Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

Classes for 2015

Deputy Principals are well advanced in planning class groups for 2015. Every child’s progress, needs and friendship groups, will be considered by our Deputy Principals, in association with teachers. In every case, the best placement for each child is our desired goal.

Parents were invited to lodge with admin, information that they wished to be considered within this process. While the teachers and deputy principals would be aware of most issues relating to a child’s needs, the parent feedback is helpful. The closing date for parents to submit this information was last Friday. Thanks to those parents who submitted information to assist with this process. Almost every request was based on the learning or social needs of the child (as requested). Parents will be advised of the staff plan in Week 9 and then classes will be published in the final week of the year.

Prep 2015

Enrolments for Prep for 2015 are progressing very well. 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. 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 have been 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. A further information session is being held on Tuesday, 11th November – 9:15am to 10:15am in the staffroom. All prospective parents are welcome.

Bus Travel

Students who travel on a bus, to/from school, are required to sit quietly while in transit. The welfare of all passengers is paramount. Further, the driver does not have the luxury of checking on all students continuously. His/her attention needs to be on the road. Students who misbehave run the risk of being warned or ultimately suspended from using the bus.

The school will seek feedback from older students about behaviour on the buses, from time to time. However, any issues or concerns should be reported to the school office as soon as is practical.

Planning for 2015

The period over Christmas is a time when many families experience changed circumstances. This often results in students having to change schools. Families whose children are moving schools are asked to advise the school office either in person, by phone or email/letter. Further, if a parent wishes to have advice about the process of changing schools or information about prospective schools in another locality, please contact the office.

We are disappointed to lose students, but recognise that this is necessary at times and therefore are willing to assist with any transition into a new school.

New ACARA Curriculum for 2015

ACARA (Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority) is responsible for the development of the curriculum for all schools across our nation. New curriculum areas, mostly replacing older curriculum programs, will be progressively introduced in all
schools. The following will be new curriculum introduced to our school in 2015.

The Civics and Citizenship Curriculum is all about ensuring Years 3 to 6 students have the skills and values to become active and informed citizens. Students will investigate political and legal systems, and explore the nature of citizenship, diversity and identity in contemporary society.

The Civics and Citizenship curriculum is designed to foster students’ commitment to national values of democracy, equity and justice. This curriculum will develop students’ appreciation of Australia’s diversity and, overall, “what it means to be a citizen”. It explores ways in which students participate in Australia’s civic life and make a positive contribution as local and global citizens.

The Economics and Business Curriculum, for Years 5 & 6, explores aspects of economics and business that affect daily life. Students will learn about the role that individuals, businesses and governments play in the economy, the way they make decisions about how to allocate resources and the effects of these decisions. Through studying economics and business, students will develop consumer and financial literacy skills, entering capabilities, and the ability to make responsible and informed decisions. These skills will allow students to face challenges of the 21st century, to maximize their opportunities for productive and rewarding futures and to make a contribution to the economy. The curriculum will enable students to engage with the economy as business and financially literate citizens locally, nationally, regionally and globally, both now and in the future.

Further work is being undertaken with a view to also introducing “Technology”. Technologies draw together the distinct but related subjects of Design and Technologies and Digital Technologies. It will ensure that all students benefit from learning about and working with traditional, contemporary and emerging technologies that shape the world in which we live. In creating solutions, as well as responding to the designed world, students will contribute to sustainable patterns of living for themselves and others.

Applications for 2015 Bus Passes are due now for all new passengers for 2015. To ensure timely distribution of bus passes in the New Year, please submit your application before the end of November 2014.

Important Information for Existing Buss Pass Holders
At the end of each school year, please ensure that the current pass is retained to be used in the new school year until the new pass is issued. Students with an existing bus pass need only re-apply for a 2015 bus pass if your child is moving from Primary to Secondary School or is repeating a grade or is changing their home address or school.

Eligibility and Application Forms
Information on the School Transport Assistance Scheme (STAS), eligibility and application forms is available from TransLink. Please return completed Application Forms to:-
Surfside Buslines, PO Box 3036, Robina, Qld, 4230 or email schools@tagroup.net.au or fax 5571 6556.

Applications will be processed over the Christmas school holidays. Once applications are approved, bus passes are sent to school for collection. Please allow 10 -15 working days from the start of Term One, 2015.

Prior to Government approval of bus travel assistance, all students can travel by bus to school using a TransLink Go card.

REMEMBER - A valid bus pass must be produced to the driver or the relevant fare paid via cash or Go card. Information on fares, Go cards, zones and bus timetables is available from TransLink or phone 13 12 30.

STUDENTS & PARENTS IMPORTANT NOTICE
Afternoon Bus 3151
Effective from Monday, 1 December 2014, afternoon school service 3151 will be replaced by bus number 3022. Please note the new route and timing points for bus number 3022 will operate as follows:-
Depart Arundel Primary at 3:05pm, (L) Woodlands Way, (L) Uplands Dr, (R) Greenacres Dr (3:11pm), (R) Napper Rd, (R) Daintree Dr, (R) Wardley Dr, (R) Napper Rd, (R) Woodlands Way, (R) Napper Rd, (R) Parkwood Bvd (3:22pm), (L) Henry Cotton Dr, (R) Wintergreen Dr (3:30pm).

Detailed timetable for this service will be available on our web site from 27 November 2014. www.surfside.com.au.
JUNIOR SCHOOL SHARING – Prep – Yr 2
Monday, 10th November, 2014 - 2:10pm

Presenters Sharing Items

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- Guest Items

UP AND COMING EVENTS

Mondays
- Year 5 Swimming

Tuesdays
- Year 6 & 7 Aquatic Program

Wednesdays
- Year 3 Swimming

Fridays
- Prep Swimming

Tuesday, 11th November
- Prep Information Session – 9:15am

Tuesday, 18th November
- Yr 6/7 Main Beach Surf Safety

Wednesday, 19th November
- Performing Arts Information Evening

Thursday, 4th December
- Christmas Concerts – 11:30am & 6:30pm

Tuesday, 9th December
- Year 6 Graduation & Yrs 6/7 Presentation

Wednesday, 10th December
- Year 7 Graduation – Sharks Club

Friday, 13th December
- Last Day of School

3B NEWS

This term 3B has been learning about the Seven Steps to Writing Success with Mrs Hollis. We would love to share some of our sizzling starts with you.

"Stop Lucy!" said Lucy's dad, but it was too late. Lucy was in the Lion's cage. The lion and Lucy were circling each other. What's going to happen next? – Blake

Crash! went Mum's favourite vase. "Oops, Mum is going to kill me," I thought. – Charli

I walked to school and I heard crashing and yelling. It was horrible! Crash! Somebody dropped the teacher's laptop. "Do I have to go in?" I thought, but I had no choice! – Corey

Slice!!! Four quarters of gross mud cake ended up in my face! Two of my friends helped me, but two big mud cakes went in their faces!! Bam, the party went crazy. – Hayden

Splat! "A pizza in my face," yelled a little girl. "Oh no," she said, "A food fight in the food room." People throwing burgers, sandwiches and pizza's everywhere. – Olivia

Smash! Glass shattering as I walk. "Stop that!" I said, "Duck." A bowl of spaghetti was about to hit my best friends head. – Hazel

Lucy was going to the zoo. She went to see the lion first. When Lucy went in the lion's cage Dad screamed, "Noooooooo!" - Stacey

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

On Friday, 24th October, the Dance Excellence children participated in a great day at Dance Ed in the Spotlight. They enjoyed the workshops and performing on the big Arts Centre stage again.

We completed auditions for Dance and Drama Excellence last Friday. We were thrilled with the number of children who wanted to audition. We had over 300 children audition and we accepted 34 into Dance and 23 into Drama. The standard has lifted and our children are awesome. The names of the children selected have been put on a list on Mrs Thornton's window. We will hold a meeting next week on Wednesday at 2nd break in Mrs Thornton's room. There will be an acceptance letter sent home if your child got in.

Our Senior Choir and Senior Band will be going to two retirement homes this year. Leamington Nursing home and Arcare at Helensvale. It is the final year for some students that have been with us since we started touring. We will miss them all terribly.

Our Christmas Concerts are coming!! Please put Thursday, 4th December in your diaries. The 11:30am show will involve Prep and Years 1 & 4, and the 6:30pm show will have our Years 2, 3, & 5 students. Our Drama Excellence students are presenting a play and Dance Excellence students will perform a couple of dances. Hope to see you there. We will send a letter home soon.

Instrumental/Performing Arts Information Evening

On Wednesday, 19th November @ 6:00pm in the HALL, there will be an Information Session for our School Band, Strings and Dance and Drama Excellence.

If your child has expressed an interest in being in one of our wonderful and enriching programs, please come along.
HELPING HANDS
The children have been enjoying a wide range of activities provided and we have had a huge amount of interest in the science programme after school. The children made some really cool experiments and I am sure that they are looking forward to see what they can make and experiment with next week! Tamara & Anne have been re-assessing at how the programme is being delivered and are looking at implementing some changes so that we can provide quality learning stories and experiences for your child.

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. 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. We currently have vacancies for Before School Care and After School Care. If you are needing care for your child please give us a call on 0458010769. We are happy to answer any questions you may have.

Junior Rugby League Sign on: Saturday, 6 December, 2014, 12:00noon - 3:00pm at Parkwood Sharks, 180 Musgrave Ave, Labrador.

Early Sign-On Discounted Prices:
Under 6s - $155.00 (save $20) & Under 7s to 17s - $230.00 (save $20). Sausage sizzle from 12 to 3pm.
2015 Club shorts and socks will be included in the early sign on, if fees are paid in full on the day.