Anakie School News

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15th October 2014

Date Claimers
Parade – 2.30 pm Monday
Tuckshop – Friday
Phys Ed - Wednesday
P & C Meeting - every second Monday of the month in School Resource Centre

Date Event
17/10/2014 4/5 Camp Deposit
20/10/2014 Pupil Free Day
21/10/2014 Graduation Meeting 3:15pm Resource Centre
27/10/2014 EI Parent Workshop 9am
5/11/2014 Swimming 4-7
6/11/2014 Swimming P-3
11/11/2014 Remembrance Day
12/11/2014 Swimming 4-7
13/11/2014 Swimming P-3
14/11/2014 Prep Transition 9-10am
19/11/2014 Swimming 4-7
20/11/2014 Swimming P-3
21/11/2014 Prep Transition 9-10
26/11/2014 Swimming 4-7
27/11/2014 Swimming P-3
28/11/2014 Prep Transition 9-11am
1/12/2014 School Leaders Speech & voting
2/12/2014 6/7 ESHS
4/12/2014 Swimming Carnival
5/12/2014 Prep Transition 9-11am
8/12/2014 6/7 Graduation
10/11/2014 Awards Night 6 pm Prep Graduation 9 am
15/11/2014 School Disco
16/11/2014 Working Bee at School
22/11/2014 Trivia Night

Principal's report
Welcome back to school for our final term for 2014. I trust you had an enjoyable and restful break. It was great to hear the chatty voices of students coming back to school - excited to be back! This term is known to be a busy one with lots of things happening, but also an enjoyable one, where we celebrate our school year.

As our 6/7’s are in their final term at primary school, may I wish them a wonderful term. Some may have nervous butterflies as they move closer to high school where others may have butterflies waiting in anticipation. Whatever their feeling - happy last term 6/7’s.

Swimming
After the P&C meeting yesterday, it was passed that the cost to parents would be reduced to $5 per child. This was made possible through the support of the P&C. Thank you!

We ask that swimming forms and money to be returned to the school ASAP. We will be unable to transport students to this event without parental permission.

Student Free Day
Next Monday 20th October is a pupil free day where students DO NOT come to school. Staff are involved in professional development on this day. Teachers will be attending a writing workshop, teacher aides will be completing school tasks and our admin officer Lisa will be also involved in training. We will see our students on Tuesday!

Our targets this term
Every 5 weeks we review data of our students to inform what our students need to learn. To focus on what our school needs as a collective body, we also review long term data such as NAPLAN data to drive our whole school improvement agenda. From analysing this data it is apparent that part of our school improvement agenda will focus on maths development.

This terms focus will be:

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<td>Implementing consistent maths problem solving strategies across the school</td>
<td>To have consistency in our approach so students are developing their problem solving skills year to year</td>
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<td>Analysing NAPLAN data to find specific concepts to teach</td>
<td>We need to know if there are particular areas to concentrate on in our lessons</td>
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<td>Developing higher order thinking questioning throughout daily lessons to extend students’ thinking</td>
<td>Ensure students are challenged, extended and continually developing their thinking skills</td>
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<td>Developing feedback in teachers around Explicit Instruction</td>
<td>To improve our teaching by reflecting on our practices</td>
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Discipline Audit
Discussed at the P&C meeting was our school results from end of term 3 Discipline Audit. This audit was to review our processes around behaviour management.

Areas we were commended on:
- Using ‘You can do it keys’ to adopt a positive approach to behaviour
- Using data to drive our decisions
- Bookwork policy
- Transitions between classes / lessons are done with minimal disruptions
- Having a behaviour management folder to ensure consistency across the school

Areas we received affirmations on:
- Consistent approach when dealing with student behaviour
- You can do it program ensures consistent approach when dealing with behaviour
- Gotcha awards and five keys are well liked by students
- Explicit teaching of “you can do it program’ ensures consistency
- Transition program for students going to Emerald State High

Areas recommended for further development are:
- Continue to build leadership program across the school
- School rules (Safety, Effort, Respect and Self-Responsibility) are visible across the school
- Consider training a facilitator in ‘you can do it program’
- Communicate widely around Gold, Silver and Bronze standards
- Align effort & behaviour matrix with “you can do it” standards
- Ensure standards around consequences are communicated widely

At the end of this week the profile will be available on our school website https://anakiess.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx for your information. If you would like to discuss any issues then please don’t hesitate to come and see me.

Netball
With two teams involved in the netball school competition on Thursday afternoons – it is a great opportunity for our students to mix with other schools and also to work as a team. Good luck to our teams. Thank you to Ms Nielson for our supporting our teams.

Book Fair
Quick reminder that the book fair is on this week only – so please pop in to see the range of books, posters and other goodies. There may be some Christmas shopping that could be done.

Cricket day
Students in years 3-7 are encouraged to return their cricket form to participate in the cricket day carnival on Thursday 23rd October in Emerald. Should be a fun day where students can develop their sporting skills. To participate, forms are due in this Friday.

Camp Deposit
Parents of 4/5 students are reminded that the camp deposit and form is due in this Friday. Please contact the school if you need to discuss a payment plan.

Photo Day
Anakie SS photo day is on Monday 10th November. I ask that you ensure students are neat and tidy on this day wearing correct school uniform. Thank you for your support.

Attendance
Every day counts – so please ensure your child comes to school each day so they can reach their potential.

I am happy to discuss and work with you, so please call me or arrange an appointment if you have any issue to raise or require clarification on a particular matter. “A question never asked is a question never answered.”

Regards
Kellie Dobson
Acting Principal
HI Everyone,

I hope you all had a refreshing holiday! It’s certainly lovely to see the green grass on the school oval and surrounding areas. Let’s hope for some more substantial rain fall throughout Queensland over the coming months.

Last week, we investigated our vegetable garden and found many lovely surprises – from giant zucchinis, yummy baby carrots, tomatoes, and the beginnings of a delicious strawberry patch. We picked lots of lettuce and spinach also. Our watermelons and rockmelon are starting to take off, hopefully the ones that survived the holidays will give us lots of fruit for breakfast. This term we will plant some tuckshop friendly vegetables starting with some lettuce and carrots.

Lunch times also saw us playing handball, and chatting as well as a small group of year 4 – 7 starting to build some meccano models in the library on Wednesday. This was interesting for us, as not only did we have to work out how to read the book, but also how our tools work. Stay tuned to see what they create!

This week is Mental Health week which coincides with World Mental Health Day on October 10th. Kids matter have many useful resources available on the internet if you have any concerns or would just like to research a topic. Other great websites, which are suited to our teenagers are reachout.com.au and headspace: www.headspace.org.au.

It’s also a great time to ask a neighbour, family member or friend are they ok, and how are they really going and not accepting just ‘good’ as an answer. Centacare run a drought support program you can call the below number if requiring any information or would like some help.

“The drought support program provides FREE information, support, referral, counselling and community education services to families, individuals or couples affected by drought. Case workers can provide support to individuals, families and organizations affected by drought in Barcaldine, Blackall – Tambo, Barcoo, Longreach, Isaac, and Central Highlands Local Government areas. They can visit you in your home or workplace, speak to you over the phone or via skype, or you can visit one of the Centacare offices or outreach sites.

Call 1300 523 985 to find out more about the Centacare Drought Assistance Program.”

Lifeline are also available 24/7 on 13 11 14.

Hoping you all have a great week and get the chance to ask someone close to you how are they going.

Cheers

Chappy Averal

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**The Denison State School P&C Invite You to the**

**FROCK SWAP**

**Friday the 17th of October**

**At Denison State School Hall**

**Arrive at 6:30pm for Pre Drinks**

**Pre Purchased Tickets $25 or $30 on the Evening**

**One drink and all finger food included.**

**Tables for Any Size Group Available**

**Tickets available from Denison State School**

**Further Enquiries Please Contact Deb 0438225064**

https://www.facebook.com/denisonevents
Student of the Week
13th October
Prep/1 Mariam Olaniyan - The confidence you have displayed settling into your new school.
2/3 Jack Beaton - Setting a good example to complete and persevere with activities.
4/5 Halimat Olaniyan - Confidence and resilience shown settling into your new school.
6/7 Edward Anderson - Being organized and ready to learn in term 4. Well done!
Gotchas - Telitha Osborne, Kayden Dillon, Ivana Sherratt, Lacy Hewitt.
Music/Drama - Jamie Dixon - For displaying great confidence!
ICAS Awards

ANAKIE STATE SCHOOL
2015 PREP ENROLMENTS
We are currently seeking names of students who will be enrolling in Prep 2015. Anyone wanting to enrol their child can contact the school for an enrolment pack, or can contact the school so one may be posted out.
If you would like more information contact Lisa on 49811111

PREP TRANSITION DAYS
14TH, 21ST, 28TH November December 5th 2014 (note change of date)
More information to follow in term 4

EMERALD ACADEMY OF DANCE 2014
CATS
Emerald Town Hall
October 31st 6.30pm

November 1st 12 noon and 6:30 pm
Adults $30 Concession $20
Children $12.50
Book online to secure your best seats:
www.trybooking.com/FUUV
Or purchase at the door prior to show.

SLUSHIES
Slushies are available every day.
Flavours this week are refreshing raspberry and new flavour orange and mango
Small $1 Medium $2 Large $3
What is happening in Year 1/2 for term 4?

Well we are at our busiest time of the year. And the weeks feel like they are already flying by. This term we have lots of extra events happening. With swimming and our swimming carnival, teachers from Clermont popping in for a visit and another work experience student joining us from the Rockhampton Grammar School in week 8. We are also starting to get very busy thinking about our end of year performance. Which is always a very exciting time.

Our routine will stay the same this term with the inclusion of reading rotations for an hour a day. This gives me the opportunity to listen to all the students in 1/2 read everyday and provide them with the ability to practice comprehension skills one on one.

This term we also complete our technology unit. This semester students have to design a toy and make it. Once the toy is made they have to choose a student in the school to present it to. Not only are students displaying their design, make and appraise skills but they are also showing that they can follow the “Getting Along” component of our school wide behaviour plan.

Have a great term 4 and we look forward to you guys popping in some time.

Mrs Raine and Year 1/2

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**TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TERM 4**

If you are able to assist with tuckshop this term please contact the school or complete the form below and send back to the school. Thank you

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**Emerald Little Theatre Inc. Presents…**

A play written by Linda Arson

And produced by special arrangement with

The Australian Script Centre ([www.ozscript.org](http://www.ozscript.org))

Miss Bilby And The Moss Covered Cleric

A Theatre Restaurant Comedy

**WHEN**

17th & 18th Oct  
24th & 25th Oct  
31st Oct & 1st Nov

**COST**

$40 per Person

**WHERE**

Emerald Little Theatre Hall

(cnr Anakie and Harris St)

**Tickets available by emailing**

emeraldlittletheatre@gmail.com

Or by phoning Andrea on 0439 727 259