

## 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 maximising each individual's potential through the shared joy of learning and teaching within a supportive community.

There are two items that were raised in the last P&C meeting that I would like to take the opportunity to address in this Newsletter.

The first item was raised as a concern about dogs coming on to the school grounds. We are advised that it is a strict DET and local council policy that no dogs are allowed on the school grounds. It is the owner's responsibility to ensure their dogs are not left unattended or in a position whereby children are potentially endangered. No dogs are allowed to be on the school site unless permission is sought and granted.



This includes drop off and pick up times. There is more information on the council website <http://www.leichhardt.nsw.gov.au/Dogs.html> for those interested. I appreciate everyone's support in this matter.



The second item is the use of the teacher's drive-way off Trafalgar Street by parents. To facilitate easier access to Before and After School Care, the driveway can be used by parents / carers before 8:30am or after 4:00pm. We do ask for the safety of all children that families do not use the driveway after 8:30am or before 4:00pm.

## District Cross Country Carnival

Congratulations to all primary students who participated in the District Cross Country Carnival last Friday. Well done to the Annandale Team. Special congratulations to Alex F. for his selection to the Regional Cross Country Team.

Thank you to the fabulous parents who volunteered to assist the school in moving the donated mulch to the school gardens. Thanks also to the members of the Annandale Community Church who donated their time and muscle to the school.

This week I will be attending the Sydney Region's Principal's Conference in the Blue Mountains. I will be away from school from Wednesday, 10th June and return to Annandale Public School on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> June.

Ms Ridings, Ms Goss and Ms Moore will be leading the school in my absence.

Public Education inspires every young person to achieve their best.

Craig Nielsen

## Invitation to Year 5 & Year 6 Families

**To celebrate the recent achievements of our Year 5 and Year 6 students at camp, we are holding a special assembly.**



**When: Monday 15th June 2009, commencing at 11.30 am.**

**Venue: Annandale School Hall, Annandale**

**We hope that you will be able to join us for the occasion.**

## Don't risk injuring a child

The 40km/h speed limit in school zones operates between 8.00-9.30am and 2.30-4.00pm on school days - be aware of the time or you could get fined.



Children can be unpredictable and hard to see. It's important that parents and carers observe local school safety initiatives when dropping off and collecting children.

Penalties are high, new fines and demerit point increases include:

Speeding - minimum fine of \$128 and four demerit points

Approach children's crossing too quickly to stop safely - \$384 fine and four demerit points

Double parking - \$231 fine and two demerit points

Stopping on or near a children's crossing - \$308 and two demerit points

Illegal use of mobile phone in school zone - \$308 fine and four demerit points.

The worst penalty is knowing you've caused an injury to a child.

## Writing School Notes

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.



## Annandale Public School Newsletter Environment Report

### **School Environment Management Plan (SEMP)**

Some new environmental initiatives to be written about in this Newsletter include:

## The Learning Garden

Students are enjoying getting their hands dirty planting a variety of seedlings appropriate for autumn: garlic, pak choy, cauliflower, cabbage, carrots, coriander, turnip and nasturtium.



Any interested parents or carers are welcome to join the Monday afternoon gardening fun (younger siblings included!). We are keen for anyone to share their gardening knowledge / skill / time. Come over and see Leanne Eastway (KG) or Janice Jones (KI/1W) if you can help.

## Donations for the Learning Garden

The Diggers Club ([www.diggers.com.au](http://www.diggers.com.au)) have generously donated approximately \$100 worth of seeds and Bunnings in Ashfield have generously donated 2 watering cans for every class room and a new hose (approx \$250 worth of equipment). In addition, Cassidy R's (KI) Grandmother will be generously donating \$20 per month to ongoing maintenance of the learning garden – thank you very much therefore to Jenny Burgess of Balmain Bodies (pilates studio in Balmain).

## What have we learnt so far in the Learning Garden?

That sunflower seeds can be dehulled and enjoyed by kids as a snack, that crushed egg shells around lettuce are good to deter snails, that many infants children love to chase ladybirds in the garden, that cheese and fresh lettuce sandwiches are delicious and finally, that our new water tank pump was stolen within a day of Rick kindly installing it. We hope to replace it soon.



## Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

At the Environment Assembly in Week 5 (the one attended by the Leichhardt Mayor Jamie Parker), the Years 5 and 6 classes performed a brilliant rap song about the 3 R's. It is worth you re-iterating these messages at home (but we suspect your children are already encouraging you to reduce, reuse and recycle!)



## SRC Weekly Environment Award / Citizenship Award

Well done to all the students and classes who have won so far: the awards are cheered on by all students and teachers in the school.

### **Long Service Leave**

I would like to inform the school community that I will be on Long Service Leave from Monday 15th June to the beginning of Term 3.

Two very competent teachers will be taking up my roles in the meantime.

Mrs Pressick will be here on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays to take up the Kindergarten classes for literacy sessions and also to continue the STLA programs.

Mrs Woods, a very experienced Reading Recovery teacher, will be taking the Reading Recovery Program.

There has been feedback regarding screening from the Irlen Lens Syndrome and this has been postponed to commence early Term 3.

Thank you to those wonderful people helping with the Reading Support Team, your reliable and consistent expertise is of great benefit to all of the children concerned.

If you would like some great ideas to support your children with reading I recommend: "Rocket your child into Reading", by Jackie French - Angus & Robertson and Journeys Book Shop Annandale.  
See you next term  
Sally Corbett

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