Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

This year I would like to make an application for Arundel State School to enter the Independent Public School Program (IPS). You may recall that we did enter last year but were not successful. The education department has just advised that new applications are being called and these close on 11 November 2016. There is a very detailed selection process for IPS with a feature being the need for wide spread consultation with all interest groups. In particular the teaching staff must approve the application, the school parents must approve the application through the P&C Association and then all school staff – teaching and non-teaching must approve the application through the Local Consultative Committee. The LCC comprises school admin, Queensland Teachers Union representatives and non-teaching staff who are represented on the LCC through their union representatives. Application for IPS is an extensive process but one that I believe Arundel should enter so as to become an IPS school. Arundel is one of the largest primary schools in Queensland, a high performing school and a school that has an excellent reputation within the community.

I urge everyone to support our application. If any parent would like more details on IPS please email me via principal@arundelss.eq.edu.au and I’ll send the 2017 Prospectus. This is an excellent document which gives a detailed summary of the process for selection and the IPS concept.

Just last week I arranged for the Principal from Southport State High, Nigel Hughes, to come to our school and share the news from Southport SHS since it became IPS.

The following is an extract from a message written by our Director General of Education, Mr Jim Watterston, in relation to Independent Public Schools:

“*Our goal is to provide a world-class schooling system in which all students can benefit from the opportunities that a quality education provides. Through the Independent Public Schools initiative, Queensland is able to offer dynamic, flexible and innovative school environments that maximise student learning outcomes. Through the Independent Public Schools initiative the whole system is enabled to better meet the opportunities and challenges of educating children in the modern world. While innovation and capacity to improve practice are not exclusive to Independent Public Schools, these high-potential schools are afforded operational flexibility to enable the trialling of innovative practice. They are then supported to share their evidence-based achievements with colleagues locally, across the state and further afield so that their successes can be replicated in all state schools.*

- Jim Watterston

I’ll keep you updated as we proceed in the consultation stage.

The book week parade held on Wednesday was another resounding success with many students and school staff joining in the festivity of the occasion. Whilst the weather wasn’t kind we retreated to the shelter of the school hall and ensured the parade eventuated. The range of costumes highlighted the creativity of parents, staff and students.

Last Thursday a group of students from our SEP program travelled to Robina to compete in the Special Schools Dance Competition. Our students performed superbly. Congratulations to Summer, Chelsea, Zane, Akaela, Dilara, Laura, Kent, Cooper, Noah, Georgia, Rohan and our staff.

Last week I wrote to you of the success of our band at the eisteddfod. I received a nice email from a parent who also attended. It read:
“Good afternoon Mr Kelly,
I just wanted to make comment about Arundel State School and their performance today at the Gold Coast Eisteddfod. I was very proud of their achievement in placing second, but more than that, I feel it needs mentioning just how well behaved and polite the students were. Both inside and outside the Arts Centre, all students conducted themselves in a highly admirable way. As you know, they had a long wait before their performance and at all times I witnessed respectful and courteous conduct. Definitely a credit to Mr Stubbs and the culture and attitude he has instilled in the band members.
On stage, their presence was striking and they sounded very polished in their performance. They all looked fabulous in the band uniform too. Please mention to Mr Stubbs just how wonderful the band performed and I look forward to next year’s performance already! Well done to the senior band and the Instrumental Music Program at Arundel.”
That is a nice way to finish today, enjoy the long weekend,
Mike

ASSEMBLIES — There will be no Assemblies due to the Public Holiday Show Day.

**UP AND COMING EVENTS**

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**SPORTS NEWS (from Ms Mitchell-Cowan)**

*Learn to Swim Program*
- Prep commences on Thursday, 13 October
- Year 1 commences on Friday, 14 October

*Stroke Correction Swim Program*
- Year 3 commences on Wednesday, 19 October
- Year 5 commences on Monday, 24 October
- The program runs for 6 weeks and will be held at the Guardian Angels Swimming Pool, Ashmore.
- The cost is $45.00 per student which includes bus transport to and from the school and small group swim squads. Students will require a swimming cap, rashie, swimmers, towel and goggles.
- Letters will be distributed through class in the coming weeks.

*Sport Representatives*
- Congratulations Caitlin in Year 6 who as a Queensland Hockey representative has been invited to attend the Live More 25 Development Program for the second year. Well done Caitlin!

*Broadwater District Athletics Results*
- Congratulations to our 35 students who competed at this recent District event. Arundel representatives looked smart and determined in their new athletics singlets and performed admirably against 8 other state schools. 74% of our students were placed in the top 10 and 2 students received 5th, narrowly missing regional selection – Hayley and Malakai.
- Students selected to attend the Regional Championships for their outstanding performances are:-
  - Indiana (4th in Long Jump and 3rd in Discus); Matilda (4th in Shot Put and 2nd in Discus), Sefuluilima (3rd in Shot Put), Ava (3rd in 100m and 2nd in 200m), Maia (2nd in Shot Put), Jayda (4th in Shot Put), Dominic (4th in Shot Put) and Tuani (1st in Shot Put). Thank you again to our parent coach Tracey Phyllis for her time and encouragement over the 2 days our school has definitely benefited from your coaching experience.

*Junior Sports Days*
- Year 3 – Wednesday, 7 September (9:15am -11:00am )
- Year 2 - Wednesday, 7 September (11:15am-12:45pm)
- Prep - Friday 9 September (9:15am-10:45am)
- Year 1 - Friday 9 September (11:15am-12:45pm)

*After School Sport*
- Tuesdays – 3:00-4:10pm Gold Coast Cup Touch Team training.
- Gold Coast Cup takes place on Thursday 1st September at Coomera Sports Park, Beattie Rd, Coomera. Draw to come.
- Thursdays – 3:00-4:10pm Soccer X to Thursday 15 September
- Thursdays – 3:00-4:10pm Netball to Thursday 1 September

**PREP EXPERIENCE NO. 3 (Mrs Dendrinos)**

If you have a Prep child who is enrolling here at Arundel in 2017 and your childcare is not having any Prep visits to our school, then don’t worry! We are offering a Prep Experience on Tuesday, 6th September from 9:15am to 10:15am. This experience will include visits to our Music Teacher (who is a lot of fun), the Library, Lunchtime play experiences, Prep classroom fun and a whole lot more! So please just turn up on the day. We hope you can join in and have fun at Arundel.
**PERFORMING ARTS NEWS**

*(from Mrs Thornton & Mrs Adamson)*

**Showcase Concert- Wednesday 14 September at 7:00pm**

This is for the students that have performed at Eisteddfod this year. We will showcase our Senior Band, Dance and Drama Excellence, Sep Dance Group and Boys Dance Group. If you are a parent of one of these talented students, see you there!

**Eisteddfod News-** Our Senior Band placed second at Eisteddfod last week. As we went up to a more difficult section this year, well done!

Drama Excellence are performing next week.

**Notes-** please return for Drama Students

**Upcoming Concerts**

Year 3 Dance Display- Tuesday 13 September at 2:10pm
Year 5 Dance Display- Thursday 15 September at 2:00pm

Notes have been sent home.

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**6E NEWS**

At the moment 6E are writing letters to students in the future, to be read in 2056. We have to write about what life in 2016 is like. We have discussed historical language and how life has changed leading up to 2016. Here are a few of our paragraphs:

My name is Tahlia. I am currently a student at Arundel State School. Obviously if you are reading this you’ve opened the time capsule containing my letter from 2016. This letter is to inform you about my life and experiences.

Well, let’s start with school. You should know what school is unless you got educated by downloading files into your brain as soon as you were born. School is basically a place where you ‘learn’. You go there five days per week. However school has been changing for years and years, therefore my generation of school was newer than the last. We use…. iPads!! IPads are devices which have unlimited uses except, it can’t be used as toilet paper. If you don’t know what a toilet is, um… er… let’s not get into that. - Nanthu

I recently started a new gaming phenomenon called Pokemon Go. It’s an augmented reality game that contains Pokemon. I’m pretty sure you’ll have more games like that, that have augmented reality and animals to capture or take care of. It’s an amazing world that I live in and extremely frustrating and hard, but still extraordinary. – Kase M

My favourite meals are cheese and crackers, beef curry, pancakes, cupcakes, popcorn, fruit and roast chicken. Mum makes me unstack the dishwasher but I try to avoid it, even though she catches me sneaking away. I love to be in the kitchen. It is my favourite hobby to cook, and also to bake cakes. The smell of all the different spices and smells gets me so hyped, in which I like to cool off with a class of cold milk. – Ruby

A few weeks ago at school we were eating lunch on the back oval. I spotted some pesky crows pecking and trying to get into this bag. It kind of looked like… an orange sandwich. I went to go and sho the crows away when suddenly I heard someone shout out, “It’s a curry sandwich!” and with no surprise, it was Oakleigh. – Anisa

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Book Fair**

Thanks to everyone who supported our Book Fair. Through your generous support we were able to add over $3000 in books to our library.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge due 25 August**

Please return any outstanding reading record forms by Thursday 25 August. Congratulations to everyone who completed the challenge. Certificates from the Premier will be issued next term.

**Book Week (Australia: Story Country)**

I hope everyone is enjoying our Book Week celebrations, including our whole school book character parade held on Wednesday. Prep to Year 2 borrowers this week will receive an Australia: Story Country sticker designed by Oscar winning Shaun Tan. Year 3 to Year 6 borrowers will receive an Australia: Story Country bookmark.

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**P&C NEWS**

The P&C will be holding a **Father’s Day Stall** in the staffroom next week on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (31 August-2 September). There will be a wide range of gifts available from $1.00. Classes will be allocated times to visit the stall.

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**TUESDAY CHESS CLUB (Mr Lang)**

Tuesday Chess Club is held every Tuesday at lunchtime (1st break) for Years 4, 5 and 6. If you are new to the game or just want to improve your skills then come along. It is being held in the LOTE Room. If you are interested you will need to bring along your lunch and stay for the entire lunch break. I hope to see you there.

The **Arundel Chess Championships** are currently taking place. Come and participate over the next couple of weeks.
STUDENT ABSENCE LINE – 5561 4995
If your child is absent from school could you please call our Student Absence Line by either calling the office on 5561 4888 and selecting “1” for our Student Absence Line or by calling 5561 4995 direct. This is a recorded message so please leave details of your child’s name, class and reason for absence.

Helensvale State High School
“High School Experience Day”
Friday, 2 September, 2016
For all current Year 6 students enrolled at Helensvale State High for 2017
What happens at the Helensvale State High “High School Experience Day”? Students will be participating in a variety of engaging lessons and activities throughout the day.
What to Bring? Afternoon tea, water bottle, hat, small notebook and a pencil case. A sausage sizzle lunch will be provided.
What to Wear? Primary School Sports Uniform (senior shirts welcome)
Where to come? Year 7 Discovery Place building at 8:30am and will be released from Helensvale State High at 2:55pm. (Best parking and entrance for drop off/pick up - Rugby Lane)
Students will go to classes at 8:45am.
*Please ensure you have submitted your completed enrolment forms by Thursday 25 August to be included in this day. A “High School Experience Day” permission and medical form will be emailed out to you once we have received your enrolment forms.

243 Discovery Drive; Helensvale Phone: 55738555

LITTLE SOULS - MELBOURNE CUP DAY
Parkwood Gold Club – Estate Room
Tuesday, 1 November 2016 11:30-3:30pm
All funds raised will go towards delivering our specialised programs to help children with autism aged 2-6 years reach their full potential.
Early bird price for bookings before 1 July - $65
General price $70 per person – Tables of 8
Bookings: www.trybooking.com/LKAU or Phone direct - 07 5563 1490