Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

Tomorrow, weather permitting, we will hold the school cross country on our school oval. Sports director, Ms Mitchell Cowan, has organised a full day of events with each year level given the opportunity to compete against their peers. Whilst it serves as a selection trial for further representation for the older classes, the Preps and year one and two classes will have some of the competitive edge worn off to make it more of a participative event where lots of fun is assured. Have a look in the newsletter to find the time your child is competing and if you can make it come along and cheer the students on.

Our P&C is organising a number of very important events over the next few weeks. Next week on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, parents will provide a Mothers’ Day Stall for students to bring along some money to purchase a gift for mum for the following weekend. Gifts can be purchased for as little as one dollar up to five dollars. The timetable showing the day that your child will need some money to make a purchase, is printed in today’s newsletter. Many thanks to Andrea and her team for organising this for the students. Your school principal also gets in early to get a bargain.

Today and tomorrow we will distribute the sponsor sheets and information sheet for the school Fun Run which will be held later this term on June 1. There are prizes for the highest fund raisers as well as the highest class and all students will receive refreshment at the end of their event. Please don’t confuse the fun run with the cross country. The cross country is more of a competitive event with a trophy to be awarded to the winning house whilst the Fun Run is a leisurely event at which the children complete laps of the oval and raise funds for our P&C. I suggest that you ask sponsors for a donation and collect it then and there rather than a sponsorship for the number of laps completed on the day. Also, if your child is visiting neighbours to seek sponsorship I’d ask that you ensure an adult accompanies the student.

We are hopeful of raising $10000 through the Fun Run – that is just $10 per student.

Last Friday we held our Anzac Day Ceremony in the school hall with all children in attendance. The ceremony was led by our student leaders who performed extremely well. Our school choir led us in the singing of both the Australian and New Zealand anthems and one of our year six classes – 6D, designed and performed a re-enactment of the Gallipoli events. This was really well done by the students who had only minimal direction from their teacher. Thanks to parents for sending along floral items which were later arranged around the memorial.

On Tuesday at our tuckshop, we had the largest number of on line orders ever. Whilst this was probably influenced by the fact that shops were closed for Anzac Day it does show how easy it is to place orders using this service rather than the “bag” ordering system.

Next week we will have the School Internal Review. The review team will be here each day next week to speak with teachers, parents, students and other school staff as well as visit classrooms to see the students at work. They will write a report which will be presented to us on Friday afternoon.

The period of a morning from 8:20am is a time for the children to sit in their designated areas and wait for classes to begin. During this time children are not to play games or kick / throw balls around. Some students are accompanied by parents at this time. Would parents please ensure that their children are not “playing” at this time, but sitting quietly along with the other students?

Don’t forget that Monday is another public holiday. The school is closed this day.

Have another nice long weekend,

Mike.
Sport News (Mrs Mitchell-Cowan)
South Coast Regional Sport Representative

Congratulations to Caitlyn 6D who has been successfully selected in the 12 year girls Regional Hockey Team. Big thanks to Mrs McLachlan who coached the Broadwater District Girls Primary Team last week.

Interschool Sport

Permission letters will be distributed in week 4 and due prior to participation. The cost is $45. Selected students should wear their Arundel State School Uniform. Mouthguards are required for League and shin pads for football (soccer) Boots are needed for league, soccer & AFL. Venues are Runaway Bay Sport Precinct for Netball, Soccer, AFL; Touch is at Owen Park and League is at Helensvale.

Arundel State School Cross Country Championships
Friday, 29 April 2016
Cross Country training has begun in PE lessons. A new course has been set. Broadwater District Cross Country takes place on Thursday 19 May at Runaway Bay. The fastest 5 girls and boys born in 2004, 2005 and 2006 will go on to compete at Districts. Students who would like to train can participate in Badge Running on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Program –
9:00am 12 year old and over girls & boys (born 2003 and 2004)
9:25am 11 year old girls & boys (born 2005)
9:50am 10 year girls & boys (born 2006)
10:15am 9 year girls & boys (born 2007-Year 4 only)
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

After SchoolSport

Auskick (AFL) starts next week in week 4 to 10 on Wednesdays approx. $75; Register online aflauskick.com.au.

Badge Running

There has been a great response to start of Badge Running season (Term 2). Thank you to our parent helpers & supports and the Year 6 student helping so far. No Badge Running this Friday due to Cross Country.

UP AND COMING EVENTS
Friday, 29 April Cross Country – Program above
Monday, 2 May Labour Day Public Holiday
4, 5, 6 May Mother’s Day Stall
10, 11 and 12 May Year 3 and 5 – NAPLAN
Friday, 13 May P&C Meeting 3:30pm Admin Building
Wednesday, 1 June Fun Run

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT – YEARS 3 AND 5
The Year 3/5 test will be conducted on 10, 11 and 12 May 2016. It is important that your child arrives at school at the appropriate time as the tests will be conducted in the morning sessions on each day.

Tests will be held in numeracy and literacy for all students in Australia in Years 3 and 5. Over the next few weeks students will become familiar with the test formats and the type of questions they have to answer through classroom teachings.

ASSEMBLIES - FRIDAY 29thApril, 2016
9:00am to 9:45am  Prep – Year 3 (Presenters 2C)
2:15 to 3:00pm   Years 4 - Year 6 (School Leaders)
Please note changes to our Assembly times and year levels due to Cross Country.
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.

NEWS FROM 4F

The 4F students continuously strive to be the best they can be in all learning situations. Lately they are enjoying learning about living and non-living things, early explorers, are working hard at challenging mathematical concepts, are writing their own traditional stories to teach a younger audience a lesson or moral and were lucky enough to bake ANZAC biscuits during mathematics this week. We have also been training for the cross country every day and are feeling fit and fabulous!

Library News (from Mrs McKay)

Library Borrowing

Students who miss their borrowing day or forget their books may come to the library from 8:30am to change their books. Years 3 to 6 have a 2 week borrowing period for chapter books and novels. If students need longer, they may log into the Orbit, the student section of our library system Oliver, with their library number (both for user name and password) to renew their books. https://arundelss.softlinkhosting.com.au/oliver/junior.do

This can be done at school or at home. The link for Oliver is on the home page of the school's website under Quicklinks. https://arundelss.eq.edu.au

Book Club

Just a reminder that ordering and payment for Book Club is now via LOOP www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP. Books from Issue 3 are currently being distributed. If you require assistance to purchase, please come to the library before school and we will help you order online. Ordering is also possible on an iPhone or iPad via the Scholastic LOOP app.

FUN RUN

Wednesday, 1st June, 2016

The Fun Run will be held on the OVAL at the following times:-

Prep: 9:15 – 9:45
Year 1: 9:45 – 10:15
Year 2: 10:15 – 10:45
Year 3: 10:45 – 11:15
Year 4: 12:00 – 12:30
Year 5: 12:30 – 1:00
Year 6: 1:00 – 1:30

Parents are welcome.

*Every runner will receive an ice block

Highest Fundraiser Prizes

1st Place - iPad Air, valued at over $500.
2nd Place - 5 Village Road Show Theme Park Tickets
3rd Place - Gift pack from Game Over
4th-7th Place - $50 Coles-Myer voucher
8th-10th Place - $20 Coles-Myer voucher
### MOTHER’S DAY STALL TIMETABLE 2016

**Dates:** May 4, May 5, May 6  
**Venue:** Staffroom

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### PRACTICAL PREP PARENT PROGRAM

We will be conducting our first Practical Prep Parent Program this term on Tuesday, 3 May from 2:00pm to 3:00pm in the Administration Block.

During this session we would like to explore with you:

- Early Reading Activities
- Sight Words

We would like to make this workshop a Hands On Approach, with activities to take home.  
If you wish to attend the workshop, please see your class teacher.

### ATTENDANCE

If your child / children have to leave the school before 3:00pm, they must be collected from the Office. The “pickup” (authorised) adult **MUST** sign them out. (Children cannot be collected from the front gate or the classroom). Parents of students who are continuously absent or late will receive a formal written notice requesting explanation. Students are expected to be at school from 8:50am to 3:00pm. Continual early pick-ups will receive a formal written notice requesting explanation.