Terms Claimer

Term 3 2014
11 Aug—P&C Meeting
15 Aug—Red Track
9 Sept — Annandale Day
3—19 Sept — Life Education
17 Sept— WRSHS Yr 6 Transition visit
19 Sept — Last day of Term 3

Term 4
9 Dec—Yr 7 Grad ($15 ticket)
10 Dec—Yr 6 Grad ($15 ticket)

Spotlight

Annandale and Kokugakuin students planting a tree in memory of the visit. This is the 3rd tree planting.

Next P & C Meeting:
Date: 11 August 14
General meeting
Time: At 7pm
Where: Admin Block

Principal’s Note

Trial of NAPLAN questions
This week some of our year 3, 5 and 7 students have been involved in a trial of some new NAPLAN questions. The school was one of many schools selected to gauge student responses to possible new questions. The tests were overseen by staff engaged by ACER—the organisation that develops the tests.

The students and staff will receive no feedback. The responses are purely for research and future planning purposes.

Despite being a very disrupted day, the students did a great job of completing the trial materials.

Unexplained absences This week letters will go home regarding unexplained student absences. It is a requirement of Education Queensland that the school follow up any recorded unexplained absences.

There may be occasions where you may have notified the school and we have not captured this information—please just let us know again and we will adjust our records immediately.

Year level average attendance rates are:
Prep — 94.5% Year 1 — 94.3%
Year 2 — 94.2% Year 3 — 93.1%
Year 4 — 95.4% Year 5 — 93.2%
Year 6 — 92.6% Year 7 — 92.8%

The average is 93.7% - that is on average students are missing 13 days a year—over two weeks a year. Some students are missing more—this is a lot of learning opportunities that are missed.

Our goal is for at least 96% attendance—a reduction from 13 days away to approx. no more than 9 days away in a school year.

Visit by Kokugakuin High School
Last week 45 Japanese high school students visited Annandale S.S. for half a day. A group of students from Kokugakuin High School have been visiting our school for nearly 10 years. These students are always hosted by students from year 5, 6 or 7. This year 5A3 and 5/6E1 were hosts.

The following comments are from our students regarding the visit.

We were so lucky to have the privilege to host the Japanese students from Kokugakuin High School. My favourite parts of the day were the three legged races and the origami making. Today was so great and the presents I got were amazing. (Kiarna Hervey)

At first I was really nervous, but when I chose my Japanese buddy and got to know her, it wasn’t nerve racking and it turned into fun. (Callum Leech)

It was a wonderful experience. The Japanese students are wonderful people who are very nice just like my buddy Ryo. (Joshua Ferns)

Today I had the most awesome day ever! (Henry Doyle)

9 Sept 2014—Annandale Day
This year our celebrations on our school birthday, Annandale day, will celebrate and share our YuMi Deadly Maths.

As usual there will be a whole school assembly in the morning and cake at morning tea. In addition, the first session of the day will be all classes rotating through maths activities, with a deadly approach. Parents and carers will be welcome to come and see these activities.

Jan Cooper
Principal.
EVENTS/ACTIVITIES PAYMENTS

Your earliest attention to these payments is gratefully appreciated. If you are unable to meet the payment closing dates, please contact the school administration early on to discuss alternate arrangements.

The cash collection window is open between 8:15 to 9:00am and 2:15 to 2:45pm, or phone us on 4729 5111 for credit card payments. Thank you for your support.

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5 KEYS TO SUCCESS— YOU CAN DO IT!

The framework of Annandale State School’s Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students

**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.

SPORTS TALK

Red Track
Red Track, the upcoming Interschool Athletics Carnival, is on Friday August 15. We hope all the hard work of training sessions will pay off. Good luck to all students representing the school in the many events.

**Brett Hull**
P E Teacher

MUSIC NOTES ♫♪♫♪#

Eisteddfod
Each year Annandale State School enters its instrumental and choral students into the Townsville Eisteddfod. This year we have entered five sections – the choir will perform in folk and novelty choral sections, the senior band, the percussion ensemble and a small strings ensemble will perform in week 9, from Tuesday, 9 September to Friday, 12 September. These students will receive notes in the coming weeks.

With the Eisteddfod in mind it’s time for all instrumental and choir students to put more time and effort into practicing their parts at home. This will help their confidence and reduce anxiety when attending rehearsal.

Parents, thank you for your support.

Music Students of Week 3 were:

♪ Ella Hoult & Bella Thompson of 7G2 for great participation, persistence in completing the music task and for exceptional behaviour.
♫ Nate Allen, Annan Dobbie, Tamsyn Evans, Jorja Purcell of 1/2C1
♫ Hyunchae Lee, Hyunji Lee, Jorja Evans & Anirudh Mallya of 2C3
♫ Jared Murray, Charlotte Congram and Brie Purcell of 2C4
♫ Charles Glover, Arielle Rains, Meg Patching, Matilda Keally of 2K1

For the last three weeks these year two students have been great participators, demonstrated outstanding musical knowledge and exceptional behaviour.

Congratulations students.

Karen O’Donnell
Music Coordinator

LIBRARY NEWS 📚

“**You can do it**” Award winners

Each student receives a reward sponsored by Rock Paper Scissors

Iluka Hamann 1B4
Rhani Burgess PQ2
Claire Woods PQ2
Zaila Halvorsen 1B4
Gemma Muller 1B4

**Class of the week**

1B1

**ChallengeWuzzle Challenge**
A wuzzle is a saying or phrase that is made up of a display of words, in an interesting way. The object is to try to figure out the well-known saying, person, place, or thing that each wuzzle is meant to represent. Can you work out the 6 wuzzles below?

Teaser No 9 was won by Barnabas Juhasz from 4D2, drawn from 15 correct entries. Congratulations

Mark McKay
Teacher/Librarian

Answers must be submitted in the Answer box in the library by Friday August 15 at 3.00pm Winner will be drawn at lunchtime on Monday August 18 in the library
DEPLOYMENT/LONG TERM ABSENCES

DCO will be running a KidSMART-Deployment program for primary aged children who will have a parent deploy this year. This is an excellent program facilitated by DCO Social workers that includes stories, craft, games and prizes. The 1½ hour program will be held over 4 weeks commencing Monday 18th August. The free program is being held at Geckos Family Centre from 5:30pm-7:00pm and includes a pizza dinner for children and parents. At the same time as the children’s program, DCO will also be running a program tailored to the “at-home” parent. The FamilySMART program is also suitable for families who are experiencing a MWD(U) posting. They will explore the opportunities and challenges of deployment, maintaining healthy relationships, self care and support options. You will also have the opportunity to meet new people who are experiencing similar circumstances. Young children who are not school age are welcome to attend the parent program. There is also a fun one-day workshop for teenagers scheduled for Tuesday 12th August from 9-2:30pm. Please contact us if you would like to know more.

Please contact us for further information or contact DCO 4753-6539 to register.

Morning Tea

This term we will meet in the mornings and we are looking forward to our next morning tea which will be held Thursday 21st August from 8:50am. If you are available, it would be great if you could come along.

Tanya Hurditch & Karen Mitchell
Defence School Transition Aides — J Block
thurd2@eq.edu.au and kmitch181@eq.edu.au

Library

Children are encouraged to borrow books from the school library but are responsible for returning them in good condition. Each child should be provided with a school library bag which can be purchased from the tuckshop. Children may borrow books for two weeks: one fiction book and one non-fiction book may be borrowed. The library is open at lunchtime and before and after school. As with home readers, parents will be asked to reimburse the school for the cost of the book if it is lost or damaged.

P & C NEWS

The P&C Association invites school community members to suggest improvements for the Senior playground and ideas for future P&C projects in general. Suggestions can be dropped into the P&C suggestion box at the school office.

Tanya Doyle
P&C Secretary

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

With the start of the cooler mornings, remember to get your Winter Jackets. Stock of all sizes are available. Cost is $35.00.

The uniform shop is open on Fridays only for all uniform requirements. Opening hours are 8:30am to 9:30am. If you are unable to make it at these times, an order form can be obtained at the office, tuckshop, or downloaded from the Annandale School website and left at the tuckshop or office. Completed order forms will be filled and items delivered to your child’s classroom on the next Uniform Shop opening day.

Leanne Hervey
Uniform Shop Coordinator

BOOKPACK INFORMATION

BOOK PACK 2015 LAY-BYS

To help those who wish to reduce the financial burden of book packs for 2015 we are offering Lay-bys. Lay-by Payments can be made at the Uniform Shop. Payments can be made during the Uniform shop opening times between 8.30-9.30am, Fridays only. Minimum payments of $10.00 will be accepted and can be made by cash/cheque/credit card or Eftpos. The exact costs of the 2015 Book packs are yet to be decided, but as a guide, last year’s packs ranged from $120-$170 except for Laptop Classes. You will be able to pay up to $80 on any one child’s book pack and then pay the balance when the book lists are available. An order form with final payment will need to be completed by the closing date of the book pack ordering. Ordering dates will be advised in a future newsletter. Any queries regarding book packs please contact the Uniform Shop during opening hours.

Leanne Hervey
Bookpack Coordinator

Have you lost something?

Found—a watch has been found in the gardens. It looks like it has probably been there for some time.

Sunglasses left on front counter

Mood ring

Lost—Watch with black band
Enquiries to the office.
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

BullyStop.com.au
Taekwondo

CRICKET
Free Townsville Come and Try Events. Bring your kids along to have a taste of either MILO in2CRICKET (ages 5-8) or MILO T20 Blast (ages 7-12) where your child will have loads of FUN playing cricket! There will be special guest appearances from Australia A players, the Brisbane Heat mascot “Heater” and giveaways!
Both Event details:
Where: Endeavour Fields, Murray Sports Complex, Townsville
When: Mon 11th August (MILO in2cricket—Ages 5-8)
Tues 12th August (MILO T20 Blast—Ages 7-12)  
Time: 4.30-6.30pm
Registrations essential at www.playcricket.com.au
Contact Simon Edge 0409 520 051

Geckos Festival at Lavarack Barracks.
Come and join in the fun as Geckos Family Centre celebrates its 7th Birthday. There will be rides and amusements, live entertainment featuring Adam Brand and lucky door prizes. Please phone Geckos on 4411 7031 for ticket sales and more information.
When: Saturday 9th August
Time: 1pm – 8pm
Where: Geckos Family Centre Lavarack Barracks
Cost: $10 per family