

Dear Annandale Community

Thank you all parents and community members who attended last night's P&C Meeting. Their continued support of the school has ensured the 2009 school year is filled with many great school events for families and community members to attend.

I hope all students and families have had a calm and settled start to the year and that the school year will be a great for everyone.

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

Thank you to parents and families for attending the Meet the Teacher Night last Thursday. Public Education inspires all young people to achieve their best!

Craig Nielsen - Principal

Annandale Traffic Forum Update

During the second half of 2008, there were a group of parents who met with me to find ways to maximise the safety of children getting to and from school whilst relieving traffic / parking congestion.

By way of quick summary for new families I highlight the following:

Informal walking school buses

These start informally with a couple of families who walk the same route together joining up with each other.

Johnston Street traffic lights

We are trying to secure flashing lights at this site.

Trafalgar Street pedestrian crossing

Leichhardt Council have approved a dedicated pedestrian crossing on Trafalgar Street. This will take place once Energy Australia have upgraded the street lighting.

Trafalgar Street parking signs

Four of the ten '5 minute' parking bays outside the school have been changed this week to 'no parking'.

You can set down or pick up children within 2 minutes and must remain in your car.



Once again, I cannot stress enough the need for all parents and carers to lead by example when it comes to getting children to and from school safely. It is worth pointing out that the teacher's car park and driveway is **only** to be used by teachers and that **all** traffic guidelines as signposted on the streets need to be obeyed. Thank you all for your attention to these issues.

Craig Nielsen - Principal

Choir News

Wow! What an overwhelming response to the Junior and Senior Choir. One hundred and ten children came along to sign up!!



I have included Year 3 in the Senior Choir this year to even up the numbers. The children have two weeks to decide whether they are going to be committed to coming to rehearsals each week. I will then have established numbers and a choir contact will be sent home to read, sign and hand back to me.

Looking forward to a fun and exciting year of singing!!

Miss Watson — Choir Co-ordinator

Reading Support

Dear Parents and Grandparents
Due to the success of the Reading Support Team 2008, we would like to restart this term.



The launch meeting will be:

**Friday, 06 March
9.00am in the Library**

For those who would like to join the team, it involves one hour per week between 9.00am

and 11.00am. You would be allocated between one to four children to monitor one at a time, 10 to 15 minutes per child.

Class teachers will provide the text and you will select a comfortable place to use near the relevant classroom.

There are many children who would benefit from your support, so please consider making yourself available.

Please inform the school office of your name, child's name, phone number, email and preferable mornings.

Thank you.

Mrs. Corbett,

Music News

Recorder Consort



The Recorder Consort have begun rehearsals at lunchtime to prepare for this year's Festival of Instrumental Music at the Sydney Opera House.

Tuesday Descant 2

Wednesday Descant 1

Thursday Trebles/Tenors

Friday Whole Ensemble

Beginner Recorders Starting

I will be starting a Beginners recorder group at 1.00pm on Mondays for children in Years 2-6 who wish to learn the recorder. Children will need to bring a portfolio folder for their music. A recorder can be purchased through the school for \$10.

All rehearsals are held in 5D.

Band

Training Band began last Tuesday at 8.00am with 23 enthusiastic members. Training Band fees are \$20 x 3 Terms = \$60

Senior Band will begin on Thursday, 06 March at 8.00am. Senior Band fees are \$30 x 3 Terms = \$90

Information notes have been sent home. Please return bottom section to your class teacher or Ms. Derwent. Fee letters will come home soon.

Choir

Both the Junior & Senior Choirs have begun rehearsals.

Mondays 1.00pm—Seniors Years 3-6.

Tuesdays 1.00pm—Juniors Years 1-2.

Trumpet/Trombone

In our first assembly Lisa Gori gave a demonstration of the trumpet and trombone to the school. She gave out some forms to interested children. Please contact Lisa on

0424 574 537 if your child would like to learn the trumpet or trombone.

We have two school trumpets for hire for \$45 per term through the school.

Dates to Remember

**Sydney Secondary College
Leichhardt Campus
210 Balmain Road, Leichhardt
Year 7 Entry 2010
Wednesday, 11 March 2009
5.00pm to 7.00pm**

You are invited to join us at our **Open Evening** for Year 6 students and parents. The evening program will include a tour of the school, examples of our teaching and learning practices and a formal hall program outlining the school's structure and features. We anticipate that you will gain an insight into our school and its community and that this will assist you in making the best possible choice for high school in 2009.

Stacie Connor - Deputy Principal

**Hunters Hill High School
Reiby Road, Hunters Hill
Tel: 9817 4785**

**Open Day
Saturday, 07 March
11.00am-3.00pm**

Learn more about the outstanding opportunities available for every child at Hunters Hill HS through activities, displays, entertainment and discussions with our students

Local Sporting Clubs

Leichhardt Saints Soccer Club introduce small sided games for U6 and U7 in 2009. Matches Saturday mornings. Training Mondays 5.00-6.00pm. Tel: 0403 474 000 or visit www.leichhardtsaints.com

Glebe District Hockey Club 2009 Junior Season. Players for U11, U13 and U15 mixed teams. Training Wednesdays Jubilee Oval. Tel: Mark Noller on 0414 718 191 or go to www.glebehockey.org.au

Marrickville Football Club U6 and U7 register at Gala Day 07 March. More details at www.marrickvillefc.org.au

Balance Health & Fitness Sessions held at Bicentennial Park II 6.30m, 7.30am or 9.00am. Suitable for women of all fitness levels. For further details tel: 0448 231 762 Karyn Macintosh.

Petersham RUFC Play Rugby Union at our friendly, family oriented club. Girls & boys start by playing Walla Rugby (tag) that does not involve tackling. We encourage beginners and cater for Under 6 and up.
More Info: Alex Loveridge on 0407 950 855 or www.petersham.rugbynet.com.au

Author Event

Come and have morning tea at:
Shearer's On Norton Bookshop
Friday, 27 February at 11am
with Katherine Bates who will talk about her new book "Helping Your Child to Excel at Reading". Katherine has been teaching in schools for 24 years as a classroom and literacy support teacher. She is passionate about supporting children's emotional, social and educational needs. In her new book Katherine gives practical tips and advice for parents with children from 4-14 years.
She provides information about the latest methods for teaching literacy and links reading and writing strategies.
\$8 for coffee and a chocolate & \$5 off a copy of the book. Bookings essential for this event. Call Shearer's on 9572 7766.

Red Cross Bushfire Appeal

Thank you to everyone for your kind donations. We raised \$777.35

Ellie Moore



Australian Girls Choir

Girls will become more confident as they learn singing, dancing and performing. Our senior performers dazzle the world, but first they entertained their mums and dads. If she likes to sing, dance and play, then let us inspire her to see the world as her stage.

www.ausgirlschoir.com.au

Aus Girls Dance

All she wants to do is dance! Fun and funky routines set to popular and current music. Fitness focussed dance class, perfect for girls who just love to move \.

Based on Dale Pope's RED Programme (choreographer for Bindi Irwin's KidFitness DVD).

www.ausgirlsdance.com.au

Call to arrange a complimentary tryout class.
Tel: 9922 6733

Student Exchange Australia

Bring Home a Brother or Sister.

In July 2009, students aged 15-18 years from over 15 countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 5 to 10 months. Opportunities exist to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis. Host families help provide our students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.
Tel: 1300 135 331 or
Visit www.studentexchange.org.au

Bedwetting

A new DVD based program, *Bedwetting Cured*, has been developed by Dr. Mark Condon and Physiotherapist, Margaret O'Donovan. It outlines a successful program for parents to implement at home with their children. For more information and a free Bedwetting Fact Sheet, please visit the website: www.bedwettinginstitute.com.au or phone 1300 135 796

Dr. Mark Condon MBBS (Syd.)



SRC

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected to the 2009 Student Representative Council.

Co-Presidents

- Benson A. and Josh O.

Vice President

- Hayden D.

Secretary

- Bianca O.

Treasurer

- Declan W.

Class Representatives:

KG	Lily M.
KI	Carl D.
KW	Jordon G.
1W	Lulu B.
2L	Bella B.
2M	Lolita J.
3R	Gideon K.
4P	Dari Bowie
5D	Sebastian A.
6C	Paul A.

Annandale Public School Parents & Citizens Association

About your association

The Annandale Public School Parents & Citizens Association operates to benefit our children and their school.

What's on this year?

Our plans include many projects that are geared to helping the school provide better learning and teaching resources for our children.

How does the P & C run?

The P&C holds monthly meetings in the school staffroom at 7.30pm on the third Tuesday of every month except during school holidays. At these meetings, specific projects are identified and smaller groups take responsibility for these.

Who can join the P & C?

Parents of children attending Annandale Public School, and residents who are interested in the welfare of the school and live within the school district are welcome to become members of the Association.

Will being a member take lots of time?

P&C members give as much time as they can. There are no expectations. The important thing is that you become involved in some way to improve your child's school's facilities and educational services.

Some members attend P&C Meetings, assist in fund-raising, help out at working bees, or assist at school events, such as "The Big Night Out".

By becoming a member of the P&C you will be eligible to stand for office, attend meetings and receive copies of the P&C meetings' minutes and other relevant correspondence.

Our next meeting is our Annual General Meeting on the 31st March 2009 at 7:30pm

To be kept up to date with information from the P&C, please email your details to the Secretary Janice Jones. Janice_jones_1@inet.net.au