



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.

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 learners with:

- A range of quality and engaging learning experiences
- A happy and safe school environment, where learners can take risks and meet learning challenges
- A supportive and creative classroom, school and playground
- Opportunities to develop the knowledge and understanding, skills and values to live a confident, satisfying and productive life.

Congratulations to the students for their active participation in the gymnastics program for Term 4.

Kindergarten Transition and Orientation

Programs (K for 2009) – Dates are set for the school's transition and orientation program. An open morning was held on Wednesday 24th September, beginning at 9.30 am. Now Kindergarten families are invited to attend transition sessions on Thursday 6th, 13th and 20th November 2008.

In preparation for the 2008 Annual School Report, the school will be surveying students, staff and the parent community to investigate the views held about the school's Music and ICT

programs, which are elements of school life – School Culture and a 'School Satisfaction' survey for our school.

Your assistance in completing surveys and questions as completely and accurately as possible is appreciated and will greatly assist in our analysis of the school's current operations. All responses will be treated confidentially and completion of all school surveys is voluntary. School surveys will go home to families next week.

Public Education inspires every young person to achieve their best.

Craig Nielsen - Principal

Debating News

Our school has taken part in the, Inner West Friendly Debating Competition again this year. This has meant that we have had weekly after-school meetings, where topics have been thrashed out and teams have worked on their cases for 6 debates.

We have had some fantastic support from parents, namely Mr Jeremy Bowdler (Bella's dad), Mrs Cathie Steele (Solomon's mum), Mrs Fleur Bayley (Carla and Blake's mum) and Mrs Felicity Thomson (Pollyanna's mum), which made preparation for debating a great deal more thorough and transportation to and from debates so easy. We were very fortunate to have a great adjudicator, Ms Cath Delbridge, who has taught scripture here and is currently studying Communications at UTS.

We can be very proud of the way our teams improved their debating skills over the weeks of involvement and it was particularly good to finish last term with a win for the team that proved, "That oil is NOT a greater treasure than gold"! I would like to commend the following students that held in to the very end of a tough schedule and made great improvements. Year 6 Gemma P, Carla H, Miwa B. Year 5 Hayden D, Charlotte

M. Year 4 Bella B, Pollyanna T, Holly M, Leesa G, Blake H, Harry B. and Solomon S.
We wish all of those students a bright future and satisfaction in further debating.
Sally Corbett

The Premier's Spelling Bee Competition 2008

One miserable wet morning, Tuesday 23rd September, we set off for the Northern beaches to take part in the "Regional Final".

Our school representatives were Anjelica V. Year 6, Josh O. Year 5, Aubrey G. Year 4, Adelaide G. and Matt B. Year 3.

These students put in a great effort to increase their word power before the event and became quite fluent at getting up in front of school assemblies to practice the spelling list (the spelling list is hundreds of words long!!!)

Our school came sixth out of forty schools present. Highly commendable. The demon words were "accolade" and "ethereal". A huge thank you to Mr Josh O's dad for transporting the seniors.

Sally Corbett

Journeys

Have you ever been to Journey's Bookshop? What a delight there is for you to browse there. It's on the corner of Booth and Trafalgar Streets, Annandale. The owner has invited our school community to earn credit points for our school when we purchase books there. So if you buy books for your family there, our whole school can benefit!

Journeys has already been immensely generous towards us, freely providing books for students that have shown improvement etc.

Reading Support

The Reading Support team has been terrific and thank you to all who were so patient during our frenetic third term. We do apologize for the glitches in the past and for those in the future. Please expect the class teacher to direct you as to when your role restarts. This term we can focus particularly on comprehension skills, please indicate by phoning the school office if you would like a meeting to focus on this. Thanks for you marvellous support.

Music News

This is a night not to be missed!!! Big Night Out Friday 7th November 6.00pm

All children in the music program will be performing with their ensembles at the Big Night Out, SO all children should be practising their music at home in preparation.

Wanted: Band students.

The Senior Band will be farewelling a number of students in 2009. The school has 2 clarinets, 2 saxophones and 1 flute available for students' use in Term 4, free of charge.

If you are interested in your child learning one of these instruments, please contact me.

Ongoing hire is \$45 per term. Please contact the appropriate tutor for more information.

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 Co-ordinator

Dates to Remember

Mon. 13/10/08	First day of Term 4.
Thurs 6/11/08	Kindergarten Orientation
Thurs 13/11/08	Kindergarten Orientation
Thurs 20/11/08	Kindergarten Orientation
Wed 10/12/08	Presentation Day
Thurs 11/12/08	Year 6 Farewell Dinner
Tues 16/11/08	Xmas Picnic Day

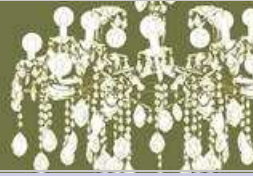
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