Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

Supporting our Students’ Learning
This year, all schools have received additional support through the “Great Results Guarantee” funding initiative. Coupled with other school based funds, there is a considerable array of support being provided to students across the school.

Prep: Support re phonological awareness and print awareness skills, in small groups.
Early literacy / numeracy support and extension in class, through teacher aides.

Year 1: Teacher aide support on early writing skills, through small groups working within the classroom reading program.

Year 2: Teacher aide support for students, focussing on decoding, sight words and phoneme patterns, working in small groups in conjunction with classroom reading programs, extra teacher support to improve further comprehension strategies in higher ability/extension reading levels.

Years 3 to 7: Students who are experiencing difficulty in reading and maths receive weekly learning support (Mrs Hollis or teacher aide) or additional support by teachers and teacher aides through classroom reading program.

Year 4: Reading support to develop positive reading strategies and behaviours. (Year 3’s benefitted from this support last term.)

Support programs are monitored closely to ensure they are effective. In most cases, students do not remain in a program continually but rather on a rolling basis, allowing a wider number of students to receive support.

Across the school year, the school is providing a high level of support for the full range of students. Those who are struggling receive a high level of support and other children are receiving support at various times throughout the year for shorter periods.

Book Week Production – “Worlds Apart”
Students will have the opportunity to attend a Book Week Musical Production by Perform Musicals titled “Worlds Apart” on Tuesday, 12th or Wednesday, 13th August in the school Hall. This production will feature a selection of shortlisted books from The Children’s Book Council of Australia Annual Book Awards, as well as comedy, songs and dancing. The cost will be $6.00 per student. Money and Permission Forms are due by Friday, 8th August.

The above presentations are scheduled for 12th and 13th August. As this is our only “schoolwide” cash collection, parents are encouraged to ensure payment is made as soon as possible. A few years ago, we had many parents leave it until the last day, resulting in a queue over 60 metres long at the payment window.

Prep Enrolment 2015
Enrolments for Prep for 2015 are now open. Already there have been many enrolments. The support of all families is sought to spread the message that early enrolment allows for the school to plan ahead, for a smooth start to the new year. There will be many families in our neighbourhood who have no contact with the school but who would appreciate advice to come and enrol early.

Prospective parents may collect an enrolment pack from the school office. Students should be born between 1st July, 2009 and 30th June, 2010.

Each enrolling student requires a birth certificate.

Information sessions are being held to provide parents with an insight as to how they can prepare their child for Prep, the curriculum, the wider school and screening processes.

Information sessions are being held as follows:
Thursday, 11th September 9:15am – 10:15am, followed by a walking tour of the school.
Thursday, 11th September - 7pm to 8pm.
Tuesday, 11th November – 9:15am to 10:15am.

All sessions will be held in the staffroom. Every child enrolled to begin Prep in 2014, will undertake a screening process. This takes approx. 30 minutes and provides information about the child’s readiness for school, how he/she can be supported from the first day of school and to form balanced classes.
Screening will take place on:
Monday, 20th October (Pupil Free Day) and on other days as arranged.
The Uniform Shop will be open each day of the screenings. School tours will be offered after the completion of screening sessions.

School Opinion Surveys
Parents are encouraged to complete the Parent Opinion Survey if this has not yet been undertaken. Letters and access codes were sent to each parent by letter, last week.

Disco – Friday, 8th August
A Disco will be held on Friday, 8th August in the Hall.
4:30pm – 6:00pm - Prep to Year 3 students
6:30pm – 8:00pm - Years 4 to 7 students
Year 3 students may choose to attend either the Junior Disco or the Senior Disco (but not both)
The P&C will be organising activities and prizes in conjunction with the DJ, guaranteeing another successful Disco. The same exciting DJ has been arranged, so an evening of fun is assured.
There will be a sausage sizzle and tuckshop operating on the night. Water and cordial will be available at no cost. Glowsticks and other “glow products” will be on sale.
Costs : $5 per student.
The P&C is also offering a $7 package which includes entry, free cordial and water and a sausage in bread, OR a $10 package which includes entry, free cordial & water, sausage in bread and a show bag.
These packages are available as presale only – ie purchased on the Friday morning.
Payment is to be made at the door or tickets may be purchased on the morning of Friday, 8th August, from 8:00am to 8:45am, outside the admin building.
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.
- 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.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
New hair ties have arrived at the Uniform Shop.
The cost is $15.00 for the whole set (pictured) or $4 each.

JUNIOR SHARING – Prep to Year 2
Monday, 4 August, 2014 - 2:10pm

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UP AND COMING EVENTS

4 August to 6 August
Year 5 Camp – Lake Ainsworth Outdoor Education Centre

6th & 7th August
GCNPSSA District Track & Field Carnival at Griffith University.

Friday, 8th August
Disco

11th, 14th & 15th August
School Photos

12th & 13th August
Book Week Show “Worlds Apart”

Thursday, 21 August
Junior Sports Day
Prep - (9:00am-10:45am)
Year 2 - (11:15-12:45pm)

Friday, 22 August
Junior Sports Day
Year 1 (9:00am-10:45am)
Year 3 (11:15-12:45pm)

Free Dress Day for “Story Dogs”

Friday, 29th August
Gold Coast Show Holiday

Wed, Thurs, Fri 3,4,5 Sept
Fathers’ Day Stall

Wednesday, 17th September
Fun Run

LIBRARY NEWS
Library Volunteer Wanted
Role: primarily to stamp and cover books with plastic and contact plus shelve books.
Skills: attention to detail and neatness are essential. Training will be provided.
If you are interested please call in person at the library and see Susan to organise a trial day.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Monday, 11th August – Specialist Groups
- Sporting Teams, Junior and Senior Choirs, Instrumental Groups, House Captains and Vice Captains, Student Councillors and School Representatives.

Thursday, 14th August
- Prep, Year 1 and Year 5

Friday, 15th August
- Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 6 & Year 7.
LOST PROPERTY
Our Lost Property bin is overflowing with winter clothing and leftover items from the Year 6 & 7 camp. If you have lost anything please come and check out our Bin in the office. We also have small items such as glasses, wallets, phones etc.

2A NEWS
This term Year 2 will be writing procedures in English. We started the term by making Pikelets and writing our own procedure that we followed. This is Trinity, Manaia and Ashleigh’s published copy. Their procedure has a title, list of things needed, steps to follow and images to match. It was great to see that the children can use bossy verbs other than ‘get’ and ‘put’, – pour, crack, mix, add, decorate, scoop etc. Thank you to all parents who have sent in money for this.

DENTAL VAN
Currently Year 1 & Years 4 -7 have received an offer for parents to arrange an appointment for a dental check-up. All students are eligible & every year level will receive an offer whilst the clinic is here at Arundel SS. Parents are encouraged to arrange an appointment for all their children from age 4 years up to students currently in Year 10. Please call the Client Service Centre on 1300 300 850 to arrange an appointment. If you are unable to attend with your school-aged child please arrange for them to pick up a consent form from us at the dental van & they may come down from class for their appointment.

NEWS FROM THE P&C
An easy way for you to help raise funds for your school's P&C is to simply shop at the IGA at Crestwood Plaza on Olsen Ave using an IGA card. Each time you shop you swipe the card and points are given to our school. We have 100 IGA cards that have already been activated for collection at the school office. All you have to do is register the card online and nominate Arundel State School as the recipient of points. The points translate into funds donated to the school and the card also gives you access to special member discounts.
Please collect a card and start shopping at our local IGA.

GOLD COAST EISTEDDFOD
We have 16 entries this year. The following is the schedule for the Gold Coast Eisteddfod. There will be letters out to the students shortly, but I know some of you need to know now;
Gold Coast Arts Centre- Bundall
Junior Choir Monday 11/8/14 10.30am
Senior Choir Tuesday 12/8/14 6.30pm
Senior Band Tuesday 19/8/14 8.30am
String Ensemble Monday 25/8/14 6:00pm
Prep Speech Choir Thursday 28/8/14 10:00am
Y1 Speech Choir Thursday 28/8/14 12noon
Y2 Speech Choir (A) Thursday 28/8/14 1:30pm
Y2 Speech Choir (B) Thursday 28/8/14 3:00pm
Y4 Dance Excellence Monday 1/9/14 1:00pm
Senior Dance Excellence Monday 1/9/14 3:30pm & 5.30pm

Robina Community Centre
Drama Excellence (Senior Group Poem x 3) - Tuesday - 2/9/14 - 6:00pm
Drama Excellence (Junior Group Poem) - Thursday - 4/9/14 - 6:00pm
Drama Excellence (Individual Poem) - Friday - 5/9/14 - 6:40pm

HELENSVALE STATE HIGH SCHOOL EXCELLENCE SPORTS PROGRAM
Dance & Drama Excellence Auditions – Monday, 4th August.
e4e – Applications due by Monday, 4th August.
Music Excellence – USB/DVD to be submitted by 4th August.
Excite exam – Tuesday, 5th August – 3:30 – 4:30 pm.
Art Excellence Workshop – Wednesday, 6th August.
Sports Excellence Trials - 6th and 7th August – 3:45 – 5:15pm

YUMMY SURPRISE!  Tasty, Tasty, Tasty!
Learn lots of skills and techniques to become a chef! Helping Hands is pleased to offer you this unique opportunity for all the children at Arundel.
Cooking is one of life’s basic skills but it’s also a lot of fun for children! Join Chef Pete Zar on the journey to making the most Yummy Surprises!
The children will experience using kitchen tools and techniques to create lots of Yummy Surprises including desserts, starters and main courses! They will soon be cooking for the whole family! All the recipes used on the program will be provided for the children to repeat at home.

Best of all, there will be something to eat every week!!
For more information or to book onto this exciting 5 week program please contact Helping Hands Arundel on 0458 010 769 or email arundel@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au.
Booking forms are also available from the school office and Helping Hands Arundel service.