Dear Parents and Carers,

COWBOYS
I must not start this newsletter without mentioning the tremendous achievement of the Cowboys last weekend. An extraordinary result for a very hard working team.

I must say I endorse the thoughts of Sonia Muller (Nome) printed in Tuesday’s Townsville Bulletin. She highlighted the Eight Life Laws of The Cowboys. Two of these I thought were worth repeating.

Most of life is spent trudging back and forth, making little progress. But interspersed throughout are moments of inspiration, of despair and of incredulity. Knowing they are there propels us forward.

When it is increasingly likely that you will fail, it’s the people beside you, with their commitment to mutual success and belief in you that makes triumph possible.

The Cowboys performance throughout the season has certainly been a fine example to our students of the value of our Keys to Success:

Persistence - hard work for the whole season
Organisation - they had a plan(s)
Getting along - they worked together
Confidence - they had confidence in their abilities as a team
Resilience - even when all seemed lost they rallied and WON

We will be using the Cowboys as a fine example of how sticking with these keys to success pays off.

Vietnam Tour 2016
16 Sep 16-3 Oct 16
Open to 2016 Year 6 students.

Cost is $4200 per student (Airfares, sightseeing, breakfast, 13 lunches and 17 dinners and Travel insurance).

An Information Session will be held at:
Where: Pimlico SHS Performing Arts Complex (PAC)
When: Tuesday 20 October at 7:00pm
All welcome.

Independent Public School
Currently the staff and P and C are considering submitting an Expression of Interest to become an Independent Public School.

This is a limited opportunity available to the school. Applications close on Friday 16 October.

The whole funding available, to Independent Public Schools is an additional $50 000 per year, as it ceases at the end of 2017.

If Annandale was successful in this round the school would have the opportunity to receive an additional $150 000 to support its programs and initiatives.

The application is a significant document to be prepared and the Staff and the P and C must endorse the application.

Annandale S.S. has a strong reputation and being part of this initiative will only enhance that reputation.

2016 Year 5 Laptop class nominations
Year 4 students interested in applying for the Year 5 Laptop class for 2016 need to have nomination forms into the office by Friday 9 October at 4pm.

Nomination forms and parent information booklets about the program can be collected from the office. Please see Mrs Kerry Finn if you have any questions—kfinn30@eq.edu.au

Jan Cooper
Principal
**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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**You Can Do It!**

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

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**MUSIC NOTES ♫♪♫♪#**

Welcome back. As fourth term gets going, the music department will get busier. All classes will be undergoing music assessments. Students will be tested on their listening, vocals and sight reading skills. Year 6 are being assessed on their keyboard skills and Year 4 & 5 will be assessed on their recorder skills.

**Opportunity for Year 3 students**

Year 3 Choir has started up from week 1 during 2nd break on Wednesdays in music room. Their first performance will be at the Christmas Highlights concert in week 7.

**REHEARSAL TIMES**

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**Annandale State School QR Code**

By using this QR code with your QR reader on your personal device you may get quick access to our school website.

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Music Coordinator
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