Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

2016 SCHOOL LEADERS

Our 2016 School Leaders were presented to the student body at a whole school assembly last Friday. They are:

- **2016 Captains:** Ashton Pratchett and Lilly Penney
- **2016 Vice Captains:** Barnabas Juhasz and Indigo Wedel
- **2016 Indigenous Leaders:** Dakota Gallego and Bryden Geatches

Congratulations to these students who have been elected as leaders for 2016.

House Captains and Student Councillors will be elected early next year.

Year 6 Graduation

Year 6 students are beginning their preparation for their graduation ceremonies.

The Year 6 Graduation will be on **WEDNESDAY evening 9 December at The Ville Ballroom** from 7pm to 9pm. Students will rehearse during this day to be prepared for the evening. Students will travel to The Ville by bus at 9am and return to school at 2:30pm. Students should bring morning tea / lunch and a water bottle to the venue. NO FOOD will be able to be purchased during the day.

Year 6 Excursion You Did It Day

Year 6 students are going to the You Did It Excursion Day on Thursday 10 December. Students are going to Riverway in the morning and Laser Skirmish in the afternoon.

The Cash Collection window will be closed at 9.00am 4 December for all payments to allow the office staff to reconcile all accounts for the end of year. The window will open on the first day of school to accept payments for 2016.

Inter-House Swimming Carnival

The annual Inter-House Swimming carnival will be held at Long Tan Pool on Monday 7 December. ALL students in Years 2-6 will attend the carnival. (There will be no yr 2-6’s at school on that day). Our aim is to provide students with a fun and engaging carnival for all students with maximum participation throughout the day. Permission Notes have gone home. There is no cost for this event. Children need to bring sunsafe clothing, hat, towel, swimmers, lunch and snacks, water, sunscreen and plastic bag for wet things.

Report Cards

All report cards will be distributed to students on **Tuesday 8 December** (week 10).

Christmas break

The school office will be closed from Friday, 11 December 2015.

2016: The school office will be open from Monday 18 January 2016. New enrolment interviews will be conducted in this week and Teachers & Teacher Aides will be participating in 4 days Professional Development.

New School Year 2016

The new school year commences on **Wednesday 27 January 2016**. We look forward to seeing all your bright, cheery faces in 2016 and that you will be ready for new challenges and continued learning that the new year will bring.

I hope everyone has a wonderful, relaxing and safe holiday. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Yours in education

Kerry Finn

Deputy Principal
**This Week in Music**

Keep up the great work students

Indie Leeson 3L2
Maddisyn McCaskill 3L1             Meg Patching 3L1
Hyunchae Lee 3L2
William Kealley 5G2
Ethan Lone 5G2
Jessica Kim 4E4
Madeline Read 2C3
Lauren Pratchett 2C2
Ella Bensch 2K2
Mikaylah Wilson 1C1
Jerome Mathew 1B4

For exceptional knowledge & performance in Music for 2015.

Music students of the week (For week 8 & 9)

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- Many of the band and orchestra students are continuing next year which puts Annandale State School in good stead for these instrumental events.
- 2016 is looking good for Instrumental Music at Annandale.

Dear Parents

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**Term 4, 2015**

Last day school
Friday 11 December

**Term 1, 2016**

First day school
Wednesday 27 January

Instrumental Programme 2016

Dear Parents

Students who have applied for instrumental music next year will be notified of the results by letter in week 10. If you wish to accept your student’s place please return the acceptance slip at the bottom of the letter to the office as soon as possible.

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Julia Tantillo 1B3
Samiya Bansal 1C1
Mikaylah Wilson 1C1
Talieya McCaskill 1B1
Madelyn Gallagher 1B1
Ella Bensch 2K2
Lachlan Riegels 2C4
Amelia Doyle 2K1
Lauren Pratchett 2C2
Jade Walkom 2C2
Jemma Han 2C3
Madeline Read 2C3
Ellie Burgess 4D2
Austin Park 4D1
Jessica Kim 4E4
Lidia Teitzel 4E3
Daniel Kim 5G2
Ethan Lone 5G2
Levi Murakami 5G2
Lilly Penney 5G2
William Kealley 5G2
Matilda Kealley 3L1
Tia Mabbott 3L1
Maddisyn McCaskill 3L1
Meg Patching 3L1
Hyunchae Lee 3L2
Indie Leeson 3L2
Lincoln Collins 3L3

Keep up the great work students

**Office opening 2016**

The School office will open in the new year on Monday 18 January for all enrolment enquiries. Due to mandatory training and Staff Professional Development sessions, the office will be closed for short periods at (as yet) unspecified times. A sign will be posted on the office door as these occur to notify of opening availability.

**2016 Class lists**

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**You Can Do It!**

Each student receives a reward sponsored by Rock Paper Scissors

**5 KEYS TO SUCCESS**

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

**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

Yohance Joseph 3K4
Abby Breckenridge 5E2
Jasmyn Cronin-Lovis 4E3
Holly Ryan 3K4
Zak Paul 4E4

**And finally a parting message from me.**

Many of you may already know that my music contract with Annandale State School is finishing this year. I have had a wonderful two years jammed packed with numerous challenges, achievements and great teaching experiences.

I have had the privilege of working alongside talented teachers, music teachers & principals and admin staff and I sincerely thank them for all their support. Whilst I miss Jane Jocumsen this semester I have had to pleasure of passing on a tremendous job with the year 3s and Year 5s. Miss Jocumsen will return next year.

And finally a parting message from me.

Karen O’Donnell
Music Coordinator

**MEDICATIONS**

If you have any medications held at the school please collect them before the end of term Friday 11th December.
Look after our school. If you see any suspicious activity in the school during the holidays, please call SCHOOLWATCH 131788

DEFENCE NEWS

At this time of year we begin saying our goodbyes to some of our Annandale Defence Families. We would like to send our best wishes to you as you move on to new schools, communities and opportunities. We hope you settle in well and that your journeys are safe and enjoyable.

A special mention also to our families who are experiencing the overseas deployment of a family member, our thoughts are with you this Christmas season.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish our Annandale State School Defence families a very happy Christmas and New Year. We hope you enjoy the break from the school routine and have a restful and safe holiday.

Tanya Hurditch & Karen Mitchell
Defence School Transition Aides — J Block
thurd2@eq.edu.au and kmitc181@eq.edu.au

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Lunch orders this week
There is only one week left of school so Tuckshop will be running down its stock. To make things easier, please state a 2nd choice when ordering, just in case your first choice of food is not available.

TUCKSHOP CLOSED 11 December
Tuckshop will be closed the last day of school NO LUNCHES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON FRIDAY 11TH December. Have a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday.

HELP! New volunteers urgently required for 2016.
The tuckshop cannot run without the help of volunteers, so please, if you can help out in 2016, contact Raelene 4729 5191 or come to see me at the Tuckshop.

Raelene Featherstone
Tuckshop Convenor

SPORTS TALK

Inter – House Swimming Carnival
The annual Inter-House Swimming carnival will be held at Long Tan Pool on Monday 7 December. ALL students in Years 2-6 will attend the carnival.

Brett Hull
PE Teacher

P & C NEWS

Volunteers are still needed at the Tuckshop - see Raelene/Annette to assist in a practical way.

2016 Bookpacks
Bookpacks ordered before 6 November will be available for pickup this Saturday 5th December – 12 December from Intersport (previously called Sportscene Super Warehouse) in Woolcock Street.

Bookpacks ordered after 6th November will be available in 2016 in the final week of the school holidays also at Intersport (Sportscene Super Warehouse).

P&C Meeting
The Last P&C meeting for this year will be at U Block on Monday 7th December at 7.00pm.

Uniform shop
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
Wednesday 27th 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

CHRISTMAS GREETING

Country

Germany
Japan
Italy
Philippines
Sweden/Norway
Portugal
France
Spain
India
Ethiopia

Mr McKay
AKA
“The Quizmaster”

TEN DAY TEASER Number 12 Solution

Unfortunately we did not have anyone who answered the Ten Day Teaser correctly. We had a few entries that were very close, but unfortunately no one with it completely correct. The solution is below.
Things to do on the Holidays

*Do some cooking – biscuits, pikelets, pizza, fruit salad or something else delicious. *Breakfast picnic at Pallarenda (be there before 6.00am) *Eat fish and chips on the strand for tea. (Watch out for those pesky seagulls.) *Visit the Strand Water Park, Riverway or Rock Pool for water play and a swim. *Make a list of local parks, get some friends together for a picnic and a play and then vote on which was the best park. *Go fishing. *Visit the local creeks and national parks for picnics, a hike and a swim. *Invite some friends around for a play in the pool. *Have a sleepover with a friend. *Play cricket or footy in the park. *Have a pizza, popcorn and movie night at home with a friend. *Screen-free day – no TV, computer, iPhone, DS, iPad, iPod or anything with a screen. *Try something new. *Play a board game, learn a card game, do a jigsaw. *Go to the Library. *Visit the museums. *Visit the Town common for a birdwalk early one morning. *Go for a walk through Jezzine or the Palmetum. *Feed the turtles on Ross River. *Drive to the top of Mount Stuart to see what you can see. *Visit grandma. If you can’t visit, write a letter to her. She will love it! *Check out the free and low cost activities offered by the Council, art galleries & community groups.

*HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY!