Dear Parents, Students and Community Members

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

This week we have students involved in further extra curricula activities across a number of venues. The athletics team (for students aged 10, 11 and 12 years) has been competing at the district carnival at Griffith University on Tuesday and Wednesday. The students who have been placed in their events will next move to the regional carnival to be held later in the term. I had some nice feedback from a parent when I attended yesterday, who noted the strong support our team members had for each other. This is a healthy trait of Arundel students (and parents as well) for it is not just at athletics carnivals but all other representative events and competitions that peer support is very strong and vocal (and respectful at all times). This is a really good quality and cements a strong culture within our student group. I also was stopped yesterday by some students who are now in high school and who were representing their “new” school. It is nice for me to hear from our former students in this way.

On Tuesday in another section of Griffith University, our trivia teams were performing in the Griffith University Trivia Challenge. This involved science, technology, engineering, maths and general trivia questions. We had five teams of year six students competing in the challenge. They had a great time and were right up with the best teams in the competition. Organiser, Mrs Jepson reports that Arundel was the first of the state schools. Congratulations to our trivia teams!

The Eisteddfod continues. On Thursday the band performs at the Arts Centre at Bundall. These students have done an excellent job this year and they are now playing at a really high level.

Next week is officially Book Week. Our Library staff has been conducting the Book Fair which has had amazing support from students and parents over the last two weeks. The students just love looking through the collections of books on sale. This year, as part of Book Week we are going to have a parade in which all students (and staff) will have an opportunity to dress as a book character and then we will parade for the whole school.

The parade is not competitive but to encourage participation we will have lucky draws with prizes for three students in each year level. Parents are most welcome to attend and applaud the children. Please note that it is for all year levels and not just junior school. To help parents out we have made it a very broad theme — any book character. The important day is next Wednesday, 24 August. Children may wear their costumes for the day rather than having to change before and after the event. We will start at 12:00noon.

Next Thursday we will send two mixed teams to a Gala Rugby League day for year four students. We entered this last year for the first time and performed very successfully, and our coach, Mr Baker, has organised for us to compete again this year. It is good to see the girls involved in this activity.

On Friday of next week the Gold Coast Show holiday will be held. There will not be any school on that day.

Have a nice weekend,

Mike

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Student Absence Line:  (07) 5561 4995
SPORTS NEWS (from Mrs Mitchell-Cowan)

Learn to Swim Program
Prep commences on Thursday, 13th October
Year 1 commences on Friday, 14th October
Stroke Correction Swim Program
Year 3 commences on Wednesday, 19th October
Year 5 commences on Monday, 24th October
The program runs for 6 weeks and will be held at the Guardian Angels Swimming Pool, Ashmore.
The cost is $45.00 per student which includes bus transport to and from the school and small group swim squads. Students will require a swimming cap, rashie, swimmers, towel and goggles.

Letters will be distributed through class in the coming weeks.

After School Sport
Tuesdays - 3:00 - 4:15pm - GC Cup Touch Team training.
Thursdays - 3:10 - 4:10pm - Soccer X

Thursdays - 3:10 – 4:10pm – Netball – started on 11 August for 4 weeks only.
Please register your name at the School Office if you are interested.

5C NEWS
We’re back to our normal routine after a great year 5 camp down at Lake Ainsworth.
In English we have been learning to transform a narrative poem into a narrative text, using various literary devices to make the narrative an interesting read. Maths has been fun, constructing angles using protractors and compasses. The Australian Gold Rush is such a fascinating topic in History; and covering natural disasters in Geography has been an eye-opener. Science this term is the thought-provoking topic on light.
With four weeks to go before the next lot of holidays we are focussed and keen to get the work completed.

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to our Dance Excellence Girls and Boys Group. They received a 1st place, Very Highly Commended and Highly Commended!
Well done! We are so proud!

Reminders
- Drama notes due for Eisteddfod.
- Instrument testing for Band and Strings soon.
- Band performance at Eisteddfod, Thursday this week.
- Showcase Concert on Wednesday 14th September at our Hall at 7:00pm (Eisteddfod performers).

PREP EXPERIENCE NO. 3 (Mrs Dendrinos)
If you have a Prep child who is enrolling here at Arundel in 2017 and your childcare is not having any Prep visits to our school, then don’t worry! We are offering a Prep Experience on Tuesday, 6th September from 9:15am to 10:15am. This experience will include visits to our Music Teacher (who is a lot of fun), the Library, Lunchtime play experiences, Prep classroom fun and a whole lot more! So please just turn up on the day. We hope you can join in and have fun at Arundel.

STUDENT ABSENCE LINE – 5561 4995
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

LIBRARY NEWS (from Mrs McKay)
Book Week Book Character Parade - 24 August
The week beginning 22 August is the Children’s Book Council of Australia Book Week. The theme this year is Australia: Story Country. To celebrate Book Week we are encouraging everyone to dress up as their favourite book character on Wednesday 24 August. There will be a parade for all students starting at 12:00 and prizes awarded for best dressed. I am looking forward to all students participating.

Premier’s Reading Challenge due 25 August
I have received many Reading Record Forms already. Well Done! As you complete your form, please hand it into the Library. You have until Thursday 25 August as Friday is our show holiday. The form must be handed in by the due date in order to qualify for the challenge. If a new Reading Record Form is required, one may be downloaded from the school’s website under Facilities - Library. I am looking forward to all students participating in the challenge.

PRACTICAL PREP PARENT PROGRAM
We will be conducting our first Practical Prep Parent Program this term on Tuesday, 23 August from 2:00 – 3:00pm in the Administration Block. During this session we would like to explore with you:
- Writing
- Reading Activities
- Mathematics
We would like to make this workshop a Hands-On Approach, with activities to take home. If you wish to attend, please return the Participation Form to your classroom teacher or the office.
For all current Year 6 students enrolled at Helensvale State High for 2017

What happens at the Helensvale State High “High School Experience Day”? Students will be participating in a variety of engaging lessons and activities throughout the day.

What to Bring? Afternoon tea, water bottle, hat, small notebook and a pencil case. A sausage sizzle lunch will be provided.

What to Wear? Primary School Sports Uniform (senior shirts welcome)

Where to come? Year 7 Discovery Place building at 8:30am and will be released from Helensvale State High at 2:55pm. (Best parking and entrance for drop off/pick up - Rugby Lane) Students will go to classes at 8:45am.

*Please ensure you have submitted your completed enrolment forms by Thursday 25 August to be included in this day. A “High School Experience Day” permission and medical form will be emailed out to you once we have received your enrolment forms.

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.

YEAR 2 CURRUMBIN WILDLIFE EXCURSION
To complement our science unit, all year 2 students will have the opportunity to attend an Excursion to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary.

When: 25 August, 2016
Where: Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, Currumbin
Time: Students will need to arrive at school by 8:50am for prompt departure at 9:15am. Students will return to school by 2:45pm.
Cost: $25.00 per student – This cost includes transport to and from the venue, educational “pat and chat” lesson and access to the park and its shows.

Money is to be paid by Monday, 22 August via the payment window situated on Napper Road side of the administration building. The payment window is open 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 tomorrow, Friday, 19 August to allow sufficient time for funds to reach the school bank account. Please refer to reverse side of your letter for the credit card and internet payment slip. Students who have not paid by Monday, 22 August will not go on this excursion and will undertake normal school activities on the day.

SCIENCE ON THE GO TRIVIA CHALLENGE
On Tuesday, five teams of students from Year 6 attended the Griffith University’s ‘Science on the Go Trivia Challenge’. There were a total of 21 teams participating from a range of state and private schools. This year the question format was slightly different including questions about technology, mathematics and engineering. The children were asked to work in teams to answer six rounds of questions. Many of these questions were very difficult and left even the adults scratching their heads.

At the end of each round prizes were up for grabs with the children playing ‘head and tails’ and ‘scrambled words’. The first three prizes were won by our students. We were very pleased with the behaviour of our students and their skills of working as a team. The difference between the winners on the day and the other place getters were often a matter of a single point. Two of our teams placed equal 4th with the others placing well. Each of the students enjoyed the afternoon.

TUESDAY CHESS CLUB (Mr Lang)
Tuesday Chess Club is held every Tuesday at lunchtime (1st break) for Years 4, 5 and 6. If you are new to the game or just want to improve your skills then come along. It is being held in the LOTE Room. If you are interested you will need to bring along your lunch and stay for the entire lunch break. I hope to see you there.

The Arundel Chess Championships are currently taking place. Come and participate over the next couple of weeks.

YEAR 7 - 2017 ENROLMENT AFTERNOON - THURSDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER 2016 - 3:30PM - 5:30PM
Our face to face enrolment procedure will allow parents to:
- submit important information to the school regarding their student.
- ask questions regarding curriculum options and possibilities.
- understand student expectations.

Appointments for you and your student can be made by phoning the Administration Office.