Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Welcome to the 2015 school year.

Despite the incredibly hot days students have returned in excellent spirits. The 5 new Prep classes commenced the day with barely a tear in sight.

It was wonderful to see so many mums and dads bringing their children to school to see them settled in. I think this whole family approach assisted in creating a calm and relaxed atmosphere on the first day.

New Staff: On behalf of our school community, I would like to welcome the new teaching staff to our school.

Ms Sarah Nixon - 3K3
Ms Katrina Young - 2C2
Ms Danielle Donoghue - 4E3
Mr Ward Nicholas—Acting Deputy Principal (Prep–Yr2)

School Enrolments: The school has a slight increase in expected student enrolments with enrolments approximately 800 students—up from the expected 770. There are still some changes and it will be Day 8 (5 Feb) before the school census is taken. This census will determine our staffing allocation for the year.

School Student Leaders: During week 1 and week 2 (this week and next) students will consider who they wish to elect as 2015 school leaders.

Two key elections are for:
- Sporting house Captains; and
- Student Councillors.

These student representatives will work with the school staff in representing student opinion and supporting staff in the conduct of many activities throughout the year.

Master Teacher: At the end of 2014 Annandale S.S. was one of many schools around the state which was fortunate to be allocated a Master Teacher position. The merit selection process for the role saw Mrs Lisa Wright win the position at Annandale. Mrs Wright’s position as a Master Teacher is to assist teachers across the school in developing their pedagogy (the method and practice of teaching).

This is a role which will see her visit many classrooms and work directly with teachers. She will be assisted in this role by the Literacy Co-ordinator, Mrs Natalie Johnson and for Maths, Mrs Julie Jenner.

FOCUS for 2015

The school’s focus for 2015 will continue to be to improve:

- Reading capability of all our students—this includes reading comprehension
- Numeracy skills and understanding of all our students—this will be through the use of the YuMi Deadly Maths pedagogy

The school and its students have been fortunate to have the support of interested and committed parents/carers. We encourage you to continue to provide this high level of support and interest in your child(ren)s’ learning and take every opportunity to link with the school.

Looking forward to a very successful year of learning.

Jan Cooper
Principal
EVENTS/ACTIVITIES PAYMENTS
OUR CASH COLLECTION WINDOW IS NOW OPEN FOR ALL PAYMENTS.

Online Banking (direct debit) is our preferred method of payment.

BSB: 064823 (CBA Aitkenvale)
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**EVENT** | **Ref Code** | **Closing Date: Direct Debit** | **Closing Date: Cash, Chq** | **EFTPOS** | **Cost**
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Prep—Year 6 Voluntary Contribution | CONTR | ASAP pls | ASAP pls | | $50
Prep Craft | CRAFT | ASAP pls | ASAP pls | | $30
Laptop classes 1–2–1 Technician | TECHN | ASAP pls | ASAP pls | | $100
Literacy Pro | LITER | ASAP pls | ASAP pls | | $10
Student Diary Years 4–6 | DIARY | ASAP pls | ASAP pls | | $10

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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.

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**SPORTS TALK**

Welcome back to all of our families and a special welcome to all the new students who have come to our great school. This year will be another great year in the world of sport and physical activity.

Tomorrow we will be holding House Captain elections for our four sports houses - Bradman, Perkins, Freeman and Fraser. Students will complete a selection criteria and present to the Year 5/6 students in their house.

The Townsville McDonald Crocodiles will be visiting our school tomorrow to help promote the Youth Hoops Program. Students in Year 3/4/5/6 will be involved in activities with the players.

Good luck to our Stockland Adopt a School NQ Cowboy player Ben Spina who will be representing the team in this weekends Auckland 9s Tournament. Ben will be visiting our school throughout the year to help spread the message to **Eat Well, Play Well and Stay Well**.

Brett Hull
PE Teacher

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**MUSIC NOTES**

Instrumental and Strings

Instrumental and strings lessons start in week 2. See music office door for your lesson time.

**Mr Temple** (instrumental) will be at school on Wednesdays. Concert band will begin rehearsals in week 3 on Wednesday 11 February at 7.45am.

**Miss Wu** (Strings) will be on Monday and Tuesday afternoons.

Instrumental notes regarding levies will be handed out next week.

Karen O’Donnell
Music Coordinator

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**Queensland School Term dates - 2015**

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**THANK YOU**

A HUGE thank you to our wonderful cleaners and grounds staff for getting our school ready for the 2015 new year.

First of all we had very little rain and we were struggling to keep our grounds and gardens green, and then we have had some welcomed rain in the last two weeks which has caused lots of sudden growth everywhere.

Let’s all help these hard-working people by keeping our grounds and paths free of any litter—if you see any rubbish, please place it in any of the bins provided.

Many hands make light work!

Thelma Nettelfield
Business Services Manager

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**Will your name appear here one day soon?**

There are many students who demonstrate the keys to success every week. The names of these students were drawn out on the school assembly.
LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome to all our students and parents. Once again we are looking forward to a busy year in the Library. Student borrowing will commence in Week 2 and all classes including Prepries have a borrowing time each week. Students in Prep can borrow one Fiction book, Year 1 – 2 can borrow one Fiction and one Non Fiction book at a time and students in Year 3 - 6 are able to borrow 2 Fiction and one Non Fiction book each time. As well as the weekly class borrowing time students can also change books daily if they wish by accessing the Library at the following times:

before school each day between 8:40 – 9:00 am
second Lunch break 1:40 – 2:00 Mon – Thurs.

Students are required to have their own school Library bag or a plastic Slimpick folder with them when they borrow to assist with book care.

Literacy Pro System

Our school has since its inception been using the Lexile Reading System supplied by Scholastic Australia with our students in Year 3 - 6. Last year Scholastic changed and upgraded this system and it is now called Literacy Pro. This program helps to match students to books at their reading level by using a Lexile. The Lexile is a number between 100 and 1300 that represents how difficult or complex a text is, the higher the Lexile number the more difficult the text. Students then complete a Literacy Pro test which calculates a Lexile that students can use as a guide for selecting books at their level. As they read these books students complete an online Lexile test which indicates how well they have read that particular book. This program is computer based meaning that students can access it both at school and at home and provides many benefits that assist your child to improve their reading.

Benefits
* Improved reports that can be easily accessed to demonstrate how your child is progressing with their reading.
* A wide 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.
* Parents can at any time using your child’s user name and password access the system and view reports that inform you about your child’s reading progress.

This great learning opportunity comes at the minimal cost of $10.00 annually which purchases a license that provides access to the system. Each child in Year 3 and any new students to the school in Year 4- 6 will need to pay this fee to be able to use the program. Once the money is collected by the school it is passed onto Scholastic and they then provide your child with an access username and password. Please note the closing date for Term 1 access is Wednesday 18 February (Week 4). Payment can be made using any of the payment options provided by the school. If you have any questions in relation to this issue please contact the Library staff either by visiting, calling (47295158) or email library@annandaless.eq.edu.au.

Mark McKay
Teacher/Librarian

DEFENCE NEWS

WELCOME

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new and returning Defence Families.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns as your children settle into the new school year. We can be contacted by calling the school office on 4729 5111, email or call in to J Block (near the basketball courts).

We would also like to invite you to join us for an informal morning tea on Thursday 12th February from 8:50am. It is a great opportunity to meet new friends and the DSTA’s. We hope to see you there.

See back page for information on Townsville Expo for Defence Families.

Tanya Hurditch & Karen Mitchell
thurd2@eq.edu.au and kmitc181@eq.edu.au
Defence School Transition Aides (J Block)

TUCKSHOP NEWS

The tuckshop is now back in full swing. You can order for both 1st and 2nd break for 5 days a week. There are several ways you can order.

1. Write your order on a paper lunch bag and place in the tuckshop tray in your child’s classroom.
2. If you have no change or paper bags, orders can be made over the counter at the Tuckshop from 8.40am.
3. You can now place your order through our Online canteen service. Just sign up, add your child, add credit and away you go. Visit www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au to register. The cut off time to place orders for the day will be 8.30am. As this is a new service, we would appreciate any feedback about the online ordering process. Email to pandc@annandaless.eq.edu.au

Raelene Featherstone
Tuckshop Coordinator

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Opening Hours
Please note the opening hours for the Uniform Shop:
Every Friday: 8.30 – 9.30am

If you are unable to make it at these times, an order form can be obtained at the office, tuckshop, or downloaded from the Annandale School website. Completed order forms can be handed in to the office or tuckshop and will be filled and items delivered to your child’s classroom on the next Uniform Shop opening day.

Reminder
A reminder that the uniform shop only sells Uniform items. All other payments (school diaries, voluntary contributions, music fees, Prep fees etc) need to be paid at the office.

Leen Van Oudenhove
Uniform Shop Convenor

CHAPPY NEWS

It’s great to be back for the new year and I am looking forward to working with the other staff at the school to support our students.

I will be working Thursdays and Fridays this year and my office is in I block Room 1. Parents, if you would like to visit, please feel free to drop in for a chat.

The craft lunchtime program will not resume until week 3. Please watch the newsletter over the next two weeks for further details.

Chappy Ros
School Chaplain
(rpark146@eq.edu.au)

CHANGES TO YOUR CONTACT DETAILS?
PLEASE LET US KNOW.

If your contact details have changed over the holidays, please advise the school, so that we have your current phone number, address details, or a change in emergency contacts. It is particularly important to have the correct details if the school needs to contact parents / carers urgently for any reason.
**Corcoran Park Netball Association**
Players, Umpires and Coaches wanted for 2015.
Ladies/Mixed games—Monday nights - Junior games—Friday nights
Netball sign on: Sunday 1st February 5—7pm (Seniors),
Friday 6th February 5—7pm (Juniors).
111 Queens Road, Hermit Park. Ph: 4775 2474
0438 740 669 Email: cpnai@townsvillenetball.org.au

**Wulguru United Football Club** is seeking junior soccer players for the 2015 season, U5 to U16. Training starts 5pm on Thursday 29th January at Wulguru Park – Edison St, Wulguru.

**Brothers TSV Football Club (Soccer)**
Information Day Sunday Feb 1st 10am to 3pm High Vista Park, Bayswater Rd, Mt Louisa. Actively supporting Women in Football – Girls’ and Women’s teams available. All players welcome. Please register online, all information available on our website www.brotherstsvfc.com

**Annandale Falcons Football Club** - Sign on Now for football (soccer) 2015. Sign on /info evenings at Cranbrook Park on Tuesday 27th Jan & 3rd Feb 5.00-6.30pm. visit our website www.annandalefalcons.asn.au or contact us for more information secretary@annandalefalcons.asn.au Ph 0402 936 155

**Ross River Junior FC**
Sign On & Information Day on Sunday 1st Feb 2015 at 1pm to 4pm at the Crocs Clubhouse in Charles Moroney Park, Clint St, Kelso
For further information please contact our Registrars on 0412 583 532 or rossriverregistrar@yahoo.com.au

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**Townsville Bowen Cairns**
07 4729 8555

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**Flu Alert!**
Get vaccinated now at Annandale Pharmacist Advice
Shop 9, 56/60 Yolanda Drive, Annandale
Ph 4775 6635 Open Mon-Sat 8am-7pm

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**Welcome to Townsville Expo for Defence Families**
DCO Townsville is hosting an information expo to welcome Defence families to Townsville. The expo will have displays from employment and recruitment agencies, DHA, Toll Transitions, sporting and recreation groups, Townsville City Council etc. You will also be able to register your pets, transfer vehicle and licence information and change your electoral roll address. There will also be free children’s activities.

Where: Townsville “RSL” Stadium, Murray Sports Complex, Murray Lyons Cres, Annandale
When: Saturday 31st January 2015 at 10am – 1pm

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