Deputy Principal’s Note

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

2015 SCHOOL LEADERS
Our 2015 School Leaders were presented to the student body at a whole school assembly last Friday.

They are:
2015 Captains: Joshua Nixon and Hayley Gomes
2015 Vice Captains: Joshua Ferns and Caitlin O’Connell

Congratulations to these students who have been elected as leaders for 2014. House Captains and Student Councillors will be elected early next year.

Year 6 & 7 Graduations
Year 6 & 7 students are beginning their preparation for their graduation ceremonies.

The Year 7 Graduation will be on TUESDAY evening 9 December at Jupiters Ballroom. Students will rehearse during this day to be prepared for the evening. Students should bring morning tea / lunch and a water bottle to the venue. NO FOOD will be able to be purchased during the day.

The Year 6 Graduation will be on WEDNESDAY evening 10 December at Jupiters Ballroom. Students will rehearse during this day to be prepared for the evening. Students should bring morning tea / lunch and a water bottle to the venue. NO FOOD will be able to be purchased during the day.

Year 7 Graduation Excursion Day
Year 7 students are going to the Graduation Excursion Day on Wednesday 10 December. Students are going to Laser Skirmish in the morning and Riverway in the afternoon.

Year 6 Graduation Excursion Day
Year 6 students are going to the Graduation Excursion Day on Thursday 11 December. Students are going to Laser Skirmish in the morning and Riverway in the afternoon.

The Cash Collection window will be closed at 9.00am 5 December for all payments to allow the office staff to reconcile all accounts for the end of year. The window will open on the first day of school to accept payments for 2015.

Report Cards
All report cards will be distributed to students on Tuesday 9 December (week 10).

Christmas break:
The school office will be closed from Friday, 12 December 2014.

2015 : The school office will be open from Monday 19 January 2015. New enrolment interviews will be conducted in this week and Teachers & Teacher Aides will be participating in 3 days Professional Development

New School Year 2015
The new school year commences on Tuesday 27 January 2015. We look forward to seeing all your bright, cheery faces in 2015 and that you will be ready for new challenges and continued learning that the new year will bring.

I hope everyone has a wonderful, relaxing and safe holiday.
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Yours in education
Kerry Finn
Deputy Principal
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 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.

The cash collection window is still open if you wish to visit the office or phone us on 4729 5111 for credit card payments (min payment of $10.00).

**CASH COLLECTION WINDOW CLOSES TOMORROW FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER 2014 AT 9.00am FOR ALL PAYMENTS.**

Payments for 2015 will resume in the new school year.

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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

David Kim- PA1
Rhiannon Young- 3K4
Amd Shaju- 1B1
Jayna Sheehan- 3K4
Jayda Irving- 2K2

**SPORTS TALK**

**Swimming Carnival**
Our Annual Interhouse Swimming Carnival will be held on **Monday, December 8** for all students in Years 2-7. Permission notes should have been returned by today, Thursday, December 4. This is a wonderful event aimed at including all students in swimming and novelty events. Reminder that all students attending school in Yrs 2-7 are expected to attend the carnival on that day. All teachers for those year levels will be at the carnival.

Brett Hull
PE Teacher

**MUSIC NOTES ♫♪♫♪#**

**REMEMBER**
All borrowed musical instruments and music uniforms need to be returned before the end of the year and should be returned to the Music room as soon as possible.

All students going into Year 4 next year, will be required to purchase their own recorder as per the booklet. These are available at the tuckshop for $12.

Instrumental and choir students have had a great year. They have been busy all year practising and rehearsing. They have attended events such as the Fanfare, Eisteddfod, Choral workshop and concert, Celebration of Strings, ANZAC service, some have even played with the WRSHS band and all performed at the Highlights concert. We would like to thank all parents for their support throughout the year.

Merry Christmas
Karen O’Donnell, Jane Jocumsen, Shelley Gardner, Paul Temple, Ian Brunskill and Ivy Wu

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Premier’s Reading Challenge 2014**
Congratulations to all our students who completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge last term. Across the school we had over 120 students take up the Premier’s challenge to read or experience 20 books by Book Week at the end of August this year. Each of the students who completed the challenge will have received a special certificate acknowledging their achievement from the Premier during this week along with student discounted vouchers for the Theme Parks on the Gold Coast. These students’ achievements will be recognised at their respective Parades on Thursday or Friday.

**Book Club**
The final Book Club for the year has been submitted and will be returned shortly. Book Club has been a great source of new resources for our school and has been run by a small group of volunteer Mums. This year marks the end of a long association between our library and three of these volunteers, Annette Leicht, Leanne Hervey and Jo Tawse. Annette has been our intrepid Book Club coordinator ably assisted by Leanne and Jo all of whom have been tireless workers not just for the Library but the P&C over many years and we would like to publicly acknowledge them for the great work they have done managing Book Club and assisting with our Book Fairs. Thankyou ladies on behalf of the Library and all of the students who have benefitted from the resources your work has gained for the school.

While we are sorry to see these ladies leave we are fortunate to have a wonderful replacement coordinator in Sharon Read who has taken up the role. She along with, Toni McElligott (who has also been a long time Book Club helper with the aforementioned ladies), Karen Flynn and Natalie Renall continue to keep Book Club rolling. So we wish to extend a big thank you to these ladies for their support of this invaluable program. Along with these ladies we also have a number of other volunteers who have assisted with other Library roles such as Book Covering, shelving and book cleaning during the year so we also wish to thank on behalf of the school community Peter Gardiner, Deb Faichney and Christine Knickel for their ongoing commitment and support.

However these groups are not a closed shop and we would love to have any other parents who may be able to volunteer a few hours during next year to help out in any of these roles, please contact the Library on 47 295 186 or by email library@annandaless.eq.edu.au.

**Book Returns**
All student Library books are now due back. Please check with your child that they know where their books are so they can return them as we still have quite a number outstanding. If they are lost please contact the Library staff either by note, email library@annandaless.eq.edu.au or phone 47 295 186 and we will arrange to send the bill home. We thank you for your support at this busy time of the year.

Mark McKay
Teacher Librarian
BOOKPACK INFORMATION

BOOKPACK COLLECTION

If you were unable to pick up your purchased bookpack last week you may collect it from the tuckshop until Thursday 11 December. Thank you to all those who ordered using this service. It has been a great success.

Michaela Tantillo
P & C Committee

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Please note the following changes in opening dates for the Uniform Shop:
OPEN on Friday 5th December (last day for 2014)
CLOSED on Friday 12th December (last day of school)
2015 - OPEN on:
Thursday Jan 22nd: 9 -12
Friday Jan 23rd: 9 -12
Tuesday Jan 27th: 8.30 – 11.30
Wednesday Jan 28th: 8.30 – 9.30
Thursday Jan 29th: 8.30 – 9.30
Friday Jan 30th: 8.30 – 9.30

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.

Leen Van Oudenhove
Uniform Shop Convenor

DEFENCE NEWS

Firstly, we would like to send our best wishes to those families who will not be returning to Annandale next year because they will be moving on to new schools and locations.

We hope you settle in well to your new schools and communities. A special mention also to our families who are experiencing an overseas deployment of a family member, our thoughts are with you this Christmas season.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish our Annandale State School Defence families a very happy Christmas and New Year. We hope you enjoy the break from the school routine and have a restful and safe holiday.

Tanya Hurditch & Karen Mitchell
(Defence School Transition Aides) J Block- next to “The Shed”

CHAPPY NEWS

Willows Presbyterian Church in Kirwan are holding a free holiday program for children in Prep to year 6 during the 2nd week of January (12 - 16 January 2015). If you would like further information please contact me.

I also have some brochures left for SU Qld camps which are happening over the summer holidays. The camps cater for a range of ages, generally from years 5 -12. Please contact me if you would like to know more.

Chappy’s Quote for the Week
The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart.
Helen Keller

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

TUCKSHOP NEWS

End of year closure
The tuckshop will be closed on the last day of school Friday 12th Dec. Orders will be taken up to and including Thursday 11th Dec, but as certain items deplete, alternate items may need to be substituted in the last week. (Please supply a second choice.)

2015 Opening
The tuckshop will be opening on the first day of school next year, Tuesday 27 January. We will continue to use the 2014 menu until the new menu is approved by the P&C at the next general meeting.

***Tuckshop helpers required urgently***

Helpers are still required to help out in the tuckshop in 2015. We have vacancies on the roster for helpers on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Please contact me on 4729 5191 or see me in the tuckshop if you can help on any of these days.

Our tuckshop relies on help from parents to maintain our excellent service (and food) to students. Help is required from 9.00 to 11.30 am daily. Your children love to see you at school and this is an excellent way to meet new people if you are new in town. We offer a cuppa, a chat and a good laugh too.

Thank you to all my loyal helpers this year, who will be moving on to other schools. I have enjoyed and appreciated all your help. Thank you.

Raelene Featherstone
Tuckshop Convenor

Online Canteen

The “Our Online Canteen” is up and running. Meals can be ordered in advance, favourite orders saved for future use, no more need for correct change!
You can place pre-orders for meals up until Thursday 11th December. The cut off time to place orders for the day will be 8.30am.

Get started by visiting www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au to register. We hope parents enjoy using this new service from our tuckshop. This service will be available again in 2015.

We would appreciate any feedback about the online ordering process which can be emailed to pandc@annandaless.eq.edu.au.

Michaela Tantillo
P & C Committee

Will you be attending our school in 2015?
If you anticipate leaving Annandale SS and will not be returning in 2015, could you please let us know as soon as possible to assist with our planning? Ph 4729 5111

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2015
ENROL NOW

Enrolments are still welcome in the week before school starts, however limited interview times are available during that week. You must attend an interview before your child can commence class. The earlier your application is received, the better chance you have of your child starting on the first day.

Enrolment packs are available from the office. Application forms are also available on our website http://annandaless.eq.edu.au

Children born between 01/07/2009—30/06/2010 are eligible for enrolment in Prep for 2015.

For further enquiries Phone 4729 5111

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Classes: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

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ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE

We have a space available in our newsletter and are seeking businesses who may be interested in advertising for the upcoming year. Advertising in the newsletter is purchased for either a 6-months period (2 Terms) or a 12-month period (4 Terms). We also offer a monthly period (4 weeks). If you are interested or have any questions regarding the advertising, please contact me at pandc@annandaless.eq.edu.au

Leanne Hervey
Newsletter Advertising Coordinator

Annandale Falcons Football Club

starts sign on for 2015 in January.

Training Tuesdays at Cranbrook Park.

Please contact the Secretary if you would like more information Sandy:

secretary@annandalefalcons.asn.au

Ph 0402936155

www.annandalefalcons.asn.au

Low cost or no cost activities for the holidays

Do some cooking – biscuits, pikelets, pizza, fruit salad or something else delicious.

Breakfast picnic at Pallarenda (be there before 6.00am)

Eat fish and chips on the strand for tea. (Watch out for those cheeky seagulls.)

Visit the Strand Water Park, Riverway or Rock Pool for water play and a swim.

Make a list of local parks, get some friends together for a picnic and a play and then vote on which was the best park.

Go fishing.

Visit the local creeks and national parks for picnics, a hike and a swim.

Invite some friends around for a play in the pool.

Have a sleep over with a friend

Play cricket or footy in the park.

Have a pizza, popcorn and movie night at home with a friend.

Screen free day – no TV, computer, iPhone, DS, iPad, iPod or anything with a screen. Try something new.

Play a board game, learn a card game, do a jigsaw.

Go to the Library.

Visit the museums.

Visit the Town common for a birdwalk early one morning.

Go for a walk through Jezzine or the Palmetum.

Feed the turtles on Ross River.

Drive to the top of Mount Stuart to see what you can see.

Visit grandma. If you can’t visit, write a letter to her. She will love it!

Check out the free and low cost activities offered by the Council, art galleries & community groups.

HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY!