

Principal's Message

Dear Annandale Community

A warm welcome to new students and families who have joined our school over the past few weeks. Annandale PS is dedicated to maximizing each individual's potential through the shared joy of learning and teaching within a supportive community.

Our delightful Kindergarten students have now been at school for nearly 36 weeks. Our awesome Year 6 students have only 4 weeks left at Annandale, before they leave us to go to high school.

Big Night Out (Week 4) - A big congratulations to everyone for the success of the Annandale Big Night Out.

To the talented students, tutors and staff thanks for a wonderful evening. Special congrats to Ms Watson for the wonderful school choirs, the amazing contribution made by Melanie Oxley in preparation of school bands and to Ms Derwent for her dedication and commitment to the Big Night Out.

Special thanks to Fleur Bayley and her team for the wonderful soirée in the playground provided at the interval.



School Swimming Scheme –

Arrangements have been made to include a Learn to Swim Program in our school curriculum. This is an intensive swimming program run over 2 weeks at Victoria Park Pool.



The scheme will continue daily from **Monday, 24th November to Friday, 5th December.**

This program is open to Yr 2 to Yr 6 students,

with the focus on water safety, survival skills and learning to swim. Only 60 places are available. Ms Goss and Ms Patrick will be supervising students at the pool.

Presentation Day

Wednesday, 10th December at 1.30 pm - An important afternoon when we acknowledge effort and achievement across the whole school is Presentation Day. Please join us in the hall at 1.30 pm.

Calendar of P&C Events

Thanks to members of the P&C (Annabel, Janice, Jillian and Ellie) who met me last Friday to establish to calendar of P&C events for 2009.



Student Reports

Student reports will go home to school families on Wednesday, 10th December 2008.

Just again to reinforce the structure of our school's student 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.

Kindergarten Transition and Orientation Programs (K for 2009)

The school has finished all our Kindergarten transition sessions for this year. This important preparation will hopefully ensure a



smooth start to 2009 for all children. The workshops for new parents have provided some insight into the school's philosophy and approaches to early childhood education, primary education and helping build relationships with other parents and staff.

End of Year 'School Picnic' at Kurnell Tuesday, 16th December, 2008.

The whole school (K to Yr 6) will celebrate the end of year at Kurnell. We are all looking forward to this happy end of year occasion. Permission notes will go home closer to the event.



Volunteers' Thank You Morning Tea Monday, 15th December, 2008 at 10.30 am.

The staff and I would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers who make Annandale such a special place. We would be lost without the enormous input of so many people who have given so willingly of their time and expertise to ensure we have a vibrant and dynamic community which ensures the best outcomes for our children.

Christmas Cards and Calendars

Thank you Nikki Harmer for all her efforts to organise and collate the school's Christmas cards and calendar order. Thank you also to the talented students and teachers for the awesome art work.



Absence Notes

**A reminder to school families
- Writing school notes to
explain an absence.**



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.

Public Education inspires every young person to achieve their best.

Craig Nielsen - Principal

Music News

Thank you to parents, staff, music tutors and children for a wonderful celebration of music at A Big Night Out on Friday, 7th November.



At 8.15am on Tuesday, 09 December, we will have a band/choir/recorder breakfast to finish off the year and present certificates.

All ensembles have now finished rehearsals for the year. If you have hired a school band instrument, could it be returned to Ms. Derwent in Week 10. All borrowed treble, tenor, bass recorders now need to be returned to Ms. Derwent.

Narelle Derwent - Music Co-ordinator

Dates to Remember

Wed 10th December - Presentation Day
Thurs 11th December - Year 6 Farewell Dinner
Tues 16th December - Xmas Picnic Day

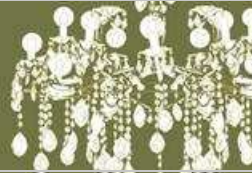
You can see our full term calendar by following the calendar link on our school website home page.

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Thank you to Terry and her team for providing an ongoing fund for the upkeep of our Learning Garden!
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