Welcome to all students and their families for 2014. We have had a busy start to the year with four new students starting at Arndell. Swim School once again occurred in the first two weeks where the students all worked hard to improve their swimming skills. We welcome back most of our staff from last year: Belinda Allen and Lyn Wood with the Dolphins, Luke Hanley, Debra Goodman and David Pappas in Starfish, Andrew Bartle and Mick Dunajcik with the Turtles and Sally Hambleton and Angela McCarthy in the Seahorse Class. Ann McKinnon is once again supporting all students especially with individual assessment and learning.

At the start of each year I like to include our school rules so you know our behaviour expectations for our students while they are at Arndell.

**Arndell School Rules**

- Do your best work
- Speak kindly
- Play safely
- Look after our school
- Cooperate with adults

**New Students**

We welcomed four new students to Arndell in the first 4 weeks, Marcelo and Luca joined the Starfish Class and James and Angus joined the Dolphins. We welcome the boys and their families and look forward to working with them this year. Dominic moved from the Dolphins to the Turtles.
Swim School

From the photos below you can see that the students worked very hard at improving their swimming skills with the assistance of the enthusiastic swim school teachers. Each afternoon for the first two weeks of term the students were involved in lessons. The teachers were very pleased with the progress that the students made during those two weeks in particular those students who hadn’t put their face under water before.

Facilities

On the 21st February we had our opening of the pirate ship playground equipment. Many parents and family members were able to come and join our special assembly and join in the morning activities. The Mayor of Ryde, Mr. Roy Maggio kindly attended to officially open the new equipment. He had a tour of the Coral Tree/Arndell facilities and was very impressed. Thank you to all who came along to make it a very enjoyable morning.
Morning tea with the Mayor
The Mayor, Roy Maggio was so impressed with the students of Arndell that he invited the older students to have morning tea in his chambers and a visit to council chambers. The students really enjoyed their visit and I think the Mayor did too.

Red Cards
Congratulations to Charlie and Perrin from the Starfish Class and Jack from the Turtles for achieving their Red Card Awards for 2014. I'm sure more students will join them before the end of this term.

Professional Learning
On the Staff Professional Development Day this term staff undertook their Advanced First Aid Course. I'm happy to say everyone passed with flying colours.

Term 1 Events

Week 6  Friday  6th March  Swimming Carnival at Arndell School

Week 9  Friday 28th March  Excursion to Homebush Aquatic Centre

Week 11  Friday 12th April  Last day of term

Kerrie Haines,
Principal.