Dear Parents and Carers

We are now in the third week of Term 2 and I am very pleased to be back after my leave. I have had the privilege of seeing many students working in their classrooms over the last couple of weeks. Our students are to be congratulated on their commitment and eagerness to learn.

**NAPLAN Year 3, 5 & 7**

Next week is NAPLAN week. Our students have been preparing for these national tests throughout this year. It is important that students, while taking the NAPLAN tests seriously, are not overwhelmed by the experience. All we ask is that they 'have a go', try their hardest and complete every question to the best of their ability — every answer is a chance to be a correct answer.

Some suggestions for students to ensure they **come well prepared and alert** to complete the assessments over the three days:

- have a good nights sleep the night before
- have a reasonable breakfast before coming to school each day
- drink plenty of water throughout the day
- wear a comfortable school uniform.

**Voluntary Contributions**

Once again I would like to thank parents and carers who have supported the school through payment of the voluntary contribution. All these funds are used to directly support students at each year level.

If you have not paid this voluntary contribution as yet, we urge you to support the school and dedicated efforts of our staff to ensure the best possible outcomes for your children.

The $50 contribution equates to $1.20 per week per student. This small amount makes a big difference.

**Education Week CYBERSAFETY Parent Information Session**

On Monday 19 May at 5:30pm in U Block there is a parent information session about online safety.

Young people today are immersed in digital technologies. They use the internet and mobile phones to socialise, study, exchange ideas and play. While online activity has many benefits, there are also risks. To help your children stay safe online, Annandale State School is hosting a **Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation**. This presentation is provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA) as part of a national program of cybersmart initiatives.

The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation is thorough and non-technical. It covers a range of issues including:

- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, identity theft, inappropriate contact and exposure to inappropriate content
- tips to help children stay safe online.

The presentation is conducted by an ACMA Cybersmart trainer.

Annandale is committed to helping students develop appropriate behaviours when using digital technologies, both at school and home. The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation for parents will be held on:

**Monday 19 May at 5:30pm in U Block**

Students in Year 5 to 7 and staff will also have workshops about Cybersafety.

Happy Mother’s Day to all our wonderful mums for Sunday! Hope you all get spoilt!

Yours in Education

Sue Royle
Deputy Principal
Overview of Events Program Payment Schedule

Upcoming events are listed here to assist families and to keep families informed. If families are unable to meet the payment closing dates, please contact the school administration as soon as possible to make alternate arrangements. The cash collection window is open between 8:15 to 9:00am and 2:15 to 2:45pm.

All outstanding payments required as soon as possible please.

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5 KEYS TO SUCCESS— YOU CAN DO IT!

**Behaviour Focus Keys**

**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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**LIBRARY NEWS**

Our library endeavours to keep up with all the modern trends.

**Did you know** that our teachers have access to iPads as teaching tools?

Our library has 10 iPads available for teachers to use to support and enhance student creation of content.

Look out in the next few weeks for information on our Book Fair which will be held in Week 6.

Mark McKay
Teacher/Librarian

**Absences**

Annandale S.S. 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.

**MUSIC NOTES ♫♪♫♪#**

The Senior Band played effortlessly in the Fanfare on Tuesday. They looked and sounded great. They achieved the Silver Award.

Thank you to the parents who came to watch. I’m sure you were as impressed and proud as Mr Temple and I were. **Well done to the 15 Senior Band members** — Emma Angus, Maddison Beale, Anitta Biju, Ariana Bourke, Christina Doyle, Dylan Haar, Liley Gray, Thanuel Hawes, Ainslie Minogue, Blair Minogue, Liam Pope, Lauren Reynolds, Zoe Schafer, Mia Sexton, Pailin Wiggett.

Eisteddfod next!

Also coming up for instrumental students is the Cluster school’s instrumental workshop at William Ross State High School on 29 May. Stay tuned!

**MUSIC HOMEWORK FOR YEAR 5**

All Year 5 students have begun playing the recorder. They must have a display folder for their sheet music. They are to take home their display folder and RECORDER to practice and bring back to school on Wednesdays.

Karen O’Donnell
Music Coordinator
**NEW MENU **NEW GLUTEN-FREE ITEMS**

The long awaited new menu was approved by the new P&C and took effect from the first day of this term.

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We hope this will be helpful to those children with special dietary requirements.

Raelene Featherstone
Tuckshop Convenor

**DEFENCE NEWS**

Defence Parents AFTERNOON Tea
If you have been unable to come to morning teas, perhaps you may be able to join us in the afternoon. Come and get a car park early and join us for an informal get-together. We look forward to seeing you then.

Where: J Block – Near basketball courts.
When: Thursday 15th May
Time: 2:15pm

Tanya Hurditch and Karen Mitchell
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Defence School Transition Aides

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**Lost and Found**

A pair of black shoes (with socks) was found at the front of the school last week. Please collect from the office.

Lost property is generally placed in the box outside the Tuckshop (in the CPA). Other places where lost items may be found are in the classroom, on the port racks, in the music room, at the library or at PE. Items that are clearly marked with the child’s name have a better chance of being returned to the child.

There are also:

**READING GLASSES**—red eEprit, black Alex Perry, blue & black Racer, brown & floral, Roxy with black & white flowers, purple & black Vogue, Specsaver round navy, purple with silver hearts, shimmering maroon and silver.

**WATCHES**—Angry birds, brown strap, blue sports strap, black strap, hot pink strap & face.

**MOBILE PHONE**—Nokia
These items are held in the office for safe keeping.

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**IMPORTANT DATES!**

**QUEENSLAND TERM DATES**
(Monday 20 October is the next student-free day in 2014)

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How can I pay for activities or Voluntary Contributions?
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Payments for all activities may be made by Debit Card, Credit Card, Cash or Cheque (made payable to “Annandale SS”).
Credit card payments may be left in a payment envelope at anytime in the box on the front office counter, or by fax, mail, email or over the phone.

Receipts will be issued.
ANNANDALE TAEKWONDO

Learn self defence in a family friendly environment.

Classes: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

ANNANDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE

PH: 0408 880 201

BullyStop Accredited Instructor

A wall mural is being created and developed by Defence families at the
NQ Army Museum, in partnership with a local artist to represent Defence
as an integral part of the Townsville community. The Mural will be un-
veiled Sunday 25th May during National Families Week. Everyone is
welcome to attend.