From the Principal

Regular school attendance
At Anakie State School we are aiming to have students at school 95% of the time throughout the year. Parents and caregivers must send children to school every school day under Queensland law unless there is an acceptable reason such as:
  - illness
  - competing in school sporting or cultural events.

If your child is going to be absent from school, you must let the school know why the absence has occurred within two school days of their return. If possible, it is best to advise the school beforehand.

Avoid keeping your child away from school for reasons such as:
  - birthdays
  - shopping
  - visiting family and friends
  - if they sleep in
  - looking after other children
  - minor check-ups or care, such as haircuts.

Routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays.

Establishing good routines around school can assist with regular school attendance. These include:
  - have a set time to go to bed
  - have a set time to get out of bed
  - have uniform and school bag ready the night before
  - have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast
  - set a time for daily homework activities
  - speak about school positively
  - send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term

If you are experiencing difficulty in sending your child to school, contact the school for advice and support.

Great Results Guarantee
Three weeks ago the QLD Government released its latest funding reform for the education sectors in Queensland. Every school would receive money to boost students’ results in Prep to year 2. This has required Anakie SS to look at ways of increasing student performance to meet national standards in the year 3/5/7 NAPLAN tests. Last week I sought the approval of the P&C to utilise the schools funding to purchase:
additional teacher aide hours to support students in all grades
additional professional learning for both teachers and teacher aides
online literacy testing programs to increase the monitoring of student improvement
reading workshops for parents and community members

If any parents or members of the community wish to discuss the Great Results Guarantee further please feel free to contact the office.

Positive Learning Behaviours
At Anakie State School we seek to support student learning through providing safe and challenging learning environments. In all classrooms teacher use similar teaching methods to support student learning. These methods aim to create a classroom that is quiet and open for students to participate without concern of failure. Parents can support the classroom teachers by encouraging their children to:
- listen carefully during lessons
- follow the teachers instructions and respect the other children in the room by not disrupting their learning

Reading to your children can make all the difference
It’s one of the most common concerns for parents of primary school age children. How can I best help my child to read at home? Teachers are asked about this all the time, and reading progress is one of the areas that parents worry about more than any other. Each week we will give you a tip to put into place at home to support your children’s reading.

Tip #1
Frequently let your child choose the book they want you to share with them… grit your teeth if this seems to be the one hundredth time in a row that they have chosen the same book! Young children love repetition and familiarity, and it really does help them to develop reading skills! Encourage them to join in with the bits they recognize.

Art resources needed
Throughout the year all classes use a range of resources for art and other subjects. We are asking all of our families to collect a number of items at this stage. These are:
- Milk bottle or similar plastic lids (eg juice lids) – please wash these before bringing them to school.
- Old wool (any length)
- Scrap material
- Shoe boxes
We appreciate your donations of any of these items.

Bus students being collected from school
Parents who come to school at the end of the day to collect their child in preference to them travelling on the bus are asked to notify the office. On a large number of occasions this year, the bus has been waiting while staff tries to find students who have left with their parents. Parents can either call the office during the day or simply come up and mark their child off the bus. Thursday this term has been particular bad day due to dancing at the community hall.

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

Hi Everyone,

Last week, I was fortunate enough to spend time with the YR 6/7’s on their leadership camp at Camp Fairbairn. What a wonderful experience for all. There were lots of challenges and problem solving involved to accomplish the task that our camp director David set for the students. It was interesting watching the students as a team, work out how to complete some of the exciting activities he had for them such as the meat grinder and catapults.

The students all set themselves some great personal goals and did their best in achieving these in climbing the rock wall on Wednesday and Abseiling on Thursday. Thanks to the awesome cheer squad that helped me reach the top of the tower and see the ocean! An extra big WELL DONE to those who had ‘jelly legs’ after successfully abseiling down the tower. The smiles on their faces were priceless!!!

I’ve been busy making some shoe templates, to help teach those who are having trouble tying their laces, you may see some of us, trying to accomplish this over lunch times in the future. Many children have a wonderful sense of achievement when they master this task! Hoping you all have a wonderful week.

Chappy Averal
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

10th February
Prep/1 Lachlan Lewis - always showing a positive attitude towards school and using perfect manners at all times.
1/2 Lilyarna Boon - for her consistent improvement in all areas.
2/3 Bonne Berry - for a wonderful attitude to learning and always being organised.
4/5 Ethyn Grimshaw - showing persistence to complete classroom tasks.
6/7 Masie Sherratt - showing great persistence in Maths looking at fractions. Great work!!
Gotchas - Lacey Hewitt, Ellie Goodwin, Jackson Deacon, Melita Iona, Sunny Adams & Sophie Gibson.
Principal Awards - Aroura Sullivan - working hard during all classroom activities. Leeroy Sandilands - working hard during all classroom activities.

17th February
Prep/1 Shaveece Campbell - for always being polite and organised and an excellent role model to the preps.
1/2 Jackson Deacon - always being ready for any task.
2/3 Melita Iona - for having beautifully set out books and neat writing.
4/5 Riley Beaton - being persistent during Maths activities and having a go.
6/7 Jasmin Naumanen - Showing leadership skills and working in a team. Well done!
Gotchas - Shaveece Campbell, Jackson Deacon, Tauhili Iona, Kayden Deacon, Lily Hardy, Matilda Martin-Maher.
Principal Awards - Brandon Cavanagh - Demonstrating great leadership skills on camp. Keep it up!!
Gracie Pugh - outstanding effort during classroom reading.

ANAKIE & DISTRICT LITTLE ATHLETICS SIGN-ON DAY

VENUE: ANAKIE STATE SCHOOL
DATE: SUNDAY 23rd MARCH
TIME: 3:00PM
SIGN-ON COST: Tiny Tots = $25.00
Under 6 = $55.00
Under 7 to Under 17 = $60.00
Club Shirt = Additional charge minimum $25
For more information call Brooke Goodwin 0408073215
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FREE DRESS DAY
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Money raised will be donated to the Ryder family
To wear free dress you must bring in a gold coin donation on the day.
Students must wear covered shoes and appropriate shirts with a collar.
FRIDAY 21st February 2014
Thank you for supporting one of our school families.

ANAKIE STATE SCHOOL P & C RAFFLE
PRIZE: YAMAHA TTR125L MOTORBIKE + PACK VALUED AT $5996 OR
POLARIS HAWKEYE 300 2WD ATV VALUED AT $6795
ONLY 250 TICKETS AVAILABLE
DRAWN AT ANAKIE HOTEL
SATURDAY 5TH APRIL 2014
AFTER THE ANAKIE STATE SCHOOL P & C CRICKET DAY
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL

Gemfields Junior Rugby League Club
Central Highlands Junior Rugby League
2014 Season Sign-on & Working Bee
This Sunday 23rd Feb
9.00am - 11.00am
Roy Day Park Football Grounds Sapphire
Under 6’s, Under 8’s, Under 10’s, Under 12’s
Fees: Individual $75 & Family $100
For further details Ph: Club Secretary – Irene Adams 0400162258
Please note: Birth Certificates required for all new players.

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