

From The Principal

Dear Annandale Community

Welcome back to another busy term and a very warm welcome to the new families who have joined our school this term. We know you will be warmly welcomed and included in this caring learning community.

A big congratulations to everyone involved in making the Annandale Big Night Out such a successful event for all in our community.



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

Special thanks to APS P&C, Fleur Bayley and her talented team for the wonderful soirée in the playground provided at the interval.

Arrangements have been made for a Learn to Swim program in our school curriculum. This is an intensive swimming program ran over 2 weeks at Victoria Park Pools. The scheme will continue daily from Monday 16th Nov to Friday 27th Nov. This program is open to Yr 2, with other grades to follow, with the focus on water safety, survival skills and learning to swim. Only 60 places are available. Ms Goss, Mr Colmer and Ms Patrick are all fully accredited Auswim Teachers and we are delighted to have their skills supervising our students at pool.



Safety around illegally parked cars during school drop off and pick up was raised at the last P&C

meeting. For any carers / family who help you out with pick up and drop off who may not read this Newsletter, can I please ask you to communicate this message to them. There are safety reasons behind the strict parking requirements in the streets that surround the school, and these need to be adhered to during the allocated peak hours to ensure the safety of all pedestrians and drivers. The 'no stopping' area should flow to facilitate a faster drop off, the '5 minute' parking bays are just that, and all other bays are clearly signed with requirements that need to be respected to avoid council fines and accidents.

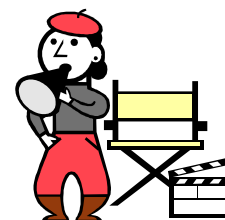


It is worth pointing out that the teacher's car park and driveway is only to be used by teachers and that all traffic guidelines as signposted on the streets need to be obeyed.

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 various high school in our local area.

Thank you Nikki Harmer a member of the school's P&C 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. A special mention to Vicki Cutler for all her creative assistance with the student's cards and calendars.

Last minute community news, Congratulations to all students and teachers from 2M, 5D and 6C for their recent selection in the Making Movies—A festival of student video in the Sydney Region from Kindergarten to Year 12. Movies will be screened at Palace Norton Street Cinema Leichhardt on Wednesday afternoon and evening. Congratulations to students for their high standards of entries



and we hope all will enjoy this event.

Public Education inspires every young person to achieve their best.

Craig Nielsen
Principal

Dates to Remember:

Volunteers' Thank You Morning Tea – Monday, 14th December, 2009 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.

Presentation Day – Thursday 10th December at 11.30 pm - This important occasion will acknowledge the efforts and achievements of our students across the whole school.

Student Reports home to families – Student reports will go home to school families on **Thursday, 10th December, 2009.**

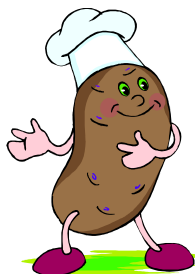
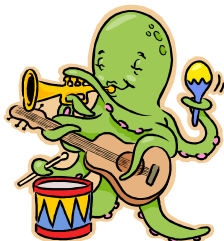
End of Year 'School Picnic' at Kurnell Friday, 11th December, 2009. The whole school (K to Yr 6) will celebrate the end of year at Kurnell this year. We're all looking forward to this happy end of year occasion. Permission notes will go home closer to the event.

Music Information Night

There will be a music information night in the Connected Classroom. (upstairs next to the library). We'll be discussing the opportunities available, running of the program, hire of instruments, the commitment involved by both children and parents, and giving individual tutor information.

**Please Note: Change of Date
Wednesday 2nd December 6pm.**

Narelle Derwent
Music Coordinator



Enviro News

The Learning Garden

We are on track for an end of term potato harvest. The potato plants are thriving well in the garden beds and the kids will get involved in harvesting and cooking them soon. Kindergarten have been busy measuring their snow pea plants, and have recently planted some poppy seedlings around the new fruit trees.

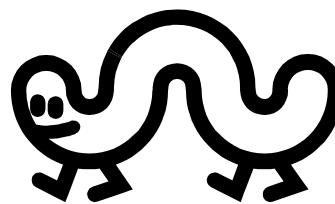
Junior Landcare Pumpkin Challenge

We have received our seeds for the pumpkin challenge and will transplant our seedlings (currently germinating in the KI classroom) into one of the beds over the coming weeks. The aim is to grow the biggest pumpkin, so we will keep you up to date with our progress over the next 6 months.



Compostable Waste

If you can bring in any of your kitchen veggie / fruit scraps, the worm farms and school compost bins would benefit from the influx of organic matter. You'll find the worm farms and compost bins near the water tank in the learning garden.



And again, a huge thank you to all the parents who continue to help with the garden, including watering of the plants during the holidays.