

## **Dear Annandale Community**

Welcome back to all families for another busy term at Annandale Public School. We trust that your holidays were enjoyable and restful. We extend a warm welcome to the new children and families who have joined our school.

Already this term children, staff and school families have been working together in a dynamic partnership.

In two short weeks, we have:

- Celebrated the school's Athletics Carnival at Camperdown Oval;
- Harvested vegetables from the school's learning garden and prepared and cooked a school stir fry;
- The Minister for Education and Training Ms. Verity Firth has attended our monthly P&C meeting to talk about the school's Building the Education Revolution plans;
- Competed in various local debating competitions against surrounding local schools;
- Raised money for various charities such as Jeans for Genes Day;
- Began preparations for the school's annual concert;
- Preparations for Book Week – 'A Book Safari' have begun with students and staff;
- Installed Interactive Whiteboards in classrooms and teachers have begun their training;
- Congratulated the Year 6 school band for being accepted to play at the Coorong Concert at the Hills Performing Arts Centre;
- Begun learning spelling words with primary students for the Primary Spelling Bee Challenge;
- Had a successful 'open morning' on a Sunday for families of the 2010 Kindergarten class;

And finally,

- Sat the university competitions in English.

Thank you to the fabulous and dedicated staff at Annandale, the wonderful children, supportive families and the many volunteers from the wider Annandale community.

Good luck to all Annandale students competing at the District Athletics Carnival over the next two Fridays.

Public Education inspires every young person to achieve their best.

Craig Nielsen

## **Environmental Matters at APS**

### **Learning Garden Harvest**

This week, students harvested pak-choy, cauliflower, carrots, spinach, lettuce, rocket and herbs galore. Most of it went into a delicious stir fry that students polished off in record time. Yum! Thank you to the parents for helping look after these vegies, and for preparing the soil for new planting.



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

Some environmental updates to be written about in this Newsletter include:

### **The Learning Garden**

This term some of the produce from the Learning Garden was used in the recent Hot Food Day which was a brilliant use of fresh veggies (like carrots) in the burger mix.

Thanks to Warwick O. and Michelle C. (parents to Sam in 1L) we are now the proud owners of a Wollemi Pine. Situated near the fence on Trafalgar Street, the pine looks great.



Thanks also to Jane Britt, under whose guidance we have planed 4 fruit trees: a peach, two apple trees for cross fertilization purposes (a granny smith and a pink lady) and a Babaco (close relative to the paw paw).

### Every Drop Counts Program

5D have done a great job with their water audit, noticing a reduction in leaky taps, due mainly to the new spring loading action of the taps in the school. There will be more water saving ideas next term.



### Plant a Tree Day Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2009

National Tree Day is Australia's largest community tree-planting event. In its 14-year history more than 13 million native trees and shrubs have been planted, and we to get our children involved in this initiative. The plan this year will be to replenish the native grasses around the basketball court, so on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July all K-Year 6 children will get involved.



**Signed by Imogen Kershaw on behalf of the SEMP Committee**

### APS Music Tutor Program

We have a fantastic team of tutors at Annandale if you would like your child to learn to play an instrument. The bands are particularly looking for more trumpet, clarinet, flute and saxophone players. Some instruments are available for hire through the school. Please contact the tutor directly if interested.

**Joerne Harris** - Saxophone, Clarinet  
0425 262 613 Tuesdays

- Flute

0415 252 67 Monday

**Lisa Gori** - Trumpet/Trombone

0424 574 537 Monday

**Nando Pettinato** - Drums

0412 076 213 Thursday

**Stuart Marchant\*** - Guitar (term 3)

0411 676 192 Tues/Wednesday

**Ranka Illicic** - Piano

0410 359 663 Tues/ Thurs/Fri

**Tara Hashamboy** - Strings/recorder

0423 386 608 Wednesday

\*Please note that Stuart is here relieving Kees Stein while he is on leave for term 3.



### Senior and Training Band

Senior Band will be performing in assembly on Friday the 7th August. Training Band will be performing in assembly in week 2, Friday the 14th August.



Please encourage your child to:

- Attend band regularly
- Be punctual
- Remember their music folder as well as their instrument
- Regularly practice their band music as well as their tutor's music.

### Congratulations

Well done to Josh O, Maxi J, Dylan S and Benson A. Their band, *Unauthorized*, has been accepted to perform at the Coorong Concert at the Hills Centre on the 27th August as a solo item!

Keep up the great work everyone.

**Ms Derwent**  
**Music Coordinator**

### National Tree Day & NAIDOC Week Celebrations

On Friday, 31 July, the whole school participated in National Tree Day and NAIDOC Week celebrations. Over a hundred and fifty native grasses and shrubs were planted around the school by all students. Funding for the plants came from the SRC. A big thank you to Jane Britt for all her hard work.

For NAIDOC Week students were treated to a bush tucker barbeque, a gallery of Aboriginal art and a demonstration of traditional Aboriginal resources.



Thank you to Ben Colmer, Imogen Kershaw and Bianca Patrick for organizing the day.

### Would you like to join scouts?



Are you aged 10½ or older? If so you are able to join Scouts. Scouts have adventures, learn skills, meet new friends and help others. We go camping and exploring, learn bush craft and lots more. Why don't you come along and try it out? Boys and girls are all welcome.

Leichhardt Scouts meet on Monday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.30pm at the Leichhardt Scout Hall, 145 Balmain Rd, Leichhardt (opposite Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt Campus). Interested? Why don't you:

- Phone Claudia on 9660 4069, or
- Check the website [www.scouts.com.au](http://www.scouts.com.au) or
- Drop in for a visit any Monday evening - 7.30 for Scouts (age 10½to 14½yrs).

### APS SPORTS NEWS **Congratulations**

Eliana I.  
Phoebe W.  
Kylie Z.  
Lucy E.  
Isabella F.  
Lolita J.  
Lulu B.  
Gina E.  
Midori G.  
Tatum H.  
Tara L.  
Klarke D.  
Lily M.  
Bella B.  
Jordan C.  
Sam G.  
Luka H.  
Sam H.  
Tim A.  
Saxon M.  
Jordan G. D.  
Alex F.  
Paul A.  
Blake T.  
Declan W.  
Max De St J.  
Matt B.  
Carl D.  
Maxi J.  
Dylan S.

on your achievements at our athletics carnival and being selected to represent at the Balmain PSSA Athletics Carnival on Fridays 14th and 21st August.

**Good Luck from School Community**

### Creative Crew is on again this term!!

Gina Ermer and Vicky Cutler are again running Art and Craft classes on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:15 until 5:00. We are nearly full for the Craft class on Wednesdays , but still have a couple of places for children in our Art class. This term they will doing papier mache masks , clay , water and water colour painting.

If you are interested please phone either

Gina on 0414 950 163

Or Vicky 0401 838 161

Or alternatively look for Vicky Cutler in the playground.

