



## **From The Principal**

Dear Parents and Carers

At Annandale Public School we believe in building a safe, secure learning community in which children can develop a sense of belonging and well being.

We encourage all learners to take risks with their learning in a supportive environment, with experienced staff and challenging programs.

The school is dedicated to providing all students with:

- A range of quality learning experiences in a friendly, supportive and creative environment
- Opportunities to develop the skills and understandings to live a confident, satisfying and productive life.

The staff and I encourage you to contact the school at anytime that you would like more information regarding teaching and learning programs, curriculum, and student welfare and/or school organisation.

Our school motto is ***'Strength through Wisdom'***.

In an active partnership with students and families, we want the children to succeed in achieving their academic, sporting & cultural, creative arts, leadership and social goals.

The school is involved in continuous improvement to improve teaching and learning outcomes for students. Our school plan has a three year planning horizon that is updated annually. The school community is able to contact the school and request a copy of the school plan.

### **Our school's strategic goals for 2006 to 2008 are:**

- Raise student achievement levels for all learners
- Improve student performance in literacy.
- Develop, strengthen and enhance student's

numeracy skills.

- Further develop student wellbeing

### **Our school's short-term goals for 2008 are:**

- Improve number skills for all students Yrs K-6.
- Improve student outcomes in writing of different types of texts.
- To improve the social skills of all students.

Our new student reports were introduced to Annandale PS in 2007. The same reporting format will be issued to families in Semester 1, 2008.

### **These reports enable parents and carers to clearly see:**

- Their child's overall achievement - rated in five bands from 'Outstanding' to 'Limited' 'Sound' is the satisfactory achievement level for students.
- More detail on how they are performing in English and Mathematics
- A simpler written report identifying the student's strengths and areas for improvement
- Information about the student's social skills, achievement in Key Learning Areas and commitment to learning.

These new reports will make it easier to track the progress of students throughout their school life, and provide consistency in reporting across NSW DET schools.

A parent and community 'information' session about the school's reports is scheduled for **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 9.15 am and 6.30 pm.** The information session will be led by the school principal.

### **EDUCATION WEEK 2008**

Education Week has been an integral part of the New South Wales public schools' calendar since its inception in August 1954. During Education Week public schools take the

opportunity to celebrate and promote student and staff achievements to their local and wider community.

A number of other state-wide activities take place during this week including Back to School Day, Principal for a Day, and Public Education Day.

### **2008 Education Week will be celebrated from Monday 26 to Friday 30 May.**

At Annandale we will celebrate Education Week with two school events. These are:

- **Creative Arts Day – 27<sup>th</sup> May 2008.** This event involves students, staff and Annandale Community in various creative art workshops
- **Principal for a Day – 30<sup>th</sup> May 2008.** Mr. Nielsen will host Deb Thomas, Editor of the Australian Women's Weekly.

### **NAPLAN 2008**

Last week the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) was introduced for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools.

This program, which has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers, will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools.

In New South Wales the NAPLAN tests replace the Basic Skills Tests (BST), English Language and Literacy Assessment (ELLA) and Secondary Numeracy Assessment Program (SNAP).

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the agreed national benchmarks of student achievement.

The tests were conducted across Australia on the same days for all students.

Thank you to all parents and carers who have given generously to the school by paying the voluntary contribution. The money is very much appreciated. It is used for classroom supplies, additional learning opportunities for students and providing additional support to students and staff. Thank you also to the 'school family' who

donated \$5,000 to the school to purchase three data projectors for school learning environments (classrooms and hall).

Thank you to all members of the Annandale P&C for their contributions to the Mother's Day Afternoon Tea. On behalf of the school community I would like to particularly thank Grade 6 for the way they assisted the P&C on the day, the wonderful parents and community members who worked on stalls and Warwick Orme who donated the Fine Art Print for the Mother's Day raffle. This was an extremely generous donation and thank you to all school families who donated gifts for the stall and cakes for the wonderful afternoon tea.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff, students and families at Annandale Public School for the warm welcome I have received by the community.

Public Education inspires all young people to do their best!

### **Craig Nielsen - Principal**

### **Balmain District PSSA Cross Country**

Congratulations to the following children who represented Annandale Public School at the Balmain District Cross Country

#### **8/9 Boys**

Matt B., Sam H. Jordan G.-D., Josh C., Saxon M., Martin S.

#### **8/9 Girls**

Lolita J., Isabella F., Madison G., Adelaide G., Kylie Z., Lydia E.

#### **10 Bys**

Alex F., Solomon S., Gideon K., Harry B., Seb A.

#### **10 Girls**

Paris ., Isabella M., Bella B., Laura C., Aubrey G., Tatum H..

#### **11 Boys**

Blake T., Benson A., Maxi J., Declan W., Max D., Max T..

#### **11 Girls**

Miwa B., Phoebe C., Georgina M., Emma H., Anjelica V.

#### **12 Boys**

Johnny D., Manuel R., Kevin T., Chris G., Jesse A.

## 12 Girls

Lucia H.

Special mention to Isabella F. (Yr.3) who progresses to the Regional Cross Country and Alex F. who is a reserve.

**Congratulations** to Maxi J. who has been selected for the Balmain/South Sydney District Soccer Team.

## Anti-Racism Contact Officer (ARCO)

Just a note to inform you that Sally Corbett is our school ARCO.

This means that if you have any queries or problems regarding racist behaviour within our school community, please contact the ARCO. Be assured that queries etc. will be kept confidential and, if action is desired by the person receiving racist comments, there are helpful guidelines developed by the DET that can be used.

If you require an interview, please obtain a Teacher Interview Form from the Office.

## Sally Corbett - ARCO

## Uniform Shop

### **WE NEED HELP IN THE UNIFORM SHOP!**

Been frustrated by having to wait in a long queue to get your child a new winter uniform? If so, it is because we do not have enough parents helping out. Worse, the queue is about to get longer as one of our loyal staffers has to move on.

We need people who can come in from 8.30-9.15am on Wednesdays. Does not even have to be every Wednesday if we get enough volunteers as we could get some sort of roster going.

Failing this, we might have to close the shop completely and instigate a system where uniforms can be bought by order form only, which is fine if you know exactly what you want and in what size - painful if you don't. Second hand uniforms would also become a thing of the past.

If you can help, give me a call (Vera Klein 0418 488 702) or catch me outside the 4/3D classroom in the afternoon (I am Lulu Barker's mother).

## Dance Program

Next week the Dance 2B Fit program commences. This dance program is in preparation for our big concert which is held in Term 3. Please ensure that all fees are paid at

the office by Friday, 23 May 2008.

## School Diary

### Week 5      Education Week

26/5/08	Dance 2B Fit Program
27/5/08	Performing & Visual Arts Day
29/5/08	ICAC - Science Test
30/5/08	Deborah Thomas is "Principal for a Day"

### Week 6

03/6/08	9.30-11.00am
	Visit by Sydney Swans (Y6/5)
06/6/08	11.30am Y4/3 Assembly

## Reading Support

A huge thank you to Mr. Wallace Long, who kindly made available the very useful teaching resource that we used at our start up meeting at the beginning of Term 1.

The resource "Pause, Prompt and Praise" is a great guide to explicit teaching of reading. If you are keen to watch this resource, at your leisure, please contact the office or myself and it will be made available for loan.

The students are very thrilled with the wonderful time and expertise that you are contributing to their reading, so thank you.

## Sally Corbett

## P&C Fundraising - Easter Egg Sales

The Easter Egg fundraising has been a great success. However, we urge those who have not returned their money to please do so **asap** as we hope the money raised from this fundraiser will buy new readers for the school. Thank you for your early attention to this important matter.

## Term 2 Music News

### Senior Band

Senior Band has begun rehearsals on Thursdays at 8a.m. Please remember your instrument and music folder. We are currently learning 'Shout' and 'I'm a Believer'. We will soon be starting 'I got You" and a new piece, 'Mambo no.5'. All children should be taking this music to their music tutors and practicing their band music at home. The band makes the greatest progress when children are practicing and attending band regularly.

Please note that there will be no Senior Band this week due to the industrial action.

### Training Band

I was greeted with a great sound coming from the music room on Tuesday morning. The training band are creating their own pieces! Well done everyone.

### Recorder Consort

Our talented Recorder Consort has been working very hard towards their Opera House performance on the 12th June. All children should now be practicing their music along with the CD and without their sheet music.

A note will soon be coming home regarding our performance day. The t-shirts have arrived and will be issued this week. Please don't wear the t-shirts until the day of the performance.

### Choir

The senior and junior choirs performed last week in assembly. Well done every one. We're looking forward to many more performances

### Music Tutor Program

We have a fantastic team of tutors at Annandale if you would like your child to learn to play an instrument. The bands are particularly looking for more trumpet and clarinet players. Instruments are available for hire through the school. Please contact the tutor directly if interested.

Joerne Harris	Saxophone, Clarinet	0425 262 613	
Tuesday			
Jane Duncan	Flute	0415 252 674	Wednesday
Lisa Gori	Trumpet/Trombone	0424 574 537	
Monday			
Nando Pettinato	Drums	0412 076 213	Thursday
Kees Steen	Guitar	0413 582 512	Tues/Wednesday
Ranka Illicic	Piano	0410 359 663	Tues/ Thurs/Fri
Tara Hashambo	Strings/recorder	0423 386 608	Tuesday

Parents and Carers please remember to contact your child's tutor if your child is unable to attend their lesson for any reason.

Narelle Derwent  
Music Coordinator

**thevillage**  
ESTATE AGENTS

Thankyou very much to Terry and her team for providing an ongoing fund for the upkeep of our Learning Garden!

159 Parramatta Road, Stanmore  
9569 2777



THE GOOD FOOD COMPANY

23 Clevedon St  
Botany NSW

T: 02 9695 1695

F: 02 9695 1696

E: info@thegoodfoodco.com.au

W: www.thegoodfoodco.com.au

Answer Machine Orders

T: 02 9990 2896

Thankyou to Yael and the team for their continuous support and generous donations of glorious food!

**THE WESTIN**  
SYDNEY

Thankyou for their donation of 1st Prize in the Playground Raffle

No 1, Martin Place, Sydney  
8223 1111

Thankyou to **Blancmange** for their donation of 3rd Prize in the Playground Raffle

1 Station Street, Petersham  
9568 4644

Thankyou to **Crescent Timber** for their donation of timber and hardware for the Learning Garden

Cnr Chapman Rd and the Crescent, Annandale  
9660 7133

**Euroespresso**  
**Machine Company**

Thankyou for their wonderful machines and delicious coffee!

165 Parramatta Road, Stanmore  
9560 7000

**BUNNINGS**  
**warehouse**

Thankyou for their generous donation a BBQ!

Cnr Parramatta Road and Fredrick Street,  
Ashfield  
9798 5255



Thankyou for their donation of 2nd Prize in the Playground Raffle

5 Cumberland St, The Rocks,  
8274 7777

Thankyou to **Manic Cure** for their donation of 4th Prize in the Playground Raffle

Cnr Salisbury & Gibbens St, Camperdown  
3557 0517

Thankyou to **Office National** for their donation of 5th Prize in the Playground Raffle

Shop 6, 10 Hunter St, Parramatta  
9635 5477

**These amazing companies have shown incredible generosity and support for our school, please show them your support in return.**



**Annandale Public School**  
**Parents & Citizens Association**  
*Benefiting our children  
and their school*