Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

I have some good news to share regarding one of our Deputy Principals, Mrs Thompson. Mrs Thompson joined us mid-year and has had the responsibility of leading our Year 2 team of teachers plus mentoring and coaching our new and beginning teachers. Mrs Thompson has been successful in gaining a permanent position as a Deputy Principal – at Southport State School. This is excellent news. I would like to congratulate her and wish her the very best as she enters a new school and a new part of her career.

One of our mums who has a Prep child starting next year was telling me earlier in the week that her little Prep student was so thrilled to have received her school booklist in the mail. Mum and young daughter can now begin to prepare in earnest for this exciting time in just over eight weeks when our new Prep students begin their journey. It is hard to believe that in just eight weeks we will welcome our new students.

Incidentally, booklists will be sent home to all students in Years 1 – 6 next week via the students. If you don’t receive yours you will find a copy on the school website or you can phone Kathy at the office and she will email one to you.

This week the aspiring leaders from Year 5, who will be our senior students in 2016, prepared and presented speeches to their teachers and peers as they embark on the challenging task of selecting our councillors for 2016. We had twenty students speaking and sharing their thoughts on why they would make a good leader and what good leaders should do in these positions. I was thrilled with the quality of the applicants.

Many of the students spoke of their time at Arundel with many of them commencing in their Prep year. They spoke of their admiration for the school, its teachers, learning opportunities and community. They all spoke proudly of their participation in music, sport, drama, chess, choirs, Eisteddfod; their strong academic performance and their impeccable behaviour. The speeches were a delight. I know that many parents were involved in guiding their children.

I hope you have been able to adjust your calendar for next week to ensure you don’t miss the children performing in some of the events that are planned.

**Tuesday:**
- Christmas Concert from 9:00am to 10:00am for the students who attend religious education.

**Wednesday**
- School Christmas Concert – Prep/Year 1 at 9:15am; Years 2/3 at 2:00pm.
- Swimming Carnival for Years 4, 5, 6.

**Thursday**
Christmas Play (performed by students in Performing Arts/ Drama program:
- 9:00am - Years 3 – 6
- 11:30am - Prep – 2
- 6:30pm - Parents

**Friday**
- Year 6 students attending Coombabah State High School will attend orientation.

As well, our Library team has organised a Christmas Book Fair for parents and children which is being held in the Library from 8:30am – 3:30pm each day during this week and next week. Books on sale range from $10 to $25.

Have a nice weekend, Michael Kelly.
NO PARADE - Friday, 27 November 2015

UP AND COMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, 1st December**  
RE Christmas Concert – 9:15am

**Wednesday, 2nd December**  
Swimming Carnival – Yrs 4, 5 & 6  
School Christmas Concert  
- Prep & Year 1 – 9:15am  
- Years 2 & 3 – 2:00pm

**Thursday, 3rd December**  
Dance and Drama Excellence Students Christmas Concert – 6:30-7:30pm in the Hall

**Tuesday, 8th December**  
Year 6 Awards Ceremony – Hall  
Arundel’s Got Talent Grand Final

**Wednesday, 9th December**  
Year 6 Wet’n Wild Excursion

**Friday, 11th December**  
Last Day of School

**PE NEWS (Ms Mitchell-Cowan)**

**ARUNDEL SS SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Our first ever swimming carnival is NEXT WEEK – **Wednesday, 2nd December at the Guardian Angels Pool Edmond Rice Drive, Ashmore for all Year 4, 5 and 6 students.** There are events for all types of swimmers. Competitive swimmers will have the opportunity to try out for the District Team and Age Champion in 100m & 50m freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly. All other swimmers can participate in 25m salmon swims for House points. The event is a rolling carnival commencing at approximately 9:30am with Year 4; 11:00am for Year 5 and 12:30pm for Year 6. The cost is $5 for bus and pool entry. Students must wear the School uniform and wear a rashie and cap in the pool. Students should also wear a hat and sunscreen. There will be shaded House areas at the pool. Students in the Year 4 100m freestyle event, Year 6 House Captains and School leaders will leave on the first bus at 8:30am to warm up and help set up the carnival. Parents are welcome but parking is very limited.

**After School Sport Aussie Hoops Basketball**

The last session is on Thursday, 26 November. This is a long session from 3pm to 5pm as Pero, our basketball coach, is going overseas next week. Please note parents must attend sessions as this is an after school Sporting Schools activity.

**ARUNDEL STARS**

Congratulations to Paige G from 6C on making the 2016 12A Representative Netball team for NGCNA.

**MONEY WINDOW**

The money window will be open every day next week (week 9) which is Monday, 30th November to Friday, 4th December for payments between 8:15am and 9:15am.

**PERFORMING ARTS NEWS**

(from Mrs Adamson & Mrs Thornton)  
*School Christmas Concert*  
Christmas is coming ...... Please lock in these dates:  
Prep & Year 1 – Wednesday, 2nd December - 9:15am  
Year 2 & Year 3 – Wednesday, 2nd December - 2:00pm  
(Letters have been distributed to students).

**Drama & Dance Excellence Parents**

Our *Christmas Play* will take place on Thursday, 3rd December at 6:30pm in the School Hall.

**BOOK PACKS**

Book Lists have been sent home. Our school uses the company Kookaburra Educational Resources. The cut-off date for all orders is Friday, 11th December for delivery to your home by Friday 15th January, 2016. Orders received after Friday, 11th December will be given a lower priority. Please also note that only online ordering is available after Friday, 11th December, 2015. **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).

**PLANNING FOR 2016**

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.** 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.
**PREP D NEWS**

“The Best preparation for tomorrow…
is doing your best today”
(Jackson Brown Jr)

Prep D are always encouraged to “give it their best shot” and proudly this is evident in their attitude to new challenges. Well done Prep D.

We have been learning about how to write letters….

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November 2015

Dear Mum,

Are you having a good day? I am having a good day at school. I love my teacher. You are the best. I love you so much.

Love Azalia

**LIBRARY NEWS (from Mrs McKay)**

**Borrowing**

This week is the last week of borrowing. Only students who have no overdue loans will be able to borrow.

**Christmas Book Fair**

The Christmas Book Fair is on. The Library will be open from 8:30am to 3:30pm from Tuesday, 24 November to Thursday, 3 December. This Book Fair is smaller than the Book Week Book Fair and is only for the sale of books. Pencils, pens, erasers etc. are not included in this Book Fair. Eftpos facilities will be available.

**YEAR 6 GRADUATION AND AWARDS CEREMONY**

On Tuesday, 8th December at 5:30pm, the Year 6 Graduation and Awards evening will be held in the Hall. At this Ceremony students will be acknowledged for excellence in a number of academic, sporting, performing arts and citizenship areas. Parents of Year 6 students are welcome to attend.

**Wet ‘n Wild Excursion**

On Wednesday, 9th December, Year 6 students will attend their Graduation Excursion to Wet ‘n Wild, from 9:30am. It will be a great day for the students.

**FRIDAY 11th DEC – CLEAN UP DAY**

Friday, 11th 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.

**PLEASE NOTE THE TUCKSHOP WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, 11TH DECEMBER FOR CLEANING. THURSDAY 10TH IS THE LAST DAY FOR ORDERS.**

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS (from Mireta)**

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