Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

WELCOME back to continuing students and families. It is wonderful to have you all back ready for what is going to be a very busy year, as an Independent Public School.

Welcome also to our new students and their families.

We have a great many new students at the school this year. Our student numbers are at this stage approximately 870. This is significantly higher than last year.

It is pleasing to have students who have been away returning to Annandale.

ENROLMENTS and CLASSES

Although currently there are approximately 870 students enrolled, it is traditional for there to be some students who are enrolled but do not take up the enrolment offer.

Our staffing will be determined by the students who are enrolled and attending on Day 8—Friday 5th February.

With this unexpectedly large enrolment, some of our classes are very big. Until we are absolutely sure of our Day 8 enrolment there will be no change. If numbers stay at 870 it may well mean that we will have to consider additional classes to form more reasonable size classes.

We will let you know what we need to do as soon as Day 8 numbers have been submitted to our Department.

NEW STAFF

We are very fortunate to have some new and energetic staff at Annandale S.S

Welcome to:
Mr David Hardy—Deputy Principal—Prep-Year 2
Ms Laura Bates—Prep
Ms Jessica Markwell—Prep
Mrs Kerry Crane—Year 1
Ms Heidi Jeppesen—Year 2
Mrs Rebekah Lorenz—Year 3
Ms Stephanie Ley—Year 5
Ms Rachael DeLuca—Year 6
Mrs Ann Marie Hancock—Music
Mrs Sandra Lyons—SEP

NEW OFFICE ARRANGEMENT

Some significant reorganisation has occurred in our school office during the school holidays. The aim of these changes is to make the office less congested and easier to do business.

The key change is that the Administration functions are separated from the day to day Student services area.

The existing Administration foyer will continue to support enrolments, deliveries, welcoming guests, administration appointments and relief staff.

The new Student Reception foyer is at the G block end of the Administration block. This area deals with all day to day student operations - late arrivals, early departures, messages during the day, medications, sick bay and payments at the Cash Collection window.

The new areas are well sign posted for ease of access.

We hope that this new organisation will allow you all to have your relevant matters dealt with more efficiently.

JUNIOR ENGINEERS

Included in this week’s newsletter is some information regarding an after school program which provides an opportunity for students to develop their computer programming skills.

It is open to students from Year 3 to Year 6.

This program supports the Federal Government initiative to develop Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) skills across the country.

The Q Schools App is another very useful way to quickly access our school website. It is readily downloaded to any smart phone.

Looking forward to a successful year of learning.

Jan Cooper
Principal
**EVENTS/ACTIVITIES PAYMENT METHODS**

BPOINT is our PREFERRED payment method for invoices that are issued. 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.

The Cash Collection Window is at the Student Reception area of the Administration building.

It will be open from 8.30 -9.00 am Monday to Friday.

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**MUSIC NOTES ♫♪♫♪#**

Hello and welcome from the Music Department!

My name is Ann Marie Hancock and I will be teaching classroom Music and coordinating the Music program this year. Ms Jane Jocumsen will continue teaching classroom Music alongside myself and the instrumental music teachers are Mr Paul Temple and Ms Ivy Wu.

This year is shaping up to be a busy one with many performances and events already in the calendar. Students will be informed of rehearsals for the instrumental music ensembles, band and school choirs in the next couple of weeks.I look forward to working here at Annandale State School.

Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss any matters regarding our Music program.

Kind regards,  
Ann Marie Hancock

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**CHANGES TO THE OFFICE FOR 2016**

**NEW STUDENT RECEPTION AREA**

Welcome to 2016. You will notice quite significant changes to the layout of the school’s office administration. We have moved the day to day student reception services to the G block end of the administration building to try and make things easier for our school community. Look out for the signs we have posted on the doors.

Student Reception is for:

- late arrivals and early departure of students,  
- Messages to students during the day  
- sick bay  
- medications  
- cash collection window.

The Student Reception will be open from 8.15am to 3.30pm each school day.

Enrolments and administration appointments are still being looked after by the staff in the corporate reception area, located in the middle of the building (previously the Office).

The Administration Office will be open 8.00am to 3.30pm each school day.

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**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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**“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.

Awards are made each week at Parade.

Do your best at all times.

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**Terminology**

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**DEFENCE NEWS**

**Defence Newsletter Item**
We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new and returning Defence Force families. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns as your children settle into the new school year. We can be contacted by calling the school office on 4729 5111, email or call in to J Block (near the basketball courts). We would also like to invite you to join us for an informal morning tea on **Thursday 4th February** from 8.50am. It is a great opportunity to meet new friends and the DSTA’s. We hope to see you there.

Tanya Hurditch & Karen Mitchell  
Defence School Transition Aides  
thurd2@eq.edu.au and kmittc181@eq.edu.au  
J Block (Next to the Basketball courts)

**Absences**
Annandale State School is required to maintain an accurate electronic database of student attendance. Where a child is absent from school it is essential that the school be notified as to the reason for absence. This can be done through:
-  the following email address: absence@annandaless.eq.edu.au;
-  phone call to the school office; or
-  a note to the class teacher on the child’s return to school.

Unexplained absences will be investigated by the school’s administration team.

**HAVE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS CHANGED? PLEASE LET US KNOW.**

We know that sometimes circumstances change over holiday periods.

If you have had any changes to your phone numbers, your address, or emergency contacts, please contact the school to make the necessary changes.

Up to date contact details are especially important if the school needs to contact parents/carers urgently due to your child’s feeling unwell or for any other issue. Children can become distressed if we are unable to contact a parent in a timely manner.

**MEDICATION**

It is occasionally necessary for a child to have prescribed medication whilst at school. The following procedures must be followed:

A written request must be made. These forms are available at the student Reception area.

All medications should have a chemist’s label affixed.

Children are responsible for arriving at the office at the time their medication is due. A member of the office staff will administer medication.

No classroom teacher is permitted to administer medication.

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**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

The tuckshop is open every day for ordering food at first and second break.

**Tuckshop Menu**

The 2015 menu will be used until a revised menu is approved by the P&C during first term. Remember to place separate orders for each break according to the menu.

**Online Canteen**

Tuckshop orders can be placed via our online service. Register with www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au to get started.

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

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**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

**Opening Times**

The Uniform Shop will be open each Friday morning (Term time): 8.30 to 9.30am.

**Ordering Uniforms**

Uniforms can be purchased ONLINE along with Tuckshop ordering. Register with www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au to get started.

There is also an order form for uniforms that can be obtained at the Student Reception area, 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.

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Notice for NEW Defence Families
DCO is hosting a “Welcome to Townsville Expo” for families new to Townsville.
When: Saturday 6th February 2016.
Where: “RSL” Stadium Murray Sports Complex, Murray Lyons Cres, ANNANDALE
Time: 10am – 1pm
Contact DCO for more information on 47536539.