Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Attendance

The chilly weather often accompanied by wind and sometimes rain does not make for ideal conditions to be out of doors. At school we have procedures in place to ensure the children are not allowed out in wet weather however there is little we can do about the cold. History tells me that we should only have a week or perhaps two left of the cooler weather and then we will see the day time temperature on the rise.

Whilst the weather over the past two weeks has not been typical outdoor weather for everyone, it is certainly no excuse for children staying home from school. This week in particular, student attendance has been very disappointing. I know there are students who are genuinely not well, but it is imperative that parents have children to school every day when they do not have a medical condition that prevents them from attending school. The facts regarding attendance are quite compelling. Children who begin to learn poor attendance habits in primary school often become huge offenders in secondary school. Whilst it is hard for parents to look forward four or five or six years to the time their child attends secondary school, I can tell you that if children are poor attenders now they will be worse in secondary school. If you are developing your youngsters into being a non-attender you will find secondary school especially challenging. Children don’t suddenly become good attenders when they get to secondary school – in fact it is the reverse. The bad habits they are learning now will be exacerbated in secondary school.

I urge you to ensure your child is at school every day (unless, of course, there is a medical condition) and on time every day. I see many of the children lined up to receive a late slip of a morning – they are often the same children every day. I also see too many children being collected before school concludes at the end. Again, this is not teaching children good habits. Our teaching program concludes at 3:00pm not 2:30pm.

Have a look at the following table:

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Right now is a good time to start – don’t you think?

Last Friday we finally held our Senior Athletics day. Whilst the weather was very chilly and windy, it didn’t impact on the performance of the children nor their enthusiasm. They were still chanting their war cry in loud voices right up until they were dismissed at 3:00pm.

The carnival was organised with maximum participation in mind and this was successfully achieved with the rotations ensuring the children had something to do at each of the activities. The winning team by a healthy margin was Sea Eagles. Congratulations Sea Eagles!

This term is generally the term for athletics and Eisteddfod. The Eisteddfod program is quite large and there will be a concert on July 31 at which all of our performers will perform their particular item to a large audience. I am really looking forward to the students performing at Eisteddfod this year.
This week our year six students embark on their camp to Camp Good Enough. One hundred of the year six students plus five staff will venture to New South Wales for an exciting three days.

In week four of this term the year five students will travel just south of the border for their camp at Camp Ainsworth. This is an excellent camp and we expect the students will have some very good stories of their three days.

These camps are made possible by the generosity of our teachers to give their time to attend the camps and provide supervision as well as organise activities for the children. I am indebted to my staff for their efforts in this regard.

This term junior school deputy, Mrs Dendrinos, will conduct parent information sessions for the parents of Prep students who will attend school here next year.

Patrina has already visited many of the day care centres in the area to keep parents informed.

This week and next our teachers are involved in parent teacher interviews. This is a good opportunity to discuss the report card results, attendance and other issues related to the performance of the student.

Have a nice weekend.

Michael Kelly
Principal

NO PARADE - Friday, 31st July, 2015

UP AND COMING EVENTS

Monday, 3 August to Wednesday, 5 August
Year 5 Camp – Lake Ainsworth Outdoor Education Centre

Tuesday, 18 August & Wednesday, 19 August
District Track and Field Carnival
at Griffith University Athletics Track

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent teacher interviews will be conducted for Prep to Year 6 in week 2 and week 3 of term 3 (20/7/14 to 31/7/15). This year to schedule parent teacher interviews Arundel State School is using the internet-based booking system “Parent Teacher On-Line” (PTO). By using this system you will be able to book the interview times that suit you best from the available time slots from any internet-connected computer. Complete instructions for accessing this online system was distributed to students with report cards. These instructions include each student’s individual EQ ID number which is required to logon to the interview booking system.

Bookings will close at 3:00pm on Thursday 30 July 2014.

- The link to the booking page for parent teacher interviews can be found on the school’s home page (www.arundelss.eq.edu.au).
- Please click on the (PTO) icon.
- Or Logon to https://bookings.parentteacheronline.com.au?school=88am4

If you do not have internet access, please contact the school on 55614888 for assistance.

YEAR 5 CAMP

Year 5 students will be attending a camp at Lake Ainsworth Outdoor Education Centre from Monday, 3 August until Wednesday, 5 August 2015.

The total cost of the camp is $222.00.

Payment 2 is due on or before Wednesday, 29 July - $111.00.

Payment can be made by cash, cheque, credit card, EFTPOS or internet. Payment can be made at the payment window Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings from 8:15am to 9:15am.

PE NEWS

Senior Track & Field Day

Congratulations students on a great day of House spirit and effort. Despite a little winter chill the day was a great success thanks to our fabulous Arundel staff. Our House Captains displayed great determination and leadership encouraging excellent participation. Sea Eagles were the Champion House for 2015 closely followed by Kites, Hawks then Harriers.

A BIG thank you to Mr Alexander for setting up our carnival computer program, Mrs Playne and Mrs Swift for recording all day; and Barry our Groundsman, Mr Baker, Mr Lang, parent-Tracey and Mrs Moutin for setting up. Special thanks to Mr Kelly, Mr McConnell and Mrs Dick for prioritizing their time and helping out throughout the day.

3D NEWS

A busy term is ahead of us. We have already participated in a successful Sports Carnival, it was lots of fun. Some of our students are in the Junior Choir and will be participating in the Gold Coast Eisteddfod next month. We would like to wish them all good luck.

Our focus in class this term is on Number Facts and presentation of our bookwork.
Age Champions for 2015 are:

9 years & Under: Boys - Jack, Nia, Joshua.
    Girls - Olivia, Indianna, Maia and Ava.
10 years: Boys – Ieuan, Roman, Mitchell.
    Girls – Gemma, Chloe, Tiah.
11 Years: Boys – Yve, Filisi, Ryusei,
    Girls – Matilda, Courtney, Paige.
12 Years & Over: Boys – Lorenzo, Jack, Corey.
    Girls – Camilla, Jessica, Sophie.

Broadwater District Track & Field Carnival will take place on Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th August (week 6) at the Griffith University Athletics track. Training will commence week 3 on Tuesdays 11:15-12 (high jump and shot put) and Wednesdays 8:00am to 8:30am (long jump and sprinting). The Arundel State School District Track and Field Team will be posted on the sport noticeboard. Students who are selected have successfully achieved the District distances and times set by the Broadwater District.

After School Sport – Term 3

Monday-Tennis starts week 1 (all term) Bookings essential
Oztag for Years 3,4,5 and 6 for 6 weeks - starts Thursday, 23rd July from 3 - 4pm.
Soccer X for 6 weeks - Starts Tuesday, 28th July, 3 - 4pm. Aussie Hoops Basketball – 6 weeks - starts Wednesday, 29th July.

NEWS FROM THE P&C

Last weekend the P&C held a BBQ at Arundel Bunnings. It was a great success, raising money for the school and profiling the P&C to the wider community. We thank the families who volunteered to help out and those that came and ate!

Next week (27-31 July) is Canteen week. This is a great time to stop by our Tuckshop and give a big THANK YOU to the very hardworking ladies in there. Our Tuckshop provides an awesome service to students and staff at Arundel, offering reasonably priced, nutritious food every day. There is a new menu in place which will be circulated with this newsletter and we will shortly be undertaking a painting project to give the Tuckshop area a lovely facelift.

It’s Eisteddfod time again for the Performing Arts department. New band shirts have been ordered and will be available for purchase. We are also asking if anyone has band shirts at home that they don’t need, could they donate them to the uniform shop so that we can offer a second hand option as well?

Finally, I’m sure everyone has noticed the shade sail that has been erected over the new playground near the top oval. It is the result of fundraising earlier in the year and makes this a great space for the kids to have some fun in breaks and during PE.

REMININDER REGARDING VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

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. Installments and donations will also be accepted to assist the school in enhancing the day to day learning in classrooms and ensuring that the learning is dynamic, interesting and linked to real life activities.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Fair

Our big Book Week Book Fair is on in the Library from 28th July to 6th August - 8:30am to 3:30pm. Parents are welcome to browse and buy any time during opening hours. We accept cash and EFTPOS. Your support enables us to stock the library with more great books. Students who won vouchers from NAIDOC week activities are welcome to use the vouchers at any time during the Book Fair.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

I have received many Reading Record Forms already. Well Done! As you complete your form, please hand it in to the Library. You have until Tuesday, 13th September. The form must be handed in by the due date in order to qualify for the challenge. If a new Reading Record Form is required, one may be downloaded from the school’s website. I am looking forward to all students participating in the challenge.

Band

On Wednesday, 29th July the Band students will be participating in a workshop with Mr Stubbs in the Hall from 8:00am-1.30pm. This is in preparation for the upcoming Gold Coast Eisteddfod.

The Band and Strings students going to the Eisteddfod need to purchase a Band shirt from the Uniform shop. They are available to purchase now, but if they run out, more will be coming next week. They are to wear the Band shirt, black pants and black shoes and socks.
**PERFORMING ARTS NEWS**

**Gold Coast Eisteddfod News**

There are a few children without items that they were asked to bring for Eisteddfod. Please check your child has brought everything in. A detailed letter will be sent home this week.

- **Thursday, 6th August** - Dance Excellence - 11am and 1pm
- **Tuesday, 11th August** - Junior Choir - 9am
- **Wednesday – 12th August** - Senior Choir - 5.30pm
- **Tuesday 18th August** - Band - 9am
- **Wednesday 26th August** - String Ensemble - 6pm
- **Thursday 3rd September** - Drama Poems - 5.30pm (Seniors)
- **Sunday 6th September** - Drama Poems - 5.30pm (Juniors)

**WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN PROGRAM**

The Woolworths Earn and Learn program gives our School the change to earn new educational resources. When you shop at Woolworths you will receive one Sticker for every $10 spent. Stick the Stickers onto the Sticker Sheet. These can be downloaded from the Woolworths website. Once it’s complete, please bring it into the School office and drop it into the Collection Box located in the foyer of our school administration building. The promotion closes on the 8th September.

**HELPING HANDS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Date: **Thursday 13 August** then 5 consecutive Thursdays from 3:30pm to 4:45pm. Gather your tools and build your very own castle or dolls house then make and mould clay into fantastic furniture for your building! Over the 5 week program the children will choose a building design, piece together the walls, the roof, the floor and the inside rooms and fix it together using screws, attach the hinged front door, design and mould chairs, tables, lounges, ovens, televisions and people from clay, paint and decorate the furniture and the castle.

All tasks are completed using real wood sections, real tools and clay! No nails or power tools are used.

The doors will open to reveal the inside of your enchanted furnished building providing hours of role play adventures!

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

Booking forms will also be available from the school office and Helping Hands Arundel service.