Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Each Tuesday around midday I try to catch up with the heats of Arundel’s Got Talent (ART). This is a talent quest organised by our teachers during which five or six individuals or groups perform an item which is assessed by three judges who decide which acts should proceed to the finals. I have been thoroughly entertained by these young performers who have been demonstrating their talent in a variety of genres. On Tuesday, for the first time, we even had a magician on show – she was very entertaining. What strikes me about Arundel’s Got Talent (ART) is the number of students who have been below the radar throughout the year and suddenly they appear revealing their amazing talent. A couple of weeks ago we had a quiet, young girl singing (quite brilliantly I must say). What makes that so amazing is that earlier in the year she was having some school refusal problems because she worried about getting her school work incorrect. At the time she appeared to me to be a very capable but nervous youngster. When I saw her on stage and glanced over at her proud mum and grandmother in the audience, I was in awe of her courage in performing in front of a large group of her peers and teachers. Last Tuesday, we had a quiet lad from Year six sing an Ed Sheeran composition – this young boy was known to us for his burly, rugby skills earlier in the year, and here he was sounding just like the original artist.

Perhaps we should hold ART earlier in the year to unearth this hidden talent. I for one can’t wait for the finals on the last Tuesday of term – December 8, from 9:30am in our school Hall.

Our Newsletter today contains information on upcoming concerts, graduations, swimming carnivals and other end of year celebrations. Please note those dates and times as there are events on consecutive days and some events are even repeated on the same day.

Over the last three weeks our Guidance Officer, Mr Dwyer, has been running a very informative parent program for interested parents. I thought I’d complement the work being done by Mr Dwyer by including a short message from parenting expert, Michael Grose. The topic is – Parents Using Kids as Bargaining Chips. It is very interesting and extremely relevant.

“It’s been said that children are the unwitting victims of a breakdown between partners, but it doesn’t take a separation for kids to be caught up in their parents’ disputes.

In particular, kids of all ages can be impacted by games of one-upmanship that can be played out even when parents are together.

It happens when one parent criticises the other parent’s child-rearing either verbally or non-verbally: a raised eyebrow can send a strong message. This type of criticism creates doubt and uncertainty in children.

It happens when one parent intentionally overindulges children by buying them toys, gadgets and clothes or granting them excessive freedom out of spite. Competitiveness and disloyalty cause confusion and unhappiness in children.

It happens when a parent withholds affection and attention to children to punish their partner for some transgressions they may have committed. Callousness leads to feelings of unhappiness and guilt in children.

If two parents are in dispute there is an absolute imperative for the parents to keep the breakdown or conflict between themselves and to minimise the negative spill over to children. Inevitably, children will experience a tension if it exists between couples no matter how well their parents try to keep a dispute private. Kids are mood detectives. They’re generally better than we think at picking up the nuances of relationship tensions.

It helps if parents in dispute can stick to the business of parenting and don’t confuse it with the business of partnering.

If a parent isn’t getting along with a partner, then this is a problem to be worked out between them. Acting in the best interests of children means that we separate the partnering from the parenting when it comes to childrearing.

This means that parents may have to compromise about many issues ranging from the straightforward, such as bedtimes, to more complex issues such as how best to manage children’s behaviour. Giving some ground to the other parent maybe problematic when relationships are troubled, but it’s not impossible. Plenty of separated couples do so successfully by consciously putting their children’s best interest before their own.”
Our application to join the Independent Public School program for 2016 has not been successful. Apparently we missed out because we currently have an acting school principal. This is disappointing news but we will continue as per normal in providing the best learning opportunities for every one of our students in 2016.

Have a nice weekend,
Michael Kelly

JUNIOR PARADE – PREP TO YEAR 2  
Friday, 20 November 2015 - 2:20pm – 2:50pm

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SENIOR PARADE – YEAR 3 TO YEAR 6  
Friday, 20 November 2015 - 12:00pm – 12:30pm

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PE NEWS (Ms Mitchell-Cowan)

ARUNDEL SS SWIMMING CARNIVAL  
(for Years 4, 5, & 6 students)

Arundel’s first ever swimming carnival is only 2 weeks away and will be held on Wednesday, 2nd December at the Guardian Angels Pool, Edmond Rice Drive, Ashmore for all Year 4, 5 & 6 students. There will be events for all types of swimmers.

Competitive swimmers will have the opportunity to try out for the District Team and Age Champion in 100m & 50m freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly. All other swimmers can participate in 25m salmon swims for House points. The event is a rolling carnival commencing at approximately 9:30am with Year 4; 11:00am for Year 5 and 12:30pm for Year 6. The cost is $5 for bus and pool entry.

QLD ALL SCHOOLS TOUCH CHAMPIONSHIP

Years ago a senior student (an older brother of Hunter 6D) asked a teacher to enter an Arundel team in the All Schools competition. The teacher was Mrs Wendy Fletcher. For 8 years Mrs Fletcher has co-ordinated and trained our All School Touch teams and on behalf of our awesome school I would like to thank her for all the time she contributed to organise and prepare our students for this great sporting event.

SWIMMING

This is the last week of swimming for our Prep, Year 1 and Year 3 students. Next Monday will be the last session for Year 5. Our students have vastly improved their performances in the water, many gaining much needed confidence and water survival skills for the summer.


AFTER SCHOOL SPORT

Thursdays: Aussie Hoops Basketball Update for Years 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6 girls and boys commencing week 6 at 3 - 4pm for 4 weeks only. The cost of the practical sessions will be covered by Sporting School funding. Places are limited. Register your child’s name at the school office.

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS (from Mrs Adamson & Mrs Thornton)

School Christmas Concert

Christmas is coming …….. Please lock in these dates:
Prep & Year 1 – Wednesday, 2nd December - 9:15am
Year 2 & Year 3 – Wednesday, 2nd December - 2:00pm

Drama & Dance Excellence Parents

Our Christmas Play will take place on Thursday, 3rd December at 6:30pm in the School Hall.

P&C NEWS

The Uniform Shop is fully stocked for the new year and we are keeping the prices low. We have special opening days in January including the 25th January which is now a Pupil Free Day. We have had feedback about track pants - our supplier will alter free of charge. Just see Mireta in the Uniform Shop.
LIBRARY NEWS (from Mrs McKay)

Borrowing
Next week is the last week of borrowing. Only students who have no overdue loans will be able to borrow.

Christmas Book Fair
Next week is the Christmas Book Fair. We will be open 8:30am to 3:30pm from Tuesday, 24 November to Thursday, 3 December. This Book Fair is smaller than the Book Week Book Fair and is only for the sale of books. Pencils, pens, erasers etc. are not included in this Book Fair. Eftpos facilities will be available.

1B NEWS
This term we have been learning how to write procedures. We worked together to write many of these, including How to Jump Rope, How to Brush Your Teeth and How to Make Funny Face Biscuits. After writing some recipes, we had a go and made Funny Face Biscuits, Honey Joys, healthy sandwiches and cupcakes. We all had a lot of fun following our procedures to make these delicious foods. However, we did not have a go at making our assessment procedure. Here is why…

My Terrifying Sandwich

Materials Needed
chopping board
knife
plate
green bread
worms
rotten eggs
old hair
Grans toe jam

Method
1. Spread the toe jam on the bread.
2. Slice the worms and put them on the bread.
3. Place the rotten egg on top.
4. Put some old hair on top of the rotten egg.
5. Place the other piece of bread on top.
6. Cut the sandwich in half.
7. Wrap it up for the seagulls.

By Kirra

YEAR 6 GRADUATION AND AWARDS CEREMONY
On Tuesday, 8th December at 5:30pm, the Year 6 Graduation and Awards evening will be held in the Hall. At this Ceremony students will be acknowledged for excellence in a number of academic, sporting, performing arts and citizenship areas. Parents of Year 6 students are welcome to attend.

Wet ‘n Wild Excursion
On Wednesday, 9th December, Year 6 students will attend their Graduation Excursion to Wet ‘n Wild, from 9:30am. It will be a great day for the students.

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 either in person, by phone or email/letter. 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.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS (from Mireta)

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FRIDAY CHESS CLUB (Mr Lang)
Friday Chess Club is held every Friday 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 old computer room (Mod 8). 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.
CAROLS ON THE BEACH
6:30 – 8:00PM – SUNDAY, 20 DECEMBER

Bring a picnic blanket and enjoy an evening of song with the whole family at the 2015 Surfers Paradise Carols on the Beach presented by G:Link. It’s the Gold Coast’s biggest Christmas Carols event, held under the stars on the beautiful Surfers Paradise Beach. Get set for a night of fantastic family entertainment, with host Charli Robinson from Sea FM and an all Aussie line-up of carols talent including:

- Blinky Bill, Mitchell Steele from The Voice
- Peter Murphy, Tom Gilinder & Rachael Steel
- Vanessa & Graham Moore, Acrobatic Elves, Showbiz Circus
- Vanessa Krummenacher and Georgie Gillings

For further information please visit our website http://www.surfersparadise.com/whats-on/free-events/carols-on-the-beach.