Principal’s Note

Welcome back to school ready for the 2017 school year.

We have had a very smooth start to the year. Students seemed well prepared for the commencement of school and were very relaxed and ready to listen and be active learners.

SCHOOL OVERVIEW: As is the case every year, the final staffing for the school will be determined based on Day 8 numbers. At this stage it is anticipated we will have approximately 865 students in 34 classes. If we have more students enrol prior to Day 8 our staffing will increase and we will need to consider the implications of that increase.

NEW STAFF:
Deputy Principal (Prep – Yr 2) - Alison Abbey
Year 1-1A3-Linda Hawes
1B2-Tess Marwick
Year 3-3D4-Danielle Walch
Year 6-6G1-Wendy Johnstone
DSTA - Cherie Malone
Interpreters (Auslan)- Michelle Fry, Trish Loveday and Jack Frazer

We welcome our new staff to Annandale S.S.

Next P & C Meeting:
Date: 13 February 17
Time: At 7:00 pm
Where: PLA G

This is a QR code for Annandale SS
By using the QR code people with a QR reader on their personal device may get quick access to our school website.

AIR CONDITIONERS—SAFETY

We are having three very large air conditioning units replaced in P block and Admin over the 5 days of next week. This work will involve some scaffolding being used for the week, as well as the use of a large crane on Wednesday morning—1 Feb 17 (weather permitting). This also means that P block will not have air conditioning for the week, but we hope to have some portable air-conditioners running in the rooms during this time.

One of the scaffolds will be at the kitchen end of the Multi-purpose building (MPB)(Out of School Horus Care—OSHC) between the two storage sheds and partially on the walkway between P and Q blocks. There will also be scaffolding at either entrance to the administration section of the Admin building. Safety barricading will be placed around these scaffolds, ensuring safety for all on site.

When the crane starts work on Wednesday, the cranes will be lifting over the top of the office/kitchen corner of the MPB, so the OSHC staff have been asked to ensure the area is vacant for this work to take place.

Part of the staff car park will also be closed Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday to accommodate the crane and the trucks carrying the new equipment.

Please talk to students to make them aware of the safety requirements around this sort of work and their need to be sensible and to respect the barricading in place. Thank you for your support during the conduct of this important work.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS: The Annual Voluntary Contributions for each student is $50. Annandale S.S. have one of the most affordable requests.

Parents of Yr3 to 6 students who have already paid their contribution and purchased a school diary will receive a $5 refund on their diary. In future parents who pay the voluntary contribution will be able to purchase the school diary at a discount of $5.

Jan Cooper
Principal
**PAYMENTS**

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*B = BPoint  * DD = Direct Debit * CCW = Cash Collection Window

*BPOINT (Commonwealth Bank Portal) is our PREFERRED payment method for invoices that are issued.

Other payment options available to you are direct debit, credit card, cash or cheque payment.

Details on how to use any of these options are available on the activity note, or drop in see the friendly staff at the cash collection window.

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**MUSIC NOTES ♫♪♫♪#**

Welcome to the 2017 music school year. I trust everyone had a safe and enjoyable break. This year will present many opportunities for our talented music students and I look forward to working with all students. We welcome our new strings teacher, Ms Rebecca Brown. She comes to us with extensive experience and Ms Brown is looking forward to meeting all beginning and continuing strings students. Mr Temple will be teaching brass, woodwind and percussion again in 2017.

**CHOIR**

Sign on for senior and junior choir students will be at first lunch break on Thursday 2 February (week 2). Rehearsals for junior and senior choir will commence in week 3.

**BRASS, WOODWIND & PERCUSSION**

Mr Temple will commence lessons with students in week 2. Mr Temple will be producing timetables for all students this week. Rehearsals for concert band will commence in week 3 on Wednesdays at 8am.

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

Welcome back every one and special welcome to all our new students and parents. Once again we are looking forward to a busy year in the Library. We are hoping to see an increase in student use of our Library website this year which can be found at this address [http://bit.ly/1Lqt8pA](http://bit.ly/1Lqt8pA).

Student borrowing has commenced today and all classes including our Preps 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 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.

The library is also open at first break 11:10 – 11:40 am for students to use the computers, browse and read books, play indoor games or watch educational programs on the TV but borrowing is not available at this time.

If you have any questions in relation to the Library feel free to visit us or call (47295186) or email us at library@annandaless.eq.edu.au.

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**YOU DID IT AWARD**

In 2017 our school has begun implementing Positive Behaviour for Learning or PBL. This new system for behaviour management is being implemented school wide. Our school expectations are very visible around the school and the classrooms. More information about PBL will be shared with our school community at the upcoming Class Information Nights. One of the changes has been to our YOU DID IT awards. These are aligned to the expectations. Here is an example:

Congratulations, you have shown the following school expectations through your behaviour.

**BE SAFE**

**BE RESPECTFUL**

**BE A LEARNER**

These will be given out in the classroom and the playground by all staff members. Students are then put into the weekly draw on assembly. Five students in each year level will receive an icy cup as well as their award.

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**Ann Marie Hancock**

Music Teacher

**Mark McKay**

Teacher/Librarian
**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

**SPORTS SHIRTS**

Sports shirts have the school logo. They may be worn on Wednesdays and other specifically nominated days for identified sporting events and Sporting house activities e.g. Inter-house sports carnival; Fun Run; swimming carnival). They are available from the Uniform Shop on Friday's from 8:30—9:30am at a cost of $26.50.

Perkins  Bradman  Fraser  Freeman

**Library and Reader bags** are currently out of stock. They are on order and we should receive them by week 3 or 4 of this term.

Syahn Farr  
Uniform Shop Convenor

**DEFENCE NEWS**

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new and returning Defence Force 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 by calling in to J Block (near the basketball courts).

**Morning Tea**

We will be holding weekly morning teas for Defence parents each Thursday morning. We would like to invite you to join us if you are available.

When: Thursday 9 February 2017  
Where: J Block (Next to the Basketball courts)  
Time: 8:45am-10:30am

Morning tea is provided and we have toys for young children. It is a great opportunity to meet new friends and the DSTA's. We hope to see you there.

Tanya Hurditch & Cherie Malone  
Defence School Transition Aides (DSTA’s)  
J Block  
Email: thurd2@eq.edu.au & cmalo53@eq.edu.au

**BE SUN SMART**

It is Education Queensland policy that children wear a hat at all times when in the sun. Our school is a Sun Smart school where children without a Sun Smart hat will be permitted only to play under covered areas

**NO HAT NO PLAY**

All students are encouraged to drink water throughout the day to maintain their hydration levels.

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

Tuckshop is opened for business. The new menu for 2017 is enclosed with this week's newsletter. Please read carefully as there have been some changes.

Please ensure that your child’s profile with online canteen has been updated showing your child’s correct class for 2017.

Raelene Featherstone  
Tuckshop Convenor

**CHAPPY NEWS**

The first week of the year is always such an exciting and wonderful time. Meeting new students and their families and catching up with the returning students is always a highlight for me.

As the School Chaplain, I aim to provide support to our school community through prevention and support: helping students find a better way to deal with issues. I can provide a listening ear and a caring presence for kids in crisis, and those who just need a friend. I can also provide support for staff and parents in the school community.

I am at Annandale State School on Thursday and Friday each week and my office is located in I Block, Room 1. If you have any questions regarding the help I could provide to your students, please feel free to come and talk with me.

Chappy Ros  
School Chaplain  
rpark146@eq.edu.au

**SPORTS SHIRTS**

Stay safe on your bike.  
Wear a helmet and  
Obey the road rules at all times.
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 or double parking in the pick-up area is neither legal nor courteous and endangers the lives of our children. Safe parking keeps our children safe.