Dear Parents and Carers

NAPLAN  Students have handled their involvement in the 2014 NAPLAN testing very well this week. Despite their nerves, students were calm and gave of their best.

The NAPLAN results will not be available until October. The NAPLAN tests have no impact whatsoever on the academic marks and results in the Semester reports.

Once the results arrive staff do look at the NAPLAN results and see if the achievement levels are reflected in each student’s academic results. Where there is a mis-match of results the teaching staff looks into the background to determine why this may have occurred.

Thank you to all the families of the Year 3, 5 and 7 students for their support in ensuring students came to school calm, relaxed and ready to give their best.

UNEXPLAINED ABSENCE NOTES
As Principal, I am accountable for students attendance levels.

As part of this responsibility we have introduced the ID Attend system which allows the office staff to send out SMS messages on the day of the absence. Prior to sending out the letter regarding a student’s unexplained absence(s) every effort is made to ensure that our records are up to date and all messages, late arrivals and early departures have been recorded. Annandale is a very large school and the staff work very hard to ensure our records are accurate.

I thank parents for working with us in providing early reporting of absences. The processes have meant that there has been a significant decrease in the number of letters being sent home for Unexplained Absences.

EDUCATION WEEK—next week
Each year the school celebrates Education and State Schooling with a range of activities.

Next week we are fortunate to have our local Councillor, Trevor Roberts, as our Principal for a Day. Trevor is always very supportive of our school. He will be the Principal for a Day on Tuesday and he will also return on Thursday and Friday afternoons for the school assemblies.

Every class is preparing a banner for our school fence for Education Week. The banners will celebrate what the students appreciate about their education and being at Annandale S.S.

Another key feature of the week’s activities is that all classrooms will be open for parents / carers to visit on Wednesday afternoon from 2 -3pm. This is a great opportunity to see what is happening in your child’s learning program.

The plan for next week is:
Monday: Cyberbullying presentation for parents at 5:30-6:30pm in U block
Tuesday: Trevor Roberts – Principal for a Day
            Cyberbullying presentation for students in Year 5,6 and 7
            -10am in CPA
Wednesday: Open classrooms –2-3pm
Thursday: Trevor Roberts attends Junior School assembly –2:30pm
Friday: P&C Day
            Trevor Roberts attends Senior school assembly

Next P & C meeting:
Date: 16 June 2014
General meeting
Time: At 7pm
Where: Admin Block
* looking for P&C Treasurer

Cr Trevor Roberts—Our Principal for a Day on Tuesday next week

Jan Cooper
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.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Book Fair**

Once again this year the library is holding a *Scholastic Book Fair*. This is an event where the library is set up like a bookshop and parents and students can come and purchase quality children’s books at good prices. The library and students also benefit as we receive a commission in free books to add to our collection.

Last year’s Book Fair earned the school $1800 worth of free books. The Book Fair itself will be set up in the teaching spaces on the side of the Library. We look forward to your continuing support with this year’s event.

Book Fair will run from **Monday 26 May till Thursday May 29 (Week 6)** with Monday being a *browsing day only*. All purchases to be made from Tuesday to Thursday. The timetable below shows when the Fair is open.

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✓ Library Open for Book Fair

**NB:** During this week students will only be able to change their books during their usual class borrowing time. Book fair is closed on Friday May 30 for pack up.

**ICAS Tests**

The Computer ICAS Assessment will take place in **U Block on Tuesday May 20** according to the schedule below. Students participating in the ICAS tests can prepare using Test Practise examples that can be found at the following site:


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Mark McKay
Teacher/Librarian
LOTE NEWS

LOTE – Speaking Chinese Competition

Congratulations! On 9th of May, Anika Dixit (7F1), Ebony Horley (7F1), Dylan Haar (6G1), Christina Doyle (6G1), Liley Gray (6G1), Berakah Imo (6G1), Anitta Biju (6G1), Mikayla Shirreff-Osborn (5/6E1) represented Annandale SS at the 2014 Speaking Chinese Competition in the Northern Region. The committee were very impressed with our students’ speaking skills.

B Imo received a Merit certificate, A Biju won the third prize, L Gray received second prize, M Shirreff-Osborn did exceptionally well and was rewarded with first prize. She will represent our school at the final competition which is held in Brisbane at the end of May.

Well done, Annandale SS students!

Lily Dong
Chinese teacher

MUSIC NOTES ♫♪♫♪#

All year 4 & 5 students have begun playing the recorder. The recorder and a display folder are a requirement for their assessment. Recorders are $12 from the school tuckshop.

Many of the year 5’s have taken home their blue Year 5 music workbook and their display folder to practice the recorder for their assessment. This is fantastic! But please make sure you return with your book and recorder on Wednesdays.

Karen O’Donnell
Music Coordinator

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Expression of Interest: Book Pack Co-ordinator

The Annandale SS P&C is seeking expressions of interest for the paid position of Book Pack Co-ordinator. This position is paid, for up to 150 hours (at $23.2072 per hour), from June 2014 to March 2015. If you are interested, please collect and complete the application pack available from the school office. The application pack includes a full position description, including selection criteria.

Please submit your application to the Front office along with a copy of your resume and current Blue Card.

Tanya Doyle
P&C Secretary

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DEFENCE NEWS

Defence Parent Afternoon Tea

Please join us if you can for an informal afternoon tea. It is a great opportunity to meet new people, the DSTA’s and spend time with new friends. If you know of other Defence parents/carers in our school who haven’t come along before, perhaps you could invite them to join you.

Where: Defence Room - J Block (Near basketball courts)
When: Thursday 5th June
Time: 2:15pm

Tanya Hurditch & Karen Mitchell
Defence School Transition Aides
thurd2@eq.edu.au and kmitc181@eq.edu.au
ANNANDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE
PH: 0408 880 201
BullyStop Accredited Instructor

Defence Community Organisation is hosting a Fun day to celebrate National Families Week. Interactive community displays, outdoor activities and amusements. Visit the Defence Wall of Inspiration mural in the courtyard of the NQ Army Museum, Kennedy Regiment Plaza, Jezzine Barracks Precinct. The mural will be unveiled Sunday Morning 25 May and will be open to visitors from 10am to 1pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.