Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

Holidays
School breaks tomorrow (Friday 19th September) for two weeks for the September holidays. I wish all students and staff an enjoyable holiday, with time devoted to rest, relaxation as well as some exciting adventures and experiences. Also, families may enjoy the “less busier” routine.

School resumes on Tuesday 7th October. Students will be well rested and ready to again engage with their learning, our primary focus.

Fun Run
This week, every student was issued with a flyer advertising the Fun Run to be conducted by the P&C. All students are encouraged to participate.

Students are encouraged to seek sponsors for the Fun Run. Between now and Wednesday, 15th October, students are encouraged to seek sponsorship from family, friends, relatives and neighbours. Sponsors’ name, amount donated and signature are to be entered on the table on the back sheet.

This sheet, along with the sponsorship money collected must be handed into the Tuckshop by Wednesday, 15th October, in the second week back after the holidays.

Students who hand in their forms and collected funds by Friday 10th October, will qualify for “early bird” prizes.

Students must not go doorknocking for sponsorship, unless under parental supervision. This is a critical safety issue.

On Thursday, 16th October (Thursday of Week 2), year levels will report to the oval and endeavour to run the maximum number of laps within a designated 20 minute period.

There will be a range of prizes for students who run the most laps or collect the most sponsorship, on a school and class level. The prizes are of excellent standard. All information is clearly provided on the flyer that was issued this week.

Key dates:
Early bird date: Friday, 10th October.
All forms/money returned by Wednesday, 15th October.
Fun Run activity: Thursday, 16th October.

Everyday Counts
School attendance – responsibilities of parents and caregivers.

Everyday counts is an initiative of the Queensland Government. Please take the time to read the following information.

Everyday counts...because children achieve better when they attend school all day, every day
Everyday counts...because going to school means getting a better chance at life
Everyday counts...because school helps children build social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience
Everyday counts...because going to school is a legal requirement

Under the law, you must make sure your child is enrolled and attends school on all school days unless you have a reasonable excuse.

You must not keep your child away from school for minor reasons.

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What you can expect from the school
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What the law says
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What you can expect from the school
Monitoring of student attendance.
Conversations re student absence, especially continual absence.
Following up any unexplained absences as soon as practical, but within three days of any unexplained absence.

Effective teaching strategies to engage your child in learning.

Strategies to help you to encourage your child to go to school.
If your child does not want to go to school, or is missing school without you knowing, contact the school immediately for assistance and support. If you want any more information please visit the Education Queensland website – www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts.

P&C NEWS
The P&C would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday and hope you are well rested to start another busy term when we get back. We attended the State P&C Conference last week and got some excellent ideas for the future.
We invite any interested parents/carers/grandparents to join us for the next meeting at 3:30 on Monday, 13th October. Snacks and coffee provided. Term 4 will be exciting with the Fun Run on 16th October, the Halloween Disco on 24th October, commencement of work on the new playground and two Graduations! Stay on top of it all via our Facebook page – “Friends of Arundel SS”.

IGA PROMOTION
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 The 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 from the school office and start shopping at our local IGA.

PREP ENROLMENT 2015
Enrolments for Prep for 2015 are open. Already there have been many enrolments. The support of all families is sought to spread the message that early enrolment allows for the school to plan ahead, for a smooth start to the new year. Prospective parents may collect an enrolment pack from the school office. Students should be born between 1st July 2009 and 30th June 2010. Each enrolling student requires a birth certificate.
An Information Session is being held on Tuesday, 11th November from 9:15am to 10:15am in the Staffroom to provide parents with an insight as to how they can prepare their child for Prep, the curriculum, the wider school and screening processes.
Every child enrolled to begin Prep in 2015, will undertake a screening process. This takes approx. 30 minutes and provides information about the child’s readiness for school, how he/she can be supported from the first day of school and to form balanced classes.
Screening will take place on: Monday 20th October (Pupil Free Day) and on other days as arranged. The Uniform shop will be open each day of the screenings. School tours will be offered after the completion of the screening session.

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS
Eisteddfod News
Junior Choir - Very Highly Commended.
Senior Choir - Not Placed, but Good Job.
Senior Band - 2nd
String Ensemble- 3rd
Speech Choirs - Prep - 3rd
Year 1 - 1st
Year 2(A) - Very Highly Commended
Year 2(B) - 2nd
Dance Year 4 - Very Highly Commended
Dance Excellence - HC & Very Highly Commended
Drama Excellence:
2nd - Tayla, Allie, Hannah, Georgia & Paige
3rd - Lizzy, Michael, Emma & Lily
VHC - Stel, Rhian, Eloise, Emilee, Vereta.
2nd – Rebecca, Emily, Paige
VHC – Lily – Individual Poem
We are so proud of the children this year and it shows our standards have increased and the children are loving it! Thank you to all those parents who support us and are always there for us. Mrs Norgrove, the biscuits were divine – thanks.

Drama and Dance Excellence Auditions - It is that time of year. The children have been asked this week to write their name down if they wish to audition. Drama children are to get a poem from Mrs Thornton. It is open to Years 3, 4 & 5 this year. Your child needs to excel in one of these subjects to audition and we need commitment from students and parents that they will be at all shows and rehearsals. By creating a team we want the children to understand commitment before they move onto high school. Next term we will post names on Mrs Thornton’s door and auditions will begin in week 3 next term. If your child is accepted into one of the programs you will receive a letter.

* There will be a Showcase DVD for order next term, it will be sold through the Tuckshop and the P&C so we will keep you posted as to where you can pick up forms and when you will receive the DVD. Thanks to all for a great and rewarding term and thanks for giving us your talented children! Mrs Thornton and Mrs Adamson

SCHOOL WATCH
Please keep a watch on our School these holidays!
With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our School. If you see anything suspicious, please call School Watch on 131798.

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UP AND COMING EVENTS

Friday, 19th September        Last Day of Term 3 – Tuckshop Closed
Monday, 6th October          Labour Day Holiday
Tuesday, 7th October         First Day of Term 4 - All students return
Monday, 13th October        Year 5 Swimming commences
Tuesday, 14th October        Year 6 & 7 Aquatic Program commences
Wednesday, 15th October      Year 3 Swimming commences
Friday, 17th October         Fun Run; Prep Swimming commences
Monday, 20th October         Student Free Day
Friday, 31st October         Halloween Disco

PE NEWS
Swimming Dates
Prep, Year 3 and Year 5
Term 4 sees the start of the Learn to Swim for Prep, Year 3 and Year 5. The cost of the program is $50 and covers, bus travel to and from the pool, pool hire and qualified swimming instructors. Please pay this amount through our Money Window which will be open every day on the first week of Term 4 between 8:15am and 9:15am. All money must be paid by Friday, 10th October. This is fantastic value for the 8 week program. Students will commence their program in week 2 of Term 4 on the following dates:
Monday, 13th October - Year 5
Wednesday, 15th October - Year 3
Friday, 17th October – Prep

YEAR 6 & 7 AQUATIC PROGRAM
Students will commence their aquatic program on Tuesday, 14th October in week 2 of Term 4 for 5 weeks. The program focuses on stroke correction and life-saving at Guardian Angels Pool, Ashmore followed by a Surf Life Saving Awareness Practical Activities at Main Beach on Tuesday, 18th November. Please pay this amount through our Money Window which will be open every day on the first week of Term 4 between 8:15am and 9:15am. All money must be paid by Friday, 10th October. All students require a swimming cap and rashie for all swimming programs. This is both a safety and hygiene policy of the pool. CAP & RASHIE DONATIONS are gratefully accepted. If your child has grown out of their current cap or rashie please bring any spares to the school office. Sorry we cannot accept swimmers.

NEWS FROM 6A
“This term has been great because of all the morning sport we play …………”, but we have also been working particularly hard on our writing skills through daily writing, grammar activities and a great deal of comprehension strategies. We have also been working with a great array of literature through modelled daily reading of a serial story, “The Scarlet Runner,” our shared reading, “Rohan Rin,” class and home independent reading and our ‘Reciprocal Reading activities,’ where we practise and share our skills in order to improve comprehension of a text. We have also found out how much fun Math can be when working on problem solving activities which we do regularly each week. We have also completed tribal masks for their drama dance performance.

TUCKSHOP
A reminder that our Tuckshop will be closed on Friday, 19th September, for cleaning.

SCIENCE TRIVIA CHALLENGE
Next term on 9th October, we will be holding our inaugural House Science Trivia Challenge for Years 4 & 5. Teams of 5 or 6 students from the same house group will compete in a six round trivia challenge testing their science knowledge against other house groups. Prizes will be awarded to the winning groups from each year level.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS 2014 – SPECIAL GROUP ORDER FORMS
Special Group Photograph Order Forms for the Sporting, Leadership, Chess and Performing Arts Group Photographs taken in August were distributed to students recently. Please ensure payment is made directly to MSP Photography, PO Box 367, West Burleigh, Qld 4219. Ph: 55202999. Fax: 55202900 by Friday, 19th September, 2014. If you did not receive an Order Form and your child was in a special group photograph, please contact MSP Photography directly.

2014 CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL
Don’t forget to participate in this year’s Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal! This is a great chance for our children to learn about giving to those in need. Many children around the world are living in desperate need, and the annual Shoebox Appeal is an opportunity for us as a school community to give these children a Christmas gift that they ordinarily wouldn’t receive.
If you want to participate please put the shoebox’s into categories for **BOYS** and **GIRLS** 2-4 Years; 5-9 Years, or 10-14 years, then write the gender and age the shoebox is intended for on the box. If you require a shoebox you can pick one up from Mrs Fogarty or Mrs Nelson or Chaplain Zane. Please include in the box, something to **play** with, something for **school**, something for **hygiene**, something to **wear** and something to **love** (please only include new items & do not include any consumables or breakables). Please return the shoeboxes by Week 2 of Term 4 (**17th of October**). They can be returned to your classroom teacher, the office or Chaplain Zane. Thank you for your generosity, we’re hoping this is our most generous shoebox appeal so far!

**SAILS Ministry Inc.**  
www.sails.org.au

**School Holidays Sept/Oct. 2014 Family Activity - 10 am to 1 pm:**

**Kayaking and Hobie Cat Sailing, 3 sessions provided by the Sails Ministry.**

Tuesday, 23 September at Murlong Crescent Boat Ramp, Tallebudgera Creek.
Thursday, 25 September at Sports House, Lake Orr, 337 Christine Avenue, Varsity Lakes.
Saturday, 4 October at The Esplanade, Paradise Point.

Donation: $10.00 - Parents free.

**Register with Barry 0420 811 080 or Russell 0405 468 344**

**Vegemite SurfGroms** is an exciting new program for 5-12 year olds that builds confidence in kids through experiencing the freedom of learning to surf. To sign up or for further information please visit [www.surfgroms.com](http://www.surfgroms.com). Information Brochures can be collected from the school office.