Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

Naplan 2014
Our school has gained exceptional Naplan results for 2014. The results have been received this week, four weeks earlier than in previous years.
In recent years, our goal has been to achieve equal to the National Mean, in each of the domains of Reading, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, Writing and Numeracy, across Years 3, 5 and 7.

Our results, in comparison to the national mean are:

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Level = an achievement band close to national mean
Above = beyond the “level band” of achievement
Below = lower than the “level band” of achievement

Some points of interest:
The above scores are a result of a focussed effort by teachers and students progressively, in recent years.
National Mean achievement is higher than Qld schoolwide achievement – it is a challenge to achieve.
Our results in Numeracy and Spelling have been level/above national mean for the past 2 years.
In 2014, our results are level/above national mean in all domains except writing.
Our challenge now is to not only sustain these standards of achievement but to strive for continued improvement.
Our school has been striving to maximise the learning of every student – this means students across the full range of abilities, from high achieving students to those who require support, are being well catered for.
The most important factor in maximising the learning of every student is the classroom teacher. I commend all of our teaching team for their work with our students, along with the guidance and support of Mrs Jepson (Head of Curriculum), Mrs Hollis, Mrs Mitchell (Learning Support teachers) and our hard working deputy principals.
Prep Enrolment 2015
Enrolments for Prep for 2015 are now 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.
Information Sessions are being held, to provide parents with an insight as to how they can prepare their child for Prep, the curriculum, the wider school and screening processes. Information Sessions are being held as follows:
Thursday, 11th September - 9:15am – 10:15am, followed by a walking tour of the school.  
Thursday, 11th September - 7pm to 8pm.
Tuesday, 11th November – 9:15am to 10:15am.
All sessions will be held in the staffroom.

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 screening sessions.

SENIOR SCHOOL SHARING - Years 3 - 7
Monday, 25 August 2014 - 2:10pm

UP AND COMING EVENTS

Friday, 22 August  
Junior Sports Day  
Year 1 (9:00am-10:45am)  
Year 3 (11:15-12:45pm)  
Free Dress Day for “Story Dogs”

Friday, 29th August  
Gold Coast Show Holiday

Wed 3rd, Thurs 4th, Fri 5 Sept  
Fathers’ Day Stall

Wednesday, 3rd September  
Regional Chess, Carrara

Wednesday, 10th September  
Japanese “Fun Play” Festival

Thursday, 11th September  
Showcase Concert  
Prep Parent Information Sessions – 9:15am & 7:00pm

Tuesday, 16th September  
Yr 3/4/5 Dance Spectacular – 2:10pm

Wednesday, 17th September  
Fun Run

Friday, 19th September  
Last Day of Term 3

FREE DRESS DAY – STORY DOGS
Friday, 22nd August, 2014
Story Dogs is a reading support program designed to improve the literacy skills of children – using dogs! Children with reading difficulties get to read in a non-classroom environment to accredited dogs. The program is proven to improve reading skills, increase focus and comprehension and build confidence. Story Dogs is a not-for-profit organisation. The program is free of charge for children and is entirely staffed by volunteers. The Arundel State School has been involved with Story Dogs since 2012 and there are currently 3 teams working in Year One at our school! Please bring a gold coin donation on Friday to help support the Story Dog teams. For more information visit http://storydogs.org.au/

JUNIOR SPORTS DAY
Hats are essential. In the event of rain, a decision will be made at 7:30am and an SMS sent to parents.
Friday, 22nd August - Year 1 - 9:00 - 10:45am  
Year 3 - 11:15 -12:45pm

2014 GOLD COAST LANGUAGES SPEECH CONTEST
Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Japanese Speaking Competition last Sunday.
It was great to see the confidence they had in speaking publicly and in another language!

Year 4 - Yousuf, Taliyah, Stanley (Highly Comm.)
Year 5 - Jasmyne, Sophie (Highly Commended)
Year 6 - Om (Highly Comm.), Areej, Siva, Alana, Alexia
Year 7 - Erin (4th)
**JAPANESE ‘FUN PLAY’ FESTIVAL**

**Date:** Wednesday, 10th September

The LOTE department is recreating a ‘Natsu matsuri’, a type of small ‘fun fair’, that are often seen during the summer time in Japan. There will be various interactive games and traditional wooden toys for all to play with.

GKR Karate School and Sumo Federation have kindly offered to support our event by providing fun lessons to our students to experience Japanese traditional sports.

The event will run the whole day in the Hall and main oval for all children to participate in many physical activities. As a special treat, children can pre order Sushi for lunch through the tuckshop!

We are collecting any clean pet bottles for the games. Please send any with your children to school.

Any Japanese mama san and papa san free on the day to interact with our students are welcome (our students enjoy meeting Japanese people beside their sensei!!!). Please contact Tomoko on email tnaka15@eq.edu.au.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Book Club**

Book Club is due back to the Library by Tuesday, 26th August. We only accept credit card payments or cheques made out to Scholastic Australia.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

We hope that this year will be the biggest yet. Remember to keep reading and write down all your books on the Reading Record Form. If you lose your form, you can download another from the school’s website. Reading forms need to be handed in to Mrs McKay by 9th September, so you still have plenty of time.

**LOST PROPERTY**

Our Lost Property Bins in the office are overflowing. We have some items left over from the Camps. If you are missing a blue and grey Jackeroo sleeping bag or a pillow with a black pillowcase please come to the office to collect them. There are many, many jumpers and other items. You are welcome to look through them at any time.

**GOLD COAST NORTH DISTRICT TRACK & FIELD CARNIVAL – 7TH & 8TH AUGUST**

Congratulations to the following students on their effort at this event - Liam 6E, Riley 6B, Wally 6D, Ronan 6B, Rebecca 6D, Matilda 4D, Anahera 7A. Only a small team of students (due to camp) who all performed to the best of their ability. The highlights were - Matilda getting to the finals in the 100m and 200m, getting a personal best in high jump (1.14m) and winning the discus (20.3). Rebecca setting a new record in Discus throwing 25.26m and 3rd in Shot Put.

Regional Track & Field Selections - 2nd September

Congratulations to Matilda 4D on her selection in the Discus and reserve for 200m. Also to Rebecca, Year 5 who has been selected in the Discus and Shot Put. Well done girls!

**2B NEWS**

2B has been very excited this term to be studying living things in Science. We have constructed “mini greenhouses” in which we are growing a single bean seed under different conditions. We have been observing and recording our findings. It is a fantastic experiment to be doing at school!!!

**NEWS IN PE**

**Year 5**

- Students are involved in a 5 week unit of Rugby League to the end of the term. In the sessions students are actively learning individual skills and non-contact activities.

**Year 6 & 7**

- Students participated in an introductory Oztag session. Students will participate in a mini competition at the end of the term.

**Oztag**

- Come & try sessions – Friday, 3 - 4pm, 5th & 12th September. No cost. Junior & Senior school students welcome.

**PERFORMING ARTS NEWS**

The Eisteddfod has begun and we have already made our school proud. Junior Choir last Monday received a Very Highly Commended. The Senior Choir did not receive a place but they sang and performed the best they have ever done. The Senior Band received a 2nd place yesterday. Next week is our String Ensemble and four Speech Choirs. Good luck to them all!!

On a sadder note - Last Wednesday afternoon our medium black speaker we use for rehearsals (it’s the foldback speaker on the stage) disappeared from the Top Undercover area near the office. Between lunchtime and the end of the day it was taken. If someone saw someone carrying it (it's a little heavy), please report it to us. The cleaner after school said it was not there, so someone had to have taken it or put it somewhere safe (I hope). If you pick up your kids in that area and you saw something please come and see us, we really need the speaker!!

Thanks Belinda Thornton & Charmian Adamson.

**DENTAL VAN**

Students in Years (7, 6, 5, 4, 2 & 1) have been provided with an Oral Health Care Examination Card to take home. Please contact the Oral Health Call Centre on 1300 300 850 Monday to Friday 8:00am – 4:30pm excluding public holidays for any further information. If your child requires disability access please identify this requirement with the Call Centre Operator.

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