Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Our Eisteddfod commitments commence today with our dance groups performing throughout the day. Next week we move into the choral competitions. Last Friday our music and performing arts teachers organised a concert to showcase all the items that we have entered in the Eisteddfod. Our students were superb and feedback was very positive. The Eisteddfod provides another opportunity for students to participate in another extra curricula event. Whilst we are earnest in our pursuit of academic excellence it is imperative that we provide a rounded range of programs to enable all students to experience success whilst in primary school. Many of our dancers today do not attend dance classes after school, they are first timers, and learn their new skills from our own dedicated staff at Arundel.

I hope you are keeping your stickers from Woolies if you shop there, and send them in to the office so that we can use them in the Woolies Earn and Learn program. The more stickers we have the more resources we will be able to purchase for our school.

I was pleased to see the chess class in action last Thursday. An external provider runs this program which enables students who want to try another activity learn the skills of playing this fascinating game. There is still an opportunity to join in if your child is interested.

Next week school photographs will be taken. Our Newsletter contains details of the day your child’s class is to be photographed. Please ensure your child is in school uniform. I continue to be impressed at the number of students and parents attending the Book Fair. Some of the kids attend each day to browse the collections. They just love it. The Book Fair concludes tomorrow.

Parents of students in year three and five should have now received their individual NAPLAN report. This report shows the performance of the student in each of the test areas – reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy on an achievement scale. The scale is organised in band levels which range from band one (the lowest) to band six (the highest) in year three and from band three (the lowest) to band eight (the highest) in year five. The scale also shows the Australian average so students can see where they sit in relation to all students in Australia who completed the tests. If you need any help in interpreting the report please contact myself or your class teacher.

Have a nice weekend.
Michael Kelly
Principal

NO PARADE - Friday, 14th August 2015 due to School Photographs in the Hall.

UP AND COMING EVENTS

Friday, 7th August
10th, 13th, 14th August
Tuesday, 11th August
Wednesday, 12th August
Thursday, 13th August
Monday, 17 August & Tuesday, 18 August
Tuesday, 18th August
Tuesday, 18th August & Wednesday, 19 August

Strings Workshop – School Hall
School Photos
Junior Choir – Eisteddfod – 9:00am
Senior Choir – Eisteddfod – 5:30pm
Prep Orientation
Year 2 History Excursion - Hall
Senior Band - Eisteddfod – 9:00am

District Track and Field Carnival at Griffith University Athletics Track
PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE (Mrs McKay)
I have received many Reading Record Forms already. Well Done!
As you complete your form, please hand it in to the Library. You have until Tuesday, 1st September. The form must be handed in by the due date in order to qualify for the challenge. If a new Reading Record Form is required, one may be downloaded from the school’s website. I am looking forward to all students participating in the challenge.

SCHOOL PHOTOS (Mr McConnell)
School Photo Days are the 10th, 13th and 14th August. Envelopes were distributed to students last week. Please read the information from MSP Photography printed on the payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:
- Don’t seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope, however, each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day. Please indicate on the child’s envelope that contains all sibling payments the names of the children you are paying for.
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash, cheques, money orders or credit cards are accepted.

For any enquiries please feel free to contact MSP Photography on 55202999 or our deputy principal, Mr McConnell.

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PREP INFORMATION SESSIONS (Mrs Dendrinos)
The Prep program is designed to promote individual development and a foundation for successful learning and personal development. Sessions are available to prospective parents to learn about The Arundel State School and specifically about the Prep program. All parents are welcome to attend.
Information sessions for prospective parents will be held on Thursday, 13th August at 9:15 (the morning session includes a tour of the school) and again at 6:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

PREP EXPERIENCES (Mrs Dendrinos)
If your childcare is not having any Prep visits to our school, then don’t worry! We are offering Prep Experiences on Thursday, 20th August from 9:30 to 10:30am and Tuesday, 15th September from 9:30am to 10:30am. This experience will include visits to our Music Teacher (who is a lot of fun), the Library, Lunchtime play experiences, Prep classroom fun and a whole lot more! So if you wish to come and join us and have a great time then please call the school on 55614888, just to let us know you are coming. It is also fine if you just turn up on the day. We hope you can join in and have fun at Arundel.

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS (from Mrs Thornton and Mrs Adamson)
The Eisteddfod is nearly upon us. Please check that your child has all the items they require to perform. Performance times are as follows:
Tuesday, 11th August - Junior Choir - 9am
Wednesday – 12th August - Senior Choir - 5.30pm
Tuesday 18th August - Band - 9am
Wednesday 26th August - String Ensemble - 6pm
Thursday 3rd September - Drama Poems - 5.30pm (Seniors)
Sunday 6th September - Drama Poems- 5.30pm (Juniors)
Just a reminder that all students must return the slip on the bottom of the Eisteddfod letter. Children who have not brought in their own items for their performance on Friday will not be able to perform. Thanks for your support, the children and teachers are very excited as the Dance Excellence Crew will compete this evening! Good luck to all our performers.
The Band and Strings students going to the Eisteddfod need to purchase a Band shirt from the Uniform shop. They are available to purchase now. Students are to wear the Band shirt, black pants and black shoes and socks.

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 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 - BSBN: 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.

**4D NEWS**

*(from Mrs Kingston and Mr Lang)*

In this term 4D are reading an exciting quest novel called Rowan of Rin. Students are focusing on character development and language features used by the author to engage the audience. In our reading groups we are learning to adopt different comprehension strategies to elevate our reading and understanding. Our class has been having fun investigating area and perimeter of 2D objects in maths. We are also practising our operations every day. In history we are learning about the diversity and longevity of Australia’s first people and taking a closer look at the Eora tribes of the Torres Strait region. In science this term we are investigating the properties and characteristics of lots of materials including slime, fabrics and ochre.

**PE NEWS (Ms Mitchell-Cowan)**

**Badge Running**

Only 6 more sessions of Badge Running left for 2015. Many students are so close to getting their target number of laps for a Badge. See Ms Mitchell on the oval on Tuesdays and Fridays 8am to claim your badge! Be proud and display your awesome running achievement on your school hat. Well done to all students running so far!

**School Hats**

PE/ Sport sessions are being conducted on the oval or courts and all students from Prep to Year 6 need a hat to protect them from the sun while they are actively participating in their sport program. Could parents help the PE staff by ensuring their child’s hat is ready for their sport day and their child’s name is clearly printed on their hat. Prep -Thursdays; Year 1-Fridays; Years 2 & 3- Wednesdays; Years 4 & 5 – Mondays; Year 6 - Tuesdays

Reminder that the Broadwater District Track & Field Trials will take place on Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th August (week 6) at the Griffith University Athletics track. Training will take place on Tuesdays 11:15 -12 (high jump and shot put) and Wednesdays 8am to 8.30am (long jump and sprinting). The Arundel State School District Track and Field Team will be posted on the sport noticeboard. Permission letters have been distributed. Parents, if you haven’t already done so, please return forms to the school office. There is no cost to this event this year. If transport is required please indicate arrangements on the return slip.

**Arundel After School Sport Programs for Term 3**

Monday-Tennis started week 1 (all term) Bookings essential.  
Tuesday-SoccerX started week 3 (Tuesdays for 5 weeks);  
Please register online www.soccer-x.com.  
Wednesday -Aussie Hoops started week 3 (6 weeks) - $65. Register online www.goldcoast.basketball.net.au. Scroll down to Aussie Hoops widget and it will take you to the online registration area.  
Thursday- Oztag started Thursday week 3 (5 weeks) Year 3,4,5,6 August, 2015.

**WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN PROGRAM**

The Woolworths Earn and Learn program gives our School the change to earn new educational resources. When you shop at Woolworths you will receive one Sticker for every $10 spent. Stick the Stickers onto the Sticker Sheet. These can be downloaded from the Woolworths website. Once your Sticker Sheet is full, please bring it into the School office and drop it into the Collection Box located in the foyer of our school administration building. The promotion closes on the 8th September.

**SCHOOL CHESS PROGRAM (Mr McConnell)**

Gardiner Chess are offering our students the opportunity to play Chess in an after school program. Coaching will be held in the school Library every Thursday from 3:05 – 4:05 pm at a cost of $21.00 per student. Classes commenced on the 23rd July and run through until the 17th September. Lessons cater for all ages and abilities. To register your child/children please go to www.gardinerchess.com.au and click on the ‘parents’ icon. You then need to create a new account and follow the instructions. For further information please call Gardiner Chess on 55227221.

**P&C NEWS**

It’s Eisteddfod time again for the Performing Arts department. New band shirts have been ordered and will be available for purchase. We are also asking if anyone has band shirts at home that they don’t need, could they donate them to the Uniform Shop so that we can offer a second hand option as well? Best wishes to all the performers. Shortly we will be calling for volunteers for the Father’s Day Stall to be held over 3 days - Sept 2nd - 4th. As usual we will have a huge supply of well-priced gifts for all the Dads.

We are in the planning phase for our huge fundraiser in Term 4 – a Spellathon. We hope all the children are being inspired by the Spelling Bee on TV. We will also have great prizes to be won. The next meeting of the P&C is this coming Monday, 10th August at 3:30pm in the staffroom. Afternoon tea will be served. All welcome.
YEAR 2 HISTORY EXCURSION (Mrs Thompson)

Year 2's will be taking part in a History Excursion in our School Hall on 17th & 18th August during week 6. The cost of the excursion is $7.00 per students. Letters were sent home last Friday with your child. Money is to be paid by Friday, 14th August via the payment window situated on the Napper Road side of the administration building. The payment window is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only from 8:15am to 9:15am. Internet payments must be paid by Wednesday, 12th August.

HELPING HANDS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
Build your very own Castle or Dolls House!

Date: Thursday 13 August then 5 consecutive Thursdays
Time: 3:30pm to 4:45pm.

Gather your tools and build your very own castle or dolls house then make and mend clay into fantastic furniture for your building!

Over the 5 week program the children will:
- Choose a building design.
- Piece together the walls, the roof, the floor and the inside rooms and fix it together using screws.
- Attach the hinged front door.
- Design and mould chairs, tables, lounges, ovens, televisions and people from clay.
- Paint and decorate the Furniture AND the Castle All tasks are completed using real wood sections, real tools and clay! Please note that no power tools or nails are used in this program.

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 available from Helping Hands.