

Principal's Report 24 February 2015

Staff Update

- We welcome the following new staff to Annandale Public School;
 - Ms Julie Day (4D) as our relieving assistant principal replacing Mr Matthew Jackman
 - Miss Kate Owen (6O) permanently appointed
 - Miss Corrina Goddard (KH) permanently appointed
- We also congratulate Mr Patrick Jones on his permanent appointment to the school.

School Enrolments

- Enrolments are 425 Years P-6 with 383 students enrolled from Kindergarten to Year 6.
- Confirmation of our staff entitlement will be given on Friday 27 February.

Technology Update

- A new electroboard was purchased and installed for the newly refurbished Stage 3 classroom.
- 12 i-Pads were purchased to supplement our mobile technology resources.
- All desktop computers from the computer room have been moved to the library where Mr Guy will continue to deliver his computer skills program to Stage 2 and 3 classes.
- We will be replacing two of our damaged Interactive Whiteboards with refurbished ones this term.

Curriculum

- All Key Learning Area focus groups/committees will meet this week (see the role of focus groups at APS – Appendix 1)

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Project

- Weekly classes for all Stage 2 students have commenced in our Learning Garden and Kitchen. Stage 2 teachers are collaborating with Mrs Lucia Cavedini-Bell and with the kitchen/garden coordinator Ms Imogen Kershaw to deliver the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program based on the concept of cooking and eating produce from the learning garden.

Finance

- The Finance Committee will meet on 5 March. Thank you Susie Choi for agreeing to continue as the parent representative for 2015. Our Annual Financial Statement 2014 will be published in the Annual School Report.
- Thanks go to Ann Morey and Lester Curry for their assistance in securing a Landcare grant. We are now looking at possible projects to secure a NRMA grant.

Annual School Report 2014

- A parent representative is required to join the Annual School Report evaluation team.
- A survey will go out to a randomly selected number of community members, students and teachers regarding the teaching of Spelling at Annandale Public school

Parent Consultation Evening

- The school would like to introduce a number of parent consultation evenings throughout the year, (1 per term). Parents will be invited to join the principal, executives and staff in a series of round the table discussions on relevant topics and school directions.
- It is proposed that the first of this series be held on Tuesday 31 March at 7:30 in the school hall – the topic for the evening being “ ICT Our Future Directions”

Policies

- The Communication between Annandale Public School and the school community policy has been revised and uploaded on to the school’s website -(Appendix 2). Any comment from the community regarding the policy is welcomed.

Maintenance

- The Preschool roof was replaced by a new colour bond roof over the summer holidays.
- New air conditioners are required for the school library and will be purchased by the school.

Ellie Moore

Principal