Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

On Tuesday a large team of staff from Arundel State School attended the first of the four training days to learn about Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) - a framework for providing a consistent approach to ensuring our focus is teaching and learning.

This will replace our current behaviour management plan which has served the school for a number of years now. PBL is not actually a plan but a framework which drives our actions. It is evidence based – in other words we should be using the strategies that actually make a difference. Its focus is improving teaching and learning not just improving behaviour. PBL is for all the children in our school not just the ones who may misbehave from time to time. It is a process for teaching expected social and behavioural skills so that teachers and students can focus on learning.

The outcome is for quality teaching and learning in every classroom. PBL requires that students are actually explicitly taught school rules and acceptable behaviour. In the same way that a good teacher would teach and re-teach a concept in mathematics - let’s say multiplication of two digit numbers - then PBL requires us to explicitly teach what acceptable behaviour is.

It is an exciting framework and is backed by research that shows schools have improved behaviour in their school and that student outcomes have begun to improve as well.

Last year at Arundel I introduced five school rules which was a deliberate action to address some unsavoury aspects of behaviour that had crept into the school over time. The children were explicitly introduced to these five rules to ensure everyone was on the same page. This year I have reinforced these rules.

PBL would say that five rules are too many for the children to remember and I would agree with this. Thus, during the year we will have to rewrite our five rules into just three rules – to keep things simple.

Incidentally those five rules we will continue to use until they are revised are:

- Follow the directions of school staff
- Use your best manners and use respectful language
- Be safe and don’t hurt your fellow students
- Respect your belongings and the property of the school
- Strive to do your best work

Last week I signed the contract to commence on some air conditioning in the school. The first rooms will be the year five classrooms - six classrooms in total costing $29,700. P&C president, Amanda, then advised me the P&C was going to air condition the library - $12,750 in total. Thank you P&C. This is fantastic news.

The SMS system is up and working. We will try to send all parents an introductory message this week. Look for that won’t you.

Have a nice weekend, Michael Kelly

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**STUDENT LEADERS 2016**

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### Up and Coming Events

- **Friday, 11 March**
  - School Disco
    - Prep to Year 2 – 4:30pm-6:00pm
    - Year 3 to Year 6 – 6:30pm -8:00pm
- **Monday, 14 March**
  - 5A and 5B Excursion to Hastings Point Marine Museum
- **Tuesday, 15 March**
  - 5C and 5D Excursion to Hastings Point Marine Museum
- **Wednesday, 16 March**
  - 5E and 5F Excursion to Hastings Point Marine Museum
- **Friday, 18 March**
  - P&C AGM – 3:30pm
- **Wednesday, 23 March**
  - Prep and Year 1 Easter Concert 2:00pm School Hall
- **Thursday, 24 March**
  - Last day of Term 1

### ASSEMBLIES - Friday, 4 March 2016

- **9:00-9:45am**  Prep to Year 2 (Presenters 2E, Sharing Item 2A)
- **9:45-10:15am** Year 3 and Year 4 (Presenters 4B, Sharing Item 4D)
- **2:15-3:00pm**  Year 5 and Year 6 (Presenters School Leaders, Sharing Item 6B)

### Invitation - Free Parenting Course at Arundel State School

1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING PARENT COURSE (by Matt Dwyer, G.O.)

This parenting information course is being offered to all interested parents / carers at our school. The course is aimed at parenting 2 – 12 year olds. This three-session program, for parents and carers, will be held at The Arundel State School on Tuesdays, 8th, 15th and 22nd March from 9-11am.

Learn:
- To engage your children’s cooperation by positively noticing and encouraging them.
- To set clear expectations and help them to develop frustration tolerance.
- To help children’s brains to develop filters for behaving well.
- To resolve family conflict quietly.
- Some simple strategies to practice being a calm parent.

The course is **FREE** and includes course workbook and morning tea. Young children and babies are welcome to attend with you, although no childcare is provided, sorry.

Register for this course by contacting the school office, or all enquiries to Matt Dwyer, Guidance Officer, on 5561 4888.

### Performing Arts News (Mrs Thornton)

- Prep and Year 1 Easter Concert – Wednesday, 23 March in the hall at 2:00pm

Please come along to see our Preps and Year 1 students perform Easter poems and songs with Mr B Bunny!

Instrumental Music - Please make sure all payments are made asap, or your child will not secure a position in the program.

### News From 3C

Wow! What a busy start to the year! We have been learning about so many things.

In English we are reading a wonderful book called “Maddy Forever”. In science we are looking at living and non-living things. We planted some seeds and soon hope to see them grow.

In Maths we are learning about tables and measuring in metres and centimetres. In History we are learning about celebrations and commemorations and Geography looking at maps and legends in maps.

So many other things to come! A great term with fantastic teachers, Mrs Williams and Mr Schreibmaier.
NEWS FROM THE P&C
Come along and be inspired by a dynamic group of parents doing great things for your school. The Arundel P&C will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Friday 18 March at 3:30pm in the staff room. These meetings are informative and interactive - everyone is welcome to attend and contribute. The committee positions will be up for election so if you are interested in nominating yourself or someone else for a position, please complete the form below and return to the school office in an envelope labelled P&C. Positions include President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Grants Officer, Database Manager.

You may not want to be on the committee but you can come along anyway and contribute as much or as little as you are able.

P&C Election Nomination Form:
I, ________________________________________ wish to nominate ________________________________ for the position of ________________________________ on the Arundel State School P&C Committee.
Signed: ________________________________
Dated: ________________________________
Mobile contact no: ________________________________

DISCO
Our first discos of the year will be held next Friday, 11 March -
Junior disco – Prep to Year 2 – 4:30-6:00pm
Senior disco – Year 3 to Year 6 – 6:30-8:00pm
It will be an Easter theme so dust off those bunny ears and help us make it a fantastic disco for the kids!

The times we need helpers are:-
Morning ticket sales - 8:00-8:45am
Set up the hall - 1:30-3:00pm
Junior disco door ticket sales - 4:15-4:45pm
Junior disco glow stand - 4:00-6:00pm
Junior disco canteen - 4:30-6:00pm
Junior disco barbeque - 4:00pm-6:00pm
Senior disco door ticket sales - 6:15-6:45pm
Senior disco glow stand - 6:30-8:00pm
Senior disco canteen - 6:30-8:00pm
Senior disco barbeque - 6:30-8:00pm
Pack up – 8:00-9:00pm
If you are able to help out could you please let us know via email to Andrea at age113@hotmail.com.

NEWS FROM THE TUCKSHOP
Remember to use flexischools for ordering tuckshop. It is a simple and safe way for you to order lunch for your kids. Just create a login, set up an account and it’s as easy as just a few clicks each time you wish to order. Also don’t forget to like us on the facebook page and share our posts – Friends of Arundel SS.

Giant Easter Raffle now on sale on flexischools

SPORT NEWS
Broadwater District Selections
Congratulations to Olivia of 5F who was selected in the 11 years girls Netball and to Dominic of 4E who has made the first round of selections in the 11 years boys Rugby League.

School Hats
Every day is a hat day at Arundel. Please ensure your child has the school hat in their bag every day with name clearly marked on it. Thank you in advance.

PE
Assessment will take place for all years over the next 2 weeks (weeks 7 & 8). It is very helpful for the child to have the correct and most suitable uniform during this time. For example, runners, school shorts and shirt for Years Prep, 1, 3 and 5; and swimming gear cap, goggles, rashie and swimmers for years 2, 4 and 6.
Hi my name is Ruby. On Sunday, 6 March I will be participating in Clean Up Australia Day. I am hoping that some other members of the community would like to join me at 9:00am at the end of Arun Drive (cul-de-sac) for a two hour clean up of the forest area. If you have two hours to spare, I would love to see you there. Ruby

**CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY**

**YEAR 5 EXCURSION TO HASTINGS POINT**

Year 5 will be participating in an excursion to Hastings Point Marine Museum as follows:-

- Monday, 14 March  
  5A and 5B
- Tuesday, 15 March  
  5C and 5D
- Wednesday, 16 March  
  5E and 5F

The cost of the excursion is $22.00 and payment is to be made by Friday, 11 March. Payments can be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, credit card or internet banking. The payment window is open **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only from 8:15am to 9:15am.**

**HELPING HANDS ARUNDEL**

Lesley Geerz is officially the Coordinator at Helping Hands Arundel and is very excited to be working in this role. Paula will remain at Arundel as the Assistant Coordinator. We are both very committed to improving the Service and value your input.

**VACATION CARE**

We are getting excited about the upcoming Easter Vacation Care. These holidays we are going on an excursion to Inflatable World on 5/4/16 and the children are looking forward to playing Laser Tag with their friends.

Please come in and complete a booking form and return it to Helping Hands Arundel to book your child in for a fun and exciting Vacation Care. Children must be enrolled to attend Vacation Care.

Some housekeeping:

* Please remember to sign your child in/out. This is a legal document that is used to keep a record of attendance as well as a document we use in an emergency when evacuating. It is vital that each child is signed in/out correctly.
* We practice sun safety - please ensure your child has a hat to use at OSHC.
* Please notify us if your child is absent. When children don’t arrive at ASC we need to call parents and look for the missing child (taking staff away from supervising the main group), if we have not found or contacted the parents by 3.30pm our policy is to call the police. This can take time especially if we have several children that parents have not notified us of their absence to call and locate. It is imperative that you notify us of your child being absent. Our policy states a $5 fee will be incurred if we need to contact you and your child is absent.
* This service is licensed from 6.30am to 6.00pm. Please contact Lesley or Paula if you are going to be late to collect your child/ren. Families who arrive after 6.00pm will be required to pay a late fee to cover the cost of staff wages.

We currently have vacancies for Before School Care and After School Care. Tuesday to Thursday’s are booking up before 10am. Please advise if your child is not attending, as we currently have a waiting list for these days. If you are in need of care for your child or you are interested in helping them develop their social interactions with others then give us a call on 0458010769. We are happy to answer any questions you may have.

We have been having a few issues with children bringing their mobile phone and technology. The children are asked to either keep their phones/technology in their bags or hand to Lesley or Paula for safe keeping. We thank you for your understanding.