Principal’s Note

Excerpt from Message from Dr Jim Waterson—Director General of Education Queensland
This morning, Wednesday, The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) released the 2016 NAPLAN results, which show that Queensland has continued to achieve some of its best results across all year levels since NAPLAN began.

These results confirm what we have seen across other local and statewide indicators—the hard work of Queensland teachers and students is paying off.

Our strongest results were in Year 3 and Year 5 cohorts, where Queensland achieved some of its highest ever rankings against the national minimum standards (NMS). Highlights of the Queensland NAPLAN results include:

- Ranking first in Year 3 Grammar and Punctuation (the first time Queensland has ever ranked first in a test area)
- Ranking second nationally in Year 3 Reading and Numeracy
- Ranking second nationally in Year 5 Grammar and Punctuation
- Ranking second nationally in Year 7 Spelling

There are a wide range of views about the role and purpose of national assessment, but without a doubt it provides school leaders, and society more broadly, with an idea of what effect our efforts are having on each student’s performance in skills necessary for everyday life: reading, writing, spelling and numeracy.

Since Queensland’s relatively low baseline performance when NAPLAN began in 2008, we have travelled a steady and continuing improvement journey that now sees us as the most rapidly improving jurisdiction in the country.

I congratulate all staff and students on another year of significant and sustained improvement, which has been demonstrated not only in NAPLAN results but in many other achievements throughout the year.

Grounds
I must write to acknowledge the work of our fabulous grounds staff. Stuart Cantoni (relief groundsman) and Steve Fairlamb (gardener) have made a significant change in the look of our grounds in only a few short weeks.

If you see these gentlemen in the grounds as you pass through, please take the opportunity to congratulate and thank them for their dedication to beautifying our school.

Pokémon cards—BANNED
As of Monday 8 August Pokémon cards will be banned from the school. Any students bringing cards to school will have them confiscated and not returned.

This decision is a result of students not following the school direction which has allowed student to bring the cards on a Thursday (only) but not to trade Pokémon cards.

The increasing ‘value’ of these cards has been a key element on our decision to ban the cards.

Students will be advised of this decision on the whole school assembly this Friday.

Movie night
The P&C movie night this Saturday is a great opportunity for families to gather and share a pleasant evening together. All children who attend must be accompanied by an adult.

See the P&C notices for the details regarding timings and costs.

See you there for an enjoyable evening.

Jan Cooper
Principal
OFFICE OPENING TIMES
Student Reception 8:00am to 3:30pm school days
Cash Collection Window 8:30am to 9:00am school days
Admin Reception 8:00am to 3:30pm school days

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

**BPOINT (Commonwealth Bank Portal) is our PREFERRED payment method for invoices that are issued.**

Other payment options available to you are direct debit, credit card, cash or cheque payment.

Details on how to use any of these options are available on the activity note, or drop in see the friendly staff at the cash collection window during opening hours.

**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.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Book Fair Success**
Our Book Fair last week was again a wonderful success with just over $6000 in sales made meaning the Library received nearly $2000 worth of free books and resources to add to the collection.

We are now busily processing these items so they can be on the shelves as soon as possible.

Thank you once again for your wonderful support of this fundraising activity.

Of course this would not have been possible without the help of a generous group of volunteers who have willingly given their time to assist with this event.

On behalf of the school I would like to pass on a huge thank you to these tireless workers, **Sharon Read, Natalie Renall, Debbie Faichney** and **Christine Knickel**, for their help with the smooth running of Book Fair.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated and critical to the success of Book Fair which benefits all the students.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**
We have already collected a number of completed Premier’s Reading Challenge forms from keen readers in our school. All of these students now have a ticket in the Book Week prize draw which will be conducted during **Book Week in Week 7**.

Forms can be returned to the Library anytime over the next few weeks to enter the challenge and receive a ticket in the Book Week prize draw.

Mark McKay
Teacher/Librarian

**MUSIC NOTES ♫♪♫♪#**

**Eisteddfod**
Our next upcoming major event will be the Townsville Eisteddfod being held towards the end of this term. The choir, concert band and string ensemble will be performing at the Eisteddfod.

Students will be rehearsing pieces in preparation for this event.

It is important that all students practise their parts and attend all rehearsals.

Ann Marie Hancock
Music Teacher

**TERM DATES**

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**HELP URGENTLY NEEDED**

Help in the tuckshop is urgently needed for the following days:

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If you can help in the tuckshop for a couple of hours on any day, please ring **Raelene or Annette on 4729 5191** or contact the school office. We would be most appreciative of any help you can offer.

Raelene Featherstone/Annette Leicht
Tuckshop Convenors

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**FUNDRAISING NEWS**

**Family Movie Night**

![Family Movie Night Poster](image)

6 August 2016 @ 6.30pm

Tickets on Sale at www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au
Click on EVENTS tab (Free to Register)
$5 per ticket / $15 (Family of 5)
No Refunds, No tickets sold on the night

To be held on the school oval. Gates open at 5.30pm
**This is a Family Event - Children must not attend alone and must be supervised by an Adult (18yrs+)**
Bring a picnic or have a feast from our YUMMY food vans

Volunteers needed! If you can help out please email the P&C at **pandc@annandaless.eq.edu.au**
TIME/TASKS:
2.30 to 5.30 pm - Helping to set up
5.30 to 8.30 pm - Supervising perimeter of the oval while the movie is on
8.30 to 9.00 pm - General clean up and pack up

**Thank you**—Annandale State School P&C would like to thank the Mayor’s Community Assistant Fund for their support of $250 towards our Family Movie Night.

Rebecca Murdoch
Your business could be featured here each week for a small cost. Over 700 copies of our newsletter are distributed every Thursday. The newsletter is uploaded to the school website for viewing as well.

All queries please email pandc@annandaleless.eq.edu.au