Principal’s Note

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Parent Information evenings
Thank you to all those parents who made the time to attend the Parent information sessions from their children’s teachers. For some, you may have been very familiar with the messages for others it may have been the first time you attended.

There were consistent messages from all teachers incorporated in the sessions together with classroom specific details and or processes.

All teachers raised the importance of all families paying the Voluntary Contribution levy of $50 per student. This money goes directly to the year level that your child is in. It is spent to support the delivery of the curriculum to every student.

The $50 Annandale Voluntary Contribution is one of the lowest levies I am aware of—it is $1.25 per school week….. What can you buy for that amount? This much can however make a huge difference when everyone is prepared to make the contribution.

Seating
This week parents will have seen our groundsmen bolting down the great new all weather seating. This seating was provided through the efforts and commitment of our fabulous P&C.

We hope you enjoy the comfort they provide while you are waiting for your children and we are pleased that there is more seating for students to sit on when they eat their lunches.

Safety SAFETY SAFETY…..
I would like to remind parents and visitors to our school that ALL children are not permitted to play on the play equipment without teacher supervision. This means that there is no play on the equipment before and after school. As Principal, I am responsible for the safety of all persons on the school grounds.

WALT, WILF and TIB
Many of your children will be coming home talking about WALT, WILF and TIB and you will probably be wondering what this is all about.

These are cues for each class teacher to let the students know what they will be doing in their lesson, What the teacher is looking for and why they are learning it.

WALT : We Are Learning To…..
This tells the students what skills they are going to learn. Research shows that students are more motivated if they understand the learning intention of the task.
• The main benefit for students is that by focusing on the learning intention they will begin to fully understand what they are learning rather than doing something.....

We hope our students will go home describing school activities as ‘we were learning to …’ rather than ‘We did…’

WILF: What I Am Looking For…..
This tells the students what to concentrate on.
• By explicitly stating what we are looking for, we hope students will be clear about how their work will be judged and what the teacher wants to see in the finished task

Students need to know WHY they are learning something so that they can see how their work fits into the ‘BIGGER PICTURE’

TIB: This Is Because…
This tells the students why they are doing the activity. TIB explicitly states the purpose of the learning and may make connections to other skills or understandings or articulate the application of the concept.

WALT, WILF and TIB will be used by teachers for all lessons. Where possible the information will be provided orally and written so that students may check what is required of them and the standard required throughout the lesson. Have a look next time you are visiting your child’s class.

Jan Cooper
Principal
EVENTS/ACTIVITIES PAYMENTS
OUR CASH COLLECTION WINDOW IS NOW OPEN FOR ALL PAYMENTS.
Online Banking (direct debit) is our preferred method of payment.

BSB: 064823 (CBA Aitkenvale)
Bank Acc: 10263935 (Annandale SS General A/c)

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 8.15-9.00 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.

Are you in the draw?
Will your name appear here next week?

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 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 & 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 25th February, 2014 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.

Chid minding is not available.
Places are limited if you wish to attend please register at the office, in person, by note, by phone -4729 5111 or by email jlee181@eq.edu.au by Friday 20th February, 2014.

Jeni Lee
STLaN Teacher

MUSIC NOTES ♫♪♫♪#

Choir
Choir has commenced this week. All interested students who appreciate singing in years 4 to 6 are welcome to sign up for choir. See Mrs O’Donnell in first break Tuesday after eating lunch.

Karen O’Donnell
Music Coordinator

Battery recycling
Did you know that we have a battery recycling bin at school? Put your used household batteries into a bag and drop them into the office.
No car batteries accepted.

Don’t forget to return your library books on time! It will make Mr McKay very happy!
TEN DAY TEASER Number 1

Commonyms Challenge - A commonym is a group of words that have a common trait across the three words or items listed. For example:

A car - A tree - An elephant  What do they have in common... they all have trunks.  These will make you think

What do these things have in common?

1. A Ball - A Fish - A Cold
2. A Cork - A Question - A Balloon
3. A Tug of War - The Nightly News - A Boat
4. Vogue - Time – People
5. Fog - A Car Jack - A Body Builder

Answers must be submitted in the Answer box in the library by Friday February 27 at 3:00pm. Winner will be drawn at lunchtime on Monday March 2 in the Library.

Mr McKay
Your friendly Quizmaster

SPORTS TALK

Congratulations to Barnabas Juhasz for being selected in the Northern Region Swimming team to compete at the upcoming State Primary School Titles. Barnabas was selected in 50mFree/Back and 100 Back. Good luck Barnabas!

Congratulations to Joshua Nixon for his selection in the first ever State Primary School Aquathon Titles. Joshua is attending the championships at present in an event which leads into Triathlons.

Upcoming selection trials will be held soon in 12 Years and Under AFL and Basketball. Please see Mr Hull for information regards those trials.

Season One sport kicks off soon and we have over 130 students signed on to play League, Hockey and Netball. Players will be put into teams soon and more information about the competition will come out to players.

Thank you to all the students who participated in the School Swimming Trials yesterday. 80 students trialled and made the selection of the team very challenging. Selected students will receive more information about the Interschool carnival on Friday.

Brett Hull
PE Teacher

DEFENCE NEWS

Defence Parents Morning Tea

During Term 1, we meet most weeks for an informal morning tea in the Defence room. We would like to invite you to join us if you are free. If you are new to the school or have been here sometime, come along for a cuppa. It is a great opportunity to meet new people and also keep up to date with school and community events.

Morning tea is provided and we have toys for the little ones.

Time:  Thursday’s from 8:50am – 10:30am
Where:  J Block – Next to the basketball courts

Thursday 26th Feb 15  Morning Tea with special guest Jessica Stark, Family Liaison Officer DCO
Thursday 5th Mar 15  No Morning Tea today – DSTA Training Day, please join us next week.
Thursday 12th Mar 15  Morning Tea with special guest from Defence Holidays NQ. They will advise us of current special deals on holidays.

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

P & C NEWS

P&C AGM Monday 9th March U Block at 7pm

Parents, Carers and Friends are warmly invited to come along to the P&C’s Annual General Meeting. You can become a member or if you are interested in an executive role, more information can be found at http://www.pandcsqld.com.au/pc-resources/executive-roles/ At this year's AGM we will be calling for new nominations for the Treasurer executive role and the Fundraising Coordinator position.

P&C Book keeper required

A paid casual position for a book keeper with the P&C has become available. Application packs are available at the school office or email pandc@annandaless.eq.edu.au. Applications close by 3pm Friday 20th February. Interviews will be conducted in the following week.

Michaela Tantillo
P&C Committee

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Menu
We will continue to use the 2014 menu until the new menu is approved by the P&C at the AGM in March.

How can you order lunch at the tuckshop?

You can order for both 1st and 2nd break for 5 days a week.

1. Write your order on a paper lunch bag and place in the tuckshop tray in your child’s classroom. A separate bag is required for each break.
2. If you have no change or paper bags, orders can be made over the counter at the Tuckshop from 8.40am.
3. You can now place your order through our Online canteen service. Just sign up, add your child, add credit and submit your orders. Visit www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au to register. The cut off time to place orders for the day will be 8.30am.

Tuckshop helpers required

Helpers are still needed in tuckshop. If you can spare a few hours from 9.00am - 11.30 am, please come and see Raelene at the Tuckshop or phone 4729 5191.

Raelene Featherstone
Tuckshop Coordinator

CHAPPY NEWS

It was great to visit the Defence morning tea last week and meet our Defence parents. Thank you Mrs Hurditch and Mrs Mitchell for the invitation!

Parents, don’t forget you are welcome to drop in for a chat if you are concerned about your students. My days are Thursday and Friday and my office is located in I Block.

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

Lost Property

There are a few items accumulating in the lost property box which is situated just outside the tuckshop in the CPA. There are items of clothing, hats, water bottles and lunch boxes. Smaller items such as sunglasses, purse, jewellery are held in the office.
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Wanted - Pre-loved Soccer and Football Boots for Africa
Wanted second hand, pre-loved soccer or football boots (even socks or clothing) ALL SIZES to supply a number of soccer teams in Dagahaley, Ifo and Hagadera Refugee Camps in Kenya. Please drop off your donations to 3L1 Mrs Taylor’s class. The donations will be hand delivered to teams by a friend travelling to Kenya. Thank you for your donation.

Junior Crocs Aussie Hoops
Term 1
Students aged 5-12 begins Tuesday 3rd March 2015, 3:15 - 4:15 pm every week for 5 weeks. $60 to register. To register log onto www.crocodiles.com.au and follow Aussie Hoops link. Registrations close 27 February. For more information phone Greg on 0421 631 587 or email greg@crocodiles.com.au

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