



Dear Annandale Community,

Thanks to some fine weather, our school held its Mini Olympics last Friday. The entire student population was divided into 15 teams and competed in various 'fun' activities for Annandale Olympic gold! Thanks to Ms Ridings and Ms Johnson for organising this great event.

Lights, camera, and action! Preparation for the school concert has begun. The dates of the concert are: Dress Rehearsal – Wednesday 10th September, and Performances - Thursday 11th and Friday 12th September. Concerts are scheduled for 9.45 am and order forms for adult tickets went home today.

The Yrs 4, 5 & 6 primary camp will be held on Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th September 2008. During this three day camp students and staff will be visiting Canberra and the snowfields in Perisher Valley. Mr Colmer, Ms Wilson, Ms Patrick and Mr Nielsen will be accompanying the students. The cost of the camp is \$235.00 per student. The extra teacher on the camp is to support the increased demand for positions on the bus by school families. To assist in keeping the cost of the excursion down (thus giving more students the opportunity to attend) the school is fundraising to cover the expense of the extra bus by holding various hot food days. Our thanks to families for supporting these endeavours, to Ms Bowling and the office staff for ordering the food, and to Ms Ridings and our team for running the canteen on the days.

Finally, don't forget the Father's Day Gift Stall and Afternoon Tea this Friday afternoon on the school's new top paddock. This will be a wonderful social event celebrating the Dads, Grandfathers, Uncles and big Brothers of our school community. I urge as many parents, carers and friends of the school to come and enjoy this fantastic gathering.

Public Education inspires every young person to achieve their best.
Craig Nielsen

STOP WORK MEETING REMINDER

Tuesday, 02 September

- Preschool will open at 11am.
- EIU - families contacted by class teacher.
- Kindergarten to Year 6– **only minimal supervision is possible from 9.00-11.00am.** One teacher on duty.
- Recess will be 11.00– 11.20am. for Infants and Primary.

Annandale Traffic Forums

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended the second Traffic Issues Meeting last Thursday. 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 and 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 including creating a 'Walking School Bus'; investigating a 'kiss and drop' zone; joining forces with the other schools along Trafalgar Street to approach council; seeking representation from the Chair of the Pedestrian Council who will support our efforts on both Johnston and Trafalgar Streets and finally, but by no means least, trialling the 'Walking School Bus' in term 4.

Whilst these initiatives are excellent, our children's safety also requires a big effort on behalf of all families to model best practice road safety. I cannot stress this enough: please abide by all traffic rules and parking arrangements when dropping children at school and picking them up.

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 have missed the meetings, we are keen to hear your ideas and would welcome your presence at the next meeting, to be held:

When: **T 3 - Thursday, 16th October, 2008**

Time: **9:15 am**

Where: **in the library**

Music News

[Big Night Out Date](#)

Just a reminder **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.

Our instrumental Tutors are:

Joerne Harris	Sax/Clarinet	0425 262 613
Jane Duncan	Flute	0415 252 674
Lisa Gori	Trumpet/ Trombone	0424 574 537
Nando Pettinato	Drums	0412 076 213
Kees Steen	Guitar	0413 582 512
Ranka Illicic	Piano	0410 359 663
Tara Hashambo	Strings/ Recorder	0423 386 608

Narelle Derwent
Music Coordinator

After Care

Marta from the After Care program has requested that all students not attending After Care should leave the school grounds by 3.30 pm. please.

SCHOOL DIARY

Please be advised that the diary of school events is now available to view on the internet. Events for the next 2 weeks are as follows:

Tues. 02 Sept. Stop work Meeting
School commences at 11.00am.

Fri.05 Sept. Fathers Day Stall
11.30am 1J, 1W, 2W
Assembly
P&C Afternoon Tea

Tues. 09 Sept. Balmain District PSSA
Athletic Carnival

Wed.10 Sept. School Concert Dress
Rehearsal

Thurs.11 Sept. School Concert

Fri. 12 Sept. School Concert

Fri. 07 Nov. Big Night Out