Principal’s Note

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

We have reached the end of another incredibly busy year. The days have flown for us all. A great deal has been achieved this year. Some of the highlights have been:

- becoming an Independent Public School
- building in the annex of the Resource Centre
- bringing in online canteen for ordering for the Tuckshop
- installing the new playground structure in the senior playground
- year level camps for years 4, 5 & 6
- our Readers Cup team came second in the Regional competition
- 3L1 won a trip to the Bulletin with the Cowboys
- visit by the University of Queensland Maths and Physics team
- two Student Council school discos
- another school fun run, swimming and athletics carnivals, inter-house and inter-school sporting competitions

All this, and as well we have run programs in 8 subjects across 7 year levels.

Yes, I think it is time for a well deserved holiday.

FAREWELLS

I take this opportunity to say thank you and farewell to staff who will not be returning to Annandale S.S.

Mr Scott Taylor—acting Deputy Principal—returning to his substantive position at Weir State School.

Mrs Jacqui Schinkel—transferring to The Willows State School

Mrs Cindy Letters—transferring to Garbutt State School

Mrs Caterina Johnson—continuing her role at Oonooba State School

Mrs Kristy Leavers—continuing her role at Currajong State School

Mrs Sue Royle—now Principal at Mundingburra State School

Mrs Marjorie Beck—retiring

Ms Ruth Kinsella-Richards—contract finishes

Mrs Gene Stuart—contract finishes

Ms Karen O’Donnell—contract finishes

Ms Renee Campbell—contract finishes

Ms Michelle Livingstone—contract finishes

Mrs Sarah Clayton—contract finishes

Mrs Leanne Hoffman-McKenzie—contract finishes

QParents

To date 100 families have signed up to QParents.

This initiative allows parents to access their child’s academic reports, they have the ability to update their child’s personal details, and attendance details from a secure site, as well as manage payments for excursions and camps.

If you are interested forms are available through the school office.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to PERKINS house who took out the best House award for the swimming carnival.

Ms Feldman and Ms McDaniel took out the prize for the best dressed for the carnival.

2016 BOOKPACKS

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Merry Christmas to all & a safe and Happy New Year
**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.

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**OFFICE OPENING 2016**

The School office will open in the new year on Monday 18th 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**

Class lists will be posted for viewing in the CPA on the Student Free Days from Thursday 21st January.

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**CHANGES TO THE OFFICE FOR 2016**

**NEW STUDENT SERVICES AREA**

From the start of 2016, there will be quite significant changes to the layout of school’s office administration. We are moving the day to day student services to the G block end of the administration building to try and make things easier for our school community.

So if you are visiting the office for late arrivals and early departure of students, to collect your child from sick bay, or to pay something on behalf of your child at the cash collection window, please go to this new reception area.

Enrolments and general queries are still being looked after by the lovely staff in the corporate reception area, located in the middle of the building.

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Merry Christmas from the Music Dept.

Paul Temple, Ivy Wu, Michelle Livingstone and Karen O'Donnell

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**MEDICATIONS**

If you have any medications held at the school please collect them before the end of this term Friday 11th December.

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**YOU CAN DO IT!**

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.

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**THIS WEEK IN MUSIC ♪♪♪#**

Instrumental Programme 2016

All instrumental students will begin their lessons in week 2.

Letters will be sent home in this week notifying you of extra music equipment and fees.

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**YOU CAN DO IT OVER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.**

Always do your best at home too!

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**2016 DIARY**

Ref Code: 16DIARY

Closing Date: 2016

Cost: $10

**2016 PREP CRAFT**

Ref Code: 16CRAFT

Closing Date: 2016

Cost: $30

**2016 YR 4 MY MINI MUSIC BOOK**

Ref Code: 16MUS

Closing Date: 2016

Cost: $7

**2016 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION (ALL YEAR LEVELS)**

Ref Code: 16CONTR

Closing Date: 2016

Cost: $50

*BP = BPoint * DD = Direct Debit * CCW = Cash Collection Window
CHAPPY NEWS

The end of the year is here already and looking back it has been a challenging but amazing year.

Thank you to all the parents who have given me the privilege of supporting their students throughout this year. It is always rewarding to see students grow in confidence and strength as they progress through their learning journey and to be allowed to be part of this journey is so special.

If you feel your child will need continued support next year, new permission notes will need to be signed in the 2016 school year. Please feel free to contact me next year to discuss how I can help your students.

Wishing everyone a refreshing and joyous holiday!

Chappy Ros
School Chaplain
(rpark146@eq.edu.au)

P & C NEWS & UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

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

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Uniform Shop

Please note the following opening dates for the Uniform Shop:

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

2016 - OPEN on:

- Thursday 21st Jan: 9:00am - 12:00noon
- Friday 22nd Jan: 9:00am - 12:00noon
- Wednesday 27th Jan: 8:30am – 9:30am
- Thursday 28th Jan: 8:30 am – 9:30am
- Friday 29th Jan: 8:30 am – 9:30 am

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 be filled and items delivered to your child’s classroom on the next Uniform Shop opening day.

Michaela Tantillo
P & C Committee

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Jayanne Ney from Condon was the lucky winner of the Gold Coast Holiday Raffle!

Japkiirt Kaur from 1B4 was the Student who sold the Winning Ticket Thank you to all that sold/purchased tickets.

Syahn Farr & Rebecca Murdoch
Fundraising Coordinators

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Tuckshop will be open from the first day of school on Wednesday 27th January for all your lunch and snack orders in first and second breaks.

We will be operating from the 2015 menu until a new menu is devised during first term.

Our online canteen service will still be operating, and we hope that more parents will take advantage of this service in 2016. www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au

Thank you to all our volunteers during the year, and we hope you can join us in 2016 to keep our tuckshop great. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

Raelene Featherstone
Annette Leicht
Canteen Coordinators
Extraordianaires

Look after our school.
If you see any suspicious activity in the school during the holidays, please call

SCHOOLWATCH
131788

Term 1, 2016

First day school
Wednesday 27th January

Queensland School Term Dates 2016

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Bec Townsend, Newsletter Advertising Co-ordinator

More Holiday fun
* Make an obstacle course and run some time trials
* Decoupage a box (look up this word in the dictionary – while you are doing that find some new words and use them in sentences to dazzle your parents!) * Make a mini movie with your friends and a camera. (Are you a movie star in the making?)
* Play some home-made musical instruments and write a song or invent a new dance
* Build a cubby under the kitchen table
* Invent your own cartoon character and write a cartoon strip
* Practice plaiting your friend’s hair or try a new hairstyle
* Camp out in the backyard
* Learn to write backwards or learn the alphabet backwards
* Make paper planes and hold a competition
* Blow some bubbles
* Dig a garden bed (or get a couple of pots) and plant something that you will be able to eat (cherry tomatoes, carrots, garlic - aargh!)
* Make up your own things to do on the holidays and let us know so we can have some fun too!