Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Next Thursday marks the end of term one with Good Friday (public holiday) providing an additional day to the two weeks vacation period which follows. Next week is a really busy week with the Easter Bonnet Parade on Wednesday, a free dress day on the Thursday and swimming for the years 2, 4 and 6.

The cross country at the time of writing this newsletter is under a cloud due to the rain and damp conditions. We’ll make a decision later today if the cross-country has to be postponed from tomorrow and rescheduled to another day. The course for the cross-country becomes a little unsafe in wet conditions and it is better to be safe and postpone rather than have the children running on slippery surfaces. We’ll look to term two if we have to postpone.

Tomorrow the disco’s will be held – junior from 4.30pm and then the senior disco from 6.30pm until 8.00pm. Could you please be vigilant in picking the children up from the disco as soon as possible after the scheduled finishing time.

During the term I’ve completed some reorganisation of supervision arrangements both before and after school in order to provide a safe and orderly environment for the children. I’ve also focussed on a couple of inappropriate behaviours that children have developed over time. I’ve designed a short list of school rules and distributed these to every student. Whilst in some cases the consequence has been quite major, I think it is important that we all understand that it is the certainty that improper behaviour will be dealt with rather than the severity of the consequence that is important.

Teaching has been good throughout the school. I visit all classrooms regularly and I am happy that teachers are teaching the required curriculum and our students are learning and moving towards targets and expectations. Reading, numeracy and writing remain our strong focus. This past couple of weeks we have been assessing the children’s reading levels to see how much they have progressed since the end of last year. There have been many impressive gains.

Next term, we will participate in inter school sport. The children really need this. It my opinion inter school sport is a critical aspect of primary schooling. It provides opportunities for those students who don’t normally excel academically to display their abilities on the sporting field. Term two also sees NAPLAN assessment for the year three and five students. Of course at the end of term two, teachers will prepare semester report cards. Anzac Day celebrations will also be a highlight of term two.

Year 6 student, Deijah, has been selected in the South Coast 11 years netball team to compete at the state championships in June. Congratulations on a fine achievement, Deijah.

The free dress day will be held on Thursday 2 April next week. Children participating should bring a gold coin, which will go towards funding the provision of sunshade for our latest playground provided by our P&C which is located adjacent to the tennis courts.
Due to the shortened week we will not have a newsletter next week. Don’t forget that our vacation care program – Helping Hands – will be running on each day of the vacation.

Kind regards,
Michael Kelly
Principal

CLASS AWARDS (SENIOR SHARING)
Elissa (Academic) and Brock (Citizenship) – 3A
Emerson (Academic) and Claire (Citizenship) – 3B
Rafid (Academic) and Kilarney (Citizenship) – 3C
Rahma (Academic) and Valeria (Citizenship) – 3D
Jun (Academic) and Talia (Citizenship) – 3E
Kahurangi (Academic) – 3G
Joshua (Academic) and Bianca (Citizenship) – 4C
Monique (Academic) and Hayden (Citizenship) – 4D
David (Academic) and Tyler (Citizenship) – 4E
Charli (Academic) and Hazel (Citizenship) – 4F
Jarrad (Academic) and Kylah (Citizenship) – 5A
Tahlia (Academic) and Matthew (Citizenship) – 5B
Leon (Academic) and Emilija (Citizenship) – 5C
Zana (Academic) and Rebecca (Citizenship) – 5D
Megan (Academic) and Karina (Citizenship) – 5/6A
Phoenix (Academic) and Alicia (Citizenship) – 6B
Sophie (Academic) and Jordan (Citizenship) – 6C
Chelsea (Academic) and Jai (Citizenship) – 6D

GOTCHA AWARDS
Talia – 3E and Taylor – 3G

WHOLE SCHOOL PARADE – PREP TO YEAR 6
Monday, 30 March 2015 - 2:10pm

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UP AND COMING EVENTS

Friday, 27 March
Cross Country
- 4:30pm-6:00pm Prep to Year 2
- 6:30pm-8:00pm Years 3 to 6

Wednesday, 1 April
Easter Extravaganza Prep and Year 1 – 2:00pm School Hall

Thursday, 2 April
Free Dress Day
Last day of Term 1

Friday, 3 April
Good Friday – Public Holiday

Monday, 20 April
First day of Term 2

13, 14 and 15 May
Year 4 Bike Safety

TUCKSHOP WILL BE CLOSED FOR CLEANING ON THURSDAY, 2 APRIL 2015

FREE DRESS DAY – THURSDAY 2 APRIL
Next Thursday 2 April marks the last day of term 1. We have arranged a free dress day for all students as a fundraiser. A donation of a gold coin with proceeds going towards shade for our new playground. All students should dress appropriately for school and have enclosed shoes. No singlets or midriffs. We wish everyone a safe and wonderful holiday. Next P&C meeting is at 3:30pm on the first Monday back (April 20), all welcome.
**EASTER DISCO FRIDAY 27 MARCH**

4:30pm – 6:00pm – Prep to Year 2 students

6:30pm – 8:00pm – Years 3 to 6 students

Presales on Friday morning 27th March 8:00am - 8:45am

$7 package – entry + sausage sizzle

$5 entry – is also available at the door.

*Dress up in your favourite Easter costume to win a prize*

Awesome glowsticks available for purchase

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.

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Parent teacher interviews have commenced this week and will continue throughout next week, week 10. To schedule parent teacher interviews –

- 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.parentteacheonline.com.au?school=88am4

Complete instructions for accessing this online system were distributed to students on Monday, 16 March. These instructions include each student’s individual EQ ID number which is required to logon to the interview booking system. If you do not have internet access or need assistance, please contact the school on 5561 4888.

Please note the class teachers of Prep E and 1E are currently on leave or will be on leave during the interview period. These teachers will organise interview times on their return to school. Bookings will close at 3:00pm on Wednesday, 1 April.

**PE NEWS**

**Arundel SS Annual Cross Country 2015**

This year Prep to Year 6 students will participate in this annual event. The competition starts at 9:00am on the oval. Students can wear a House coloured T shirt or School sport shirt with school shorts and hat. House coloured zinc is permitted *but no hair dye*. All students should drink plenty of water prior to the event. Students who have asthma should carry their puffers or give it to their teacher.

The program is as follows:

- 9.00am 13 & 12 years girls and boys (Born 2002 & 2003)
- 9.25am 11 years girls and boys (born 2004)
- 9.50am 10 year girls and boys (born 2005)
- 10.15am 9 year girls & boys (year 4 only-born 2006)
- 11.20am Year 2 cross country lap run
- 12.15pm Year 3 cross country lap run
- 1.30pm Year 1 cross country lap run
- 2.10pm Prep cross country lap run

Top 4 students in 10 years, 11 years and 12 years girls and boys are automatically selected in the Arundel State School Cross Country Team to compete at the Broadwater District Cross Country Championships on Wednesday 20th May at Runaway Bay.
Sport Representatives
Congratulations to Deijah 5A, who has been selected in the South Coast Regional Team for 11 Years netball.
Congratulations also to the following boys selected in the Broadwater District Soccer Team, Lachlan 5A, Jacob 5/6A, Cooper 6A and Alex 6D.

Interschool Sport Term 2 (18th, 25th May; 1st & 15th June)
Students interested in interschool sport can nominate with Ms Mitchell for the following sports -
Girls – Netball and Touch
Boys – Soccer, Rugby League and AFL
Trials will be conducted next term during lunches. Students should display good skills and fitness for their respective sport and an excellent standard of behaviour in order to represent the school. A cost of approximately $45 is expected for buses.

After School Sport Programs in Term 2 (3.15-4.14pm)
For parents and students interested in participating in after school sporting activities that lead to better skills and fitness and a chance for Club participation the following sports are on offer for a small cost for the program:-
1. Rugby Union –Rookies2Reds- Wednesdays Commencing 22 April (week 1)
2. AFL- Auskick-Fridays-Commencing 8 May (week 3)
3. Little Athletics-LAPS- Tuesdays-Commencing 19 May.
More information and a flyer will be available soon.

Last Swimming Session for Years 2, 4 and 6 next week (week 10)
Students complete their last swimming session next week. Thank you to parents and teachers for preparing students each week. All kids who have participated in the program have improved their swimming ability, fitness and knowledge and practice of personal life saving and water survival strategies.

NEIGHBOUR DAY – SUNDAY, 29 MARCH 2015
Meet your neighbours at: Abbott Park, Woodlands Way, Parkwood. Time: 10:00am-12:00pm.
Some community activities will be available from jumping castles to face painting and some of our local youths showing their talent and skills on the BMX jumps. A fun morning to meet your neighbours and local business members in a beautiful park.
Please bring along a chair, blanket or rug and of course yourself and your family!!! Looking forward to meeting you!

HELENSVALE STATE HIGH SCHOOL
Thinking of enrolling at Helensvale State High School in 2016?
Why not book into one of our school tours with our Executive Principal, Mr Blackshaw where you can:
• Visit classrooms
• Meet our staff and students
• Explore our outstanding facilities
To book your tour phone 07 5573 8555 today.
Parent Information Evening – 4 May 2015 at 6:00pm in the Student Activity Centre.