Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
The school’s pace has increased this week with curriculum testing being finalised, report cards being written, rehearsals for Christmas performances and a whole variety of other activities.

Now Mr Kelly, being a performer from way back, would like to promote the school more to the public. Mrs Moutin discovered the Channel Seven Sunrise School Dance competition and thought it would be a great idea for the school to have fun and enter. Today at Whole School Assembly, the children followed a semi choreographed dance to the song “Can’t Stop The Feeling’. This was followed by some talented free dancing where the students showed great moves. It was an enjoyable time for the students and who knows, the school may win the prize of $20,000 towards a makeover. (It is a shame Mr Kelly is on leave as he is known for his outstanding Heal and Toe Polka moves).

This week our Temporary Teacher Aides will be finishing their contracts for the year. The ladies must be commended for their outstanding dedication to the students while assisting them in their reading groups. They always provide happiness to the students and a genuine rapport towards the students to improve in their reading. Thank you ladies. We have truly appreciated having you as part of the Arundel Team.

Our school swimming for this term has concluded. We are very fortunate to have Ms Mitchell-Cowan always doing an outstanding job coordinating the instructing team at the Guardian Angels pool.

Next week we have the Prep, Year 1, 2 & 3 Christmas Concerts. We can’t wait to see what Mrs Thornton and Mrs Adamson have prepared with the children to provide entertainment for the parents. Please take the time to come as it is always an enjoyable experience.

Have a great week.

Patrina Dendrinos, Deputy Principal

THERE WILL BE NO ASSEMBLIES THIS FRIDAY, 25 NOVEMBER

UP AND COMING EVENTS

Friday 25 Nov  P&C Meeting - 3:30pm
Free Dress Day – Gold Coin Donation

Monday 28 Nov  Southport SHS Orientation Day – Yr 6

Tuesday 29 Nov  RE Christmas Concert – 2:10pm in Hall
Coombabah SHS Orientation Day – Yr 6

Wednesday 30 Nov  Years 4, 5 & 6 Swimming Carnival

Thursday 1 Dec  Christmas Production – Dance & Drama
School Hall – 7pm

Friday 2 Dec  Christmas Concert - Prep/Yr 1 - 9:10am
Christmas Concert – Yrs 2 & 3 – 2:00pm

Wednesday 7 Dec  Year 6 Graduation & Awards Evening
School Hall - 5:30pm

Thursday 8 Dec  Year 6 Excursion to Wet and Wild

Friday 9 Dec  Last Day of School for 2016
Tuckshop Closed for Cleaning
**LATE PICK UPS**
We are still experiencing too many students still waiting to be picked up from school after 3:30pm. Could you please make every effort to ensure your children are picked up **before 3:30pm** or alternatively, make arrangements for them to attend our After School Care program in the School Hall.

**PARENT INFORMATION**
Recently, a child was swooped by a magpie on his way home from school. This caused great distress to the child and a kind member of the public offered the child a lift to help out. We recognise that this was a kind gesture but placed our student in a position where it could have been a different outcome.

Parents, please be vigilant in talking to your children about “Stranger Danger” and let them know that it isn’t the correct thing to do. We are also concerned about the magpies injuring our students. Please check with your children as to whether this is occurring, especially along Arundel Drive. Maybe, they could have an umbrella handy just in case!

**PE NEWS (from Ms Mitchell-Cowan)**
Just a reminder that Arundel’s annual Swimming Carnival is on next Wednesday, 30 November (week 9) at the Ashmore Swimming Pool (Edmond Rice Drive). This is a rolling carnival for all races of all ages and abilities.
Carnival times for each year level are approximately:
- Year 4 from 9:00am - 11am;
- Year 5 from 10:30am to 1:00pm;
- Year 6 from 12 noon to 2:30pm.
All students are expected to attend and are encouraged to take part in the Salmon races for House Points or Championship races for age champion. There is a race for everyone.

**YEAR 6 WET ‘N WILD EXCURSION**
An excursion to Wet ‘n Wild Theme Park has been organised for Thursday 8 December. Students will travel by bus leaving the school at approximately 9:30am and arrive back at school by 2:50pm.
Cost: $17.00 per student for entry and $6.50 for the bus.
Money is to be paid by Friday 2 December via the payment window on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only from 8:15am to 9:15am. Internet payments must be paid by Wednesday, 30 November.
Students who have not paid by Friday, 2 December will not attend this activity.

**YEAR 6 GRADUATION & AWARDS CEREMONY**
Parents of Year 6 students are invited to attend the Year 6 Graduation and Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, 7 December commencing at 5:30pm in the school Hall. All Year 6 students are required to wear their full school uniform.
At this ceremony all Year 6 students will be receiving their Graduation Certificate and year level photograph. A number of students will also be receiving academic, sporting, leadership and performing arts awards.

**PERFORMING ARTS NEWS (from Mrs Thornton)**
The Christmas Concert for Prep and Year 1 will be held in the school Hall at 9:15am on **Friday, 2 December**.
The Christmas Concert for Year 2 and Year 3 will be held in the school Hall at 2:00pm on **Friday, 2 December**.
The Christmas Production for Drama and Dance Excellence students and their families will be in the school Hall at 7:00pm on **Thursday, 1 December**. The Excellence students will perform for the school during the day.

**PLEASE NOTE THE TUCKSHOP WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, 9TH DECEMBER FOR CLEANING. THURSDAY THE 8TH WILL BE THE LAST DAY FOR ORDERS.**

**2E NEWS**
For Science this term, 2E has been learning about Earth’s Resources. We have investigated water, soil and resources from below the ground. We have learnt about how we use resources, and how and why it is important to conserve Earth’s resources. The students were asked, “Why it is important to conserve water?” Here are some of their responses –

- “It is important to conserve water because if we don’t have water we won’t survive and we will be unhealthy” – Isobel
- “It is important to conserve water because every living animal, human or plant needs water to grow” – Joel
- “It is important to conserve water because we need water for the future and people all over the world” – Amaan
- “It is important to conserve water because we need to drink lots of water so we survive” – Avaiyah
LIBRARY NEWS (from Mrs McKay)

Borrowing
Borrowing has now concluded for the year. If you still have any outstanding loans, please return them to the Library.

Book Club
Book Club issues 7 and 8 will be closed at 12noon, Friday 25 November. This will allow the orders to arrive before the end of school. Orders are placed at www.scholastic.com.au/loop. If you have placed an order this term, you would have noticed that Scholastic now requests that you register to order. This allows customers to earn bonus books. While we haven’t had any issues with our orders, we have had difficulty receiving the correct amount of brochures for each issue. We are hoping that this will be resolved next year, but in case we do have a problem, each issue can be accessed online at http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub

Christmas Book Fair
Thanks to everyone who visited our Christmas Book Fair. Your generous support has allowed us to add more books to our Library collection.

PLANNING FOR 2017

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.

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 or $120 for two or more students per 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 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.

FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER – CLEAN UP DAY

Friday, 9th December, the final school day is a regular school day. Students will be well supervised and those attending will assist in tidying classrooms and generally cleaning up. Many parents choose to keep their child home on this day – this is a parent’s decision, not a school decision. Students who attend will be well catered for as per usual.

SOUTHPORT STATE HIGH INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL ORIENTATION WEEK

28th, 29th & 30th November - For students enrolled in Year 7 for 2017

As part of the transition to Southport State High for Year 7, 2017, your child is invited to attend Orientation Week for enrolled students, which will be held in week 9 of Term 4, Monday, 28th to Wednesday, 30th from 9am to 2:30pm daily at the school. Students are to be dropped off and collected from Southport State High. Your child is to meet in the Brian Streafield Sports Centre (Brooke Ave). All students are to wear their primary school uniform. Students will need to provide their own morning tea and lunch.

BOOK LISTS

Book Lists have been sent home. Our school uses the company Kookaburra Educational Resources.

The cut-off date for all orders is Monday, 12th December for delivery to your home by Wednesday 18th January, 2017. Orders received after Monday, 12th December will be given a lower priority. Please also note that orders received after the nominated cut-off date may not be delivered prior to the start of Term 1, 2017.

Student Packs will only be available for home delivery and are unable to be collected from School. Associated fees and charges will apply.

To access the Kookaburra Website go to www.kookaburra.com.au.
Username - ARUND002,
Password – studentpack (lowercase).

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS (from Mireta)

Senior Shirts - On sale for next year - $30.00 or order through Flexischools.
ASSEMBLY AWARDS – 18 NOVEMBER

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