**Principal’s report**

As we head into the last few days of this term, we are celebrating our achievements this term:

* reading is continuing as a focal point across our school. We have a whole school approach to reading now documented, whereby there is a common language across every classroom providing consistency in the school. I would like to thank Mrs Raine for her work with this, ensuring we have a document to access. Teachers are using data gathered five weekly to plan and implement learning experiences for Students and ensure they are improving.

* Our pedagogical practice “Explicit Instruction” is being used to teach new and difficult concepts and new staff have been brought up to speed with using EI effectively in the classroom. We have engaged with our pedagogical coach this term to build our capacity to use Explicit Instruction throughout our lessons and units. Next term we are working with Clermont SS and Emerald SS to share our practices, observe, be observed and develop our capacity to give feedback to each other to improve our teaching practices which improve our students’ results.

* We have a consistent approach to giving feedback on students work. Two positive things they have achieved (two stars) and 1 way to improve (question mark).

  Did you know that “the most powerful single influence affecting achievement is FEEDBACK” (2007 Hattie and Timperley). Effective feedback answers three questions:

  * Where am I going—goal?
  * How am I going?
  * Where to next?

* The ‘You can do it program’ is being used effectively to teach students social skills. Teachers have explicit lessons that are taught each week throughout the year and we all have a common language to use with our students to help them build their skills. It is wonderful to see students ready to achieve their silver level in behavior early next term. I would like to thank Miss Moore for her leadership and inspiration with this.

* Mrs Gudenswager has a passion for developing leadership skills in our students. The 7 skills of leadership serving/helping others, setting an example, effectively communicating, teamwork, decision making, negotiating, forecasting and planning are all attributes that will support a successful leader. Leadership can be learnt and begins at an early age. Developing these skills fits right alongside our social skill program. Thank you Mrs Gudenswager.
Continuing our celebration

* We have aligned our school benchmarks (eg. Reading and Maths levels) to be in line with regional expectations. This way teachers are raising their expectations and teaching accordingly. Teachers also have a reference point to see how their students are progressing matched against not only regional expectations but the national average as well. Thank you Mrs Raine for collating this. The collection and analysis of student data 5 weekly, ensures that teachers are monitoring and responding to students’ needs.

* Mrs Robinson and myself are celebrating positive financial audit results where our processes in the office are meeting departmental expectations.

* Our discipline audit last Friday was positive, with most domains in the high range with some elements in outstanding. I along with my team, have worked hard to ensure procedures and processes are aligned both in and out of the classroom.

At the next P&C meeting I will be sharing our commendations and recommendations so make sure you come along.

* It was great to hear at our staff meeting today some of the things our staff are celebrating. (Readers cup, giving gotchas, enjoyment working with students, veggie garden and working with each other).

* I have learnt every child by name. (although sometimes I may use their siblings name, which they always correct me on).

Students saying good morning and a friendly smile makes my day.

BOOK WEEK
Reminder that parade is at 9am this Thursday, so come to school in your costume (dressed as your book character). I can’t wait to see your costumes. Parents we encourage you to come along and be part of our book week celebrations, cuppa provided after parade.

School Cleaner
We welcome Mrs Charmaine Deeley to our staff as our school cleaner.

Congratulations
2/3 class on winning the “gotcha” party for this term by collecting the most gotchas by showing confidence, getting along, organization, persistence or resilience in the playground.

To all Eisteddfod participants as they displayed confidence and should be commended on their effort for taking part in the Eisteddfod—well done!
3rd place—choir
Soloists
First place: Sophie Carew, Kaylee McCandless, Cassidy Lawrence.
Second place: Emily Carew, Latia McCandless.
3rd place: Violet King, Chelsea McCandless.
Highly commended: Elizabeth Lawrence

Readers Cup students—you looked great in your uniform and your achievement was fantastic. Well done Sophie Gibson, Daniel Adams, James Spencer, Kirra Horvath and Curtis Freeman.

To our touch teams for representing our school and showing great sportsmanship throughout the season. It was wonderful to hear from you on parade.

TO ALL OUR STUDENTS on a successful term. Thank you for all your hard work and I look forward to seeing you all and working with you next term.

TO STAFF—your dedication and hard work is appreciated so thank you.

PARENTS—thank you for your support and hard work also. Whether you help out in the school, support your child’s learning at home or ensure they are here each day it is appreciated.

Kellie Dobson—Acting Principal

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 4981 1111

PREP TRANSITION DAYS
14th, 21st, 28th November
December 4th 2014 (note change of date)
More information to follow in term 4
Thank you & we wish you all the best

Mr Cummins for being part of the Anakie team for the later part of this term. We wish you well on your journey back home to Victoria and thank you for your hard work and dedication to improving our students.

Miss Franks has accepted the position at Gindie for the remainder of this year. Miss Franks thanks for everything you have done for this school— I know you will be missed and can I wish you well at Gindie.

MAY I WISH EVERYONE A WONDERFUL AND RESTFUL BREAK.

Points to note:
* School begins Tuesday 7th October as the Monday is a public holiday
* P&C Markets 28th September—please come along to assist
* Swimming is next term beginning week 5—so it is time to dig out that swimwear. We encourage sun smart so students will need a sun safe shirt too. More details about swimming will follow in term 4.
* Students wanting to play rugby union please return form by end of this week (if not done so already)

Kind Regards
Kellie Dobson
Acting Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today I received notification that I will be continuing my role as Principal at Gindie State School until the end of the 2014 school year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both the Anakie staff and community for your generous support, encouragement and friendship over the past three years. I am so blessed to have been part of the amazing school that Anakie State School is and I am proud of the achievements of all the children I have had the pleasure of teaching.

I wish the current Prep class every success as they continue their beginning school journey.

With kind regards,
Tammy Franks

State Finals of the Reader’s Cup Challenge

After winning the very first Central Highlands Reader’s Cup Challenge in June, the five Anakie students then had to read another six books to prepare for the State Finals in Brisbane. Sophie Gibson, Daniel Adams, James Spencer, Kirra Horvath and Curtis Freeman showed admirable commitment and have put in an amazing effort.

They travelled to Brisbane on the 4th of September to compete in the State Finals. This is the first time a Central Highlands team has participated. The Event was held at St Laurence’s College with 18 teams from all over Queensland competing. The teams had to answer 36 questions about the books they had read. They came 13th with a score of 53 points out of 72.

We are very proud of what they have achieved. Congratulations and well done!

While in Brisbane, the students were lucky enough to attend two author sessions as part of The Brisbane Writers Festival. They enjoyed listening to Morris Gleitzman and Tristan Banks.

Thank you to the P&C for helping to finance the trip, Louisa Gittens and the Emerald Medical Group for paying for the shirts and to the parents who have been very supportive. Thank you also to Ms Dobson, Mrs Robinson for their help and support and to Jo Gibson who has made certificates and helped with the organisation.

Reader’s Cup State Finals 2014 was an absolutely great experience for me and my team. This was Anakie’s first time competing in the District Reader’s Cup, let alone making the state finals! When we won in Emerald, we were obviously all looking forward to Brisbane, but we knew we had a lot more work to do before we went. We had to read six more book, all narratives, and work hard to try to learn every single detail of them. Some members of our team read them twice. In the Anakie Turbo Charger’s group, there are five extension readers: Daniel Adams, James Spencer, Curtis Freeman, Sophie Gibson and Kirra Horvath. In my opinion we did really well to come 13th out of 18 teams. Firstly we’d like to thank Mrs Spencer, our coach, for taking the time and giving her all to make sure our team was going into Brisbane with the best chance possible. Some Mums and Dads came along as well to support their children. Next we’d like to thank the school P&C for donating money that made the trip possible. We also greatly appreciate the work of Louisa Gittens and the Emerald Medical Centre for donating money for our reader’s cup uniform. Overall, reader’s cup was an exciting learning experience, and I hope Anakie comes back next year knowing what to expect.

By Curtis Freeman
Hi Everyone,

Wow, isn’t it wonderful to see the green grass!! Hopefully over the spring, summer season we will have lots more rain to fill our dams and make the grass grow!!

This week we spent some time in the garden and what a harvest we found. (Pictures included) Mrs Carew volunteered to make us Zucchini slice for Breakfast, which was delicious, thank you so much. We added some carrots, bean, spinach and snow peas and the last of the radishes and a stray tomato to our haul. Next term our tomatoes, strawberries and carrots will be bountiful! We already have some super keen people to eat them. The Strawberry plants have started to pick up and we even have a couple of small strawberries appearing on them. The Cabbages are almost finished, a Mum told me her child doesn’t usually eat cabbage and as it was from the garden tried it and discovered it was ok to eat. I thought that was really positive. Its fun to eat things that you have grown and worked hard at to keep the garden maintained, we have a lot of enthusiasm within our helpers!

Holidays are almost here so I hope you are able to spend some quality family time with the slight change to routine and relax and reenergise for the approaching busy end of year. Holidays are a great time to play board games, do jigsaw puzzles or learn new skills. We have often had lots of fun, laughter and conversations as we completed our mandatory holiday jigsaw, though we haven’t always had willing participants at the start and it’s amazing who sits there for hours looking for the right piece! You are only limited by your imagination for how to fill in your time and the activities you can do, play dough, painting, craft and slime are always favourites.

If you’re travelling, I hope your journey is a safe one and I look forward to seeing you next term.

Enjoy your break however it’s spent.

Cheers Chappy Averal

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**School Touch**

The School Touch Competition Grand Final was held on the 27th of August at the Emerald Touch Fields. Anakie Stormz 6/7 played against Capella Rebels and the result was a draw. Anakie 6/7 came in 3rd place in the 6/7 competition. Most of the players on the Anakie Stormz 4/5 team have only started playing this year. They have all really improved. Their final game was against Emerald Christian College and we are very proud of their efforts.

The Presentation was after the game and all students received a trophy, sausage on bread and a drink.

Thank you to Jane Griffin for helping with the coaching of the 4/5 team and to Carmel Berry for washing the shirts every week.

**4/5 competition - Anakie Stormz 4/5**

Sunny Adams
Adam Berry
Bonnie Berry
Mackenzie Deeley
Millie Griffin
Brayden Ryder
Tegan Ryan
Trinity Smith
Cooper Taylor

**In the 6/7 competition - Anakie Stormz 6/7**

Grace Taylor
Curtis Freeman
Harry Ryan
Daniel Adams
James Spencer
William Tretheway
Matilda Maher
Alex McLeod
Student of the Week

8th September
Prep/1 Oliva Sandilands - showing confidence in Geography lesson—describing its special place.
1/2 Peta Ellem - for a smooth transition into the 1/2 classroom.
2/3 Anneliese Grassner, Emily Carew, Melita Iona, Kayden Deacon, Telitha Osborne, Bonnie Berry - Exemplar of good behaviour in the classroom.
4/5 Jacob Gittens - showing initiative and doing jobs around the classroom without being asked.
6/7 Ivana Sherratt - working well in class.
Gotchas - Jayden Osborne, Lilyarna Boon, Mackenzie Deeley, Curtis Freeman, Jack Beaton.

15th September
Prep/1 Dominic Sitters - persistence in learning your sight words.
1/2 Kane Kirkby - for always working hard in class.
2/3 Telitha Osborne - excellent work and dedication to her studies.
4/5 Cooper Cavanagh—showing persistence during Maths and working hard.
6/7 Brodi Chambers - persevering in trying to be organized.
Gotchas - Lachlan Lewis, Mackenzie Blake, Kate McLeod, Aroura Sullivan.
MIOOW Magic 100 Words— Callum Gittens.

GEMFIELDS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
ANAKIE HALL
SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER
10:30AM
MASS
A program will commence next term for any children wishing to continue their sacramental journey ie Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist.
Please contact Anne Hatte on 49854154 for any information.

Join us for some fun and exercise.
Sunday 5th October 4pm onwards.
Anakie Tennis Courts Town

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST AN OVERSEAS EXCHANGE STUDENT
Learn about another culture, learn a new language or perhaps improve your culinary skills
Hosting - An Experience for Life
Student Exchange is looking for host families across New Zealand to welcome overseas students into their home
Visit www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student
CASUAL GROUNDS/MAINTAINANCE PERSON
ANAKIE STATE SCHOOL
5 HRS PER WEEK
Hourly Rate $26.39
Interest in gardening and ability to fix minor equipment is preferable.
Please send your resume to admin@anakiess.eq.edu.au
or drop it into the school

SCHOOL HOLIDAY MARKETS ROSTER
ANAKIE STATE SCHOOL
SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER
Sausage sizzle only with tea/coffee and cold drinks

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ICE SKATING AT CENTRAL HIGHLANDS MARKET PLACE
FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER TO MONDAY 6TH OCTOBER
REAL ICE
CONTACT FOR BOOKING ON 0412 344 941
$15 PER PERSON
ALL SKATERS MUST WEAR SOCKS
GLOVES AND HELMETS ARE RECOMMENDED FOR SAFETY

EMERALD BROTHERS CRICKET CLUB
LEPRECHAUNS PROGRAMME (6 weeks)
When? Monday’s 4pm to 5pm
Where? St Patrick’s Oval
Who? Boys and girls 4 – 8
open to all schools - this is a Club based programme
Cost? Only $30
SIGN ON DATE: Thursday 9th October 3-30pm – 4-30pm
at St Pat’s oval (near Church under maroon shade)
PROGRAMME DATES: 13th Oct to 17th Nov
Basic skills program for beginners. Skills covered include; catching, throwing, bowling and batting.
All equipment supplied. Soft balls and plastic bats used.
For more information email us at emeraldbrothersjuniorcricket@yahoo.com.au
or contact Doug Gray 0438 791 554: Lyn Brown: 0438 620 134 or Kim Lewis: 0409 050 130

Choir Eisteddfod Experience

Last week, the Anakie State School Choir participated in the annual Central Highlands Eisteddfod. 24 students travelled to Emerald to participate and sing their hearts out. Anakie placed 3rd in their section and received high praise from the adjudicators. Our students performed beautifully, were tuneful and a delight to listen to. 11 students also participated in vocal solos and the results were:

Sophie Carew – 1st Place
Elizabeth Lawrence – Highly Commended
Kaylee McCandless – 1st Place
Violet King – 3rd Place
Cassidy Lawrence – 1st Place
Emily Carew – 2nd Place
Chelsea McCandless – 3rd Place
Latia McCandless – 2nd Place

Congratulations to all those students who willingly gave up their lunchtimes to practice and learn performance skills. The choir will be ramping up again in Term 4 to learn songs for 2015 Anzac Day celebrations.
Josie Carew
Music Teacher