Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Yesterday I sent home a note to all families to advise that a student from our school has been confirmed with **Hepatitis A**. Whilst the health authorities recommended I send the note home just to the year level concerned I felt all parents needed to be alerted and thus you received that note. The note contained some helpful advice on preventative actions that can occur especially in relation to thoroughly washing hands after visiting the bathroom. At school your P&C has installed soap dispensers in our toilet blocks and we provide paper towels for the children to use. It is timely also that parents take the opportunity of following up at home on the importance of thoroughly washing hands after a visit to the bathroom.

If any further advice is received from the **Health Department** I will keep you updated. I can say that the case was not related to the cases you may have read of or seen on the television in association with foodstuffs especially packaged fruit items.

**District swimming** trials were held at Southport yesterday. This is the first of a very comprehensive program of participation of our students in sporting events. Today the district **netball** trials are being held in our hall and Arundel has a number of girls involved.

I thought I’d share an interesting article from a newsletter I received from a group called **Parenting Ideas Insight**. The article entitled Positive Ideas for Participation in Your Child’s Education came up with five tips:

- **Make sure your child starts the day well** – includes good night’s sleep, breakfast, at school on time
- **Attend school activities** – open days, concerts, sports events
- **Consult with your child’s teacher** – about homework, expectations and ways you can help your child at home
- **Become an advocate for your child’s school and promote its positive features throughout the wider community**
- **Learn more about your child’s school** – the curriculum, behaviour policy, teaching methods – try to attend information sessions.

What do you think? Would you score well on all of the above?

A couple of important events to place in your calendar – April 1 – **Easter Bonnet Parade** for the students in prep and year one; April 2 – school cross-country. These events fall on the last two days of term one.

Our **newsletter** is available to parents in either hard copy or electronic copy. If it is via hard copy we send it home with the youngest in the family. For those of you on our email list or wishing to receive the newsletter by email we have a couple of things for you to do in order for us to organise our mailing list.
• If you are on our current email list and wish to continue to receive the newsletter by email, you do not need to do anything.

• If you are on the current email list and wish to deregister, please send an email to news_unsubscribe@arundelss.eq.edu.au (note underscore).

• If you would like to receive the newsletter by email and you are not on our current email list please send an email to news_subscribe@arundelss.eq.edu.au and include your email details.

The weather forecast for Friday and Saturday is not promising for outdoor pursuits. Let’s hope it is not too extreme.

Have a nice weekend,

Mike Kelly

CLASS AWARDS (JUNIOR PARADE)

Capri and Ben – 1B, Koby and Tia – 1C, Zahl and Chloe – 1D, Eric and Ella-Jade – 1E, Kaya and Flynn – 1F, Sarah and Rio – 1G.


GOTCHA’S
Sam – 1A, Tay Hee – 1A, Chelsie – 1A, Cooper – 1A, Mya – 1B, Amelia – 2E.

SENIOR PARADE – Years 3 to 6
Monday, 23 February 2015 - 2:10pm

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UP AND COMING EVENTS -
Monday, 23 February Year 4 Swimming starts
Tuesday, 24 February Year 6 and 5/6A Swimming starts
Wednesday, 25 February Year 2 Swimming starts

BICYCLE SAFETY – YEAR 4 - POSTPONED
Bicycle Safety program has been postponed due to The Gold Coast City Council refurbishing the Bicycle Safety Centre. It will now be held on 13, 14 and 15 May.

If you have already paid, this money will be held for the sessions in May.
If you have not already paid, payments will continue to be accepted until the final payment date, Friday 8 May.
Closer to the date all families will receive another letter with details when each class will attend the Bicycle Safety Centre.
PE NEWS

Swimming for Years 2, 4, 6 commences next week. Spare permission forms are available from the School’s front office. Please note that swimming is part of the PE program and all children are expected to attend. Any exemption from swimming must be accompanied by a note for medical or religious reasons. Parents or caregivers experiencing financial hardship can contact the school for special consideration and alternative arrangements. Spare caps and rashies are available for use if needed.

Spare Caps & Rashies for swimming
If you have spare caps or rashies (sorry no swimmers) please bring in to the School’s front office. Thank you in advance!

Southport JAFc NAB Afl Auskick Centre
Sign on & 1st Session: – 27th February
Time: 4.30-5.30pm
Venue: Southport Sharks Oval
Address: Musgrave Ave Southport
Cost: $70
For more information contact: 55 945 722
Or visit www.aflauskick.com.au

Participants receive benefits which includes, Hat, Football, Back pack and much more.

OPTION A – PREFERRED OPTION - Three Easy Steps:
1. Register online & pay online at www.aflauskick.com.au
2. Please print your receipt and bring to the first session.

NEWS FROM 1F
1F have settled in well to their daily routine and are eager to learn. Our focus this term is on implementing the new phonogram program and reading. We are lucky to have the support of specialist aides and teachers who are working with the children in reading groups and giving individual help in the phonogram lessons.

During guided reading lessons, I am concentrating on the children retelling events in the book in sequence as well as increasing fluency. Playing memory booster games with the children at home or in the car is a fun way to help increase their memory retention. It is also important the children are reading each night to a family member so they can practise the skills they have learnt and gain in confidence and fluency. Filling in all the other KLA’s as well means we run to a tight schedule and I thank all parents for having the children at school on time each day.

SWIMMING – YEAR 2, 4 AND 6
Swimming classes will commence in week 5 as follows –

Year 2 Wednesday, 25 February
Year 4 Monday, 23 February
Year 6 and 5/6A Tuesday, 24 February

$42.00 is outstanding value for 6 half hour lessons by qualified PE and swimming instructors plus bus travel to the Guardian Angels School Pool. Payments need to be made by the due date, Friday 20 February.

Please note it is compulsory for students to wear a sun shirt (rashie) and a swimming cap. Swimming caps are available from the uniform shop for $10.00 and also from the pool.
TUCKSHOP NEWS
Religion books B1 and B2 for Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 are now available at the Tuckshop. They cost $3.50 each.

Just a reminder that Prep students cannot order from the Tuckshop in Term 1. Prep ordering will be available for first break ONLY from Term 2.

Calling all volunteers….if you have a spare half hour or hour in the mornings after you drop your kids at class and would like to help in the Tuckshop, we would love to see you. Volunteering has many benefits, including the joy your kids get from seeing you at school. Hope to see you soon!

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS
Tuesday and Thursday 8:30am to 11:30am

CHARGES NETBALL CLUB
Charges Netball Club is looking for an Under 8’s team to play Saturday Competition at Southport Carrara Netball Association. (Girls born 2007). Please contact Charmian Adamson – 0411 816 955.

ROOSTERS HOCKEY – SIGN ON
Roosters Hockey is an amalgamation of North Gold Coast and Coomera Hockey Clubs.
Saturday, 21 February 8:00am to 10:00am, Cold Coast Hockey, Musgrave Avenue, Labrador
or
Saturday, 21 February, 11:00am to 1:00pm, Sport Sampler Day at Helensvale Branch Library and Cultural Centre – new kids can come down and sample what it’s like to play
and
Saturday, 28 February, 8:00am to 10:00am, Coomera Anglican College, Pool carpark off Billinghurst Cres. Ages: Hookin2Hockey (5 to 9), Under 10, 12, 14, 16 – Juniors

For further information send us an email: bruce@eff.com.au or doliphant73@yahoo.com.au or call 0413 741 778