Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

ACTING PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

I enjoy working at Arundel for many reasons. The community feel is positive, we all work together for the betterment of our children, through a cohesive and caring manner. An important part of our community is our teachers and each year there is a day dedicated to them.

October 5 signified a special day of celebration, World Teacher’s Day. It is a day where we recognise the positive aspects of being a teacher. Our teachers were treated to a delightful morning tea where they were entertained by a modern day tap dancing expert (Mrs Dick), a box of fun was given to all and a special assembly was held where the children presented the teachers with an apple, a happy teacher DVD was viewed and reflective poems were recited by the Year six students.

When discussing with the teachers why they enjoyed being a teacher at Arundel State School, similar answers were provided: working with young students, helping them enjoy learning and to make a difference, the variety of the job and challenges, learning from the students, working with colleagues and having those light bulb moments!

One of the teachers expressed that she gets excited when a student approaches her and announces: “I want to be a teacher!” So thank you Arundel teachers for making a difference.

Pupil Free Day

Next Monday, 19 October is the day students will not attend school. Pupil Free Days are a great opportunity for teachers to be professionally developed in a variety of areas. Our teachers will be experiencing the following:

Kerrie Franklin a Regional Coordinator from District Office will be conducting an important session on behavioural management.

Our school opinion surveys will be examined leading to reflection and action planned for the future. The connection of smart goals and providing student feedback will be identified and there will be the revisiting of the student workbook policy.

QAR comprehension, which is being used heavily in the lower school, will be linked to other strategies currently being implemented in the classroom. The teachers will also be commencing the distribution of classes for 2016. It promises to be a busy and productive day.

But wait, we have more!

Eighteen student teachers will also be attending the day, they will be professionally developed in phonograms, running records and handwriting by our literacy support teacher. It is always important to encourage connections between the universities and school.

Here they come, our new 2016 Prep students will be arriving to participate in the screening process and they are promised an exciting time. Not only will they be receiving colourful power bands when they arrive, they will experience a ride in one of our yellow cardboard buses (less cost in mechanical maintenance) that will be taking them to the screening classrooms. The children will delight in participating in numerous fun activities on a rotational basis and will conclude the session with a high quality tour of the school.

Now I think there was one more important thing happening that day? That’s right! Mr Kelly will be arriving back, red carpet and all!

Welcome back Mr Kelly,

Patrina Dendrinos

CLASSES FOR 2016 PARENT REQUESTS

Deputy Principals and Teachers are commencing the long process of forming classes for next year where all student’s needs, progress and friendship groups are taken into consideration for their class placement in 2016. To assist with the process parents are invited to provide a written request for the children who have special circumstances to be considered individual teachers may not be requested. This request must be of a genuine nature.

Parent requests for 2016 classes will only be open for a two week period from Thursday October 8 to Friday October 23. As you can imagine it is a mammoth task to create new
classes and all additional information is required early in the term to contribute to this process. The requests must be written or emailed to the deputy concerned and provided to the front office in the administration block. Please do not email your child’s current teacher with requests, it must only be directed to the administration team of Patrina Dendrinos P-1 Deputy, Maria Thompson Year 2 Deputy, Cherylee Dick Years 3-4 Deputy and Des McConnell 5-6 Deputy.

All placements are ultimately the decision of the Principal. Every student will know of his/her 2016 class during the final week of class.

**NO PARADE – FRIDAY, 16TH OCTOBER**

**JUNIOR SCHOOL PARADE – PREP TO YEAR 2**
**Friday, 22nd October, 2015 – 1:00 – 1:25pm**

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**SENIOR SCHOOL PARADE – YEAR 3 TO YEAR 6**
**Friday, 22nd October, 2015 – 2:20 – 2:50pm**

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**UP AND COMING EVENTS**

Mondays  
Year 5 – Swimming

Wednesdays  
Year 3 Swimming

**Thursday, 15th October**  
Prep swimming commences  
Chess – 3:15pm

**Friday, 16th October**  
Year 1 swimming commences  
Spelling Bee

**Monday, 19th October**  
Pupil Free Day

**Thursday, 22nd October**  
Yr 2 History Excursion – Broadwater Parklands

**Friday, 23rd October**  
Dance’Ed in the Spotlight 2015 – Arts Centre

**Friday, 30th October**  
Spooky Disco – School Hall

**Tuesday, 3rd November**  
Prep Experience

**PLANNING FOR 2016**

The period over Christmas is a time when many families experience changed circumstances. This often results in students having to change schools. **Families whose children are moving schools are asked to advise the school office and complete a leaving form.** We are disappointed to lose students, but recognise that this is necessary at times and therefore are willing to assist with any transition into a new school.

**AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ON THE OVAL**

For those parents/carers/grandparents who come along to watch and encourage their children during organised afterschool activities. We wish to advise that the toilets inside the school hall are out of bounds for adults due to OSHC afterschool care children using these toilets. The large undercover area toilets are open for your use.

**REMARK 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 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.

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

The Uniform Shop will be open from 8:30am to 1:00pm on Monday, 19th October during the Prep Screening Sessions. Please note our usual opening hours are Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 to 11:30am.

**PE NEWS** *(Ms Mitchell-Cowan)*

**Swimming Term 4**

*What to pack each week for Swimming!* In a special Swimming Bag pack your:

1. Swimmers.
2. Rashie (or t-shirt).
3. Cap.
4. Goggles,
5. Towel and Thongs.

Don’t forget to hang out your towel and swimmers. Thank you to parents and staff for encouraging the return of swimming notes. The students are very excited about Swimming. Classes to receive a prize for returning all their class swimming notes are 5C, 3G, 1F and PE.
Swimming Days: Prep - Thursdays, Year 1 - Fridays, Year 3 - Wednesdays and Year 5 - Mondays.

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS
(from Charmian Adamson)
Arundel’s Got Talent will start next week (Week 3) and will be held on Tuesday at first break. Children will be told the date that they are on next week. Little Voices will start next week for Years 1 & 2 on a Wednesday in second break. We would love to see as many as possible joining. Junior and Senior Choir will combine for term 4 and will be held on Monday in second break and Thursday morning from 8:10 to 9:00. New members are very welcome! Auditions for Dance and Drama Excellence will be held on Friday in Week 5. Details will be provided at Parade and in the Newsletter shortly. Dance Ed performance is in week 3 on Friday. Information Letters have been sent home with the students.

HELPING HANDS (Before and After School Care)
Build, Design and Care for your very own Hermit Crab!
Date: Wednesday, 4 November then 5 consecutive Wednesdays
Time: 3:30pm to 4:45pm
Gather your tools and build your very own Hermit Crab enclosure! A LIVE Hermit Crab is included in this program for you to take home.
Over the 5 week program each child will:
- Piece together the Hermit Crab home.
- Attach the hinged roof.
- Design and place decorative and environmental pieces in the home.
- Learn how to care for the Hermit Crab.
- Place the LIVE Hermit Crab in the environment of its new home.
- Discuss the future care of the Hermit Crab.
The experience of caring for a pet is special, the greater experience of creating a wonderful and enchanting environment for your Hermit Crab is even better!
Please note that no power tools or nails are used in this program. For more information or to book onto this exciting 5 week program please contact – Helping Hands Arundel on 0458 010 769 or email arundel@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au. Booking forms are available from Helping Hands in the School Hall before and after school.

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 Mod 4 beside the LOTE room every Thursday afternoon after school from 3:05 – 4:05pm at a cost of $91.00 per student. Classes commence on Thursday, 8th October and run through until the 3rd December. 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 5522 7221.

DENTAL VAN
The Gold Coast Health Oral Health (Dental) Services are offering free dental check-ups to children in all years.
This service will be provided on-site by Mobile Dental Clinic 172A. Hours of operation for this clinic are 7:45am – 4:15pm, unattended Wednesdays. To arrange for an appointment for your child, please telephone the Oral Health Client Service Centre on 1300 300 850 from Monday – Friday 8:00am – 4:30pm excluding Public Holidays. Child Dental Benefit Schedule Vouchers are accepted. When your child’s $1000 cap is reached, there will be no out-of-pocket expenses provided your child meets *eligibility criteria.
*Eligibility – All Queensland resident children aged four years or older who have not completed year 10 of secondary school. Further information on public funded oral health services can be accessed via URL: http://www.health.qld.gov.au/goldcoasthealth/html/services/oralhealth.asp.

LIBRARY NEWS (from Mrs McKay)
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 7 has been sent out and it is recommended that you order by 20th October, although later orders are possible. Payment is via LOOP only at www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP. 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.
Stocktake
The Library is conducting an annual stocktake in Week 5 of this term (2 to 6 Nov). The Library will be closed during this week. Students borrow in week 4 and return the books in week 6. Students may borrow over their regular allocation to make sure their reading is not disrupted.
6D News

6D is all geared up for their last time at The Arundel State School. Our teacher is very impressed with all our data collection cycles from Term 3.

This term as part of our English we are learning to transform a narrative into an information text for a younger audience. Our work is going to be sent to a Year 2 class at another school for their opinion and feedback. We are excited to hear what they think!

In Science we are investigating mould as part of our unit. We have a McDonald’s cheeseburger sitting in our room to observe. We wonder what will happen to it over the next few weeks??? Mrs Brown also told us to check our schoolbags for mouldy oranges!

There is a positive buzz coming from 6D and we’re all working together to make Term 4 the best term ever!!