



From The Principal

Dear Annandale Community

Congratulations to all students who represented the Annandale PS, last Friday, at the PSSA Balmain District Carnival. Your dedication at training sessions, commitment at the carnival and sportsmanship is to be commended. Thank you to Mrs Ridings and Mr Colmer for supporting athletes at the carnival. Good luck to the school team which competes this Friday.

Please remind any families seeking enrolment at Annandale Public School next year, that our transition and orientation programs for Kindergarten 2009 will be commencing soon. Please complete an enrolment form which is available from Mrs Goode, Mrs Patterson, Mrs Bowling or Ms Severino, in the office.

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 a rich, safe, supportive and friendly learning environment.

Congratulations to our three wonderful, hard-working 'Teacher Interns' we have working in our school this term. Mr Tom Styles (1J), Ms Rochelle Baines (4/3 D) and Miss Lisa Roberts (3R) have all reached the half way mark of their internship and have five more weeks working with students and school staff.

Don't forget the Annandale's Trivia Night held on Saturday, 20th September in school hall. Teams and tables are forming fast; please see members of the P&C to book your table. This will be a wonderful 'school community' evening and I urge as many parents, carers and friends of the school to come and enjoy a great night.

I look forward to all students and staff participating in Book Week parade and school families are invited to attend and participate in the parade and morning tea, Wednesday August

20 at 10.30am Thank you to Ms Ferres for organising this whole school event.

This weeks newsletter is printed in yellow as a reminder we are selling daffodils for \$5 per bunch, Thursday August 21 in support of The Cancer Foundation Daffodil Day.

Public Education inspires every young person to achieve their best.

Craig Nielsen

Traffic Issues Meeting

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended the first Traffic Issues Meeting on Thursday 7th August. During this meeting we heard many concerns about children's safety to and from the school (covering, although not limited to, lack of pedestrian crossing on Trafalgar Street, drivers running the lights on Johnston Street, drivers disobeying the 5 minute parking zones, double parking, incorrect use of the teachers car park, residents not looking before exiting their driveways).

We also had the opportunity to brainstorm many ideas that we can build upon to implement changes in behaviour and culture within the school (covering, although not limited to, creating a 'Walking School Bus', investigating a 'kiss and drop' zone, joining forces with the other schools along Trafalgar Street to approach council).

We still have more work to do in realising these solutions and will meet again to discuss further (meanwhile we will gather input from council and other interested schools). Even if you missed the first meeting, we are keen to hear your ideas and would welcome your presence at the next meeting, to be held:

When: Thursday 28th August
Time: 9:15 am
Where: in the library

If you cannot make the meeting but have a contribution to make, please see Craig Neilsen or Janice Jones (P&C Secretary, most often found near K-P).

Online Safety Tips for Annandale Families

Worried about your child's safety online? Here are some guidelines that can help:

- Put the computer in a central area of the home, not in a bedroom
 - Be reasonable and try to set reasonable expectations
 - Be open with your child and encourage them to come to you if they encounter a problem online – cultivate trust and communications because no rules, laws or filtering software can replace you as their first line of defence
 - Talk with your child about how they use the Internet. Make sure they understand basic safety guidelines. These include protecting privacy (including passwords), never posting personal information, never meeting people they only know online and not posting inappropriate or potentially embarrassing photos
 - Try to get your kids to share their blogs or online profiles with you, but be aware that they can have multiple accounts on multiple services.
 - Spend time online with your kids. Check out good sites together. The internet can be a fun family activity!
 - Help your kids use the internet as an effective research tool - learn about handy homework tips for kids and also good searching techniques
 - Learn about the world out there. Kids are communicating in a diverse range of ways, from chat to IM, and from message boards to blogs. Learn how these work and what tools they offer to protect your child's privacy
- Be aware of online stranger danger, particularly in chat rooms. Set house rules about what information your children can give out and where they can go online.

Switch off electricity and save

- Electricity generation is the main single contributor to greenhouse gas emissions in Australia.
- We can reduce our power use at home and at school in the following ways:
 - Turn off your computer, monitor and printer outside working hours
 - Turn off lights and air conditioners when you leave your office or school at the end of the day

- Sign up to a Green Power provider and install solar panels
 - Plant trees, to absorb carbon dioxide – plant water-wise local natives
 - Use energy efficient light sources such as fluorescent lights, especially in areas where the lighting is on for long periods
 - Control the operating hours of lighting – use manual control, timers, automatic controls, movement detectors and light level sensors
 - Control air conditioning with automatic thermostats set at a comfortable temperature or use timer controls
 - Use insulation to keep heat in during winter, and insulation and external shading to keep heat out during summer
 - Buy energy efficient appliances with a high star rating
- Lower the water temperature on hot water systems and ensure air conditioning is not set too high in winter or too low in summer. Better still use fans or natural ventilation for cooling.

Environmental Sustainability at APS

APS approaches environmental education, and resource and grounds management with great consideration for local environmental sustainability. Recently, we have reviewed our School Environmental Education Plan (SEMP) in conjunction with the DET NSW Sustainable Schools Program. As a whole school community, we are proud to share, celebrate and evaluate our efforts to increase biodiversity, reduce resource consumption and waste at APS. Some of these ongoing efforts that curb environmental impact and increase environmental education include:

- The learning garden - maintained by students, staff and parents, and used in our science and HSIE curriculums.
- The three worm farms and three compost bins- maintained by staff and students (and their lunches!), and used in the learning garden.
- The frog pond habitat - used for science and HSIE curriculum.
- The increased use of native plants in our landscaping.
- Paper and cardboard recycling, and water and electricity saving practices.
- Water tanks.

Future installation of solar panels and rainwater toilet flushing systems.

Congratulations APS for helping to reduce our Carbon footprint and increase environmental citizenship!

Athletics Carnival

Once again our carnival was a very enjoyable day. Thankyou to all the parents who helped in the running of events. The children in the primary were especially delighted in the new house banners, the printing of which were organised by Wallace Long.

Congratulations to the following students who will represent the school at the Balmain PSSA carnival which is held over two days.

MIDORI G.	PARIS C.
ISABELLA F.	LOLITA J.
LUCY E.	HETTY C.
ALEX F.	PAUL A.
JORDAN G.	SAXON M.
LUCIA H.	MAXI J.
EMMA H.	MIWA B.
SOLOMON S.	POLLY S.
BLAKE T.	DECLAN W.
CHRIS G.	MANUEL R.
ISABELLA M.	JOSH N.
JOHNNY D.	PHOEBE C.

Music News

Senior and Training Bands

Both bands are sounding fantastic. This is due to the enthusiasm of children who attend rehearsals regularly, on time and practise their music regularly. We have made great progress in recent weeks. Well done to all.

Recorder

The Beginner recorders are already sounding great. Please continue to encourage your child to practise every day for 10minutes.

The senior Recorder Consort is already learning their Opera House music for 2009. Regular attendance at Thursday lunchtime rehearsals are compulsory for all those wishing to participate. We are also practising music for the up coming concert.

Choir

Just a reminder to parents and children that attending choir practise is an important commitment. Children need to attend EVERY practice. We are practising for the school concert which is coming up really soon and for the Big Night Out– next term. If your child does

not want to honour this commitment, a written explanation why, can be handed to Miss Watson—simply not turning up is unacceptable. Miss Watson

Wanted: A Handy Parent Helper

We have a number of classroom percussion instruments which need some simple repairs done .e.g. new elastic on castanets, leather straps on finger cymbals etc. If you would be able to take a tray of instruments home to repair in your own time, please see Narelle Derwent (43D teacher and music coordinator)

Big Night Out Date

Please note that the **Big Night Out** will be on **Friday the 7th November**. This is a fantastic night of music where we showcase all our ensembles and tutor groups. So, put this date in your diary.
Narelle Derwent
Music Coordinator

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 Ms Patrick and Mr Nielsen. The cost of the camp is \$235.00 per student.

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:

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. 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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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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165 Parramatta Road, Stanmore
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Cnr Parramatta Road and Fredrick Street,
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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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