Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

The school year continues at a frantic pace with much planning for end of year activities and forward planning for 2016 well underway. One of the tasks for our teachers over the next couple of weeks is to put together a draft of the new class formations for 2016. This is meticulous work and requires much discussion to get the best mix for each new class. I have already received requests from parents regarding combinations and friendship groups for next year and this is good information to have. Unfortunatly, I cannot assist with requests for particular teachers – I’m sure you understand. Our enrolments for next year will increase from this year as we lose only 120 year six students but we are confident of enrolling 170 new Prep students in 2016. On the pupil free day this week we had a screening session for many of our new prep students. This provides us with valuable background information to assist us in providing the best start for each and every student.

Last Friday the Spelling Bee was held to raise some additional funds for the P&C Association. As well as a good opportunity to raise funds, it gave the students an opportunity to show us their skills in this important area of the school curriculum. Later we will hold a special school assembly to present prizes and certificates to the highest fundraisers as well as the students who reached high levels of spelling prowess.

Next week, the heats of Arundel’s Got Talent continue as well as swimming for the students in Prep, Year One, Year Three and Year Five. The weather has been perfect for our young swimmers thus far. Next week, Mr McConnell and I will attend Awards Ceremonies at Coombabah and Southport State High schools where we hope to see many former students receiving awards. Next Friday is the Halloween Discos with the junior commencing at 4:30pm and the senior commencing at 6:30pm. Please let us know if you could help on the evening. Have a nice weekend,

Michael Kelly

**CLASSES FOR 2016 PARENT REQUESTS**

Just a reminder that parent requests for classes for 2016 closes this Friday, 23rd October. No more requests will be accepted after that date. Your request must be written or emailed to the Deputy concerned and provided to the front office in the administration block. Please do not email your child’s current teacher with requests, it must only be directed to the administration team of Patrina Dendrinos - P-1 Deputy, Maria Thompson - Year 2 Deputy, Cheryee Dick - 3-4 Deputy and Des McConnell - 5-6 Deputy.

**JUNIOR SCHOOL PARADE – PREP TO YEAR 2**
Friday, 23rd October, 2015 – 2:20pm – 2:50pm

**SENIOR SCHOOL PARADE – YEAR 3 TO YEAR 6**
Friday, 23rd October, 2015 – Commences at 12:00

**UP AND COMING EVENTS**

**Mondays**
Year 5 – Swimming

**Wednesdays**
Year 3 Swimming

**Thursdays**
Prep swimming
Chess – 3:15pm
**Fridays**  
Year 1 swimming

**Friday, 23rd October**  
Dance’Ed in the Spotlight 2015

**Wednesday, 28th Oct**  
Chess Competition – Emmanuel College

**Friday, 30th October**  
Spooky Disco

**Tuesday, 3rd November**  
Prep Experience

**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 and complete a leaving form. 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.

**WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN**
Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program. Our school raised over $1,500. We purchased Gross Motor Equipment, Gardening and Games Equipment for our School Clubs and much more. It will all be put to good use.

**SPELLATHON MONEY (from the P&C)**
Please return all Spellathon money by Friday, 30th October. All forms and money returned by Friday, 23rd October go into the Early Bird Prize Draw for an Awesome Sports Pack. Prizes will be presented at Parade on 6th November.

**SURFSIDE BUSLINES**

**AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ON THE OVAL**
For those parents/carers/grandparents who come along to watch and encourage their children during organised afterschool activities, we wish to advise that the toilets inside the school hall are out of bounds for adults due to OSHC afterschool care children using these toilets. The large undercover area toilets are open for your use.

**REMINDER REGARDING VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION (Mrs Rawle)**
The Voluntary Contribution Scheme is based on parents contributing the sum of $90 per student for their first child at the school and $60 for each other child in the family. Funds accumulated through this scheme provide good value to the school and consequently to our students to enhance our capacity to resource the school above the standard provisions. Payment can still be made for this scheme on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the payment window in the Administration Block or internet payment can be made to the following school bank account - BSB: 064-430, Account Number - 10206101 stating your child's name and class along with the characters VFC, e.g. Adam Smith 4A VFC.

**PE NEWS (Ms Mitchell-Cowan)**
Queensland All Schools Touch Teams have been selected. Congratulations to the following students:-
- **A Mixed Team:** Jye, Hunter, Filisi, Courtney, Teina, Camilla, Ryusei, Claire L, Claire K, Phillip, Paige, & Flynn.
- **B Mixed Team:** Dylan, Ruby, Tai, An, Roman, Dayna, Will, Joanne, Zeke, Caitlyn, Malakai & Jessica.

**Hats**
All students need to bring their school hat every day. Please check your child’s name and class is clearly labelled on the hat. Thank you for ensuring sun safety!

**Swimming Kit for Years 1, 3 & 5 and Prep**
Please help get your child ready for swimming each week. Your Kit Bag should contain: Swimmers, Rashie (or t-shirt), Cap, Goggles, Towel and Thongs.

**After School Sport**

- **Wednesdays:** Net-Set-Go 3 - 4pm
- **Thursdays:** Aussie Hoops Basketball commencing week 4 from 3 - 4pm for 6 weeks. $70 with backpack. Only for Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

**Qld State Track & Field Championships (Townsville)**
Congratulations to Jye Gray on his performance last weekend. Jye narrowly missed the State qualifying distance in the Long jump in very windy conditions. Jye was, however, selected in the Regional 4 x 100m relay team winning gold and only 0.1 second from beating a 31 year old record. Well done Jye.

**PERFORMING ARTS NEWS (from Charmian Adamson)**
Arundel’s Got Talent has begun and is held on Tuesdays at first break. The dates for performances have been posted on Mrs Thornton’s window.
Little Voices has started and is held on Wednesdays in second break. We would love to see as many as possible join.

Junior and Senior Choir will combine for term 4 and will be held on Monday in second break and Thursday morning from 8:10 to 9:00am. New members are very welcome!

Auditions for Dance and Drama Excellence will be held on Friday in Week 5. Details will be provided at Parade and in the Newsletter shortly.

Dance Ed performance is this week on Friday, 23rd October.

CHAPLAINCY CORNER
A big thank you to everyone who supported the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal. One hundred and seventy-five boxes were taken to the organisers of this Appeal. There was also $255 in donations to cover the cost of sending the boxes. By Friday afternoon we had run out of boxes so we filled 5 shopping bags of left over donated items and these were passed on to the organisers as well. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Zane and the Chaplaincy Committee

P&C NEWS
Well done to all of our amazing kids for making such an effort for the Spelling Bee. There were many top spellers across the school and it was obvious that practice went on over the holidays. The sponsorship money is now due in. Anyone returning their form and money by this Friday will go into the draw for a Sports Pack. All money is due back by the end of next week so that we can present awards and medals to winners at all school Parade on Friday 6th November.

There is a Spooky Disco next Friday night in the Hall. Years Prep-2 from 4:30 – 6:00pm and Years 3 - 6 from 6:30 – 8:00pm. There will be prizes for the best dressed and the usual great fun. This is the last Disco for the year so come along and have a boogie. Parent helpers needed.

We have been successful in getting onto the Grill’d Matters program at our local Grill’d outlet at Harbourtown. During November, you can get tokens whenever you eat at Grill’d and put them into the Arundel P&C jar. This could help us win a share of $500 for the school.

LIBRARY NEWS (from Mrs McKay)
Stocktake
The Library is conducting an annual stocktake in Week 5 of this term (2 to 6 Nov). The Library will be closed during this week. Students borrow in week 4 and return the books in week 6. Students may borrow over their regular allocation to make sure their reading is not disrupted.

5D NEWS
In term 3, class 5D carried out a science investigation about light. In the investigation we each made a small maze out of a shoebox by adding cardboard walls to the shoebox to turn it into a maze. Each student cut out a 4x4cm square on the two elongated sides of the shoebox. After that, each individual student decided how they wanted to place mirrors throughout the box so that when we shone a torch light through one of the holes in the box it came out the other hole. Using the knowledge that light travels in a straight line, we aimed the torch towards the first mirror we had aligned. We used our understanding of incident and reflected rays to help the light make its way to the other side of the box and through the hole. We learnt lots about reflection and light during this investigation. Ella and Julia.

1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING PARENT COURSE
Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old. A three-session program for parents and carers will be held at The Arundel State School on November 5th.

Learn:
- To engage your children’s cooperation by positively noticing and encouraging them.
- To set clear expectations and help them to develop frustration tolerance.
- To help children’s brains to develop filters for behaving well.
- To resolve family conflict quietly.
- Some simple strategies to practise being a calm parent.

The course is FREE and includes course workbook and morning tea. Register for this course by contacting the school office or all enquiries to Matt Dwyer, Guidance Officer on 55614888.

What people are saying...
“What a relief to come across a program that preserves the dignity of the child, maintains the self-control of both the parent and the child and is actually easy to remember when memory is the first thing to go!”

“I realised quickly that 1-2-3 Magic can be a magnificent preventative measure any parent can use to avoid raising a child who later down the line, needs excessive discipline or grows out of control.”

Who is running it? The presenter for this course is Mr Matt Dwyer, who completed Parentshop’s 1-2-3 Magic® & Emotion Coaching practitioner training in 2012 and has facilitated multiple courses in schools.

An end to the arguing and yelling! • It saved our lives, • Simple, sane, effective.

This course is being run by a Parentshop® licensed practitioner. www.parentshop.com.au.
HELPING HANDS (Before and After School Care)
Build, Design and Care for your very own Hermit Crab!

Date: Wednesday, 4 November then 5 consecutive Wednesdays
Time: 3:30pm to 4:45pm

Gather your tools and build your very own Hermit Crab enclosure! A LIVE Hermit Crab is included in this program for you to take home.

Over the 5 week program each child will:
- Piece together the Hermit Crab home.
- Attach the hinged roof.
- Design and place decorative and environmental pieces in the home.
- Learn how to care for the Hermit Crab.
- Place the LIVE Hermit Crab in the environment of its new home.
- Discuss the future care of the Hermit Crab.

The experience of caring for a pet is special, the greater experience of creating a wonderful and enchanting environment for your Hermit Crab is even better!

Please note that no power tools or nails are used in this program. For more information or to book onto this exciting 5 week program please contact – Helping Hands Arundel on 0458 010 769 or email arundel@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au.