From the Principal

Gemfest
On behalf of the school I would like to thank all of the members of the community who assisted in coordinating and managing Gemfest this year. The event was very well attended and conversations with exhibitors were very positive. Both of the school stalls were very well supported again by parents and I would like to give a special mention to Josie Carew, Jane Neilson and Charmaine Deeley who coordinated the BBQ and silent auction. All money raised from these stalls goes back towards the students in the school.

Year 7 Transition Visit to Emerald State High School
Students in year seven who are enrolling at Emerald State High School next year are invited to participate in a transition day next Wednesday the 21st of August. The day will be about visiting classrooms and getting students to trial subjects available at high school. Students will need to organise private transport or negotiate with the bus company to travel on the bus. Parents must also have completed the enrolment forms and returned them either to Anakie SS or the high school. Further transition days will be held later in the year.

Year 5/6/7 Camp
Final preparations are being made for the year 5/6/7 camp to Brisbane at the end of the term. Parents will soon receive a note outlining the items needed for camp. Any parents with outstanding money owing for camp are asked to pay asap to ensure their child will be able to travel on this wonderful camp.

Staff Changes for the remainder of Term 3
Due to family priorities Mrs Gudenswager the year 6/7 teacher has taken the remainder of Term 3 off. She has been replaced by Mrs Carew on Monday to Wednesday. It is hoped that this will cause minimal disruption to the students as Mrs Carew knows the students and school expectations.

Prep 2014 & New Enrolments
Parents with prep children starting in 2014 are now being encouraged to contact the school to receive enrolment packs. In addition to the enrolment packs we would like to invite our future students to a number of events happening in the next 6 months. To do this we need contact details and postal addresses.
Any current parents who know of families that maybe considering enrolling in 2014 are asked to let the school office know. Also parents are asked to promote the school positively to other families that currently drive or pay for a bus to take their children into Emerald. Anakie SS offers students a safe and educationally stimulating environment that is equivalent or better than many schools in Emerald.
**Book4Schools Promotion**
Books4schools is a new promotion that offers schools the chance to win $5000 cash and a pallet of stationary items. Basically we want people to go online and register Anakie State School to win. So spread the word to all family and friends to go online to [www.books4schools.com.au](http://www.books4schools.com.au) and register Anakie for the promotion. The more entries we have the greater the chance we have of winning.

**Science Sparks Day**
On the 28th of August Specialist science teachers will be coming to Anakie to work with the year 2-7 students on fun science activities. The aim of the day is to get students interested in science and have a lot of fun. Any parents wishing to come along in the morning for a look are very welcome.

**Parents after hearing and Vision checks**
If you have concerns about your child’s hearing or eye sight it is important that something is done about it as soon as possible. Children can struggle with vision or hearing for years before they bring it to an adults attention. The Child Health Clinic at Emerald Hospital can organise for a hearing test and the local optometrist for an eye examination to be done on children of any age. To contact the clinic call 49839700. It is also very important that any results of this testing that parents are given is forwarded onto the school to help us cater for your child.

**Eggs for sale**
The schools chooks have been consistently laying eggs over the past few weeks and we have a number of cartons available for $3 each. Any parents or community members that would like some fresh eggs contact the schools office.

**School Newsletter emailed home**
A reminder to any parents wishing to have the school newsletter emailed to them directly to send in an email address so we can add it to our list. Parents are welcome to add extended families email addresses if they would be interested in reading our newsletter.

Kurt Goodwin
Principal

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**GEMFEST BBQ ROUNDUP**

- Once again Gemfest is over for another year and we were successful in making a healthy profit for the school. I want to thank the people that helped to make our BBQ a success. Every year the school BBQ is the most popular eating stall and it is a wonderful way to promote the school within the wider community. Full details on the total profits of the BBQ will be finalised for the next P&C meeting. Once again **THANK YOU** to the people that supported Jane and myself, it has not gone unnoticed or unappreciated.

- Charmaine Deeley,
- P & C President

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**Lanterns**
Lightn Up Inc

We have really enjoyed our visit to Anakie State School. All the students were so enthusiastic and polite. I must say it rates very highly on the best school stakes.

Thank you too the lovely teachers who were very helpful and friendly as well. All your lanterns are fabulous!!

We hope you invite us back again one day.

Jyllie Jackson, Anais Malot (from france), Vivian Johnstone from Lismore, NSW.
**ANAKIE STATE SCHOOL**

**Uniform List**
- Polo shirts - $19.00
- Black Shorts - $8.50
- Bucket Hats - $10.50
- Wide Brimmed Hat - $25.00
- Jumpers - $20.00 Adults $23.00

New stock has arrived all sizes are available.

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**PIE DRIVE**

Anakie School is conducting a pie drive as a fundraiser for the 5/6/7 school camp to Brisbane in September. Order forms need to be returned to the school office by **Monday 19th August**. There is a great variety of sweet and savoury pies available and all pies are family sized (9inch) and are individually boxed and marked. Extra forms are available from the office – we’d love your help to spread the word to all members of the community to help make this a really successful pie drive for our school.

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**GEMFIELDS PLAYGROUP**

- **When:** Every Wednesday
  - 9am - 11am
- **Where:** Flagon Alley
  - Sapphire
- **Cost:** $3 per family per visit
- **What to bring**
  - Hat
  - Water bottle
  - Piece of fruit to share for morning tea

Membership is required. **Membership forms are available from playgroup.**

**SCHOOL BANKING THURSDAYS**

*Stay cool at school this summer by saving in Term 3 of School Banking!*

Win a CommBank Marquee for your school or an iPad mini for yourself just by depositing to your CommBank School Banking Account.

The School with the highest percentage of active students making at least one school banking deposit in term 3 will win a marquee. Every student who completes a minimum of one school banking deposit in term 3 will be in the running to win a cool iPad mini or a Dollarmite Backpack!

For you chance to win, students need to simply make one or more School Banking deposits during Term 3. To find out more, talk to your School Banking Co-ordinator or visit your local branch.

**HOST FAMILIES NEEDED IN JANUARY 2014**

**EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE, MAKE NEW FRIENDS**

**IMPROVE YOUR LANGUAGE STUDIES AT HOME.**

In January 2014 we will be receiving exchange students from Europe, Japan, the USA & Latin America.

If you have any questions about hosting an exchange student or would like to view profiles of students arriving from other countries, you can find out more about our organisation by visiting [www.studentexchange.org.au](http://www.studentexchange.org.au) or call our office on 1300 135 331. No obligation.

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**COMPLETE LEARNING INITIATIVE**

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO ORDER SOFTWARE

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR ORDER FORMS BY FRIDAY THE 16TH AUGUST 2013.**

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Students of the Week
5 August 2013

Prep Gracie Pugh - for interesting and original ideas when writing rhymes.

1/2 Roman Bunker - Trying his personal best with all his work this week.

2/3 Trying hard and persevering to complete the maths task with a partner.

4/5 Putting in a big effort and succeeding in their spelling.

6/7 Jack Ashton - showing persistence in finding new friends and fitting into classroom expectations. Well done!

Gotchas - Jack Vanderheld, Emily Carew, Anneliese Grasser, Aoura Sullivan, Rhett Sampson.

Principals Award - William Tretheway - Working hard to present his work neatly.

Ethyn Grimshaw - Great improvement in presentation of his writing and spelling results.

12 August 2013

Prep Angeliah Grasser - For always working hard in the classroom and completing all tasks efficiently and to a high standard.

1/2 Pharaoh Sullivan - Being focused and trying his personal best.

2/3 Cooper Cavanagh - Working hard to complete all tasks in class.

4/5 Alex McLeod - Working well to complete his poetry assessment.

Gotchas Violet King, Emily Carew, Tegan Ryan, Ryan Caygill, Matilda Martin-Maher.

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