Deputy Principal’s Note

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Welcome to the 2016 school year. A special welcome to the new families who have joined the Annandale SS community.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

The Junior school (Prep to Year 2) generally assembles Thursday afternoon at 2:30pm in the covered play area (CPA).

The Senior school (Year 3 to Year 6) assembles most Friday afternoons at 2:30pm in the covered play area (CPA).

At least once each term the school assembles as a whole group in The Shed, on the basketball courts. All parents and carers are invited to our school assemblies. Please note, there is only one assembly each week so when a whole school assembly is held there is no P-2 or Year 3-6 assembly during that week.

PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS

In the next two weeks of the school year, all Prep to Year 6 parents/carers are invited to attend Meet and Greet Meetings with their child/ren’s class teacher(s). (See the timetable below.) At these meetings class teachers provide information about their Year Level curriculum, classroom expectations, homework procedures and much more. Research indicates that it is essential for the home and school to work together to get the best possible outcomes for our children. We encourage all parents/carers to join us for these informative meetings.

SAFETY AT SCHOOL

Children should not arrive at school before 8:00am. Children who are not accompanied by their parent/s or carer are expected to sit in the covered play area (CPA) until the 8:40am bell when they are allowed to move to their classroom areas. Children are not permitted to play on the school’s play equipment before and after school when no staff supervision is provided. It is expected that all children will depart the school grounds by 3:15 pm except for those participating in sporting activities or the Out of School Hours Care Program. A school bell rings at 3:20pm and students not collected from school at that time are expected to come to the student reception area in the office where parent or carers will be called.

SCHOOL LEADER INDUCTION CEREMONY

Our school leader induction ceremony will be held in the ‘Shed’ at 2:30pm on Friday 19 February. Parents of school leaders are invited to a special afternoon tea at 1:15pm in U1 & U2 before the ceremony. We congratulate our school leaders and wish them every success as they perform their roles. Student Councillors and Sports Captains are elected this Friday and announced on the Senior Assembly at 2:30pm.

JUNIOR ENGINEER PROGRAM

Commencing Wed 10th, @ 3.15pm at the school. Registrations required: Ph Eyal 0420 329 668 eyal@jnrengineers.com or www.jnrengineers.com

Yours in education

Kerry Finn

Deputy Principal
EVENTS/ACTIVITIES PAYMENT METHODS

BPOINT is our PREFERRED payment method for invoices that are issued. As contributions and prep craft payments are voluntary, we cannot issue invoices, so payment will still need to be by:

- Direct debit to our bank account:
  BSB: 064823  Account: 10263935
  Use child’s surname, initial and activity reference details;
  Process at least 5 days before the closing date

or

- Cash or cheque payments at the Cash Collection window at school up to and including the closing date.

or

- Credit Card payments - minimum payment is $10.00 and can be paid at Cash Collection Window, by payment envelope, or over the phone.

The Cash Collection Window is at the Student Reception area of the Administration building.

OFFICE OPENING TIMES FOR 2016

- Student Reception will be open from 8.15am to 3.30pm each school day.
- Cash Collection Window will be open from 8.30 - 9.00am each school day.
- The Administration Office will be open from 8.00am to 3.30pm each school day.

SPORTS TALK

Welcome back to another great year at Annandale State School, my name is Brett Hull and I am the PE teacher here at Annandale. Welcome to all the new families and our wonderful prepies to our great school.

Upcoming events will be our Interschool Swimming trials where we will select our school swimming team. A squad of students were selected from last years carnival and I welcome any new students and students from Year 2 who are turning 8 and are eligible for selection to trial for a place in our school team. Please contact myself if you would like your student to trial and I will give them more information.

Sporting Schools Programs

Annandale State School is a Sporting School and we receive Federal funding to run development programs for students in a range of sports. More information will come soon about term one programs.

Brett Hull
PE Teacher

MUSIC NOTES ♫♪♫♪#

Instrumental Music

Mr Temple and Miss Wu are meeting with students in Week 2 and lessons will begin in Week 3.

Mr Temple (Brass, woodwind, percussion) will be at school on Wednesdays. Lessons commence on 10th Feb. Concert band rehearsals will be on Wednesdays from 7.45am to 8.45am, commencing 17th Feb.

Miss Wu (Strings) will be at school on Mondays. Senior string ensemble be on Mondays from 7.45am to 8.45am

Instrumental notes regarding levies will be distributed next week.

Help!

We have a wonderful resource in the Music department that is accompanied by cassette tapes. If anyone has the skills to convert from cassette to a digital form it would extend and preserve this resource. Please see me if you are able to help.

Ann Marie Hancock
Music Teacher

The Dental Van is at our school at present. Forms will be sent home to all the new Prep Students. If you are a new student at our school or you did not return your form last year, please call at Student Reception for a dental form. The Dental Service offers an examination and treatment if required at no cost.
Welcome to all our students and parents. Once again we are looking forward to a busy year in the Library, particularly as we have changed to a new online Library operating system called Oliver (more information on this will be coming in future newsletters).

**Student borrowing** has commenced this week and all classes including Preppies have a borrowing time each week. Students in Prep can borrow one Fiction book, Year 1 – 2 can borrow any one Fiction and one Non Fiction item at a time and students in Year 3 - 6 are able to borrow 2 Fiction and one Non Fiction item 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 (students who have their parents with them may use the Library from 8:15 each morning otherwise they should be in the CPA)
- after school each day from 3:00 – 3:20 pm 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. **Any new students to the school in Year 5 & 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. **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 (4729 5186) or email library@annandaless.eq.edu.au

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**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

**Volunteers** are required to help at the Tuckshop - see Raelene/Annette to assist in any possible way.

**Tuckshop Menu**

The 2015 menu will be used until a revised menu is approved by the P&C during first term. Remember to place separate orders for each break according to the menu.

**Online Canteen**

Tuckshop orders can be placed via our online service. Register with www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au to get started. Uniforms can also be ordered on this service.

Raelene Featherstone
Tuckshop Convener

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**DEFENCE NEWS**

**Defence Parent Morning Teas**

Our first morning tea commenced this week and we would like to invite you to join us next Thursday morning if you are free. Morning teas will be held weekly during Term 1 and we will occasionally have guest speakers join us. Whether you are new to the school or have been here some time, come along for a cuppa. It is a great opportunity to meet new people and the DSTA’s. Morning Tea is provided and we have toys for young children.

**When:** Thursday 11th February 2016
**Time:** From 8:50am – 10:30am
**Where:** J Block – Next to the basketball courts.

Tanya Hurditch & Karen Mitchell
Defence School Transition Aides
thurd2@eq.edu.au and kmifc181@eq.edu.au

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**CHAPPY NEWS**

Welcome to all our new families. I am the School Chaplain, Ros Parker. I am at the school on Thursday and Friday and my office is located in I Block.

School Chaplains provide support to school communities. They are in the prevention and support business: helping students find a better way to deal with issues. They provide a listening ear and a caring presence for kids in crisis, and those who just need a friend. They also provide support for staff and parents in the school community. If you have any questions regarding the help I could provide to your students, please contact me.

Our parent prayer group is recommencing from week 3. We will meet Friday 9am, week 3 (12 February) in the Games Room. Please come along if you would like to be involved.

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*Mark McKay*  
Teacher/Librarian

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