excursion – Planetarium at Mt Coot-tha
- **Monday, 16 June**  
  Interschool Sport – Game 4 – Year 5-7
- **Tuesday, 17 June**  
  Interschool Chess Competition at Arundel State School

INTERSCHOOL SPORT – YEAR 5 TO 7

Semester 1 Interschool Winter Sport will be held on Mondays on the following dates:

- 19th, 26th May; 2nd, 16th June

The first payment of $20.00 is due tomorrow, Friday, 16 May.

YEAR 5 SCIENCE EXCURSION - PLANETARIUM MT COOT-THA

Year 5 will be visiting the Planetarium at Mt Coot-tha, Brisbane on **Wednesday, 11 June 2014**.

The cost of the excursion is $20.00 which includes bus fare and entry to the centre. Money is to be paid by **Friday, 6 June** via the payment window on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only from 8:15am to 9:15am**. Payments may be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, credit card or internet banking. Internet payments must be paid by Wednesday 4 June to allow sufficient time for funds to reach the school bank account.

As final numbers for the bus booking must be made by **Friday 6 June**, no payments will be accepted after 9:15am on this day.
**PERFORMING ARTS DEPT NEWS**

**Fete Sunday 1st June:** All the children in the Fete will receive letters this week with information about their performance time and details. These students include Junior Choir, Senior Choir, Little Voices, Arundel Band, Hula Group, Drama and Dance Excellence.

**Speech Choir:** Children in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 who have been selected will receive a letter regarding the Gold Coast Eisteddfod. Unfortunately we cannot take all children, so the Performing Arts teachers have selected children who have performed a poem well and would also like to be involved.

**Levies:** All levies due for Eisteddfod groups by Friday 16 May.

**High School:** Good luck to all those students auditioning for high school for Instrumental programs or Performing Arts.

**SPORT AND PE NEWS**

**Cross Country Championships**

Last Thursday the Arundel State School Cross Country Championships were held to determine the top runners in the 10, 11 and 12 years age groups. Age Champions for each age for 2014 were:

- 10 Years: Jye of 5A and Courtney of 5D
- 11 Years: Lorenzo of 5E and Camilla of 5B
- 12 years: Presley of 6B and Tylah of 7C
- 13 Years: Jamil of 7C and Chelsea of 7B

The TASS Cross Country Team to compete in the District Cross Country Championships on Friday 23 May at Runaway Bay. Congratulations to the following students in the TASS CC Team

- 10yrs: Jye, Milan, Lachlan, Flynn, Courtney, Matilda, Tanisha and Jasmyne.
- 11 yrs: Lorenzo, Jacob, Jared, Jack, Camilla, Jessica, Isabella and Kaeasha.
- 12 yrs: Presley, James, Keidai, Kian, Tylah, Rhian, Lily and Shari.

**Interschool Cluster Sport**

Commences **Week 5 Monday 19 May**. Students attend school at the normal time. Sport students will assemble at 10.30am for buses. Venues are being finalised following some changes to other school nominations. Students should wear their Arundel SS sport uniform and hat to school and bring lunch and a water bottle. Please ensure all permission forms are submitted and part payment made by Friday 16 May.

**Auskick on Fridays at Arundel SS**

Seventy students and as many parents attended the first session of Auskick last Friday afternoon. Students received their own AFL ball and were practising skills with parents in a perfect afternoon for sport. If any further parents are interested in their child attending please attend on Friday at 3.15pm.

**THANK YOU**

A big thank you to Parkwood Sharks Junior Rugby League Club for the donation of 2 sets of jerseys for use during interschool sport. We greatly appreciate the donation and wish the teams well in the upcoming games. Parkwood Sharks is still signing on new players for Under 7s, Under 10s, Under 13s & Under 14s.

**CHAPLAINCY NEWS**

**K’s for Kids**

It’s that time of year again! Ks4Kids is proudly supporting SU Qld state school chaplains that are working in our school communities to provide assistance, love and more positive options to our young generation. Why not donate to someone walking for this great cause, or better still.....walk yourself and raise valuable funds to ensure these invaluable Chaplaincy services are maintained and expanded to bring hope to every child in our school communities.

The K’s for Kids walk is on Saturday the 24th May. If you would like sponsor a walker, donate or even join the fun and walk too. Go to [KS4KIDS.ORG.AU](http://www.KS4KIDS.ORG.AU)
**SUPA Club!**

Next term the Arundel SS Chaplain will be trialling our first ever SUPA Club.

SUPA (SU Primary Age) clubs are voluntary Christian clubs, designed for children in Years 5, 6 and 7. The aim of a SUPA club is to help children explore the Bible in a fun, interactive and age appropriate way. SUPA clubs also provide children with opportunities to build supportive friendships and learn important skills to assist them in their social development.

This program only operates with the consent of parents. If you would like your child to be involved in a SUPA club program next term please fill out and return the form below.

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**P&C NEWS**

Again a massive thank you to all the families who supported our big fundraiser for Term 1. It was a huge success and has already raised over $11,000 in profit. This money goes back into the school for building projects and resourcing for students.

Unfortunately there are still a number of outstanding payments. If you have still not paid for your box of chocolates please do so at the tuckshop or uniform shop at your earliest convenience. Payments can also be made online at:

BSB 034 292 Account: 317629.

Remember each dollar counts toward making our school a great place for kids to learn and play.

**HELPING HANDS ARUNDEL**

At Helping Hands this month the children have been developing their interest in loom bands. We have embraced this interest by using them to foster social interactions with the children. We have seen friendships formed, the children are helping each other and making bracelets for others. The children are very keen to work together to be able to achieve a common goal.

Some housekeeping:

- Please remember to sign your child in/out. This is a legal document that is used to keep a record of attendance as well as a document we use in an emergency when evacuating. It is vital that each child is signed in/out correctly.
- We practice sun safety- please ensure your child has a hat to use at OSHC.
- Please notify us if your child is absent. When children don’t arrive at ASC we need to call parents and look for the missing child (taking staff away from supervising the main group), if we have not found or contacted the parents by 3.30pm our policy is to call the police. This can take time especially if we have several children that parents have not notified us of their absence to call and locate. It is imperative that you notify us of your child being absent.

We currently have vacancies for Before School Care and After School Care. If you are needing care for your child or you are interested in helping them develop their social interactions with others then give us a call on 0458010769. We are happy to answer any questions you may have.

**COOMBABAH STATE HIGH SCHOOL**

**Junior Secondary**

Hi, my name is Paul Bullpitt and I am the Junior Secondary Head of Department at Coombabah State High School. We are very excited to be able to have a space in the school’s newsletter.

It is certainly an exciting time in Primary Schools as Year 6 and 7 prepare themselves to enter high school next year. I know we are certainly looking forward to the influx of new students next year. It was wonderful to meet many of you at our parent information night and also at our specialist programs (iGnitE) information evening.

Applications for our iGnitE (specialist) programs are due Friday 16 May. The selection process for these programs will then occur between Wednesday – Friday May 21–23. Please call our school administration on 5552 3888 if you have any questions about the iGnitE programs or any other queries in regards to enrolment.