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PRINCIPAL AGENDA TO ANNANDALE PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C

Presentation Points

1. School Bell – thank you and update
2. Meeting with DoE Assets Department – Dace Elletson and Sarah Antill-Rose
 - Update on emergency vehicle access to school
3. Staffing in term 3 – recruitment and changes
4. Little Nippers – expansion across the school
5. External Validation Conference and School Excellence Framework

Dace Elletson
Principal

21 August 2017

Principals Report 28/8/2017

The school has been running smoothly during the absence of our Principal Dace Elletson. The Annandale teaching staff continue to do an amazing job in the classroom and beyond.

I would like to make special mention of the executive team who deal with school issues day in and day out and have helped provide valuable advice and solutions to complex issues.

The level of commitment of the staff is never more present than around the 'Showcase' time when staff willingly contribute time and energy to make the Showcase such a highlight of the year.

The school has conducted NAPLAN school online readiness tests successfully. Thank you to Mr Guy for his regular upkeep of the computer hardware and to Mrs Wolfe for arranging the timetables and running the tests. It is good to know that we are one of the schools that are 'good to go' when so many other schools reported problems.

The school NAPLAN results were sent out to families. The executive have had a look at the results. Further discussion and analysis will take place after the return of Mr Elletson. It will be one of the measures that we will use to drive our improvement measures.

Next week the Year 6 students will sit the Valid 6 which is a science online test. This is the third year the school has undertaken this test. Annandale is a trial school. The department is working towards conducting more online testing with a view to including History and Geography in the near future. A number of teachers are trained in the marking and administration of this test and the school has committed to further staff up-skilling.

As it is nearly *Showcase* night it is an opportune time to look at recent creative arts highlights. The recorder and string group performed at the Opera House, the drama ensemble performed at NIDA. They have now been selected to showcase their talents at the State Drama Festival.

The school held a highly successful Science Day organised by the STEM committee. The students rotated through various activities throughout the day and a whole school assembly was held to announce the winners of the *Frontiers of Science* art competition.

The Bookweek parade was held on a beautiful sunny day. The Annandale community embraced the day by designing wonderful costumes and attending in huge numbers.

The school is undergoing a review of their emergency procedures. Site maps have been updated and the staff have been involved in ongoing conversations about the logistics of ensuring smooth evacuations.

The Homework Committee has released some research papers to the community on homework. The aim of this strategy is to develop research based knowledge to inform further discussion. The committee is developing a whole school policy that reflects the needs and expectations of the community.

Our Community Engagement and the Arts AP Jillian Wolfe is currently gathering information from the staff around updating our *Communication Between Home and School Policy*.

The staff appreciate all the efforts of the P&C and their commitment to fund raising. A request has been made to ask for a longer allowance of time to complete in class fund raising tasks.

Had a meeting with assets management on 7/8/17. The issues of widening the gates was flagged. I was given assurances that the gates in the driveway on Trafalgar St would be widened to 6 metres to allow for emergency vehicle access. This work would be completed within a month from the above date.

Air conditioning and electrical work.

Tender closing Friday 15 September. Pre tender meeting to be held with all the contractors on Wednesday 6 September at 10.00.