Dear Parents and Carers
Welcome to the end of week three the term is certainly moving along.

PERSISTENCE
As the term is now in full swing our expectations for our students are always at a high level. This was noticed when most of our children ran in the fun on Tuesday morning. It was very heartening for an ex Physical Education Teacher watching the children all participating. It was also very important to notice the older students and teachers assisting the younger ones to complete the event. Completing activities even when they are very hard certainly pays off, those icy poles did look nice. Mr Hull has a full wrap up of the winners and the event in his sports talk column. My congratulations to the children, staff and parents for their participation on the day.

RESILIENCE
The children in Year 3 and Year 5 will be completing the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) on the 12-14 May. This year the assessment will focus on their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions — to assess (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. This is the time when your resilience and the children’s resilience will be tested. It is very important that the children have a good nights sleep and a healthy breakfast to get them started for the day.

An individual NAPLAN report for each child will be sent home later this year. Results provide additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in key curriculum areas. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can.

Further NAPLAN information for parents and carers is available online. Please contact the school if you have any questions about your child participating in NAPLAN testing. http://www.nap.edu.au/

ORGANISED
Between May and July this year, our school will be taking part in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC), which is a nationwide census of early childhood development and helps our school and community understand how children are developing before they start school, what is being done well, and what can be improved. The AEDC is an Australian Government initiative run by the Department of Education and Training.

Children do not need to do anything to be included in the census and will attend class as usual. During the census, teachers’ record information (including children’s names and dates of birth) based on their knowledge and observations of each child in their class.

As so much can be learned about children’s development through the AEDC, the privacy of children participating in it is of paramount importance. To ensure that all of the information collected is handled properly, the AEDC is managed in accordance with the Australian Privacy Principles (APPs).

This year’s AEDC is a great opportunity for everyone including parents, local communities, schools and other agencies to work together to bring long-lasting benefits to children and their families. If you would like more information about the AEDC, please refer to frequently asked questions section on the AEDC website at www.aedc.gov.au, or ph.1800 092 548.

The AEDC is voluntary and is not a school test, so should you wish for your child/children’s information to be excluded from the census, please contact Mr Ward Nicholas (Deputy).

Yours in Education
Ward Nicholas
A/ Deputy Principal
**EVENTS/ACTIVITIES PAYMENTS**

OUR CASH COLLECTION WINDOW IS NOW OPEN FOR ALL PAYMENTS.

Online Banking (direct debit) is our preferred method of payment. When paying online, please follow these simple guidelines:

1. Reference Details — Child’s Surname (up to 12 letters). First Initial, Reference Code as below: eg “SMITH A 5 DIARY”
2. Separate deposits for each child & each activity;
3. Funds must be transferred from your account at least FIVE (5) DAYS BEFORE the event/activity closing date indicated by the school to ensure payment is received by us in time for receipting.

Payments may also be made by cash, cheque, credit card at the cash collection window in the administration building from 8.15 am or 2.15-2.45 pm.

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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.

**“You can do it” Award winners**

Each student receives a reward sponsored by Rock Paper Scissors. There are many students who demonstrate the keys to success every week. The names of these students were drawn out on the school assembly.

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**SPORTS TALK**

**FUN RUN**

Our Annual Interhouse Fun Run was a great success on Tuesday. It was amazing to see a sea of colour as everyone got into the spirit of the event and ran for their team. Congratulations to Freeman House in winning this years event but they were pushed all the way by every team. Well done to all of our age champions for their individual success.

- 5yrs - Hudson Waltham/Mackenzie Parniak
- 6yrs - Jordan Dey/Moarni Oui
- 7yrs - Braith Quinn/Amy Knight
- 8yrs - Luke Wardle/Tiffany Priest
- 9yrs - Matthew Nixon/Rhiannon Hallard
- 10yrs - Johnny Halliday/Joni Telford
- 11yrs - Joshua Nixon/Aimee Angus
- 12yrs - Juleeus Jones/Sian Williams

**SEASON 2 SPORT**

Season 2 sport is on this Friday but will take a break over NAPLAN testing week. Season 2 sports sign-ons are taking place this week. Sports are Rugby Union/ Tennis/ Touch/Soccer.

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**MUSIC NOTES ♫♪♫♪#**

**Instrumental Music**

**REMINDER**: that it is a requirement that all instrumental students attend band rehearsals at 8am on Wednesday morning. They also should be practicing at least 15 minutes per day this will ensure confidence and doing their part for the school’s band.

**Classroom Music**

All year 4 students should have acquired a recorder by now ready to start in week 3.

**Year 5 students should be practicing their recorders for the recorder test on Thursday.**

**Choir**

Tuesdays in first break.

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**Class of the Week**

2C2

Jaydon McNabb 2C4
Talleya Mc Caskill 1B1
Bianca Collins PP1
Indigo Battaglene PA1
Freya Richardson PP1

Karen O’Donnell
Music Coordinator
HAVE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS CHANGED?
PLEASE LET US KNOW.

Please contact the school to advise us of your current phone number, address details, or a change in emergency contacts. This is particularly important if the school needs to contact parents/carers urgently.

Parking Issues
Are you parking Safely? Legally? Courteously?
Parents please consider our neighbours when you park in the morning or afternoon to drop off or pick up your children. We endeavor to maintain good neighborhood relations and we need your help and cooperation to do this. Please follow the road rules and park legally with due care and respect for our local residents. Parking on the footpath or across a driveway is neither legal nor courteous. Safe parking also keeps our children safe.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

MOTHERS DAY STALL
Stocktake sale
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Happy Mother’s day to all and enjoy the little gifts that your children have chosen especially for you.

Syahn Farr
Fundraising Committee

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