Deputy Principal’s Note

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

NEW CLASSES—PREP, YEAR1/2
Our Day 8 enrolment was 876 students. This number of students will provide an additional two teaching staff to the school. The area of greatest need is in the Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 area. Many of the classes in this sector of the school have greater than the recommended 25 students per class. We have determined that a new Prep class and a Year 1 / 2 composite class will be formed. This will be achieved by moving some students from their current classes to the new classes.

The new classes will be formed with the following considerations:
- analysis of the current student numbers in each class;
- analysis of the number of males and females across the year levels;
- consideration of student ability and social interactions;
- teacher; and
- parent requests and feedback.

It is anticipated that the new Prep class will commence in Week 5, 22 February 16, and the composite Year 1/2 class, as soon as possible.

Parents of students selected to move to the new classes will be notified by letter on Tuesday, 16 February 2016. The Parent Information sessions will go ahead as scheduled.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS
Next week, all Prep to Year 6 parents/carers are invited to attend Meet and Greet sessions with their child/ren’s class teacher/s. (See the timetable)

At these sessions, 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.

New A/Deputy Principal

David Hardy is the new Acting Deputy Principal for the Prep to Year 2 area. For the past seven years, David has worked as a principal in smaller schools.

David has worked in schools all over Queensland and is originally from the Sunshine Coast. Some of the schools that he has worked in include: Julia Creek, Amamoor (Gympie), Winfield (Bundaberg), Stephen Island (Torres Strait).

Growing up in South-East Queensland, David was always a Broncos fan. However, upon commencing as the Principal of Julia Creek State School two years ago, he was quickly converted into a Cowboys club membership holder.

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

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION TIMETABLE

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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. The following students have been elected as a School Captain, Vice-Captain, House Captain or Student Councillor.

Captains
- Ashton Pratchett
- Barnabas Juhasz
- Jack Burgess
- Dineth Wickramasinghe
- Nisha Hamman
- SFC Curtis Cox
- SF2 Denby O’Keefe
- SF3 Dua Ali
- SF4 Olivia Moon
- 4/SE1 Zane Pancaccio
- 6G1 Harrison Dawes
- 6G2 Levi Murakami
- 6G3 Blake Blacklow
- 6G4 Cody Mowbray

Vice-Capt
- Lily Penney
- Indigo Wedel
- Dakoda Gallego
- Bethany Read
- Jada Lee Mutter
- Daniel Kim

Bradman
- Fraser
- RF

PERKINS
- Binny Widdrington
- Freya Crighton
- Madalynne King

Freeman
- Olivia Moon
- 4/SE1 Zane Pancaccio

Student Council
- 6G1 Harrison Dawes
- 6G2 Levi Murakami
- 6G3 Blake Blacklow
- 6G4 Cody Mowbray

David Hardy
A/Deputy Principal
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*BP = BPpoint * DD = Direct Debit * CCW = Cash Collection Window

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.

SUPPORTING OUR READERS PROGRAM

Supporting our Prep to Year 3 developing readers.

The Supporting our Readers Program recognizes that, as a parent, or other meaningful person in a child’s life, you are perfectly placed to help them develop a ‘love of reading’ which is precisely what this presentation is about.

The program is aimed at parents and carers and nans and granddads and uncles and aunties and neighbours and just about anyone who has the pleasurable role of reading with a young child.

Through a range of video clips, the training explores:

- the wide range of literacy experiences that are part of our lives and how these can provide everyday learning opportunities
- the developmental stages of reading
- the knowledge that effective readers draw upon when reading
- engaging your child with reading (making it an enjoyable and fun activity), and
- strategies for supporting reading (practical tips for helping).

This two-hour session will be presented by Jenifer Lee and Toni Hull (Support Teachers Literacy and Numeracy) and Natalie Johnson (Literacy Co-ordinator)

“Children are made readers in the laps of their parents” – Emilie Buchwald

This program will be presented at Annandale State School on Wednesday the 24th February, 2016 from 9.00am to 11.00 am and from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. Two sessions are being offered to enable parents and carers to attend the time which is most convenient for them.

Child minding is not available.

Places are limited if you wish to attend please register at the student reception area, in person, by note, by phone 4729 5111 (Option 1) or by email leel181@eq.edu.au by Friday 19th February, 2016.

Jeni Lee
STLaN Teacher

You Can Do It!

5 KEYS TO SUCCESS

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

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.

Kyah Brand 1B4
Hunter Walton 2C4
Julia Tantillo 2C4
Jamie Cataa 2C4
Millie Irving 2C4
Tia Mabbott 4D1

Trey Paul 3L2
Liam Miller 4/5E1 (2)
Ebony Ross 3L2
Anastacia Paul 4E4

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.

MUSIC NOTES ♫♪♫♪#

Choir is an important part of the Music program here at Annandale and we have many performances already planned throughout the year. Students who have a passion for singing and who wish to join one of the choirs are encouraged to come to the Music block to register their name. Rehearsals are beginning next week.

3/4 Choir
Rehearsals will be on Fridays at 1st lunch beginning next week, 19th February.

5/6
Rehearsal will be on Wednesdays at 1st lunch beginning next week, 17th February.

Jeni Lee
STLaN Teacher

Ann Marie Hancock
Music Teacher
Reading to your children

The following information is from a blog created by Barbara Braxton one of the foremost Teacher Librarian’s in the country and it outlines the importance of reading with your child as well as some strategies to use.

Reading with your child is one of the most important factors in developing lifelong learners and lovers of reading. There is a vital link between reading ability and the success of students. The example you set, the priority you place on the importance of reading, and the bond you create lasts a lifetime.

Mem Fox says “When we take the time to read aloud to the children in our lives, we bond them close in a secret society associated with the books we’ve shared.” She even suggests that “if every parent and every adult caring for a child – read aloud a minimum of three stories a day to the children in their lives, we could probably wipe out illiteracy in one generation!”

Consider these tips for helping your child become a successful reader.

**Surround** your child with books.

**Read** at least three stories aloud every day from birth—a favourite, a familiar and a first-read.

**Show** enthusiasm, expression and emotion. You are setting an example of the sounds and rhythms of our language.

**Plan** for occasions when your child might become bored, anxious, irritable, tired or disruptive and have a book in your bag.

**Pull** the curtains on the day with a regular bedtime story so your child goes to sleep knowing they are loved and safe.

**Share** stories that you enjoy reading because children are very adept at detecting reluctance and boredom.

**Choose** picture books with well written stories, rich vocabulary and appealing pictures. Look for rhythm, rhyme and repetition.

**Focus** your child’s thoughts on what the story will be about by discussing the cover and the pictures and thinking about what might happen.

**Encourage** your child to join in the rhyme, the rhythm and the repetition.

**Talk** about the story and what happened in it.

**Ask** them what they think will happen next.

**Reflect** on what happened in the story and whether it was enjoyable and worth reading again

**Read** it again and again and again if they ask for it.

**Look** for other books by the same author if your child really enjoyed the story.

**Join** your local library – there are riches galore!

**Read** your own books in front of your child so they see that you enjoy reading too and value it as a worthwhile activity.

**Treasure** this special time with your child—it will pass very quickly.

Mark McKay
Teacher/Librarian

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**TEN DAY TEASER 2016 Number 1**

Can you remove 3 matches from the shape below to leave only 3 complete squares? The squares must remain connected.

Record your answer on entry form from the Library and place it in the Ten Day Teaser box there. Answers must be submitted by Friday February 12 at 3:00pm. Winner will be drawn at second break on Monday February 15 in the Library.

Mr McKay
AKA “The Quizmaster”

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**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

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

**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 Convenor

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**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

It’s HOT OUTSIDE! REMINDER TO PARENTS

Why wait in line when you can order your uniform needs ONLINE?

Here’s three steps to beat the heat:

1. Go to www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au
2. Place your order and finalise your payment using credit or debit
3. We’ll receive the order and DELIVER it to your student in their classroom!

It’s that easy!

All orders placed during the week will be delivered on Friday during uniform shop open hours.

Pick up is also available to parents and students on Fridays.

Tracy Simon
Uniform Coordinator

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**DEFENCE NEWS**

One aspect of the DSTA program is supporting children during the absence of a parent/carer due to service commitments. Please contact us if you expect that your family will be experiencing a deployment or an extended absence this year. We hold regular activities for these students and we also have access to support programs through DCO.

**Defence Parent.Carer Morning Tea**

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. Our **first guest speaker** will be Mrs Julie Nielsen, the Regional Education Liaison Officer (RELO) from DCO. Julie has many years in the Education sector and we look forward to her joining us for an informal morning tea **Thursday 25th February (Week5)**. Please join us if you can as it is a great opportunity to meet new people and keep up to date with school and community information. Morning tea is provided and we have toys for young children.

Tanya Hurditch & Karen Mitchell
Defence School Transition Aides
thurd2@eq.edu.au and kmitch181@eq.edu.au

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**CHAPPY NEWS**

Before a school chaplain begins to help a student a signed permission note from the student’s parents or carers is required. This permission note remains current for that school year only. If a student requires ongoing support a new permission note must be signed each year.

I am currently contacting families of supported students from 2015 to enquire whether they would like that support to continue. If I have not yet contacted you and you would like that support to continue please feel free to contact me by phone or email.

A reminder, parents, that our parent prayer group is recommencing tomorrow (12 February) 9am in the Games Room. Please come along if you would like to be involved.

Chappy Ros
School Chaplain
(rpark146@eq.edu.au)
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COME & TRY DAY
Sunday, 21st February
3pm - 6:30pm
46 Stuart drive, Idaia

What you need to bring:
- Bike
- Full face helmet
- Long sleeve shirt
- Long pants
- Socks and shoes
- Gloves

Contact: townsvillebikeclub@hotmail.com or find us on Facebook