Principal’s Note
Dear Parents and Carers,
Independent Public School
On Monday the school was advised of the success of the school’s application to become an Independent Public School in 2016. 61 schools applied and 46 applications were accepted by the Director General, DR Jim Watterston. This is good news as it is recognition of the school’s capacity to effectively manage its personnel, financial and facilities. It will allow some freedom to make decisions which will continue to enhance the school’s already strong position in the education community in Townsville.

Information on the Induction Program for new IPS Principals to be held in February 2016.

Deputy Principal (Prep to Year 2)
The school has been advised that Mrs Sue Royle has been successful in winning the substantive position as Principal, Mundingburra State School from 2016. She has been the acting Principal at Mundingburra this year. Throughout 2015 Scott Taylor and Ward Nicholas have backfilled her position at Annandale.

When vacancies like this occur the Education Department’s Vacancy Review Panel meets to determine if the position will be filled by a Relocation or will be put up for Merit selection. As this vacancy will be considered by the panel in Semester 1 2016, an Expression of Interest to fill the position has been published. The school will manage this process to identify a suitable person for semester 1 2016.

Mr Scott Taylor will be returning to his substantive position at Weir State School in 2016. We thank him for all his efforts at Annandale S.S. this semester.

Jan Cooper
Principal
EVENTS/ACTIVITIES PAYMENTS

BPOINT is a new secure card payment collection portal through Commonwealth Bank and is our NEW PREFERRED payment method.

You can make payments on school invoices from your home and office or from your smartphones. Receipts are sent back to you via email.

BPOINT can be used for full, half and part payments, as well as payment on invoices and statements. As contributions and prep craft payments are voluntary, we cannot issue invoices, so payment will still need to be by:

- **Direct debit** to our bank account—BSB: 064823 Account: 10263935
  Use child’s surname, initial and activity reference details; Process at least 5 days before the closing date
- **Cash or cheque** payments at the Cash Collection Window at school up to and including the closing date.
- **Credit Card payments** - minimum payment is $10.00 and can be paid at Cash Collection Window, by payment envelope, or over the phone.

Payments by cash, cheque, credit card can be made at the cash collection window in the Administration building from 8.15-9.00 am or 2.15-2.45 pm Monday to Friday.

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*BPO = BPoint  * DD = Direct Debit  * CCW = Cash Collection Window

**CHAPPY NEWS**

One of my favourite aspects of the role of a School Chaplain at Annandale State School is the ability to be available to students and staff at lunchtimes. Most lunchtimes I am helping to supervise the Games Room. This is a great time to talk and play games with students, help model social behaviours for those who need some extra help making friends or provide a listening ear for those who wish to talk about their day. I run a craft program once a week in the Games Room for interested students. These informal times offer students the opportunity to share their day and celebrate their successes.

- **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.

Congratulations to the many students who have earned a place in the YCDI draw. Keep up the good work.

**THIS WEEK IN MUSIC ♫♪♫♪#**

**Instrumental programme 2016**
If you missed the instrumental recruitment night and are interested in having your student learn a string, brass or woodwind instrument please see Mrs O’Donnell after school or email on kodon49@eq.edu.au for more information.

**Christmas Highlights & Music Awards Concert** is tonight, Thursday 19th, 6.30pm in The Shed. All are welcome to attend. Adult and Family tickets are $10. Tickets can be purchased with cash on the night.

**Prep – Year 3 Christmas Concert** will be held in Week 9. Students may bring a Christmas t-shirt and/or Christmas hat to wear. Date: 3 December Time: 9am – 10am Place: CPA

**Music students of the week (For week 6)**
For exceptional musical knowledge, effort, confidence & self-discipline in music
Madeline Read 2C3, Lachlan Riegels 2C4, Lachlan Hynd 2C4 Robbie Finch 3L3.
Keep up the great work students

Karen O'Donnell Music Coordinator

**Term 4, 2015**
- Last day school: Friday 11 December

**Term 1, 2016**
- First day school: Wednesday 27 January
Premier’s Reading Challenge/ Summer Reading Club.

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”

The famous quote from Dr Seuss epitomises the benefits that students get from reading and nearly 100 students from Prep to Year 5 gained these benefits by completing the Premier’s Reading Challenge competition last term. These students will receive a Certificate signed by the Premier in appreciation of their efforts. When the certificates arrive they will be given to class teachers for distribution in Week 7 and the students will be acknowledged at their respective parades this week. Congratulations to all these great readers who managed to complete this challenge.

SUMMER READING CLUB

To ensure that your children continue to obtain all the benefits of reading over the summer break Townsville City Libraries is conducting a Summer Reading Club promotion during this time. Children can win great prizes for their reading efforts for the duration of the promotion. As part of the launch of this project City Libraries is bringing children’s author and entertainer Andy Jones to our school on Friday November 20 at 10:00 am to present to our Year 3, 4 & 5 students. Also during this session the City Library staff intend to video Andy’s presentation and student reaction. Students who have not signed media releases will be seated so that they will not appear in the video. If you have any concerns about your child potentially appearing in the video please contact me in the Library on 47295186.

In conjunction with this show local member Coralee O’Rourke has been invited to attend and present the Premier’s Reading Challenge certificates to the Year 3 – 5 students who completed the challenge.

Book Club

Our final Book club for 2015 has been collated. I would like to send a special thank you to Book Club coordinator Sharon Read for the many hours of volunteer time she has given to keep this valuable program running. She has been ably assisted at different times throughout the year by Karen Flynn, Natalie Renall, Michaela Tantillo, Nanditha Mallya and Tracey Hughes. We wish to publicly thank them for their support of the Library as it is the use of the Book Club commission which has earned the school many new resources and without their support we would be unable to offer this option.

Benefits of Reading Aloud to Your Child

The following is an excerpt taken from an article written by Ryan Spencer Clinical Teaching Specialist and Lecturer in Literacy Education at the University of California that outlines how important reading aloud to your child is.

As parents know all too well, children love to re-read their favourite books over and over again. While this may feel painfully repetitive to adults, there is something in the text that is bringing children back time after time. Children benefit greatly from re-reading as they learn the rhyming or predictable pattern of the text – rather than spending that time trying to understand what the book’s about.

Research shows that repeated reading of favourite books can boost vocabulary by up to 40%. But this is only truly beneficial when the text is read aloud.

Research shows that when preschool children are frequently read to, their brain areas supporting comprehension and mental imagery are highly engaged. Studies show that this helps with the development of reading skills, such as word recognition, when they start to learn to read.

By assisting our children to develop these skills, we’re ensuring that they know that text conveys a message, and to read on for more information when they get stuck on a word.

And it’s never too early to start reading aloud to your children. Australian author and literacy studies professor Mem Fox says reading to children from birth can help develop a love for and understanding of books.

The full text can be found at the following website and is well worth reading: http://bit.ly/1NxK2as

Mark McKay
Teacher/Librarian

P & C NEWS & UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

P&C Volunteers Appreciation Afternoon Tea

All parents and citizens who volunteered in 2015 for P&C activities or events are invited to an Appreciation Afternoon Tea at 2.30pm Thursday 3rd December @ PLA-A (Time-Out Room opposite A block). For catering purposes please RSVP by email pandc@annandaless.eq.edu or see Raelene at Tuckshop. Join us to celebrate another productive year for our school’s P&C. Fundraising efforts have contributed this year in many areas including providing shade marquees for P.E., music stands trolley for Music Dept and shelving for the resource centre. Volunteers are still needed at the Tuckshop – see Raelene/Annette if you are interested.

2016 Bookpack orders can still be placed on ouronlinecanteen.com.au for pick up in the new year.

Christmas Cheer The P&C is putting a Christmas tree in the CPA. Would you like to add your little decoration to it? Give the CPA a bit of festive cheer! Have fun!

Uniform shop

The P&C would like to farewell and thank Uniform Shop Convenor and Tuckshop Volunteer, Leen Van Oudenhove, who will be leaving Australia at the end of the year and welcome Tracey Simon who will be taking on the Uniform Shop Convenor role.

Please note the following opening dates for the Uniform Shop:

OPEN on Friday 4th December (last day for 2015)
CLOSED on Friday 11th December (last day of school 2015)

2016 - OPEN on:

Thursday 21st Jan: 9 - 12
Friday 22nd Jan: 9 - 12
Wednesday 27th Jan: 8.30 – 9.30
Thursday 28th Jan: 8.30 – 9.30
Friday 29th Jan: 8.30 – 9.30

Please Note: The Uniform Shop is now available ONLINE along with Tuckshop and P&C Bookpacks online. Register with www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au to get started. There is also an order form for uniforms that 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 to will be filled and items delivered to your child’s classroom on the next Uniform Shop opening day.

Michaela Tantillo
P & C Committee

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Congratulations to the Winners of our major raffle!!

Major Holiday Prize – Janaye Ney
2nd PRIZE – Lee Beddeley
iPod Shuffle – Akshaya & Anirudh Mallya

Thank you for everyone who sold and purchased tickets; the fundraiser was a great success! A huge thank you to our volunteers Amy & Billie.

If anyone is interested in helping out in next year’s fundraising activities or has any suggestions for fundraising, please come along to our P&C meetings or alternatively you can email the P&C.

Syyah Farr & Rebecca Murdoch
Fundraising Coordinators

DEFENCE NEWS

Defence Parents Morning Tea

We would like to invite you to join us for our last morning tea for the year. This will be a great opportunity to say goodbye to those families leaving us at the end of the year as well. When: 26th November 2015 (Week 8) Time: From 8:50am – 10:30am Where: J Block – Next to the basketball courts. Morning tea is provided and we have toys for the little ones. Please join us if you can.

Are you leaving Annandale State School?

Please let the school office know if you will not be returning to Annandale next year. This helps us with the planning of our “Farewell” activities currently scheduled during week 8 and 9.

REDO Information If you are leaving, please consider contacting the Regional Education Liaison Officer for your new area. Please phone the Defence Family Helpline on 1800 624 608 to gain access to the REDO who can provide information on schools in your new posting location, particularly those with a DSTA and they can also provide general community information.

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