**Principal’s Note**

**COMPREHENSION**  As I have mentioned in recent Newsletters we are all working hard on developing our reading skills. A key aspect in developing meaningful reading skills is the development of comprehension skills.

The following SIX STEPS to COMPREHENSION are the steps we are using at the school to support this skill development:

1. **ARE THERE ANY CLUES?** Look for any clues the text has which would give the reader an idea about the content of the text (Title, diagrams, Text structure, punctuation, dates, numbers, the print used)

2. **WHAT IS IT ABOUT?** Can the reader predict the content of the text, are there any difficult or unusual words

3. **READ IT!** Read the text silently, read the text together, read on to find the meaning, use the context clues

4. **CLEAR IT UP** Is there anything that needs clarifying -words, phrases, concepts?

5. **QUESTION TIME?** Is the meaning of each word understood?

6. **SAY IT IN YOUR OWN WORDS** Can you retell the story or information in the text?

When you are reading with your child over the holiday break take an opportunity to use some or all of these steps to assist your child to develop their comprehension skills.

You can practice on any piece of text—long short, fiction or non-fiction, comics, magazines or text you see on television, on a sign... anywhere.

**HAVE FUN reading all types of texts.**

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**Spotlight**

Our very successful School Choir who won their section at the recent Eisteddfod. With the choir is Mrs O’Donnell, Music Teacher, and Mrs Imo, Teacher and Accompanist.

The students in the school’s Concert Band were Highly Commended in close competition.

Have a relaxing and enjoyable mid-semester break and come back safe in Term 4, Tuesday, 7 October.

Jan Cooper
Principal.
**EVENTS/ACTIVITIES PAYMENTS**

Your earliest attention to these payments is gratefully appreciated. If you are unable to meet the payment closing dates, please contact the school administration early on to discuss alternate arrangements.

The cash collection window is open between 8:15 to 9:00am and 2:15 to 2:45pm, or phone us on 4729 5111 for credit card payments. Thank you for your support.

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**5 KEYS TO SUCCESS—YOU CAN DO IT!**

The framework of Annandale State School’s Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students

**Behaviour Focus Keys**

**Confidence:** Means trying something new and not being afraid of making mistakes.

**Persistence:** Means sticking to work that seems very hard or impossible to do and not giving up.

**Getting Along:** Means helping others with their school work, working nicely in small groups, and managing your temper when someone is mean to you or doesn’t do what you want.

**Resilience:** Means you are good at staying calm (you don’t get nervous, down or angry), calming down when you get upset and bouncing back to do your work and play with others.

**Organisation:** Means having all your school supplies with you at school and home, placing your past work into folders with dividers, having the goal to be successful and do your personal best, planning your time so that you do not rush your work.

Pre-Year 3 winners this week: Mia Beale (1B4), Indiana Wyeth (3K4), Cameron Blair (3K3), Ellouise Sergi (PP2), Tyler Matthews (PQ1)

Queensland Term dates - 2014

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**MUSIC NOTES**

**Eisteddfod Success**

During term 3, fifty nine (59) Annandale State School students had been practicing hard and attending rehearsals in the lead up to the Eisteddfod in week 9. I must say that Mrs Hurditch, Mrs Imo, Mrs Mitchell, Ms Wu, Mr Temple, Mr Brunskill and I were beaming with pride and even shared a tear of joy when watching our students collect their awards.

Our Eisteddfod awards

1. **String orchestra - 2nd place.**
2. **Senior band - highly commended.**
3. **Choir in Folk Singing - 1st place** for singing the Chinese song *Xiao Yan zi (Little Swallow)*

**Choir in Novelty chorus - highly commended** for singing the *Candy Man*

**Strings**

- Justine Tolentino
- Kadin Abbott
- Anika Dixit
- Emma Burton
- Kelly Goebel
- Lilly Leavers
- Harrison Turner
- Sharnelle Ginger
- Kevin Mathew
- Michael Dennison
- Kiana Hervey
- Troy Salvador
- Amy Kim
- Levi Murakami
- Sae Hyun Jang
- Kristin Renall
- Parth Jhamb
- Brenden
- Lily Murakami
- Mia Sexton

**Percussion**

- Brendon Scarr
- Ethan Draper
- Anshak Shaju
- Lauren Reynolds
- Maddy Brunker
- Anitta Biju
- Emma Burton
- Kelly Goebel
- Lily Leavers
- Sean Peak
- Anitha Biju
- Berakah Imo
- Maddison Beale
- Ariana Bourke
- Dylan Campbell
- Alileen Delta
- Amanda Doyle
- Thanhuel Hawes
- Ainslie Minogue
- Blair Minogue
- Caelan Kennard
- Liam Pope
- Liley Gray
- Emma Angus
- Mia Sexton

**Choir**

- Justine Tolentino
- Anika Barnes
- Kasey Bowyer
- Jack Burgess
- Dylan Campbell
- Aileen Delta
- Kasey Evans
- Mia Horwood
- Brooke Joyce
- Charlotte Kavanagh
- Claire McCann
- Abigail McMillan
- Jasmine Paul
- Lilly Penney
- Emily Scarr
- Lucy Thompson
- Charlie Vernon

**Solo Eisteddfod awards**

- **Timothy Salvador** of 3L3 achieved:
  - 2nd place in Digital Piano Solo Classical (age 8-9) division
  - 3rd place in Digital Piano Solo Contemporary (age 8-9) division
  - 2nd place in Digital Piano Solo Junior Championship (ages 13 yrs and under)

- **Levi Murakami** of 4D4 achieved:
  - 2nd place in Bowed String Solo (ages 10 and under) division

- **Austin Park** in 3L1 achieved:
  - 2nd place in Piano Solo - Australian composer (Ages 12 and under) division
  - 3rd place in Popular Piano Solo - without improvisation (Ages 10 and under) division

- **Amy Kim** of 5F3 passed her Grade 5 Piano exam.

We sure do have a lot of talented students! Congratulations students!

Some comments from students:

I thought it was great fun. It was an awesome experience and I loved performing on the stage.

*The Eisteddfod was a great experience. We worked hard until we got on the stage. We loved the ride and encourage everyone to perform in an eisteddfod by joining the orchestra or senior or junior bands.*

*kate Mitchell (strings)*

5E3.

Karen O’Donnell

Music

*Some of our talented students who were successful at the Eisteddfod*
**Lexile Upgrade Next Term**

Scholastic Australia who supply the Lexile system for our school have informed us that we will need to upgrade to **Literacy Pro** as it will become the new platform for the delivery of the Lexile system. At the end of 2014 they are switching off the old Lexile system as we currently know it. There are a number of benefits in this migration but also a downside as well.

**Benefits**

- Improved reports that can be easily accessed to demonstrate how your child is progressing with their reading.
- A wider range of whole class data and reports that can be used by teachers to inform programs and assist with individual instruction.
- All reports can be viewed as a graph or a table for easy analysis.
- An expanded Lexile data base meaning students will have access to even more books with Lexile quizzes.
- All students currently on the system will have a lifetime license that will be honoured by Literacy Pro.

**Disadvantage**

All new users in 2015 will be **required to pay an annual $10 fee** rather than the one off fee that was previously charged under the old system.

When the migration takes place in early term 4 students will access Literacy Pro (new Lexile system) via Scholastic Learning Zone the new digital portal that hosts this site. The URL and any new password and usernames required will be provided to students once the migration has occurred.

If you have any questions in relation to this issue please contact the Library staff either by visiting, calling (47295186) or email library@annandaless.eq.edu.au.

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**2015 Annandale 1 to 1 Laptop Class**

Closing date for Nomination forms for the 2015 - 1 to 1 Laptop class is **Friday 19th September**. Any parents wanting their child to be part of the laptop class need to fill in a nomination form which can be collected at the office. Forms can be handed into the office. An information booklet about the program is available in the office for collection.

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**Look after our school.**

If you see any suspicious activity in the school during the holidays, please call **SCHOOLWATCH 131788**

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**DEFENCE NEWS**

**Morning Tea**

Please join us if you can for our informal morning teas. Our next morning tea will be held **Week 1 of next term - Thursday 9th October** from 8.50am. If you are available, it would be great if you could come along.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable school holiday and we look forward to seeing you next term.

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**P & C NEWS**

**Expression of Interest:** Uniform Shop Convenor

The Annandale SS P&C is seeking expressions of interest for the casual **PAID POSITION** of Uniform Shop Convenor. This position consists of paid work, approximately 3 hours per week, starting early Term 4, 2014. If you are interested, please collect and complete the application pack from the Front Counter of the school office. The application pack includes a full position description, including selection criteria. Please submit your application **by 3pm Friday 10th October** to the Annandale State School’s Front office along with a copy of your resume and current Blue Card. Alternatively email michaelastephens4068@hotmail.com for an application package.

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**STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS**

**Free Dress Day Tomorrow**

**Friday, September 19th.** The theme is: Come dressed in your Sport Uniform from the sport you play. If you don’t play or follow a sport, you may wear plain clothes. Gold coin donation. Monies raised

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**LOST PROPERTY**

- **Found:** Pair of sunglasses
- Please check the lost property box for any items you may have mislaid.
- There are hats, lunch boxes, jumpers and other items in the box. Items not claimed will be donated to a charity.
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The Magician's Lair
Every Sunday at St. Matthew's Church Hall
Corner of Woppa & Queens Rd
Contact Georgia Harper
Ph: 0437 739 568
Email: georgia.harper3@gmail.com
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