**Acting Principal’s Note**

**Dear Parents and Carers**

Welcome back after the Easter break. Ms Jan Cooper is on Leave for the next 3 weeks and I am Acting Principal while she is away. Brett Hull will be Acting Deputy Principal (Year 3 to 6) during this time and Mrs Schinkel will be our PE teacher for the next 3 weeks.

**ANZAC DAY Memorial Service**

This Friday 24 April is the school’s annual ANZAC Day memorial service. The whole school will attend and each class will lay a wreath they have made for this ceremony.

This year the school is fortunate to have Sergeant Ben Strutymski as our official guest who will address the school ceremony.

This day is important to us a nation and Annandale has a special reason to remember as it has approximately 23% of our students from Defence families.

The service on Friday will be followed by a morning tea hosted by our valued Defence Transition Aides, Tanya Hurditch and Karen Mitchell.

**Marching in the Townsville City Council ANZAC Day Parade**

Each year students from Years 5 and Year 6 are offered the opportunity to represent the school by marching in the city’s ANZAC Day parade as a school group. I thank those students for taking part of their time to mark this important day. A letter has been given to students interested in marching in this ceremony with details about the parade.

Thank you to all those staff who also give their time to represent the school and march with the students.

**FUN RUN**

Our annual Annandale Fun Run will be held on 5 May from 9 am to 11am (week 3). This date allows a team to be selected for the Townsville Primary Schools’ Cross Country team and does not conflict with any other school activities.

**YUMI Deadly Maths Parent Sessions**

For the last 2¼ years Annandale teachers have been training in, and using Yumi Deadly Maths teaching methods in their classrooms under the guidance of our QUT mentor Robyn Anderson. Next week, Robyn will visit us for the last time before leaving us to continue this excellent program using the skills we have been equipped with. Parents are invited to attend information sessions next Thursday 30 April which are aimed at helping you support your children’s maths development.

**Session Times:**

- Thursday 2:00pm - 3:00pm
- Thursday 5:00pm - 6:00pm

We hope to see you at one of these sessions.

**NAPLAN (National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy)**

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are not pass/ fail tests. NAPLAN tests provide very valuable information, but there are no consequences for individual students for poor or good performance. At the classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress.

The NAPLAN program is as follows:

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**Preparation for NAPLAN:**

- Ensure a good night’s sleep prior to testing days
- Ensure a good breakfast on testing day
- Support students by encouraging them to:
  - do their best
  - answer ALL questions, even if they are unsure of their answer, give it a try
  - take time to re-read questions and answers
- Remind students that they will each be required to complete the assessments without any assistance.

Yours in Education

Kerry Finn

Acting Principal
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**5 KEYS TO SUCCESS — YOU CAN DO IT!**

**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.

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**“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.

- Hudson Waltham  PP1
- Adam MacKinnon 2K1
- Freya Richardson  PP1
- Imogen Vennard Devlin  PP1
- Class of the week  1B2
- Kyla Bushnell  2C4

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**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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**EVENT** | **Ref Code** | **Closing Date: Direct Debit** | **Closing Date: Cash, Chq EFT-POS** | **Cost**
---|---|---|---|---
Student Diary  Years 4-6 | (Year level ) + DIARY | ASAP | ASAP | $10
Literacy Pro Year 3 & any new student in 2015 | (Year level ) + LITER | ASAP | ASAP | $10
Laptop classes 1-2-1 Technician | (Year level ) + TECHN | ASAP | ASAP | $100
All year levels-Voluntary Contribution | (Year level ) + CONTR | ASAP | ASAP | $50
Prep Craft | CRAFT | ASAP | ASAP | $30
Music Instrumental  | INSTR | ASAP | ASAP | $40
Music Instrumental Hire | INSTR | ASAP | ASAP | $40
Choir | CHOIR | ASAP | ASAP | $30

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**MARK MCKAY**

Teacher/Librarian

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**MUSIC NOTES ♫♪♫♪#**

**Instrumental Music**
The School Band has started rehearsals at 8am on Wednesdays in the music room. Please arrive on time to get the most out of the rehearsals.

**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**
After ANZAC Day the choir will return to one rehearsal on Tuesdays in first break.

Karen O’Donnell  
Music Coordinator

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**THE ANNANDALE STATE SCHOOL HERO TREES**

Our Hero Trees on display at the RSL have now been relocated to Jezzine Barracks in readiness for ANZAC day. If you are attending the ANZAC day March and Commemoration Ceremony, perhaps you would like to take the opportunity to see the “forest” of Hero Trees while you are there.

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**P & C NEWS**

**ANNANDALE STATE SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION**

**MOTHER DAY STALL 2015**

Dear Parents and Guardians

With the growing popularity of the Mothers Day Stall the P&C will again be offering gifts for purchase on: THURSDAY 7TH MAY at U BLOCK

Students will be given the opportunity to attend the stall for a “LOOK ONLY” on WEDNESDAY 6th May from 8.30-8.50am and 3.00-3.20pm.

As we would like the gifts the students choose to be a SURPRISE for Mum we encourage them to come and view what is on offer so they can bring a suitable amount of money to get mum that special gift.....

On THURSDAY 7th May please send your child with suitable amount of money preferably in a purse/wallet, ziplock bag or envelope. The gifts are priced at $2.00, $3.00, $5.00 and $7.00 each. Students may purchase a total of two (2) items.

If two items are purchased I must be from the $2/$3 range and 1 from $5/$7 range.

A small amount of Mothers Day cards will be available for $1.00.

Please do not send in any money until the day of the stall. Students will be supervised by teachers and escorted to the stall via a roster.

FRIDAY 8th May the stall will be open from 8.30-8.50am for those students who were absent on Thursday or for students who wish to buy something more!

Syahn Farr & Rebecca Moore  
Fundraising Committee

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**ANZAC ASSEMBLY 2015 - INVITATION**

We would like to extend an invitation to all our parents and carers to attend our ANZAC Assembly on Friday 24th April. The Assembly will commence promptly at 10:30am in “The Shed”. The ANZAC Assembly will be followed by a morning tea in J Block (next to “The Shed”) from 11am - 11:45am for all our parents and carers. Please join us for this special commemorative occasion.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli campaign of the First World War.

Lest we forget

**ANZAC DAY**

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**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

*** New Menu Coming soon ***

Our new menu will be released soon

**Tuckshop helpers still required**

Helpers are still required for this term. Can you help? There are still quite a few days, when there are no helpers at all.

If you can help, please ring Raelene on 4729 5191 or come to the tuckshop during school hours.

Help!

Raelene Featherstone  
Tuckshop Coordinator

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**DEFENCE NEWS**

**Defence Parents Afternoon Tea**

If you have been unable to come to morning teas, perhaps you may be able to join us for Afternoon Tea. Come and get a car park early and join us for an informal get-together. We look forward to seeing you then.

Where: J Block – Near basketball courts.

When: Thursday 14th May

Time: 2:00pm

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Tanya Hurditch & Karen Mitchell  
Defence School Transition Aides — J Block  
thurd2@eq.edu.au and kmitch181@eq.edu.au
Townsville PCYC Primary School Age Disco
24th April 6:00pm-8:30pm, at Wellington Street Aitkenvale. $5 entry
The event is fully supervised; there will be games and prizes on the night as well as lots of dancing. This is a great community event which provides children with a safe environment to have fun and make friends. For further information please phone 4781 9100.

South Pacific Taekwondo
Tigers classes
For ages 2 ½ - 5 years
Term 2 classes start 20 April at 5.00pm.
Classes are conducted on Mondays and Wednesdays at 5,000pm at our head office which is located on 330 Bayswater Rd, Garbutt
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