



From The Principal

Dear Annandale Community,

Thank you to all parents, carers, grandparents, uncles, aunties and community members who made our Education Week so special. The students and staff were very excited to be joined by so many family and friends in their creative arts workshops.

Thank you to all the students, staff and parents who assisted with the school's involvement in the DET's Principal for a Day program. Deb Thomas, Editor for the Australian Women's Weekly, joined students and staff in a range of activities over the school day. She led a workshop for students involved in producing the student newspaper, met the students from our preschool and early intervention unit and spoke to the senior students about her job and role at the magazine. I would like to thank Ms Thomas for her wonderful contribution to our school's Education Week celebration.

Leading Australia's Schools 2008

I was recently successful in being selected to be one of 40 principals from across Australia to participate in the federal government's new initiative 'Leading Australian Schools'. The program seeks to develop school principals who will inform their practice of educational leadership by:

- Planning and implementing change in their own school based on an assessment of the need for change.
- Understanding self in the role of leader and understanding and managing relationships with others.
- Developing capability in their own school teams.
- Operating strategically and with focus on the critical issues.
- Having a professional impact beyond their own school.

Teaching Australia

The Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership Limited has developed the Leading Australia's Schools program in partnership with the Hay Group and the University of Melbourne.

The Australian Primary Principals Association (APPA), the Australian Secondary Principals Association (ASPA), Catholic Secondary Principals Australia (CaSPA), and the Association of Heads of Independent Schools of Australia (AHISA) have been closely involved in the design and development of Leading Australia's Schools and have the major role in the selection of participants.

As a result I will be in Melbourne from Thursday, 5th June and return to Annandale Public School on Monday, 16th June.

Ms Ridings will be leading the school in my absence.

A warm welcome is extended from the Annandale staff to all new students and families for 2008. We trust that the school will provide you and your children with a rich, safe, supportive and friendly learning environment.

Good luck to the Recorder Consort who will be performing at the Opera House in the *Festival of Instrumental Music* on Thursday, 12th June.

Public Education inspires every young person to achieve their best.

Craig Nielsen - Principal

Application for Student Leave

The Department of Education asks parents to fill out an Application for leave if the student is having more than a week away from school. Please come into the office and collect an application if you are going away.

National Reconciliation Week

NSW Sorry Day Committee has chosen the theme: "Sorry-A New Beginning". It bodes well for the future of reconciliation that according to Julia Gillard our Deputy Prime Minister, Australian schools were among the strongest supporters of the historic parliamentary apology to the Stolen Generations.

Parent Information session

A parent Information session on student reports & student achievement led by our school principal, Mr Nielsen, will be held at 9.15 am and 6.30 pm on 18th June 2008. Information sessions will be held in the school library.

Student Reports

Just again to reinforce the structure of our school's reports, each family will 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.

Please label all student belongings

Your child's belongings can easily be misplaced at school. Please label all your child's belongings with their name. Don't forget books, pencil cases, clothing and school bags.

Writing school notes

If your child is absent, you need to write a note within seven days:

- It must explain why your child missed school.
- Include how many days your child was away. Remember to include the date or dates.
- Place this in your child's school bag
- Remind your child to give the note to the teacher.

If your child is going to be away for more than three days please call the school to let the teacher know. You will still need to write a note when your child returns to school.

Late Arrival at School

Please note, school hours are:
9.00am - All classes commence.
3.00pm - Dismissal for Years K to 6.

A member of staff is rostered on duty from 8.30am to 9.00am should an emergency happen.

The school encourages punctuality and regular attendance.

In the event of late arrival, children and parents are to collect a Late Pass from the office. The reason for late arrival will be written on the Late Pass.

Road & Traffic Safety

Families and friends of the school are reminded that they are not to use the school driveway or school car park to drop off or collect children immediately before or after school.

This can be a dangerous practice, as we have children and families entering and leaving the school site to gain access to Trafalgar Street.

Don't risk injuring a child

The 40km/h speed limit in school zones operates between 8.00-9.30am and 2.30-4.00pm on school days. Be aware of the time or you could be fined.

Children can be unpredictable and hard to see. It is important that parents and carers observe local school safety initiatives when dropping off and collecting children.

Penalties are high. New fines and demerit point increases include:

- Speeding - minimum fine of \$128 and four demerit points
- Approach children's crossing too quickly to stop safely - \$384 fine and four demerit points
- Double parking - \$231 fine and two demerit points
- Stopping on or near a children's crossing - \$308 and two demerit points
- Illegal use of mobile phone in school zone - \$308 fine and four demerit points.

The worst penalty is knowing you have caused an injury to a child.

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. It does not even have to be every Wednesday: if we get enough volunteers 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).

School Diary

Week 7

09/6/08	Queen's Birthday holiday
11/6/08	Festival of Music, Opera House Recorder Consort departs school At 11.00am.
13/6/08	11.30am Yr.5/4 & Yr.6/5
Assembly	

Week 8

18/6/08	9.15am and 6.30pm. Parent Informations Sessions on Student Reports.
20/6/08	4/3 & SRC Assembly.

Music News

Senior Band

In term 3 we will again be hosting the Sydney University Wind Orchestra for a workshop and performance. 'Bandakadabra' will be a presentation for the whole school. Newtown Public School will join us for the workshop and part of the performance. This was fantastic last year. Our senior band really 'took off' following this experience.

Keep up the practice of your band pieces.

Training Band

Training Band now have the addition of two trumpets and a trombone. Well done Dari, Seb and Blake.

Keep up the great work. The training band is

sounding great, so have a listen on a Tuesday morning.

Recorder Consort

Next Thursday the 12th June is the Festival of Instrumental Music. We will be leaving at 11 am for our big day. Congratulations to the Consort who have worked in their lunch hours to prepare. We will be performing one of our pieces at assembly on Friday. Wish us luck.

Choir

Both choirs are learning music for the school concert. The children are very excited about it and can't wait to perform.

Tutor Information

Monday - Lisa Gori - Trumpet-Trombone
0424 574 537

Tuesday - Joerne Harris - Saxophone/
Clarinet 0425 262 613

Tuesday/Thursday - Ranka Illicic - Piano
0410 359 663

Tuesday - Tara Hashambo - Strings/
Recorder 0423 386 608

Wednesday - Jane Duncan - Flute
0415 252 674

Wednesday - Laura Bell - Strings/Recorder
0408 623 597

Wednesday - Kees Steen - Guitar
0413 582 512

Thursday - Nando Pettinato - Drums
0412 076 213

Narelle Derwent - Music Coordinator

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