Principal’s Note

Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 4 Change to routine in second break
In order to settle students after second break and allow them to cool down after play before they enter class, a trial will be conducted in Term 4 of a change of play and eating arrangements. The trial arrangement will be: 1:30 - 1:50 – play 1:50 to 2:00 – eating. All students will have adequate time to eat and go to the toilet before coming to class.

Independent Public School

The school community is currently undertaking a community consultation process as part of the process to raise an Expression of interest to become an Independent Public School (IPS). There are currently four schools in Townsville which are IPS: Kirwan State High School, Pimlico State High School, Hermit Park State School and Kirwan State School.

Some of the benefits of becoming an IPS are:
- an opportunity to streamline the school curriculum and extra-curricular offerings
- reduce ‘red tape’
- provide greater local decision making regarding staffing and facilities
- additional funds to support school initiatives
- public accountability.

The school will be providing the whole school community with an opportunity to express their opinion about the school applying to become IPS.

The process requires the school to submit an expression of interest to a panel which will determine the successful applicants. Information regarding IPS may be obtained by requesting it from the school office, emailing the Principal (the.principal@annandless.eq.edu.au) or visiting the Education Queensland website (http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/independent-public-schools/index.html).

Our interest in becoming an Independent Public School was discussed at the P&C meeting this week and will be discussed again at the next meeting on Monday 12 October.

PARENT SURVEY FOR IPS

Once you have read the information from the website, please complete the parent/Carer survey inside this newsletter and return it to the school office.

Defence Transition Teacher Aides morning tea

The school is always pleased to welcome visitors to our school. They share their ideas and we gain from listening to them.

On 15 October we have a special visitor coming to Annandale to talk about some great work that is occurring in our community. Penny Teale, a young diggers dog squad trainer, will visit our school to share information about the work being undertaken by this association.

All are welcome to attend the Defence Parents morning tea on Thursday 15 October, even if you are not a member of a defence family.

2016 Vietnam Tour

Just a reminder about the offer to our Year 5 students who might be interested in joining the Pimlico SHS 2016 Vietnam Tour.

Additional information will be available in a detailed information book available in early Term 4 and at an Information Evening on Tuesday 20th October.

This Study Tour still requires endorsement by the Pimlico SHS P&C Association and approval by the Department of Education and Training.

Year 6 Echo Creek Camp

The Year six camp was a blast! Lots of watery fun was had by all at the Echo Creek Camp.

Well done to all our students who participated in the Eisteddfod. You have all gained valuable experience and your efforts are highly commended. Congratulations to all.

By Caitlin O’Connell

Jan Cooper
Principal

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### Annandale State School Independent Public School Survey

I believe it would be a positive change for Annandale S.S. to become an Independent Public School (please tick as many as you like)

- □ The School will have a school council
- □ The school can determine its own staffing options
- □ The school can determine its own policies and procedures to suit the school community
- □ The school will have the capacity to assume greater responsibility for its own affairs
- □ The school can implement innovative educational programs or practices to improve student performance
- □ The school can make local decisions about joint facility agreements and partnerships
- □ The school can manage its own maintenance program
- □ As an independent Public School, Annandale S.S. will still benefit from existing liability insurance, legal and media advice, financial and purchasing advice, industrial relations advice and support, OneSchool, Curriculum to Classroom, MyHR and WorkCover support and Central and Regional Office Support
- □ Staff will still work under the applicable Enterprise Bargaining agreements
- □ Other (please specify)

I see that there could be negatives in Annandale S.S. becoming an Independent Public School

- □ Some permanent staff may choose to transfer if the school becomes an Independent Public School
- □ The school will need to have a P&C and a School Council
- □ Other (please specify)

Overall, I agree / disagree that Annandale S.S. should apply to become an Independent Public School (please choose one option below)

- □ I agree that Annandale S.S. should apply to become an Independent Public School
- □ I disagree that Annandale S.S. should apply to become an Independent Public School

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### 5 KEYS TO SUCCESS

| **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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### Music Notes

- **Eisteddfod**
  - The Eisteddfod is finally over for another year. All students who performed in this event are to be congratulated. They have worked very hard attending rehearsals and practicing at home. They have represented Annandale State School proudly and have gained valuable experience by standing up on a stage and performing. It is a challenging and exciting thing to do and they should be proud of their experience. Congratulations to the Concert Band who were highly commended. Majority of the students are first timers and all are in year 4 & 5. The Choir were also highly commended for their Chinese folk song Gau Shan Ching.

- **Solo Eisteddfod & AMEB results**
  - **Timothy Salvador** - Digital Piano Solo Section: Highly Commended
  - AMEB Piano Grade 3: A+ High Distinction
  - **Amy Kim** - Popular Piano Solo Section: Highly Commended
  - AMEB Violin Grade 3: A+ High Distinction
  - **Troy Salvador** - AMEB Violin Grade 2: B Credit

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### Opportunity for Year 3 students

From term 4, choir will be opened to Year 3 students. Parents if you have a student who likes to sing please encourage them to come along to choir next term on Wednesdays in 2nd and 4th break.

Karen O'Donnell
Music Coordinator
SPORTS TALK

Good luck to our Under 10 Rugby league teams who play in the Annandale Challenge at Brothers Leagues Club tomorrow. Also best wishes to our Year 4/5 basketball teams who play in the Townsville basketball Challenge at Murray tomorrow.

Year 2/3 Swimming Program

In term 4 we will be running our Year 2/3 swimming program in weeks 5-9. The program started last year and was a huge success. All students in year 2/3 will get more information about the program early in term 4. The cost of the program will be $60 and students will receive 5 x 50 min lessons at the Kirwan aquatic Centre run by qualified swimming coaches. Season 3 sport will resume after the holidays with four more games to play.

Go Cowboys!!!!

DEFENCE NEWS

Defence Parents Morning Tea

Our special guest for our next morning will be Penny Teale from Young Diggers Dog Squad. Penny is the trainer of the PTSD Assistance Dogs and she will be calling in for a short time for us to meet some dogs in training. Please join us if you can.

When: Thursday 15th October 2015 (Week 2)
Time: 8:50am – 10:30am
Where: J Block (Next to Basketball courts)

Tanya Hurditch & Karen Mitchell
Defence School Transition Aides — J Block

A HUGE THANK YOU TO PETER McCANN AND MERCEDES BENZ TOWNSVILLE

Annandale State School’s Interschool Basketball Teams and their coaches would like to thank Mr Peter McCann and Mercedes Benz Townsville for donating twenty new basketballs for us to train and play. We truly appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness.

Caterina Johnson

P & C NEWS

TUCKSHOP NEWS

The draw for the Online Canteen draw will be tomorrow. Winners announced first newsletter next term.

P&C Committee

UNIFORM SHOP CONVENOR

Expression of interest:

Uniform Shop Convenor

The Annandale SS P&C is seeking expressions of interest for the casual PAID POSITION of Uniform Shop Convenor. This position consists of paid work, approximately 3 hours per week, starting early November, 2015.

If you are interested, please collect and complete the application pack from the Front Counter of the School Office. The application pack includes a full position description and selection criteria. Please submit your application by 3pm Friday 23rd October to the Front Counter of the School Office along with a copy of your resume and current Blue Card.

Alternatively email pandc@annandaless.eq.edu.au for an application package.

BOOKPACKS FOR 2016

We have now started taking orders for 2016. Bookpack Orders will close Friday 6/11/15

You can order online at ouronlinecanteen.com.au or via the Uniform shop on a Friday morning.

Prices are:

- Prep - $169
- Year 1 - $146
- Year 2 - $161
- Year 3 - $176
- Year 4 - $143
- Year 5 - $105
- Year 5 Laptop - $78
- Year 6 - $130
- Year 6 Laptop - $74

New this year.

Home Delivery
You can also have the option for home delivery which is an additional $13.50

Win
Also, if you place your order online, one lucky person will have the total cost of their bookpack refunded back to them as a reward for using the online ordering.

Orders will be available for pick up the last 2 weeks of term 4.

Keith Wilson
P&C President

Look after our school.
If you see any suspicious activity in the school during the holidays, please call SCHOOLWATCH 131788
Parenting Course
Veterans and Families Counselling Service (VVCS) will be running the 123 Magic and Emotion Coaching Parent Course during October and registrations are now being taken. The program is for parents of children aged 12 and under. Please contact VVCS directly for more information about the content of the course and to reserve your place in the program.

Dates: Tuesday 13th, 20th & 27th October 2015
Time: 2:30pm – 4:30pm (2 hour sessions)
RSVP: Please phone 1800 011 046