



From The Principal

Dear Annandale Community

Welcome back to all students, staff and families to another busy term and a warm welcome to the new children and families joining Annandale. We trust that your holidays were both enjoyable and restful.

K-2 Shade Cloth and Top Paddock - Site-Art are finally ready to install our long awaited shade cloth, in the latter part of Week 2. Work has commenced on the 'Top Paddock' project. This project will improve playground play spaces for primary students. The school would like to thank all members of the P&C for raising the funds to commence this project and special thanks to Ms Jane Britt for all her efforts in project-managing this vital improvement to our playground.

**THANK YOU TO GOSFORD QUARRY
FOR THEIR KIND DONATION OF
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The Annandale PS - Learning Support Team

has been established to plan and manage support for all students. The team consists of Craig Nielsen (Principal), Jennifer Kent (Rel. School Counsellor), Narelle Derwent (Rel. Assistant Principal), Sally Corbett (Learning Support Teacher) and Jo Watson (Rainbow Circles Facilitator).

As a result, Reading Volunteers were established to support students who will benefit from regular 1-1 reading sessions. An introductory information session was offered to acquaint volunteers with best practice in proactive listening to students' reading.

The Learning Support Team is very appreciative of the many parents and friends who have volunteered to come to the school on a regular basis to be "Reading Volunteers"

At the last P&C meeting we decided to organise a separate meeting to hear concerns, brainstorm solutions and agree on ways to make the school pick-up and drop-off times safer for children. The meeting will be held:

When: Thursday 7th August 2008

Time: 9:15am (straight after drop-off)

Where: The library I will be at the meeting to offer guidance and support, and will try to keep the meeting as efficient as possible, ensuring all voices get heard as we move towards constructive solutions.

The Annandale Chess Club has commenced on Mondays after school in the library. This chess club is run by a private organisation called The Sydney Chess Academy. Mr Nielsen is coordinator.

School Camp - The Yr 4, 5 & 6 'primary camp' will be from Wednesday 17th September to Friday 19th September 2008. The camp will be over three days and students will be visiting Canberra and the Snowfields with Mr Colmer, Ms Wilson and Mr Nielsen. The cost of the camp is \$235.00 per student.

Yr 6 Jerseys – Thank you to the P&C for purchasing the Yr 6 jerseys. All students are wearing them daily to school.

Good Discipline and Effective Learning Policy – Staff are currently involved in a school review of its welfare policy. A school welfare team has been established to support the process. The school community is working together to establish a clear set of school rules, a code of behaviour and support materials and programs.

2008 Athletics Carnival – The date for this year's carnival is Friday, 8th August at Camperdown Oval, Camperdown. All children will be walking to and from park under teacher supervision. The carnival is organised by Margaret Ridings (Primary AP)

2008 School Concert – Lights, camera, and action! Preparation for the school concert has begun. The dates of the concert are Dress Rehearsal – Wednesday, 10th September and performances are Thursday, 11th and Friday, 12th September, 2008.

School Photographs – School photographs were taken this Monday and the whole school photograph will be taken on Friday 1st August at 1.30 pm (after lunch)

Public Education inspires every young person to achieve their best.

Craig Nielsen

Lies and fibs – Advice to Parents and Carers

When children don't tell the truth it can be very worrying for parents. It is easy to become upset about the lie and to overlook what it means to the child.

Remind yourself:

- Telling the truth is something that children learn over years, not something they know from birth
- Young children want to please parents more than anything else. They may avoid telling the truth if they think it will make parents cross
- Teach children the difference between truth and untruth, but remember that it takes time before children are able to really understand
- Explain why telling the truth is important to you

Set a good example by telling the truth yourself.

Reading with your child

What parents can do:

1. Try to make time to read to your child every day even for a few minutes
2. If you have more than one child you can read or tell stories that they all like together, e.g. family favourites or stories about your own

childhood

3. Talk to your children about the things you read so they can see that reading is important for you
 4. Visit the local library for story telling sessions
 5. Find toys or puppets that are like the people in your children's favourite story to encourage them to remember and play out the story
- When your children read the words on a sign or food packet let them know that you are proud that they are reading.

Traffic Issues around our school

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If you cannot make the meeting, please email Janice Jones (P&C Secretary) with your thoughts so they can be raised on your behalf: janice_jones_1@iinet.net.au (or catch her in the playground around KP). If you have views on this topic, we look forward to hearing them and working together to brainstorm constructive solutions.

SUPPORT READING TEAM

Thank you to all concerned, the children are benefiting enormously from regular sessions with you.

There will be a meeting in the library next Thursday 7th August at 9.15am-9.45am just to sort out any timetabling issues and any other queries.

If you cannot make the meeting on 7/8/08 please stay tuned for the amendments to the timetable.

There is need to alter the timetable to include more classes.

Thank you - Sally Corbett

Music News

Bandakadabra!

Last Thursday, 24 July, the Sydney University Wind Orchestra ran a workshop for our Senior Band students and band students from Newtown Public School. The students were

then able to be part of a 60 piece ensemble in the Bandakadabra performance playing the new piece *Haunted*.

We were then treated to a one hour magical performance by SUWO. What a great experience!

Senior Training Band

Senior and Training Bands have resumed rehearsals for Term 3. It is tempting to sleep in, but regular attendance at band rehearsals is required by all participating students.

Beginner Recorders

All students from Years 2-6 are eligible to join the beginner Recorder Ensemble. Rehearsals begin next Wednesday, 06 August. A note will be sent home this week with those children interested.

Choir

Senior and Junior Choirs have commenced rehearsals at 1.00pm Mondays and Tuesdays.

Instrumental Tuition

The tutors are:

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	- Wednesday
Ranka Illicic	- Piano
0410 359 663	- Tues/Thurs.
Tara Hashambo	- Strings/Recorder
0423 386 608	- Tuesday

Narelle Derwent - Music Co-ordinator

NATIONAL NAIDOC WEEK

On Friday 25th July, APS held a wonderful day of NAIDOC Week celebrations. We invited Lewis Burns of the Wiradjuri language group of Western NSW to come and share his Aboriginal stories, didgeridoo playing, animal dancing, weapons display and spectacular mural painting with the whole school. Despite the rain, every child eagerly participated in these activities. Also, we invited two Aboriginal players from South Sydney Football team, Jamie Ingram and Luke Grant, to discuss Rugby League with us. Lots of great questions and comments were made, as well as autograph signing. For lunch, the Year 6/5s helped to put on a delicious spread of Bush Tucker for us all to try, including Kangaroo Bites, Damper, Bush

Tomato and BBQ sauces, Lemon Myrtle and Lemon Grass from our garden, and the extremely popular Wattleseed biscuits made by Mrs Johnson and Mrs Ridings.

Thanks to Mr. Colmer, Miss Patrick and Miss Kershaw for organising the day.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

It is important that the school be notified if you change your address, telephone number (at home or at work), emergency contact details, medical conditions, or custody or access orders. Please notify changes in writing to the school office.

LEARNING CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to all parents who have given generously to the school by paying a voluntary school contribution and payment of dance and performance fees. 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.

MULCH

If any family is cutting down trees, please note that the school is looking for mulch. If you can help please contact the school office or Jane Britt.

SCHOOL DIARY

Attached is a copy of school diary events for Term 3. Please be advised that this diary of school events will be available to view on the internet.

Events for the next 3 weeks are as follows:

Friday 03 August	ES1 Assembly
Wed. 06 August	Inter-school Debate at Dobroyd Point School.
Fri. 08 August	Olympic Games Begin. School Athletics Carnival
Tues. 12 August	ICAS - English
Fri. 15 August	Stage 3 Assembly
Mon. 18 August	Book Week commences.
Wed. 20 August	10.30am Book Parade 1.45pm Musica Viva <i>Gulp</i>
Thurs. 21 August	Daffodils for sale \$5.00 per Bunch.
Fri. 15 August	Mini Olympics Balmain PSSA District Athletic Carnival Week 1
Fri. 22 August	Balmain PSSA District Athletic Carnival Week 2

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

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

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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

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Machine Company

Thankyou for their wonderful machines and delicious coffee!

165 Parramatta Road, Stanmore
9560 7000

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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

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