Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

Fun Run
The Fun Run was held last Thursday. Students participated in running circuits for 15/20 minutes around the oval. On Friday afternoon, the presentation of awards was conducted, with prizes awarded. For the most circuits of the oval completed for each year level, the following students (boy / girl) were awarded a $20 Gift Voucher:

- Prep – Claire PD - 13, Harrison PD - 14
- Year 1 – Janetta 1F - 11, Mason 1E - 13
- Year 2 – Isabelle 2D - 15, Joshua 2D - 16
- Year 3 – Kirra 3E - 14, Jaden 3E - 16
- Year 4 – Lily 4B - 14, Lachlan 4B - 20
- Year 5 – Jasmyne 5C - 14, Jye 5A - 17
- Year 6 – Shari 6C - 17, Kiaan 6C - 21
- Year 7 – Lily 7A - 19, Karl 7A – 21

Kites was the winning house with a total of 2209 circuits. Well done to Kites and to all students for their effort and participation.

The three highest fundraisers across the whole school were also rewarded: These students were:-

1st – Ieuan in 4A – raised $1020, awarded an Xbox One + 2 games (a great effort once again – congratulations for the 3rd consecutive year).
2nd – Rylee in 3G – raised $ 436.50, awarded an iPad Mini.
3rd – Angus in 3B – raised $ 365.40, awarded a Razor Motorised Scooter.

Congratulations to these students for your efforts and your success in raising the large sums that you have.

The highest fundraiser in each class also received an award, as follows:

- Prep – a Karaoke Player.
- Year 2, Year 3 & Year 4 – an Action Camera.
- Year 5, Year 6 & Year 7 – Water Dance Speakers.

Students raised a range of amounts, many to exceed $200.

The total amount raised through the Fun Run will be published in next week’s newsletter. On behalf of the P&C, I extend our congratulations and thanks to all students and their families for supporting the Fun Run. It is amazing what can be achieved when everyone plays their part. Well done Arundel.

Mathematics Program
During the past two years, our school has been implementing the National Mathematics Curriculum, supported by the Education Qld resources, titled C2C and other resources. During last term and continuing into this term, our staff has been writing a school based program, extracting key components from the national curriculum. This initiative is to increase the level of precision and focus on our critical basic areas and to ensure breadth of coverage across all areas of mathematics. It also allows us to develop a bank of quality strategies and approaches that suit our circumstance and resources, as well as school based assessment tasks and processes.

Our Naplan results have been strong in Mathematics over the past few years and we are anticipating that the greater focus provided through our school based program, will have a very positive impact on our standards. Thanks to Mrs Jepson for leading this initiative and to all teachers who have contributed.
Planning for 2015

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 either in person, by phone or email/letter.** Further, if a parent wishes to have advice about the process of changing schools or information about prospective schools in another locality, please contact the office.

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.

Performing Arts Update

Our first performance this term is at Dance Ed in the Spotlight at the Gold Coast Arts Centre with our Dance Excellence on Friday, 24th October. Dance Excellence students should have notes to bring back to Mrs Adamson this week.

There will be auditions for Dance and Drama on Friday of week 4. Students will be sent by their classroom teachers at specific times on the day. There are only limited places in the program and your child has to excel at one of these subjects. We will send notes home to those students who receive a place in the program. It is open to Years 3, 4 & 5 this year.

The Showcase DVD will not be sold as there are technical issues with it. I will keep you updated.

Christmas Concerts

Christmas Concerts will be held on Thursday, 4th December. One in the morning at 11.30am and the second in the evening at 6.30pm.

The morning concert will involve students from Prep, Year 1 and Year 4 and the evening concert will see students from Years 2, 3 and 5 participating. Years 6 and 7 will have their graduation ceremonies around this time.

Holding two concerts allows participation by students across Prep to Year 5. Parents are invited to attend these concerts, which will be held in the Hall.

Classes for 2015

Deputy Principals will begin planning class groups for 2015, in the next few weeks. Every child's progress, needs and friendship groups, will be considered by our Deputy Principals, in association with teachers. In every case, the best placement for each child is our desired goal.

However, we welcome parent assistance in this process, especially for those few students who may have special circumstances that should be considered. **Should parents have special circumstances in relation to their child’s learning and class placement for 2015, these matters should be submitted to the school office, in writing or by email, by Friday, 31st October.**

This is the avenue for parents to have input into this process. If you wish to discuss your child’s needs with the class teacher, this is fine. However, the class teacher will also ask you to record your thoughts in writing and submit them in written form to admin. These letters will then be handed to the relevant Deputy Principal for consideration. All requests will be confidential.

This invitation is for parents to table genuine matters for consideration, to support the best placement for the child – it is not an avenue for parents to endeavour to choose a specific teacher. Late requests may not be considered due to progression of the planning process.

All placements are ultimately the decision of the Principal. Every student will know of his/her 2015 class during the final week of 2014.

UP AND COMING EVENTS

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**Tuesday, 9th December**  
Year 6 Graduation & Presentation

**Wednesday, 10th December**  
Year 7 Graduation – Sharks Club

**Friday, 13th December**  
Last Day of School

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**JUNIOR SCHOOL SHARING – Years P - 2**  
**Monday, 27th October, 2014 - 2:10pm**

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**7C NEWS**  
**PACIFIC ART**

We, in 7C, have been exploring the various art patterns of the Pacific. We were required to research and record the motifs into our visual art diary. The workbook pages we are creating forms the basis and inspiration for the final art work which will take the A3 format. Oil pastels have been chosen as a medium in which to express our dynamic patterns.

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**CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL**

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the Arundel School Community, for once again supporting this worthwhile charity. Your wonderful generosity has contributed to 194 boxes being sent on their way to children in need. Thanks must go to families who contributed shoe boxes, single items, complete boxes, money to post boxes, as well as large quantities of toys to add to boxes. Arundel staff and student teachers also contributed their time to sorting and packing boxes. We understand that the recipients of these boxes will include children from parts of Northern Australia, Papua New Guinea and neighbouring islands. Thank you once again from the Chaplaincy Committee.

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

Matilda 4D competed in the School States in Discus and threw 22.76. Matilda came 10th out of 31 girls. Well done Matilda!

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**COME ONE COME ALL TO THE SPOOOOOKIEST PARTY IN TOWN**

Friday 24th October is the Spooky School Disco and LAST DISCO for the year.

4:30pm - 6:00pm - Prep to Year 2/3 students

6:30pm - 8:00pm - Years 3/4 to 7 students

(Year 3 may choose 1 Disco to attend)

The Disco date is 24th October – this Friday night. Presales this Friday morning for:

- $10 package - entry+sausage sizzle+spooky showbag
- $7 package – entry + sausage sizzle
- $5 entry – is also available at the door.

Tickets available – 8:00am - 8:45am on the morning of Friday, 24th October.

Where: Outside the Admin building and in the undercover Prep area OR at the door 15 minutes prior to disco time. (please be early to avoid queues).

We need lots of parents to help for:

- ticket selling Fri morning (8-8:45)
- at the door (4:15-4:45 and 6:15-6:45)
- set up in the afternoon (1:30-3pm)
- BBQ and tuckshop (4:30-6 and 6:30-8)
- glowstick stand (4:30-5:30 and 6:30-7:30) and cleanup (8-9)

If any parents are able to help please email Karen on kazzrod@optusnet.com.au with time available and mobile number. This is the last Disco of the year and the last for our Year 6 and 7 students before high school – let’s make it a ripper!!!! (pun intended).

Parents are asked to note the following:

- Prep students are invited to attend, providing their parents are in attendance.
- Parents who nominate to help out through official processes may bring along a younger child, providing the child is thoroughly supervised and cared for individually.
- Students should be escorted to the Hall by parents.
- All students must be collected within the Hall after their disco is completed. No student will be allowed to walk out to a car alone. Pick up must be prompt after the advertised closing time.
- Only students who are attending Arundel SS are allowed to attend.
- Older brothers and sisters are not to attend or be on the school premises.

Dress up in your favourite spooky gear.

*Prizes for the best dressed.*
HELPING HANDS PRESENTS MAD SCIENTIST!

If you're looking for some fun science experiments for kids this fantastic program is available to all the children at Arundel from Tuesday, 4th November from 3:30 – 4:45pm. On this extraordinary 5 week science journey, children will have the opportunity to engage in messy, gooey, bouncy, exploding and interactive science fun with the Mad Scientist, including experiments such as elephant toothpaste, slime, egg drop and balloon powered cars! You will be guided by our scientist to learn some fun and exciting experiments! For more information or to book 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.