Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

On the Friday of next week, June 12, we will hold the **Fun Run**, an event organised by our P&C Association to raise funds for the school. The P&C has organised an excellent range of prizes for the students raising the most in sponsorships in each year level and across the whole school. I hope parents have been supporting the children in gaining sponsorships.

Students will run in their class groups for a period of twenty minutes after which they will be provided with a sausage sizzle and an ice block.

For your information the times for the classes to run are:

- Prep: 9.15 – 9.45am
- Year 1: 9.45 – 10.15am
- Year 2: 10.15 – 10.45am
- Year 3: 10.45 – 11.15am
- Year 4: 12.00 – 12.30pm
- Year 5: 12.30 – 1.00pm
- Year 6: 1.00 – 1.30pm

Prizes will be presented at a whole of school assembly on Monday, June 22. Parents are most welcome to attend and support the children as they complete their laps next Friday.

On Tuesday evening our **Readers Cup** team competed against twenty four other schools across the Gold Coast. Our team was placed 5th overall, an excellent result. Congratulations to our team and coach, Mrs McKay.

I thought I’d share the following **parenting tip** with you. It relates to that daily challenge of communication and understanding the needs / wants of your children.

*Do you sometimes feel like you need to be a mind reader to understand what your child wants?*

*It is important that children know how to ask for what they want. That means that they don’t throw tantrums, whinge or sulk and hope parents guess what’s on their minds.*

*When children are young, parents can help them to find the words they need to express themselves. We become experts after a while at interpreting what toddlers say, repeating back to them what they are saying.*

*We carry this on into childhood and adolescence, interpreting the silences of young people, sometimes second guessing grunts and shrugs. While we need to be patient with toddlers, we need also to give older children the chance and opportunity to ask for what they want.*

*Sometimes we need to ignore shrugs and grunts and expect them to articulate their wishes. This is the basis of civil behaviour, as well as a basic human skill of asking for what you want.*
Here’s 2 ways you can put this into practice:

1. Help children find the words they need to ask for what they want from you and others. Use prompts such as: “Take a minute and think through what it is you want me to do.” “What would you like me to do?”

2. Encourage children to ask for what they want in the following way:
   - Make eye contact
   - Speak clearly and to a person.
   - Use a moderate, firm voice as opposed to whiny or loud voice
   - Accept that the response they receive may not be the one they want

The basic task for parents is a teaching task. And teaching kids how to ask for what they want is a simple, but powerful lesson that we can pass on.” (Source: parentingideas.com.au)

This weekend is a long weekend for the Queens’ Birthday holiday on Monday.
Have a great long weekend,
Michael Kelly

**REMININDER REGARDING VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION**

The Voluntary Contribution Scheme is based on parents contributing the sum of $90 per student for their first child at the school and $60 for each other child in the 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 still 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.

Instalments and donations will also be accepted to assist the school in enhancing the day to day learning in classrooms and ensuring that the learning is dynamic, interesting and linked to real life activities.

**NO PARADE THIS WEEK DUE TO PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

**CLASS AWARDS (Senior Sharing)**

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**UP AND COMING EVENTS**

- **Monday, 8 June**  Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
- **Friday, 12 June**  Annual Fun Run
- **Monday, 15 June**  Interschool Sport Year 4-7 – Game 3
- **Tuesday, 16 June** Interschool Chess Competition – Arundel SS school hall
- **Wednesday, 17 June** Year 2 Circus Concert 1:30pm
  Year 4 Dance Display 2:30pm
**Friday, 19 June**  
School Disco  
Year 3-7 Senior Track and Field Day

**Monday, 22 June**  
Interschool Sport Year 4-7 – Game 4

**Tuesday, 23 June**  
Year 5 Planetarium Excursion

**Wednesday, 24 June**  
Year 3 Excursion - Starlab

**Thursday, 25 June**  
Year 6 Rock n Roll Show 9:45am

**Friday, 26 June**  
Free Dress Day  
Last day of Term 2

**Monday, 13 July**  
First day of Term 3

**K’S FOR KIDS**  
The K’s4Kids walkathon this year was a huge success with a number of staff and students walking to raise money for the Arundel State School Chaplaincy Program. The Local Chaplaincy Committee and the School Chaplain would like to give a big special thank you to the school P&C and Helping Hands, who each donated $500 to the fundraiser. The total amount raised this year was just over $2,000, making it one of our greatest fundraising events ever! We want to thank everyone who walked and everyone who donated this year and wish to acknowledge the generous support of our local community for the chaplaincy program at Arundel. Zane Howell

**YEAR 5 EXCURSION TO THE PLANETARIUM**  
Year 5 will be attending an excursion at the Planetarium at Mt Coot-tha, Brisbane on **Tuesday, 23 June**. The cost of the excursion is **$20.00** which includes bus fare and entry to the centre. Payment is to be made via the payment window on Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings between 8:15am and 9:15am. As final numbers for the bus booking must be made by **Friday, 19 June** no payments will be accepted after 9:15am on this day.

The excursion will be leaving school at 8:45am. Please ensure that students arrive at school on time as the bus cannot wait and will depart promptly at 8:45am. Students will need to bring their morning tea and lunch in separate bags with drinks for these breaks (no glass please). Students also need to be in full uniform including a hat as we would like to have lunch in the Botanical Gardens after the show.

**NEWS FROM THE P&C**  
With just a week until our annual fun run, we hope all families are busy getting sponsors to support their child’s efforts on the day. Early bird payments are due this **Friday 5 June**, with all completed forms with full payment going into the draw for some really great prizes. Take all payments to the tuckshop or uniforms shop. We will be rewarding all runners with a refreshing icy pole. We look forward to lots of cheering parents on the day. You could even put your shoes on and run with the kids!

Our next P&C meeting is **Monday 15th June at 3:30pm** - all welcome.

**INTERSCHOOL CHESS COMPETITION**  
An interschool chess competition is being held at Arundel State School on **Tuesday, 16 June 2015**. If you would like your child to participate, please collect a note from the school office. The cost of this event is **$18.00** and the competition is best suited to intermediate and advanced chess players. All payments must be finalised by **Wednesday, 10 June**. Payments can be made at the payment window on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings between 8:15am and 9:15am.

**2C’s NEWS**  
What a busy term we have had! The class are enjoying writing Narratives and changing the characters. In Science the students are in the final stages of designing and making their own push or pull toy. You may see some of our creative toys Friday afternoon. At the end of this term all of our class will have the opportunity to perform on stage in the Circus extravaganza.
**PERFORMING ARTS NEWS**

In week 9 there will be a Year 2 Circus concert on Wednesday, 17 June at 1:30pm in the school hall. All Year 2 parents are invited.

There will also be a short Year 4 Dance display on the same day, Wednesday 17 June at 2:30pm in the school hall. All Year 4 parents are invited.

In week 10 there will be a Year 6 Rock n Roll show on Thursday, 25 June at 9:45am in the school hall. All Year 6 parents are invited.

Please come along and see your children perform. There will be notes home to parents soon.

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**PE AND SPORT NEWS**

**Year 3-7 Senior Track and Field Day – Friday, 19 June 9:00am-3:00pm**

This year will be the first year that we have included Year 3 in the senior track and field day. Students will participate in their year of birth in a rotational athletic program. All students should wear their sport uniform, sport shoes and hat.

Parents are welcome to attend. More details to come.

**Interschool Sport Wrap**

Congratulations on the performance and sportsmanship displayed during the past 2 weeks of competition. There have been a mixture of results and Arundel’s performance in the competition will be consolidated in the 3rd round of games.

The next Interschool Sport competition is 15th June. Students are reminded to bring sufficient water and a nutritious lunch to refuel the body for awesome performance. Quality input equals quality output.

**Sport Representative**

Roman 4A received well deserved congratulations as a result of his performance in Oztag this year. Roman represented the Labrador Rabbits at the Junior Oztag State Cup earlier this year and was selected to represent Queensland this month at the Oztag State of Origin. Arundel ran an Oztag comp during school in 2014 in conjunction with Labrador Oztag and Roman was hooked from there!

**After School Sport**

**LAPS** – Little Athletics continues to Thursday 18 June.

**Rookies2Reds** – Last week of this program is Wednesday 3 June.

**Auskick** – 2 more weeks of AFL action finishing on 12th June. Take the opportunity to register your child in the AFL Juniors Super Clinic on 29 June and Wednesday 1st July. Registration forms are available at the school office.