From the Principal

Reading Support at home
Tip #9 – Holiday activities

While the holidays are a great time for students to relax and recharge their batteries ready for the next term it is important that they are encouraged to continue to read. By simply reading a few short stories or borrowing extra readers from school for the holidays students will continue to consolidate skills learnt during the previous term. Even without readers children can be encouraged to read newspaper articles, recipes, instructions or even be in charge of the shopping list.

Change of School bell times starting Term 3

In the past few months I have been researching the options to maximise the effect the teachers have on students in their classrooms. This has led to a number of changes in the school. I am now seeking the communities’ views around changing the bell times at the school. I am proposing the new bell times to be:

- 8:50 – Preparation bell
- 8:55-10:55 – First Session
- 10:55-11:35 – First Lunch
- 11:30 – Preparation Bell
- 11:35-1:35 – Second Session
- 1:35- 2:05 – Second Lunch
- 2:00 – Preparation Bell
- 2:05- 2:55 – Third Session

We will be trialling these new bell times starting in Term 3 and will continue to monitor the positive effect it may have.

Foundation Skills – Whole school Improvement

Anakie SS is about to do something that most parents will feel is obvious and has been missing for years in education. We are starting a massive push on students’ knowledge of the foundation skills in English and Maths. We will be beginning to push a range of skills that are essential to a child’s development in schooling. Concepts like phonics, sight words, punctuation, reading, number facts etc. will take the centre stage of this push to improve. All students will be assessed for their general knowledge of these concepts and parents will be given the results. Students’ homework, classroom work and goals will then be centred on these skills. So expect changes in homework and parent teacher meetings.

With this we will be supporting families as much as possible to support us. So we will send home resources and tip sheets to work on with your children. We will also run foundation skill afternoons to help parents with ideas.
Attendance – Congratulations - 93.9%

I would like to thank every family in our school for their ongoing commitment to attendance at the school. As a school we are aiming for 95% as an overall attendance figure. This semester our attendance level now sits at 93.9%. This is up 2% on this time last year. That is the equivalent of 1 week and 3 days per year per student extra in attendance. Congratulations. Now we aim for 95%.

Report Cards

Report cards are due to go home this week on Wednesday afternoon. The report cards will use the following rating system.

**Year 1 to 3 students will receive a grade of:**

- **Very High** – Student is working well beyond the expected level of a student in their grade.
- **High** – Student is working beyond the expected level of a student in their grade.
- **Sound** – Student is working at expected level of a student in their grade.
- **Developing** – Student is working towards the expected level for a student in their grade.
- **Requires support** – Student requires support to work on set tasks

**The year 4-7 students will receive a grade of:**

- **A** – Student is working well beyond the expected level of a student in their grade.
- **B** – Student is working beyond the expected level of a student in their grade.
- **C** – Student is working at expected level of a student in their grade.
- **D** – Student is working below the expected level of a student in their grade.
- **E** – Student has been unable to demonstrate knowledge required in this area.

Ipad Afternoons for parents

This year we ran the first ipad afternoon for parents. The session was really well received and has driven the teachers to setting up new sessions for parents. Some of the feedback we received around parents’ ability levels with the devices has driven the changes we have made for next term. The following is the plan put together by the teachers in the liit project at the school:

- **17th July** – Beginners session
  - Itunes & what is in there?
  - Physical use of the ipad
  - Sample apps
- **24th July** – Lower Grade (Prep-3) Advanced Session
  - Suggestions on good apps and how they can be used to help your child at home.
- **25th July** – Upper School (Year 4-7) Advanced Session
  - Suggestions on good apps and how they can be used to help your child at home.

These sessions will be held again at the end of the term focusing on different apps and trouble shooting for parents. The other areas that the teachers are willing to assist with are around ITunes support for parents. Setting up accounts, loading apps, purchasing new devices etc. The staff has a very good knowledge of these things and are willing to help or would be able to point you in the right direction if they couldn’t.

**New qschools app**

Parents and carers can now instantly have access to news and events at our school, such as swimming carnival dates, free dress days, head lice breakouts and P&C meetings, using the QSchools smartphone app. All state schools are searchable using the app which provides location and contact information. The QSchools app is available for free download from the iTunes store for Apple devices, and the Google Play store for Android-compatible devices.

**Under 8’s Day at Anakie**

We would like to thank all of the parents and prep prep children who attended our Under 8’s day this Tuesday. The children participated in a range of fun activities and even got to look through the local police car. A special thank you goes to Sargent Brad Cowell, Bruce Ryan and Brooke Goodwin for organising and running an activity for the children.

**Woolworths Earn & Learn**

Thank you to all of the families who have been collecting the stickers for the school again this year. The promotion is now closed and we will be sending back the stickers at the end of the term. All of your effort will be turned into classroom art resources for the children. Thank you.

**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
Anakie State School Newsletter

COME ALONG AND SIGN ON

TIME: 3PM

WHERE: ANAKIE STATE SCHOOL OVAL

WHAT TO BRING: WATER BOTTLE, HAT AND BE READY TO RUN, JUMP, THROW, HAVE FUN AND BE HEALTHY

Little Athletics will break for the holidays and re-commence on the 14th JULY

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Friday 21 June 2013

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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

Gemfields Riding for the Disabled Inc
PO box 134, Sapphire, QLD, 4702

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Students of the week
11/6/2013

2/3 Andon Boon - Showing great persistence and effort to complete tasks.

6/7 Sophie Gibson - Persistent and organised and always ready to work. Keep up the good work.

Gotchas - Kaylee McCandless, Jacob Gittens, Thorn Sanderson.

17/6/2013

Prep Kane Kirkby - Persisting throughout the semester and completing all his letters and sounds.

Year 1/2 Pharaoh Sullivan - Taking pride in his bookwork.
Year 2/3 Mackenzie Deeley - Great effort persisting with presenting Dialogue.
Year 4/5 Sunny Adams - Showing an improvement in working independently.
Year 6/7 Sarah Titheradge - Being persistent in being organised and ready to work! Well done!

Principals Award - Poseidon Sullivan - Fantastic work on learning sight words and reading.

Gotchas - Roman Bunker, Makena Horvath, Lillian Lawrence, Alex McLeod, Jacob Gittens, Edward Anderson.

SCHOOL BANKING
THURSDAYS

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MEAT TRAY RAFFLES
EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT
AT THE ANAKIE HOTEL
COME ALONG & HAVE SOME FUN
ENJOY THE GOOD FOOD & HOSPITALITY
& WIN A FANTASTIC MEAT TRAY

RAFFLE TICKETS SOLD FROM 6:00 PM
DRAWN AT 8:00 PM
TICKETS $1.00 EACH OR 6 FOR $5.00