Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
On Saturday week February 11, the P&C Association in partnership with the Gold Coast City Council will present a free movie night for families at our school, on the oval. The movie will commence at 7:00pm and families can sit on the oval and watch the movie on the big screen. The P&C has also decided to provide opportunities for movie goers to arrive a little earlier and allow children to experience some show rides and purchase show bags. There will be a sausage sizzle and drinks on sale. This is a good opportunity for families to come as one, to the school, around 4:00pm and enjoy the carnival atmosphere before the movie. I should imagine the movie will be over by 9:00pm so it will not be a late night. We have included a flier with today’s newsletter providing more details of the evening.

School principals have an interesting time in predicting student numbers for the future and deciding on how many teaching staff to engage to start the new school year. Our enrolments this year did not quite reach forecasts and we have had to reorganise our year one classes. At Arundel this year we deliberately only took enough enrolments for seven prep classes instead of the eight from last year and we also tightened out of catchment enrolments. I am happy that our enrolment is around 1140 rather than having close to 1170. It gives us a little more breathing space.

We had originally planned for eight classes in year one but we will drop back to seven from tomorrow. Fortunately we have done the reorganisation very early and the disruption can be minimalised. We have kept parents well informed of any movements of students into new classes and the cooperation of parents has been excellent.

The majority of our classes in the school are well below recommended class sizes so we can look forward to a comfortable and successful year.

Whilst mentioning class sizes, the research shows that class sizes don’t make a significant difference to student outcomes – it is the quality of teaching that takes place that actually makes the difference. My job is to make my teachers even better by providing quality feedback and professional learning opportunities. We have a really competent team at Arundel. You should feel confident that your child is in a really good classroom.

Our P&C advised me during the week they were going to fund some major projects this year:

- Construction of a covered area for the year six children to sit undercover whilst eating their morning tea and lunch (instead of sitting in the hot sun).
- Air conditioning to the remainder of our demountable buildings and a couple of the prep buildings.

This makes an enormous difference to our schools budget and our ability to continually upgrade our facilities and provide Arundel students with the best opportunities for learning.

Have a nice weekend.
Michael Kelly

ASSEMBLIES - Friday, 3 February 2017
9:15 to 9:45am Prep – Year 3 (Presenters 3A)
2:15 to 2:45pm Year 4 - Year 6 (Presenters 6E, Performance/Presentation 6A)

UP AND COMING EVENTS
Saturday 11 Feb Mini Fair and Gold Coast City Council Free Movie 4:00pm
Monday 13 Feb Year 4 Swimming Commences
Tuesday 14 Feb Year 6 Swimming Commences
Practical Prep Parent Program 1:45-2:30pm – Administration Block
Wednesday 15 Feb Year 2 Swimming Commences
LIBRARY NEWS

Library Borrowing
Borrowing started this week. To borrow, students need a library bag and their library number. Students may borrow before school, after school (Mon-Thurs), in their borrowing time or, if they are in years 4 to 6, in their allocated lunchtime. They are not permitted to borrow if they have an overdue book. The borrowing period is as follows: Prep to Year 2 – 1 week, Year 3 to 6 – 2 weeks, Home Readers – 1 week. Prep, Year 1 and 2 may borrow one book. Year 3 and 4 may borrow 2 books. Year 5 and 6 may borrow 3 books. Home Readers – Students who are at level 14 to 26+ may borrow up to 4 home readers from the library. Students require a Home Reader folder to keep these in.

Students may log into the Orbit, the student section of our library system Oliver with their library number to check what they have on loan and renew their books.
The link for Oliver is on the home page of the school’s website under Quicklinks.
https://arundelss.eq.edu.au

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. All students now receive the same brochure which includes all books available. Issue 1 will be issued this week. Ordering and payment is via LOOP only at www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP. Parents must register to order and then you will be asked to type in your child’s name and choose your child’s class by teacher’s name. Ordering is also possible on an iPhone or iPad via the Scholastic LOOP app. We do not put through manual orders, therefore it is not necessary to return a form to school. Once the books arrive, they are sent to the child’s classroom. If the books are a surprise and you would like to collect them, please contact the library and let us know.

Book Fair
We will be holding a Book Fair this term. It will run from 14th to 23rd March.

CHESS CLUB
Have you ever wanted to learn the ancient game of chess? Well you’re in luck. Chess club will be continuing this year for grades 4, 5 and 6 on Thursdays in 1st break. I will open my room (4D) at 11.30am after eating time. All welcome. I hope to see you there!!!
Mr Lang

NEWS FROM THE P&C
Welcome to the new school year at Arundel State School. A special welcome to all the new families who have joined us in the prep classes and throughout the school. We have a very active P&C and welcome anyone wishing to share ideas or just help out at one of our events. Our first meeting for the year will be in the staffroom at 3:30pm on Friday afternoon 17th February. Refreshments served and children welcome.

To kick off the year we have a fantastic community event next Saturday night (11th Feb) on the school oval. Our local Councillor, Kristyn Boulton, has arranged a free movie event. In conjunction the P&C are running our first major fundraiser of the year with a mini-fair.

From 4:00pm there will be rides, a mega raffle, BBQ, coffee van, show bags, glow sticks and popcorn then the movie from 7:00pm. This is a great opportunity to come together as a school community and have some fun. Make sure you pack a picnic blanket or bean bag to sit on.

Pre-sales of ride armbands from 3:30pm – unlimited rides for $15 or $5 per ride. We have some great prizes in the mega raffle. Raffle tickets are $3 each or 4 for $10 and you get to choose which prize you go in the draw for. The rides will run from 4-6:30pm. We anticipate the movie, Zootopia, will end by 9:00pm. Come and join us next Saturday night.

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS
Welcome back students and parents! For those who don’t know me, my name is Kerryn Gray, and I am the new Music Co-ordinator. I will be teaching music alongside Mrs Thornton, who will continue to teach the dance and drama strands of the Performing Arts. We are looking forward to a busy and fun-filled term!

Extra-Curricular Groups--Rehearsal times (starting week 3)
Senior Choir: Miss Gray - Monday 1st break, main music room (additional Monday morning rehearsal starting term 2)
Drama Excellence: Mrs Thornton-Thursday 1st break, main music room (additional morning rehearsal starting term 2)
Dance Excellence: Mrs Adamson-Thursday 1st break, hall (additional Tuesday morning rehearsal starting week 4 – 8:00 – 8:55)
Boy's Dance Group: Mrs Adamson-Wednesday 1st break, hall
Junior Dance: Miss Lowe-Friday 2nd break, Mrs Thornton’s Room

Instrumental Program
Mr Stylianou and Mr Stubbs will continue implementing the instrumental program this year. They will meet with students this week (Wednesday – Friday) and hand out all relevant information and enrollment/payment forms. Lessons will start in week 3.

Mr Lang
GOLD COAST HEALTH ORAL HEALTH (DENTAL) SERVICES
Gold Coast Oral Health Services are offering free dental check-ups to children in all year levels. This service will be provided on-site by a Mobile Dental Clinic 172A. Hours of operation for this clinic are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 7:45am–4:15pm.
To arrange an appointment for your child telephone:
The Oral Health Client Service Centre
1300 300 850
Monday – Friday 8.00 am – 4.30 pm
Excluding Public Holidays.
Child Dental Benefit Schedule Vouchers are accepted. When your child’s $700 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

SPORT NEWS
Broadwater District Swimming - Thursday 16th February Gold Coast Aquatic Centre.
The Arundel State School Swimming Team will be listed this week. Students who were fastest in their age for 50m and 100m freestyle, breast stroke, backstroke and butterfly will be invited to attend to represent Arundel State School.
Swimming
A big thank you to parents and teachers for helping to get our students organised for our first week of swimming programs. Year 2 focus is on Learn to Swim and Water Confidence, Year 4 on Stroke Correction and Water Safety and Year 6 on Improving Swimming Technique and Life Saving. Students need caps, rashies or t shirt, swimmers, goggles, towel, thongs and a bag to put it in. There is a class competition for the first class in Year 2, 4 and 6 for an extra sport session to the first class that returns all of their permission forms. Spare permission forms are available at the School Office.
Got spare caps or goggles?
Please bring them into the School Office so we can share with students in need to get them in the pool. Thanks in advance!

PAYMENT WINDOW – WEEK 3
Please note the payment window will open every day of Week 3 (6 Feb to 10 Feb) to receive swimming payments.

WANTED! UNIFORM SHOP CONVENOR
It is desired the successful applicant will have:
• Excellent organisational skills
• Initiative to seek and source competitive pricing as well as new products
• Great customer service and people skills
• Experience in basic bookkeeping
• Administrative skills
• Must have experience in excel
• Hold a valid Paid Employment Blue Card and demonstrate experience in dealing with children of various ages

Currently our Uniform Shop is open for business on Tuesdays and Thursday mornings from 8.30 am – 11.30 am, the hours total approximately 6 hours per week. The successful applicant will be required to work additional hours on occasion for back to school fittings and other adhoc events. The successful applicant will also be required to attend P & C meetings.
This position is paid and follow the conditions as described by the PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS RETAIL AWARD.

How to apply -
Send us a brief letter of application outlining your ability to address the skills and experience listed above (maximum 1 page). Please also include a brief resume with professional referees.

Closing Date - Close of Business Friday 10th Feb 2017
Applications should be made via email to: Tanya Leckie at - tanyan craig@aapt.net.au

SPOT NEWS

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MoviNg House?

Southport/Labrador Cricket Club
Your local, family club
In2Cricket – 17s & Seniors
0414462206
don.gumme@haplab.com.au

Big Mouth
Yummy Food
Arundel State School
School Crossing Supervisor Vacancy

* Casual rates at $28.19 per hour – 7½ hours/week
  * 2 weeks on/1 week off
  * Training provided
* Equal opportunity employer

Application package available from the school

Closing date: 17/2/2017

Enquiries: Cecily Morris 5585 1872

All staff are required to undergo a medical, and working with children blue card check which will be provided by Department of Transport and Main Roads

ASHMORE NETBALL CLUB – SIGN ON 2017

Ashmore Netball Club is now recruiting junior players for the 2017 netball season.
Spaces are currently available for:
  Cost = $275

Sign-On Friday 3rd February 5pm-8pm
Parkwood Village Lane, Parkwood International Golf Course, 76-122 Napper Rd, Parkwood
Tel: 0426 260 468 - ashmorenetballclub@gmail.com