Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

Prep Enrolment 2015

Enrolments for Prep for 2015 are now open. Already there have been many enrolments. The support of all families is sought to spread the message that early enrolment allows for the school to plan ahead, for a smooth start to the new year. There will be many families in our neighbourhood who have no contact with the school but who would appreciate advice to come and enrol early.

Prospective parents may collect an enrolment pack from the school office. Students should be born between 1st July 2009 and 30th June 2010.

Each enrolling student requires a birth certificate.

Information sessions are being held to provide parents with an insight as to how they can prepare their child for Prep, the curriculum, the wider school and screening processes.

Information sessions are being held as follows:

Thursday, 11th September 9:15am – 10:15am, followed by a walking tour of the school.
Thursday, 11th September - 7pm to 8pm.
Tuesday, 11th November – 9:15am to 10:15am.

All sessions will be held in the staffroom.

Every child enrolled to begin Prep in 2014, will undertake a screening process. This takes approx. 30 minutes and provides information about the child’s readiness for school, how he/she can be supported from the first day of school and to form balanced classes.

Screening will take place on:
Monday, 20th October (Pupil Free Day) and on other days as arranged.

The Uniform shop will be open each day of the screenings. School tours will be offered after the completion of screening sessions.

Personal Development Program

The school is implementing a Personal Development Program this term. This program is based on the National Health & Physical Education Program. Concepts have been extracted to result in a focussed program suited to students of each year level.

The program extends from Prep to Year 7. One component includes a range of topics including knowledge of self, acceptable behaviours and personal safety. Lessons are based on children’s ages eg body parts, growth, communicating, healthy choices and practices, relationships, respecting others.

This program aims to develop positive, healthy students, confident in themselves and able to function safely and with assurance within their respective peer groups. Specific lessons have been prepared for teachers in each year level to implement within their classrooms. The lessons are specific and teachers will ensure the focus remains on the intended content. Student questions may raise other issues and these will be addressed appropriately or students advised to raise this issue with parents.

In 2013, the school conducted information sessions for parents, surveyed parents and analysed the outcomes of parents’ feedback, to ensure the school’s program is serving the needs of our students. This process resulted in a program which was well understood and accepted by students.

The school is focusing on the specific content specifically defined for your child’s year level. However there are many values that are associated with personal development that are important.

For this reason, parents are encouraged to engage in a discussion with students about these lessons on the night after.

Prep to Year 4 classes will undertake the lessons within their regular class groups. Year 5 to 7 classes will be divided into boys and girls.

The content and terminology to be introduced for your child’s year level is as follows:

Parental consent is required for students to participate in the lessons. Parents will be provided with an overview of the lessons and a letter which will seek parents’ consent for students to participate in the lessons.
Scoliosis – Attention Girls in Year 6 & 7

Scoliosis is a condition involving curvature of the spine. It is an important health problem for adolescent girls. Approx 25 per thousand are at risk of developing a significant curve. Three girls per thousand require active treatment. Screening in the 11-13 year range is a sound preventative measure. Parents, in association with their daughters are encouraged to access the Scoliosis Australia webpage at www.scoliosis-australia.org. The site contains comprehensive, credible information about the symptoms and treatment of scoliosis. Should any concerns be detected, please contact your medical practitioner.

Parking
Some tips regarding parking/collection of students:
- there are “2 minute parking/collection” zones at the front of the school along the front fence. Drivers must not leave cars parked in this area.
- Parents must not park along the centre driveway, adjacent to vehicles in the 2 minute zone or other parking bays.
- Areas with yellow lines along the kerb are designated No Parking areas.
- Parents must not turn right along Napper Rd when leaving the side car park. A left turn only is allowed.

Failure to observe the above can result in an infringement notice being issued.

Bicycles and scooters are not to be ridden along footpaths until well clear of congested areas. Students should walk their bike/scooter across the footpath at the car exit to the side car park. They must not be ridden in the service station at the corner of Napper Road and Captain Cook Drive.

Thanks to those parents who have reported unsafe practices by students recently. Each report is investigated and hopefully lessons learnt by our students. A number plate assists the police to follow up every report.

KEEPING STUDENTS SAFE IS OUR PRIORITY.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEYS
The annual School Opinion Survey is being held this week. School staff and a representative sample of students will be invited to take part. For the first time, all families will be invited to participate in the survey. Previously, only a representative sample of parents were able to contribute. Each family has been provided with information to access an online survey in the next week. We encourage parents to contribute towards this survey. The data is fully confidential and provides information to confirm the positive things about our school and to provide direction on how we can improve.

SENIOR SHARING – Year 3 to Year 7
Monday, 28 July 2014 - 2:10pm

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UP AND COMING EVENTS

23 July to 25 July  
Year 7 Camp – Camp Goodenough (Bilambil NSW)

4 August to 6 August  
Year 5 Camp – Lake Ainsworth Outdoor Education Centre

Friday, 8th August
11th, 14th & 15th August  
School Photos

Thursday, 21 August
Junior Sports Day
Prep - (9:00am -10:45am)
Year 2 - (11:15-12:45pm)

Friday, 22 August
Junior Sports Days
Year 1 (9:00am -10:45am)
Year 3 (11:15-12:45pm)
Free Dress Day to support “Story Dogs”

Friday, 29th August
Gold Coast Show Holiday

Wed, Thurs, Fri 3,4,5 Sept
Fathers’ Day Stall

Wednesday, 17th September
Fun Run

YEAR 5 CAMP

Please note the final day for payment for the Year 5 Camp is Friday, 25 July. All payments need to be finalised by this date.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Fair
Our Annual Book Week Book Fair will commence this week. This year’s theme is Book Fair Garden – Catch the Reading Bug! Brochures have been distributed to each student. The Book Fair will operate from 8:30am to 3:30pm, with extended hours on each Wednesday until 5pm. EFTPOS facilities will be available. Parents are welcome to browse and buy anytime. All sales contribute towards new resources for our library.

Book Week Production – Worlds Apart

Students will have the opportunity to attend a Book Week musical production by Perform Musicals titled “Worlds Apart” on Tuesday 12 or Wednesday 13 August in the school hall.
This production will feature a selection of shortlisted books from The Children’s Book Council of Australia Annual Book Awards, as well as comedy, songs and dancing. The cost will be $6.00 per student. Money and Permission Forms are due by Friday, 8th August.

**PREP B NEWS**

This term Prep B are learning about word families and rhyming words. We have been writing funny rhymes to share with our friends. Here are some we have written this week.

I had a cat. I had a cat. I had a cat.
It sat on my mat. It was fat. It was mad.
I saw a lad. My dad is dead. He was bad.
He was sad. He was bad. He was sad.
So I told my dad. Because he is bad. By Hana
By Maximus
By Tyson
By Angel
By Elly

**PREP TUCKSHOP**

Prep tuckshop ordering will remain the same this term. Orders will only be taken for first break.

**DENTAL VAN**

Currently Year 1 & Years 4 -7 have received an offer for parents to arrange an appointment for a dental check-up. All students are eligible & every year level will receive an offer whilst the clinic is here at Arundel SS. Parents are encouraged to arrange an appointment for all their children from age 4 years up to students currently in Year 10. Please call the Client Service Centre on 1300 300 850 to arrange an appointment.

If you are unable to attend with your school-aged child please arrange for them to pick up a consent form from us at the dental van & they may come down from class for their appointment.

**NEWS FROM THE P&C**

An easy way for you to help raise funds for your school’s P&C is to simply shop at the IGA at Crestwood Plaza on Olsen Ave using an IGA card. Each time you shop you swipe the card and points are given to our school. We have 100 IGA cards that have already been activated available for collection at the school office. All you have to do is register the card online and nominate Arundel State School as the recipient of points. The points translate into funds donated to the school and the card also gives you access to special member discounts.

Please collect a card and start shopping at our local IGA.

**GOLD COAST EISTEDDFOD**

We have 16 entries this year. The following is the schedule for the Gold Coast Eisteddfod. There will be letters out to the students shortly, but I know some of you need to know now;

**Gold Coast Arts Centre- Bundall**

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**Robina Community Centre**

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**SPORTS DAY 2014**

What a great day for Years 4, 5, 6 & 7 at the 2014 Sports Day. Congratulations to Sea Eagles, the winning house, although the competition was very close between all Houses throughout the day. Well done to all students on their display of persistent effort, excellent behaviour and ongoing sportsmanship throughout every event. A huge thank you to our Grounds staff, House Captains, Mr Mattiazz, Mr Baker, Mr Chandan Ram, Mrs Fletcher and Mrs Leigh for helping set up. Thank you to all parents who were able to attend to see it all in action.

**AGE CHAMPIONS FOR 2014**

9 Years Boys

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9 Year Girls
1st Jayda (Hawks)
2nd Caitlin (Hawks)
3rd Amy (Kites)
3rd Julia (Kites)

10 Year Boys
1st Jye (Sea Eagles)
2nd Flynn (Sea Eagles)
3rd Milan (Harriers)
3rd Vinny (Kites)

10 Year Girls
1st Tanisha (Harriers)
2nd Matilda (Kites)
3rd Courtney (Hawks)

11 Years Boys
1st Lorenzo (Hawks)
2nd Jared (Hawks)
3rd Cody (Sea Eagles)

11 Year Girls
1st Camilla (Kites)
2nd Megan (Harriers)
3rd Kaitlyn (Hawks)

12 Year Boys
1st Rylee (Sea Eagles)
2nd Mitchell (Harriers)
3rd Presley (Hawks)
3rd Kiaan (Sea Eagles)

12 Year Girls
1st Anahera (Sea Eagles)
2nd Rhian (Kites)
2nd Tyler (Sea Eagles)
3rd Lily (Sea Eagles)
3rd Taleah (Kites)

13 Year Boys
1st Reign (Hawks)
2nd Kaleb (Sea Eagles)
3rd Larry (Kites)
3rd Jackson (Hawks)

13 Year Girls
1st Renee (Kites)
2nd Ocean (Hawks)
3rd India (Harriers)

District Track & Field Team 2014
Congratulations to the following students who achieved the qualifying standards to compete at the GCNPSSA District Track & Field Carnival on Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th August at Griffith University.

Girls Team - Matilda, Tanisha, Camilla, Rebecca & Anahera,
Boys Team - Jye, Flynn, Liam, Lorenzo, Ronan, Rylee & Wally.