Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

As luck would have it our first matches in inter school sport on Monday were cancelled due to the wet weather. This is very disappointing for the children but we will line up again next Monday and hope that the weather is fine.

At least our cross country team had fine weather for the district cross country held at Runaway Bay on Wednesday. This is a really strong competition with over 100 students in each race. The pace is frantic and there is little time for the competitors to take it a little easy in case of dropping too far off the pace. I attended the event and watched our team. I was very impressed with their efforts and importantly the team spirit that was evident amongst the students and supporters. Six of our team will now go on to the regional cross country.

This year the team wore newly designed running singlets which look very smart and made it easy to identify our runners amongst the huge fields.

Congratulations to all of our team and to our coach, Ms Mitchell – Cowan. Many thanks to our strong parent representation who provided excellent support for the students.

You will read in today’s newsletter an article from our chaplain regarding the K’s for Kids Walk on the weekend. Arundel is well represented in this event which raises funds to support the chaplaincy program.

During the week I was delighted to receive a donation for $500 from our before / after school care providers – Helping Hands - who want to provide some monetary support for the chaplaincy program. Many thanks to Libby Kerr and her team at Helping Hands for this very generous donation.

Our 2015 Fun Run will be held on Friday June 12 on our school oval. This is the major fund raiser for our P&C this year and we would like all families to participate. Tomorrow (Friday May 22,) your child will receive all details of the fund run including the important sponsor sheet. There are prizes for the student who is able to secure the highest sponsorship as well as a range of other prizes. At the end of the exhausting “run” all of the students will receive a sausage sizzle and an ice block. I urge parents to ensure that students do not go unaccompanied in their search for sponsors.

On Friday we will celebrate Under 8’s Day with activities in the hall for the students in Prep and year one and in the classroom for students in year 2. Everyone is encouraged to dress up – even the school principal – and join in the celebrations. That will be interesting!

Have a nice weekend,

Michael Kelly

Sport Representatives

Congratulations to the following students who were selected in the Broadwater District Sport Representative Teams Seminita 6D (Touch), Alex & Jacob (Tennis). Competition was especially challenging to gain a spot in these teams. Well done to our talented and determined students!

Interschool Sport Term 2 (25th May; 1st & 15th June)

Sport is back on Monday 25th May. An additional date to accommodate washed out games will occur on 22 June. Payments will be accepted Friday 22nd if required. Students must wear their School uniform to school and change for sport and meet in Main under cover area at 10.30am with protective gear (shin pads, mouthguards and headgear) as required. Water, hats and nourishing food for active bodies are essential.
Broadwater District Cross Country Wrap
Congratulations to our Arundel running team who represented our school at this year’s combined Primary and Secondary Broadwater District Cross Country Championships on Wednesday. It was perfect conditions for such an event and our 30 member team arrived early and eager to run their best especially in their new TASS running singlets. Results are expected on Friday. Some of our students made it through to the Regional Championships. A huge thank you to our wonderfully supportive parents, Principal, Mr Kelly and Deputy Mr McConnell for their support of TASS sport and to our groundsmen Barry & John for setting our space with the shade tents right at the finish line.

After School Sport Programs in Term 2 (3.10-4.10pm)
Little Athletics-LAPS- Thursday commences this week on Thursday 21 May (week 5) $25

Collection of Data on Students with Disability
The collection of data on school students with disability helps assist teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability.

Our school is required to provide the data on students with a disability. The submission date for the data collection is 7 August 2015.

Only aggregate level information, which will not identify any individual student, is part of the collection this year. The only data being reported nationally are:

* the number of students who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability,
* the level of adjustments that we provide for those students,
* and the broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you are aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you as we support your child. Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the Department’s website: http://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/disability-data-collection.html.

Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.

Nick Kennon, Head of Special Education

UNDER 8’S DAY – FRIDAY, 22 MAY – 1:30PM
It will be great for Prep and Year 1 to Celebrate!
Date - Friday, 22 May from 1:30pm onwards in our school hall and oval.

Our theme for this year is – Voices of children – Look, listen, hear and respond. We have a variety of fantastic activities. The best part is that everyone gets to dress up in their favourite costumes including the adults. C’mon parents let’s all get dressed up!
All Welcome!

Year 2 students will be celebrating Under 8’s on Friday, 22 May with in-class activities. The children are invited to dress up in a Fairytale Theme as they are currently exploring innovations of Fairytales. The students will have their normal school day routine on the Friday with additional activities during the day. No gold coin is required. Parents are not required for these activities.

SCIENCE EXCURSION YEAR 5 AND 6
Letters went home last week regarding the science excursion for Year 5 and 6 by Education Interactive. The incursion will be held in the school hall on Wednesday, 3 June. The cost of the incursion is $7.00. Money is to be paid by Monday, 1 June via the payment window Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings only from 8:15am to 9:15am. Payments may be made by cash, cheque, or internet banking. Please note our EFTPOS facilities have a $10.00 minimum transaction, therefore only payments of $10.00 or more can utilise credit card or EFTPOS facilities.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
• Winter stock has now arrived
• Senior shirts still available for $30 sizes 12-18
CHAPLAINCY NEWS – K’s for Kids

It’s that time of year again! Ks4Kids is proudly supporting SU Qld state school chaplains that are working in our school communities to provide assistance, love and more positive options to our young generation.

Why not donate to someone walking for this great cause, or better still walk yourself and raise valuable funds to ensure these invaluable Chaplaincy services are maintained and expanded to bring hope to every child in our school communities.

Those who walk themselves can choose to walk 3.5km, 10km, 20km and for the super courageous 30km!

The K’s for Kids walk is on Saturday, 23 May and stretches from Surfers Paradise to Coolangatta. It’s a great day filled with fun and exercise that helps support the chaplaincy program at Arundel.

If you would like to sponsor a walker, donate or even join the fun and walk as well go to KS4KIDS.ORG.AU or speak to the School Chaplain by calling (07) 5561 4888.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Club

The library offers students the opportunity to purchase books through Scholastic Book Club. Brochures go home via each student’s classroom teacher. Issue 4 has been distributed last week. Payment is now via LOOP www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP.

At this website page you need to select QLD and Arundel SS for the school name. You will then be directed to LOOP to place your order. Put in the school details and which issue you would like to order from. Add your child’s name and class and the books you would like to purchase. You may order for more than one child at a time. Payment is via credit card. It is not necessary to fill in your order form as we will be able to see your order online. If you would like to collect the order rather than have your child collect it, please contact the library and let us know, so we can make a note of this when the order comes through. Please note we are unable to accept cash orders. Issue 4 will be put through on 1 June. Late orders are possible if the books are still available from Scholastic. If you require assistance to purchase, please come to the library before school and we will help you order online. Ordering is also possible on an iPhone or iPad via the Scholastic LOOP app.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

The Premier is challenging all Queensland primary school students to read or experience an allocated number of books for their reading level between 19 May and 28 August 2015. Prep to Year 2 students must read or engage with 20 books, Years 3 to 4 must read 20 books, and Years 5 to 9 must read 15 books. Every child who meets the challenge will be presented with a certificate signed by the Premier to recognise their achievement.

Students wishing to participate in the challenge fill out the Reading Record Form, which has already been distributed. If a new Reading Record Form is required, one may be downloaded from the school’s website. Once completed, the form should be handed into the Reading Challenge Coordinator Mrs McKay in the Library by Tuesday 1 September. The form must be handed in by the due date in order to qualify for the challenge. I am looking forward to all students participating in the challenge.

NEWS FROM THE P&C

We have been really pleased this year with the increase in helpers and interest in the P&C. It’s great to see so many parents taking an active interest in their kid’s school. Another area where help is needed is in our very busy tuckshop. If you can give even a couple of hours, it would be greatly appreciated. See Paula in the tuckshop. This week a flyer for the Annual Fun Run will come home. Ask friends and relatives to sponsor your kids for their efforts of running on the oval on June 12th. There are some really awesome prizes this year, including a prize for the highest fundraiser in each class. This is one of our major fundraisers for the year and funds will go toward a shade sail for the new playground, educational resources for all year levels and a new freezer for the tuckshop.

Finally we would like to pledge our support for the chaplaincy program at the school. Chappie Zane provides a great service for any kids wanting non-parent, non-teacher advice and support. He is a safe person to go to and just have a chat. This weekend sees the annual walk down 30km of glorious Gold Coast beaches to raise funds for this service. The P&C will be sponsoring walkers this weekend and we also thank the Helping Hands Out of School Hours Care for their very generous donation. See Mrs Dick in the office if you would like to donate.

Don’t forget to LIKE and SHARE Friends of Arundel SS on facebook and have a great weekend.
UP AND COMING EVENTS

**Monday, 25 May**  
Interschool Sport Year 4-6 – Game 1

**Tuesday, 26 May**  
Year 6 Visit to Coombabah State High School

**Monday, 1 June**  
Interschool Sport Year 4-6 – Game 2

**Wednesday, 3 June**  
Year 5 and 6 Science Incursion

**Monday, 8 June**  
Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday

**Friday, 12 June**  
Annual Fun Run

**Monday, 15 June**  
Interschool Sport Year 4-6 – Game 3

**Friday, 19 June**  
School Disco

**Monday, 22 June**  
Interschool Sport Year 4-6 – Game 4 (previously postponed due to wet weather)

**Friday, 26 June**  
Free Dress Day
Last day of Term 2

**Monday, 13 July**  
First day of Term 3