Dear Parents, Students and Community Members

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Last Friday’s Under 8’s activity afternoon was a wonderful way to finish the week and give our young students an opportunity to participate in a range of activities that reflected the theme of the occasion. The costumes added to the jovial nature of the afternoon with students, parents and school staff dressing in a range of costumes and characters.

Our deputy of junior school, Mrs Dendrinos and her team were again fantastic in the way they organised this event. They gave many hours outside of normal duties leading up to the day to provide such a range for the children. We are all extremely fortunate that we have such a committed team.

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Last week I attended the year six camp down at Goodenough. Our campers enjoyed the best for the day. This is the school that some of our students will be visiting in September when they conduct by Rotary volunteers on Election Day at our school voting booth. This is an extremely bus incident last Friday. That is really reassuring. I must thank parents and students for their

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Next week it is the turn for the year five children to travel to Lake Ainsworth for their camp. I had some nice emails and comments from parents complimenting us on our swift reaction to the

In addition to the usual school activities, we have a variety of events coming up, including:

UP AND COMING EVENTS

- **1-3 August**
  - Year 5 Camp at Lake Ainsworth Outdoor Education Centre

- **Wednesday, 3 August**
  - Visit by Japanese School - 10:00 - 2:00pm

- **8, 11, 12 August**
  - School Photos

- **Tuesday, 9 August**
  - Year 5/6 School Science Trivia Challenge – 9:00am – 1:30pm

- **Thursday, 11 August**
  - Prep Experience 2 – 9:15am

- **16 & 17 August**
  - Broadwater District Track & Field Trials – Athletics Centre, Griffith Uni

- **Friday, 26th August**
  - Gold Coast Show Holiday

Have a nice weekend,

Mike
ASSEMBLIES – FRIDAY, 29 JULY, 2016
9:00 to 9:45am Prep, Years 1 & 2 (Presenters 2E; Assembly Item 1D)
2:10 to 3:00pm Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 (Presenters 6C; Assembly Item 4D, 5D & 5F)

SCHOOL PHOTOS (Mr McConnell)
School Photo Days are the 8th, 11th and 12th August. Envelopes were distributed to students this week. Please read the information from MSP Photography printed on the payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:
- Don’t seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope; however, each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day. Please indicate on the child’s envelope, that contains all sibling payments, the names of the children you are paying for.
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash, cheques, money orders or credit cards are accepted.
For any enquiries please feel free to contact MSP Photography on 56689110 or our Deputy Principal, Mr McConnell.

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PREP EXPERIENCES (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 Prep Experiences on Thursday, 11th August from 9:15 to 10:15am and 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.

NATIONAL CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA
The National Consistent Collection of Data is a Commonwealth Government requirement of all State, Catholic and Independent schools. The information provided to the Commonwealth Government reports on the number of students with disabilities in the school population. Further to this we are required to collect evidence on “Reasonable Educational Adjustments” implemented for students. Parents/Guardians wishing their student’s details not be included in the NCCD collection are to advise the school in writing by 5 August 2016. For any further information please contact Nick Kennon, (SEP HOSES).

HEAD LICE – Please check your children’s hair this week.
Unfortunately, as much as we try, we cannot eradicate all head lice. However, we can help to minimise the number of cases by following a few hints.
• Check everyone in the family once a week as head lice have a weekly life cycle.
• If you find live head lice or their eggs treat everyone in the family. You do not need to use expensive chemicals as inexpensive white conditioner combed through dry hair will eliminate live lice.
• Always comb the nits (eggs) out after each treatment. Nits can be impervious to treatments and can hatch even after the hair has been treated. Using white vinegar on a fine toothed comb will help to unstick the glue that holds the nits to the hair and this will make it easier to remove them.
• Headlice are spread by head to head contact and by travelling from hair to hair–minimise head to head contact. Children with long hair should have their hair tied back.

SPORTS NEWS (from Mrs Mitchell-Cowan)
District Track & Field Team for 2016
Congratulations to the following students who were selected based on their performance at our school athletics carnival last term. The Broadwater District Track & Field Trials take place on 16 and 17 August (week 6) at the Gold Coast City Athletics Centre, Griffith University.
Year 4
Indiana, Joshua & Dominic.
Year 5
Jack, Maia, Rylee, Roman, Kahn, Liam, Lillyco, Ava, Corey, Kayla, Nia, Tahlee, Riley, Liam, Tuani & Olivia.
Year 6
After School Sport
Tuesdays – 3:00pm – 4:15pm - Gold Coast Cup Touch Team training.
Wednesdays – 8:00 – 8:45am - District Track & Field Training.
Thursdays – 3:10 – 4:10pm - Soccer X starting 28 July (8 weeks).
Thursdays – 3:10 – 4:10pm – Netball - 4 weeks only - starts 11 August.
2A NEWS
In science this term we are looking at living things and how they grow. We have a little stick insect in our room. The children have named him “sticky”. Sticky lives in a converted fish tank. He seems to enjoy eating his gum leaves. The children are eager every morning to be the first to spot him with the aid of magnifying glasses. Not always easy as he is the master of camouflage. The children have also planted sunflower seeds and parsley seeds. We are waiting for the first shoots to emerge.

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS (from Mrs Thornton & Mrs Adamson)
We have a busy term coming up. There are many events on, please keep an eye on the newsletter for information.

Pre-Eisteddfod Concert this Friday - we have a concert each year a couple of weeks before Eisteddfod begins for the students at school. The parents are not invited, it is a dress rehearsal for the students and the school is invited so they have an audience before they perform. If your child is in Dance Exc, Drama Exc, Boys Dance group or SEP Dance group they will be involved. Please check your child has brought in the items their teacher asked them to. We will have a Showcase concert for parents later in the term.

Gold Coast Eisteddfod Dates (most letters have been sent home with information. Drama Excellence letters are coming)
Thursday, 11th August- Dance Excellence Dance Group – girls & boys.
Thursday, 18th August- Senior Band.
Thursday, 18th August- SEP Dance group- No Limits (Robina Community Centre).
1st September - 4th September - Drama Excellence - Robina Community Centre.

We will keep you posted!

Junior Band - Mr Stubbs has started a Junior Band with our students on Wednesday after school. Band Students (Junior) are to come to the Music Room from 3:00pm – 3:45pm. Students are to be picked up from the Music Block.

LATE ARRIVALS & PICK UP
The late arrival of students to school is detrimental to both the student and to the class. Too often, late arriving students miss out on important information for the day or the whole class has to stop their lessons while the late arrival is introduced to the lesson. For the benefit of the student and other students in classes, parents are asked to ensure students are at school by the first bell at 8:50am.

There has also been a large number of students left at school after 3:30pm each day. Would you please ensure that your children are collected from school as close to 3:00pm as possible.

Arundel State School
School Crossing Supervisor Vacancy

- Casual rates at $28.19 per hour – 7 ½ hours/week
- Hours to be discussed
- Training provided
- Equal opportunity employer

Application package available from the school
CLOSING DATE: 29/7/2016
Enquiries: Cecily Morris 5585 1872 cecily.z.morris@tmr.qld.gov.au

All staff are required to undergo a medical, and working with children blue card check which will be provided by Department of Transport and Main Roads

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.