

Dear Annandale Community

Happy Seniors Week and Harmony Week to all members of the Annandale School Community.

Congratulations to the Annandale Public School Senior and Junior Choir and Senior and Training Bands group for their wonderful dedication and commitment to the 2009 Music Programs. Students are already preparing for performances scheduled for later in the year. Thank you to Ms. Derwent, Miss Watson, Ms. Oxley and Mrs. Ridings for their time and dedication shown to these student music groups.

A reminder to all parents and community members, there will be a **P&C Meeting on Tuesday night, 31 March, at 7.30pm in the staff room**. Thank you to the Annandale P&C for their continued support of the school which has ensured that the school year is filled with many great school events for families and community members.

Congratulations to all Annandale PS District Swimming Squad for their efforts and achievements in the pool at the District Swimming Carnival. Your behaviour, conduct and personal achievements were outstanding. Congratulations students, thank you to parents for providing transport to the carnival. Thank you to Mrs. Ridings and Mr. Colmer for their efforts at the pool.

A warm welcome is extended from the Annandale staff to all new students and families for 2009. We trust that the school will provide you and your children with a rich, safe, supportive and friendly learning environment.

Public Education inspires every young person to achieve their best.

Craig Nielsen - Principal

Harmony Day Celebrations



Australia's first National Harmony Day was held on 21 March, 1999, to coincide with the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. *National Harmony Day* promotes the social, cultural and economic benefits provided by Australia's rich cultural and linguistic diversity.

It is a simple and powerful way of expressing that there is no place in our community for racial intolerance or disharmony. It also encourages a sense of citizenship and pride in our national and local community.

The orange ribbon originated as a symbol of anti-racism. Now, as a positive symbol of harmony in our community, it is a simple but effective way of showing others that we believe living in harmony in a culturally diverse society benefits all citizens.

Our school community will celebrate Harmony Day this Friday with an assembly and P&C Hot Food celebration provided to students at lunchtime in the school playground.

Parents & Community Volunteers

We have an outstanding level of parental support at Annandale Public School. Our school could not function at the optimum level without your support.

All parents who enter onto any school premises do so in the knowledge that the school community and the Department of Education and Training expect them to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner.



Parents and volunteers are expected to:

- Be outstanding role models for all students.
- Work under the professional direction of staff, following school policies.
- Speak in a kind and friendly way to all students.

- Keep confidentiality.
- Report any issues of concern to teachers (and not directly intervene).
- Keep a safe and professional distance from all students.

As teachers, parents and community members, we expect:

- Our children to be respected.
- Our children to be safe and to feel secure.
- Our children to be protected from inappropriate behaviour and language.

As Principal of our school, I ask that all parents and volunteers endeavour to abide by these expectations so that all members of our school community benefit from your valuable work for the students of Annandale Public School.

Craig Nielsen - Principal

Medication

If your child requires medication please,

- Put medication into single doses if possible.
- Write child's name and directions **clearly**.
- Hand medication in at the office.
- Remind child to report to the office at recess/lunch for their medication.
- Remind child to collection medication at the end of the day.



The Learning Support Team

Our school is typical of all NSW public schools in that we have a number of students with special needs attending our school. It is important that parents, carers and schools, work collaboratively to support students with special learning needs.

We have our Learning Support Team (LST) established for each student in the school. All staff share expertise and responsibility for discussing and meeting the needs of students with learning, behaviour and social concerns.

Our collaborative team involves the Principal, teachers, parents and carers and the School Counsellor, Phillipa Clarke.

This team, lead by Ms. Derwent, coordinates access and referral to additional resources and support personnel both from the DET and outside agencies such as Community Health, local council organisations and Department of Community Services. The LST also devises programs best suited to the needs of the students at Annandale Public School.

Currently, within our school, we have support teachers for Reading Recovery, THRASS, Hearing, Learning Support and Autism, assisting students directly and consulting with staff and families. Individualised learning programs with teacher aide assistance are being implemented in our school across classrooms to assist students with special learning and behaviour needs.

It is important we all understand and appreciate these support strategies and programs within our school and all schools across New South Wales so that we can all foster a school environment of positive learning, tolerance and harmony.

Nut Allergies at school

As you are aware, at Annandale Public School we endeavour to be a nut free environment. We have a responsibility as a school community to ensure our school is safe for all our children and that conditions are conducive to full engagement in all learning activities.

FOODS NOT PERMITTED AT SCHOOL

- Peanut butter
- Nutella
- Nut butters of any kind
- Muesli bars with nuts
- Biscuits with nuts
- Chocolate bars with nuts
- Nut snacks
- Nut cereals or breakfast bars
- Mixed dried fruit with nuts
- Any nuts at all



I thank all students, staff and parents for working together and ensuring all children are safe and, just as importantly, their parents/caregivers feel safe as well.

Music News

Recorder Consort

Notes have been sent home recently which included information regarding our Opera House performance on 16 June, ticket sales, participation/photography permission and participation fee.

Information notes have been sent home. Please return bottom section to your class teacher or Ms. Derwent. Fee letters will come home soon. The children are sounding great. Frequent practise with the CD is essential to improvement.



Training Band

We now have thirty Training Band members from Years 1 to 6. They are sounding fantastic and have learnt their first piece in just two weeks. Training Band is now full and we are currently unable to take any more children.

Senior Band

Senior Band has twenty one enthusiastic members. Parents, please check your child not only has their instrument but their music folder as well on tutor and rehearsal days.

ALL CHILDREN PARTICIPATING IN ENSEMBLES MUST HAVE A PORTFOLIO FOLDER FOR THEIR MUSIC.

Fee notes for Senior and Training Bands are being sent home this week.

Narelle Derwent

Music Coordinator

Balmain District Swimming Carnival Tuesday, 10 March

A team of 19 swimmers from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 represented the school. It was a very competitive day against the other 19 schools present.

There were many PB's from our swimmers in their events. The children are to be congratulated on the way they represented the school and supported other members of the team.



The team was Polly, Maxi, Declan, Lily M, Lily CM, Alex, Josh O, Max DE, Lolita, India, Matilda, Sachi, Saxon, Josh C, Tim, Sam O, Maki, James, Luka.

A special thanks to the parents who helped transport the team and, of course, in their vocal support for the team.



Clean Up Australia Day

On Friday, 27 February, Annandale Public School participated in the national Clean Up Australia Day effort. Last year students collected a lot of rubbish from the school grounds. The target for 2009 Clean Up Australia Day was to have zero rubbish available to pick up and the result on Friday was impressively negligible. To date, our playgrounds have been looking beautiful due to our environmentally conscious students who are putting their rubbish in both the rubbish and

compost bins, as well as using the encouraging Environmental Award incentive.

THRASS Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH
6.45-7.30pm
MS. GOSS'S CLASSROOM**



If you are curious to know more about THRASS and why your children are talking about it, or would like to follow up any queries, please come along to the information evening.

Ms. Goss & Mrs. Corbett

Get Back into the Work Force

Looking to get back into full time or part time work?

Ever considered a career in Real Estate? Exciting opportunity available at a local franchise of Raine & Horne. Put your networking skills to the test and create opportunities to make some great commissions.

Flexible hours and a friendly environment.

Contact Michael on 0413 313 488 or 9550 0200

Family Day Care Scheme The Council of the Municipality of Leichhardt

Open a Small ChildCare Service in Your Own Home

NO formal qualifications.

ONGOING support from trained staff.

CHOICE of hours, days and age range.

ELIGIBLE for government startup payment—\$1500.

If you are:

- Over 21
- Have experience with, and enjoy caring for children.
- Can provide a safe environment in a house.
- Live in any of the following areas.

LEICHHARDT, LILYFIELD, BALMAIN, ANNANDALE, ROZELLE

Tel: 9569 1844, 9569 1233 (8.00am-5.00pm).

Helen O'Grady Drama Classes

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