Principal’s Note

The last two weeks of school are busy but very exciting! In Week 9, the Year 5’s went on camp; we held the Christmas Concert for P – 4 and we have the last Junior and Senior Assemblies. In Week 10, we have the Swimming Carnival for Year 2-6, Graduation and excursion, reports are sent home, and our last whole school Assembly. Keep an eye on the date claimer so you don’t miss anything!

Volunteers’ Afternoon Tea

Our Volunteers’ Afternoon Tea was held on Wednesday 23 November to thank our many school volunteers. At Annandale, we are very fortunate to have so many committed parents and community members who regularly give up their time to support learning in the classrooms. The roles they play are many and varied – but all highly valued. Changing reading folders in Prep to Year 2 classrooms means that children have a new book to read each night – critical in early reading. Working one on one regularly with a student listening to them read can lead to significant improvements. Working with groups can allow teachers to plan for successful differentiation in all subject areas.

A big thank you to all our volunteers. We hope to see you again next year!

Christmas Concert

The Christmas Concert for Prep – Year 4 was held on Tuesday this week.

Years 3’s and 4’s presented Christmas songs from around the world telling the story of Christmas. Other classes have learnt the songs and some actions so that they could join in. Various members of all classes had some solo parts.

All audience and performers were invited to come dressed as one of the visitors at the stable in Bethlehem (shepherds, angels, wise men, donkey, star, sheep, cow etc)

Reports

Semester 2 reports will be sent home with students on Tuesday 6 December. A letter explaining the reported grades and comments will be attached. See your class teacher if you have any further questions.

Inter-House Swimming Carnival

The annual Inter-House Swimming carnival will be held at Long Tan Pool on Monday 5 December. ALL students in Years 2-6 will attend the carnival. (there will be no Year 2-6 students at school on that day). Our aim is to provide all students with a fun and engaging carnival with maximum participation throughout the day. Permission notes have gone home and there is no cost for this event. Students need to wear sun-safe clothing and bring a hat, towel, swimmers, lunch and snacks, water, sunscreen and plastic bag for wet things. Parents are welcome!

School Leaders 2017

Our 2017 School Leaders were presented to the student body at a whole school assembly last Friday. They are:

2017 Captains: Tomas Mitchell
Laura Richardson

2017 Vice Captains: Harley Finch
Denby O’Keefe

Congratulations to these students who have been elected as leaders for 2017.

Year 6 News

The Year 6 Graduation will be on WEDNESDAY 7 December at The Ville Ballroom from 7pm to 9pm. Students will rehearse during the day to be prepared for the evening. They will travel to The Ville by bus at 9:00am 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

The Year 6 celebration day is on Thursday 8 December. Students will be going to Riverway for a swim and then to Kingpin for laser skirmish and bowling.

Sadly, I will be leaving the school at the end of the year, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff, parents and students at Annandale State School for their support during my time here. I have very much enjoyed working at Annandale - it has indeed been a privilege to work with such a professional staff and wonderful children.

Have a fabulous Christmas and New Year.

Caron Grey
Deputy Principal

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This week’s key to success.

Organisation means setting a goal to do my best in my schoolwork, planning my time so that I’m not rushed, and having all my supplies ready.

Next P & C Meeting:

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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.

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### Organisation

**Organisation** means...

Setting a goal to do my best in my schoolwork, planning my time so that I’m not rushed, and having all my supplies ready.

**Examples of Organised Behaviour**

- Making sure I understand my teacher’s instructions before I begin work.
- Having all my school supplies ready.
- Having a neat desk and school bag so I can find everything.
- Planning when I’m going to do my homework so I have enough time.

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**Habits of the Mind To Help Me Be Organised**

**Setting Goals** means thinking that setting a goal can help me be more successful at something.

**Planning My Time** means thinking about how long schoolwork is going to take me to get done and planning enough time to get it done.

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**“You Can Do It” Award winners**

There are many students who demonstrate the keys to success every week. Some names are drawn out on the school assembly each week. Each of these students receives a reward sponsored by Rock Paper Scissors.

- Olivia Tonkin - 1B2 - Organisation
- Riley Peace - 2C2 - Organisation
- Jack Driehuis - 6G3 - Organisation
- Alicia Nona - 4D1 - Organisation
- Grace Burrows - 2C2 - Getting Along
- Kyle Bullen - 2/3K4 - Getting Along
- Bindi Wagalekumure - 2/3K4 - Getting Along
- Ella Bennett - 1B1 - Persistence
- Mia Situ - 1B1 - Persistence
- Elliot McMillan - 4/5E1 - Persistence

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**Resilient Kids and Problem Solving (not just the Mathematical kind!)**

Your child will face many challenges as they grow, whether it is starting school, joining a sporting team or going to their first sleepover. The ability to make decisions and solve problems develops as your child learns to cope with daily challenges. Young children are not expected to sort through every issue on their own, but it is important for them to develop resilience by learning skills and strategies to try when they find themselves in a difficult situation. It might be frustration with school work or an argument with a friend. The more they are allowed to practise positive skills and strategies, the better they will become at solving their own problems.

The following steps are a useful way of doing this:

**Identify the Problem:** If they are angry or upset, wait a little until they are calm. Children do not always have the words to tell you how they feel or know exactly what the problem is, so you may need to offer suggestions. Try not to jump in and solve the problem for them at this stage.

**Brainstorm Solutions and Try them Out:** Together, come up with two or three suggestions. You may need to make the suggestions at first, but quickly children will be able to make their own. Decide on one to try first and who they might need to support or help them in it (eg teacher, brother).

**Check in – How did it go?:** Once your child has tried the solution, check in with your child as soon as possible. Did it work? If not, why not? What could your child try next? Remember to give your child lots of support and encouragement if the solution didn’t work out. Sometimes we have the right solution, but need to practice it many times. Other times, we may have identified the problem incorrectly.

**Caron Grey**

Deputy Principal

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**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

**Last day of trading will be Friday 2 December**

ALL online orders need to be placed prior to this date to be processed and finalised by the end of the school year.

**CLOSED: Friday 9 December (last day of school 2016)**

**“BIG NEWS”**

We are now stocking Annandale House Sports Shirts (polo sports mesh with embroidered logo) $26.50 (sizes available 6,8,10,12,14)

**Uniform Deal**

2 x School POLO’s and 1x Old Style Shorts $60

(offer valid till end of February)

“Limited stock” available

**OPENING HOURS FOR BEGINNING OF 2017**

Please note the following opening times:

- Thursday 19 January - 9:00am till 12 noon
- Friday 20 January - 9:00am till 12 noon
- Monday 23 January, Tuesday 24 January and Friday 27 January - 8.30 till 9.30am

**Tracey Simon**

Uniform Shop Convenor
**SPORTS TALK - BRETT HULL PE TEACHER**

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**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

The tuckshop will be closed for cleaning and stocktake, *Friday 9 December* (last day of school). NO ORDERS will be taken on this day.

As we have been winding down stock this week some foods may run out before Thursday 8, however giving a second choice will help, otherwise we will fill the lunch orders with substitutes as close as possible to what was ordered. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

A new menu will be available for next year with any changes to price, items etc. You will receive one with the first newsletter in 2017, it will also be available on our school website when school resumes in 2017. Alternatively you can use the Our OnlineCanteen ordering system which has proved very popular with a lot of our parents this year. This service will resume on Monday 23 January 2017.

Thank you to the school community for your support this year and we’d like to wish everyone a Merry Xmas and a safe and happy holiday.

*Raelene Featherstone*
*Tuckshop Convenor*

**PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2017**

Applications for Prep enrolment are now available from the office or on our website. Students are eligible for Prep in 2017 if their birthday falls between 1 July 2011 and 30 June 2012.

Register by contacting Tracey at the office on 4729 5111 or email prep2017@annandaless.eq.edu.au

**FUNDRAISING NEWS**

Thank you for all your fundraising efforts, this year we have raised a magnificent amount that is going towards a new junior playground (to be installed in 2017).

To all our amazing volunteers who have given their time during our events this year - a massive THANK YOU. Without you we could not keep these events running.

*Syahn Farr & Rebecca Murdoch*
*Fundraising Coordinators*
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Learn self defence in a family friendly environment.

Classes: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

ANNANDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE

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**Defence Families Information**

Christmas Carols at Lavarack Barracks

**Where:** Geckos Family Centre

**When:** Thursday 1 December (tonight) from 5pm.

Entertainment is provided by the 1RAR Band.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

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