



Principal's Report

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At a glance

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For the ordinary meeting of the
Parents and Citizens
Association, Annandale North
Public School.

Sitting in my office tonight I was contemplating topics for the auspicious Principal's Report and the fact that this one represents 12 months of authoring it. Now we could, and probably should, talk about the new leak in the roof in A block, the market proposal, the requests for funding for school projects and the way in which the school is seeking feedback on its operations this year, but what I really would like to report on is what is to come. When I look at the school motto, strive to excel, I am reminded of famous quotes pertaining to destinations and journeys and feel the best is always yet to come.





There is a culture of striving at Annandale North PS. There is the sense that, as society constantly evolves, so must we as educators.

Sure there is the academic core to our business, that will always be the case. But base line literacy and numeracy will always be a starting point for us. What I am interested in, is the school as the talent scout. We should always be on the look out for an individual child's strengths, and have ways and means of nurturing them. Just as there are infinite possibilities for human endeavour and excellence, so too should there be opportunities for students to experience them. You never know when you are going to discover the next Rush, Thorpe, Lindsay, Keneally, Spencer or Florey.

So as we go about our regular business linking the curriculum of NSW to the lessons the world can teach us, and teaching the skills to navigate and thrive within it, my goal is that we remain ever watchful for the specialness, the uniqueness and the strength of those qualities that will endure long after formal education has ceased. If we get that bit right, we don't just educate children, we foster genius.

Other points:



Leak in A block has been visited by roofing contractor for immediate repair. Without the access problem of previous roof work, this shouldn't take long.

The market proposal is set to move ahead with a committee of teachers and parent representatives. The president will speak to this point.

Requests for funding from PnC: Meet Manager program \$600, Student Welfare resources \$2000, Laptops for student use \$10000, Gardens project \$2000, K-2 Reader replacement \$4000, Standing benches \$4000.

