Deputy Principal’s Note

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

The Prep to Year 2 have had a very busy year so far. There has been evidence of growth already in the children in their personalities, their academic abilities and their social and emotional wellbeing.

I have the pleasure of speaking with the teachers from the Prep years through to Year 2 at regular intervals. Through our discussions we have seen some of these changes. Other more noticeable changes will be noted as the children work through the monitoring and assessment tasks with their teachers this term.

Our children will be starting to go through (if not already) physical and socio-psychological changes as the year progresses. We as a school community will continue to be persistent and consistent in our approach for our children so they can achieve at their best.

This brings me to an important aspect of school life. The ability to show a strong commitment to PERSISTENCE. This as we all know is one of our 5 Keys To Success including: CONFIDENCE, GETTING ALONG, RESILIENCE and ORGANISATION.

When our children are learning to read and write they will need to be persistent. For them it will be continuing even when it is hard. Not being distracted by different things around them and completing their tasks on time.

As parents and caregivers we can assist our children to be persistent while at school and at play by giving them a healthy breakfast before they get to school. The children will benefit from healthy snacks during the day while at school and a nutritious meal after school finishes the day nicely.

Some of the children recently starting learning about healthy foods. They knew what was good to eat and what foods would be best to have in small portions. It was wonderful to see the children so interested in what goes into their bodies.

Reading Matters

This week we are starting a new reading activity in the library. Each Friday until the end of term one of our administration team will spend time reading a book to the children. We are all looking forward to this event.

Comprehension Does too!

Some questions to use when you and your child are reading a book together.

1) Are they fluent?
2) Can they tell you what the book is about?
3) Did you and your child enjoy the time?

If you have any concerns with your child’s reading remember to see their teacher for some ideas and activities.

School Photos

Our school photo days are Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 March. Payment envelopes will be sent home soon however, they DO NOT need to be returned until the day of your child’s class photo. A timetable indicating when your child/ren’s class are scheduled for their photos will be published in the newsletter next week. A media permission letter has gone home today and needs to be returned to your child’s class teacher by Tuesday 10 March.

Yours in Education

Ward Nicholas
A/ Deputy Principal
**EVENTS/ACTIVITIES PAYMENTS**

OUR CASH COLLECTION WINDOW IS NOW OPEN FOR ALL PAYMENTS. Online Banking (direct debit) is our preferred method of payment.

BSB : 064823 (CBA Aitkenvale)  
Bank Acc: 10263935 (Annandale SS General A/c)

When paying online, please follow these simple guidelines:

1. **Reference Details**—Child’s Surname (up to 12 letters), First Initial, Reference Code as below: eg ‘SMITH A 5 DIARY’
2. Separate depositing for each child & each activity;
3. Funds must be transferred from your account at least FIVE (5) DAYS BEFORE the event/activity closing date indicated by the school to ensure payment is received by us in time for receipting.

Payments may also be made by cash, cheque, credit card at the cash collection window in the administration building from 8.15-9.00

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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.

“*You can do it*” Award winners

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

Grace Burrows 1B2  
Hollie King 5/6G3  
Katelin Romei 4D1

Eli Roden 3K4  
Amelia Toole 3L3  
Sarah Bellamy 3K4

Ella Roden 3K4  
Holly Ryan 3K4  
Amelia Toole 3L3  
Paige Rennie 3K4  
Lilliana Ralph 4/5D4

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**LITERACY PRO**

**Literacy Pro**
The Literacy Pro website is up and running and we have entered all the new students onto the system. Class teachers should be able to provide them with their user names and passwords to access the system now. The process for accessing the site for the first time from home is explained below. Make sure you then bookmark the site so you only need to do this once.

**Step 1:** Enter the term **Scholastic Learning Zone** into a search engine such as Google. Click on the first link that appears and it will take you to the Learning Zone site.

**Step 2:** You will land on the default page which says Hillcrest Normal School. Next to this is a **Change Org** link. Click on this.

**Step 3:** This will link to a page asking for the Organisation number. Into this box enter the following code **Tv7x** (it is not case sensitive) and press submit. This is the Annandale code for our section of the site.

**Step 4:** When this page loads you or your child can enter the username and password they have always used for Lexile.

**Step 5:** Your child’s homepage will open showing their Lexile Level quizzes passed words read etc. Using the tabs along the top of the page you can complete book quizzes using the search tab and check your child’s progress using the My Results tab.

**Step 6:** Make sure you bookmark your child’s homepage so you can return to it easily. You should then only need to enter their Lexile username and password each time without using this extended log in process.

Mark McKay  
Teacher/Librarian

**Sun Smart Policy**

It is Education Queensland policy that children wear a hat at all times when in the sun. Our school is a Sun Smart school where children without a Sun Smart hat will be permitted only to play under covered areas — NO HAT NO PLAY.
**MUSIC NOTES ♫♪♫♪#**

**Choir** has started for Year 4 – year 6 students. Parents if your son or daughter is interested in singing within a group and is prepared to learn during first break on Tuesdays for a whole year, please remind them to see Mrs O'Donnell.

Singing in the choir brings many benefits. Mentally, singing makes you happy, improves your listening and memory skills and builds confidence. Physically it’s good for your breathing, strengthening lungs and heart. It also introduces songs of many genres broadening the student's world view and provides life skills.

Belonging to the school choir provides students with opportunities to attend the four day Choral Workshop (for years 5 & 6), perform at the Townsville Eisteddfod, ANZAC ceremony, term 4 concert & other arising events. Choir and instrumental students are the school’s great ambassadors.

We rehearse on Tuesdays during first break after eating.

Karen O'Donnell  
Music Coordinator

**Recorders**

As per the Qld curriculum, it is a requirement that students learn the recorder in Years 4 and 5. It is pleasing that most Year 5 and 4/5 students are bringing their recorders to school and we are getting to present our first assessment tasks next week. Students are encouraged to practise at home and then try their assessment as soon as possible.

Those children who do not have their recorder, I remind you that these can be purchased from the school. I urge you not to get too far behind in the work that we have started. Many thanks for attending to this.

Miss Jane Jocumsen  
Music Teacher

**STUDENT COUNCIL DISCO**

The student council disco for the start of the year is on

**Thursday 19 March.**

The Disco will run in 2 sessions:

- 5:30 - 7:00pm  Prep - Year 2
- 7:30 - 9:00pm  Years 3—6

Money raised goes to the Jane McGrath Foundation this semester.

Our star DJ on the night is Mr Hull and the P&C tuckshop will be selling some food and cold drinks.

**Entrance fee is $2**

**P & C NEWS**

**P&C AGM Monday 9th March U Block at 7pm**

Parents, Carers and Friends are warmly invited to come along to the P&C's Annual General Meeting. You can become a member or if you are interested in an executive role, more information can be found at http://www.pandcsqld.com.au/pc-resources/executive-roles/ At this year's AGM we will be calling for new nominations for the Treasurer executive role and the Fundraising Coordinator position.

Michaela Tantillo  
P&C Committee

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

**DISCO**

Thursday 19 March  
Volunteers are urgently needed to help in the Tuckshop for the school disco. There are 2 sessions to choose from: 5.30 to 7.00pm and 7.30-9.00am. Holding the disco is reliant on parent help

Menu  
We will continue to use the 2014 menu until the new menu is approved by the P&C at the AGM in March.

**Tuckshop helpers required**  
The tuckshop is in urgent need of help. Two volunteers each day form 9.00am to 11.30am would allow the tuckshop to run efficiently. Please ring Raelene on 4729 5191 or come to the tuckshop during school hours.

Here is our current roster with spaces showing when we need help.  
Volunteers are urgently needed to help in the Tuckshop for the next few weeks. Can you help?

**Weeks 5 - 7 - 9 (We are in week 5 now)**

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**DEFENCE NEWS**

During Term 1, we meet most weeks for an informal morning tea in the Defence room. We will be attending a DSTA Training day next Thursday so there will be no morning tea on Thursday 5th March. Please join us again the following week as we will have Defence Holidays join us. Morning tea is provided and we have toys for the little ones. Hope you can join us then.

**Time:**  Thursday’s from 8:50am – 10:30am

**Where:**  J Block – Next to the basketball courts.

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Tanya Hurditch & Karen Mitchell  
Defence School Transition Aides —  
J Block  
thurd2@eq.edu.au  
and  
kmitc181@eq.edu.au
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