Deputy Principal’s Note

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

P&C meeting & AGM

Monday was the school’s P&C AGM and election of office bearers for the next 12 months.

A huge thank you to the 2015 P&C executive for their dedication and support throughout 2015.

It is with pleasure that the key members of the P&C executive have agreed to continue in their roles in 2016. This will certainly allow the P&C to continue to pursue their plans and achieve their goals.

Key positions:

President: Keith Wilson
Vice-President: Michaela Tantillo
Secretary: Tanya Doyle
Treasurer: not filled
P&C QLD rep: Kelly Du Bois
Fundraising: Syahn Farr
Rebecca Murdoch

Additional information may be read in the P&C News in this newsletter.

Junior Engineers—Computer Coding Course

Junior Engineers is an after school program which provides an opportunity for students to develop their mathematics and science skills. We had a fantastic term, where students learnt basic coding commands and have acquired new science skills. Registration for Term 2 is now open. Please register through our website www.jnrengineers.com. For more details please email eyal@jnrengineers.com or call Eyal on 0420 329 668

Leadership workshop

All 2016 student leaders (Captains, Vice Captains, Indigenous Leaders, Sports Captains and Student Councillors) have been invited to attend a special leadership development day run by a not for profit organisation called yLead (http://www.ylead.com.au/about-us/).

Date: Thursday 24 March 8:30am -2:30pm
Venue: Heatley Secondary College (HSC)
Cyclone Shelter

Wear: School uniform including a hat

Bring: pen or pencil, morning tea, lunch & water bottle

Transport: Students will travel by bus to the venue. The bus leaves the school at 8:30am and will return to the school by 3pm.

1RAR Band visit

Last Friday in the Shed the whole school had a visit from the 1RAR Band. A great time was had by all teachers and staff.

Yours in education
Kerry Finn
Deputy Principal
**You Can Do It!**

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.

**PAYMENTS FOR 2016**

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

**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.

**MUSIC NOTES ♫♪♫♪#**

**OFFICE OPENING TIMES**

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**SPORTS TALK**

Well done to our school swimming team which came 5th at Tuesdays Carnival. All of the students performed their best and were well supported by the amazing cheer squad which kept them motivated until the very last race. Certificate winners were Barnabas Juhasz (1st 12 yr Boys), Mikayla Leo (1st 9yr Girls), Jada Lee Muller (2nd 12 yr Girls), Tayla Sinclair (3rd 11 yr Girls) and Zak Paul (3rd 11 yr Boys), 12 yr Boys Relay (1st) and 11 yr Girls Relay (2nd). Thanks to everyone for their efforts during the training and competition.

Stockland Adopt A Cowboy Visit

Our Cowboy, Ben Spina, visited 5F3 and 5F4 recently to help out with reading groups and writing groups. Ben has been enjoying his visits to our school and enjoyed working with the students in their learning activities. We wish Ben and the North Queensland Cowboys all the very best in the defence of the Premiership.

Brett Hull
PE Teacher
bhull4@eq.edu.au
**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Scholastic Book Club**

You should have received the Issue 2 Book club order forms this week. Scholastic Book Clubs offer children an exciting range of specially selected age-appropriate titles. All books are offered at a discount from the recommended retail price. Each dollar spent earns Bonus Points for the school library.

With these points we have been able to acquire many valuable resources for your children. We invite you to buy from Book Clubs which are offered about twice a term. Unfortunately due to warehouse problems at Scholastic we missed Issue 1 and received Issue 2 quite late this term. As a result books ordered from Issue 2 will not be delivered to you until school resumes in Term 2. Orders have been handed out during Library times.

- There is only one collection day for orders.
- The next Book Club collection day will be Monday 21 March.
- Orders can be sent TO THE LIBRARY any time on the collection day.
- Please do not send orders before the collection day if they contain cash as we cannot bank that money until we process the orders. (Security of cash kept in the Library cannot be guaranteed).
- Please have the correct money with the completed order form inside an envelope labelled with your child’s name and class.
- Any cheques should be made to Scholastic Australia.
- To pay by credit card you need to ring Scholastic on 1800557908 or use the online payment option at www.scholastic.com.au/payment and you will be issued with a with a receipt number which you write on the order form.

Thank you for your continued support of this valuable activity.

**ICAS Tests**

Parents of students in Year 4 – 6 you will have received this week a note inviting your child to enter the **2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)**. In one or all of the following categories:

1. **Computer Skills** Tuesday 17 May
2. **Science** Tuesday 31 May
3. **English** Tuesday 02 August
4. **Mathematics** Tuesday 16 August

(These dates could be subject to slight change to accommodate other school activities.)

These Competitions are an initiative of the Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) at the University of New South Wales. They take place in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Asia, South Africa and the Pacific region and allow students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation. Parents, and the school, are provided with comprehensive reports that give helpful information regarding a student’s performance.

For each competition, all participating students receive a certificate and an individual results letter indicating the questions they answered correctly, as well as the average result achieved for their state/country. The documents are suitable for inclusion in a portfolio. For further information visit the EAA website and follow the links to International Competitions and Assessments and then to the specific competition. **EAA website:**

www.eaa.unsw.edu.au

The entry fee for each competition is $8.00. Students can enter any or all of the above competitions. If you wish for your child to participate please complete the information sent out in the note and make payment by the closing date of **9:00 am Wednesday March 23**. If you have any queries please contact me in the Library on 47295186 or by email library@annandless.eq.edu.au

**Literacy Pro**

By now most students in Year 3 to Year 6 should have completed at least a couple of Book quizzes on Literacy Pro. The school recognises there are significant benefits for your child from using this program and we encourage you to use the program as a tool for supporting your child’s learning at home. As the recording of reading performance and results are on line you can chart your child’s progress, set reading goals and rewards to enhance their engagement with reading. Your child’s data can be obtained by logging into Literacy Pro and using their username and password to view what they have done. A link on the Library homepage will take you to the Literacy Pro site. The Library Homepage can be found at [http://bit.ly/1Lqt8pA](http://bit.ly/1Lqt8pA)

Once they have clicked on the Literacy Pro link students should only need to add their username and password for Literacy Pro to access their individual page. On this page you can find information about their reading progress including books read, quizzes passed/failed and current Lexile level and so on. We encourage you to visit this site with your children regularly as a discussion starter on their reading progress. **Please take the time to review this with your child before the Easter break.**

Mark McKay
Teacher Librarian

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Military Kids Recognition Medallions**

If families have Medallions and would like them to be presented to their child/ren at school, please contact me to discuss further.

**Defence Parents/Carers Morning Tea**

Our final morning tea for this term will be held next Thursday. Please join us if you are free. It is a great opportunity to meet new friends and keep up to date with school and community information. Morning tea is provided and we have toys for young children.

When: Thursday 24th March 2016
Where: Defence room– J Block
Time: 8:50-10:30am

Tanya Hurditch
Defence School Transition Aide
thurd2@eq.edu.au
J Block (Next to the Basketball courts)
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Lost Property
There are a lot of hats, water bottles, lunchboxes and other items accumulating in the lost property box which is situated just outside the tuckshop in the CPA. Please come and check the box if you have lost one of these items. Please make sure that all items that are brought to school have a name on them, so that they can be returned.
Any items not claimed by end of this term will be donated to charity.

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

SCHOOLWATCH 131788