

## **From The Principal Parent Volunteers**

At Annandale PS we are very fortunate to have so many parents who are willing to give us their time to support school programs and initiatives.

Our latest initiative of establishing a learning support team to provide appropriate intervention for students with special needs from Years 1-6, has been welcomed by both teachers and parents.

One intervention which will benefit some of our students, is to have a regular reading session with a person who is able to listen proactively on a regular basis.

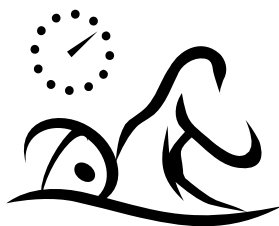
Thank you to the parents and carers who volunteered for the "Reading Parent" role and who came along to our induction morning.

The program is now up and running, with students gaining great benefits from spending regular time with their parent volunteer.



## **Congratulations**

Congratulations Lolita J. for your excellent freestyle result at the District Swimming Carnival. Lolita will now go on to represent Annandale PS at the Regional Swimming Carnival.



**Don't forget our Easter Hat Parade  
10.00 am, Thursday 20 March.**

## **School Diary**

**Thur. 20 Mar.** Easter Hat Parade  
**Fri. 21 Mar.** Good Friday  
**Mon. 24 Mar.** Easter Monday  
**Tues 8 Apr.** P&C Meeting  
**Fri. 11 Apr.** End of Term 1  
**Mon 28 Apr.** School Development Day  
**Tues. 29 Apr.** Term 2 commences

## **Bandaged Bears**

Thank you to the children and parents who have donated to Westmead Children's Hospital by purchasing a bandaged bear.

There are still some bears left to sell and SRC fundraisers will be in the playground with them until the end of next week.

## **Music News**

### **Band News**

Thank you to those parents who have forwarded band fees. These fees are essential for the purchase and upkeep of equipment and the purchase of music. We have just purchased an electric keyboard with weighted keys.

Please note, there will be **No** Training Band on Tuesday, 25 March, due to being the first day back after Easter. Senior Band will be on as normal on 27 March.

There are 2 clarinets, 1 trumpet and 1 flute still available for hire at \$45 per term.

### **Recorders**

Congratulations to our senior recorder players who have now completed their first Opera House piece, *The High Road*. They are sounding great. Tickets to the Opera House Concert go on sale on **Friday, 09 May**. We are the *Banksia Concert* at the Festival of Instrumental Music on Thursday, 12 June at 7.00pm. Information is being sent home this week.

### **Choirs**

Lunchtime rehearsals are continuing with loads of enthusiasm. We are looking forward to the performance.

### **Tutor Information**

Please ask at the office for tutor information if you would like your child to learn an instrument.

### **Narelle Derwent - Music Coordinator**

### **Reading Support Team - Thanks Once Again**

On Thursday, 06 March, we had a very well attended meeting in the library.

There is a vibrant and conscientious team of parents and helpers making up the team. We are presently putting together a timetable, which is a document in progress! The program is already underway and already there is very positive feedback.

For those people who are not involved and curious: this program has started up to support children that have been identified as needing some extra supportive practise by the teaching staff.

Thank you everybody for being so supportive.

### **Sally Corbett**



### **Debating & Chess**

The debating and chess programs have commenced after school with many children attending and showing a great interest in participating.

The times for these programs are:

Chess - Mondays 3.15-4.15pm

Debating - Tuesdays 3.15-4.15pm (Yrs.4-6)

### **Ellie Moore and Tina Bambagiotti Debating Coordinators**

