From the Principal

Teacher Parent Meetings
Teacher parent meetings have begun already this term. Teachers will be aiming to meet with every family to start the year. Teachers will want to discuss where students currently sit in relation to school expectations and give parents a clear guide as to the work students will be completing to progress further. If any parent would like to discuss anything in regards to their child’s interview please see me or contact the office.

Reading at Home - Tip #3
Read as many different types of book with your child as you can. Not all children are motivated most by stories. Finding interesting non-fiction books to share with your nature loving or car loving child can be just as stimulating for them, as they realize that books can open up a whole world of information about topics they are fascinated by. Also, trying different genres of stories will expose them to all sorts of fiction so that they can begin to develop their own preferences – rather than yours! If your child enjoys looking at junk mail, encourage it. There's nothing wrong with checking out the catalogue from the local supermarket or toy store. It is all developing lifelong skills in literacy.

School Cross Country
On Wednesday the 26th March, the students will be participating in the schools cross country trials. The students will be competing for their house, Zircon and Sapphire. Students in Prep-year 2 will be completing an obstacle course around the school. Year 3/4/5 students will be running 2kms and the year 6/7 students will be running 3kms. The course for the year 3-7 students will be run mostly outside of the school grounds so any parent/community support on the morning would be greatly appreciated. The races will begin with the 2km race at 9:15am, followed by the 3km race and finally the prep-year 2 obstacle course.

Sport Success
The school would like to congratulate Brandon Cavanagh for being selected to play with the Emerald U12’s Rugby League team at the Central Highlands trials this Friday. Best of luck.

Zircon and Sapphire Sports Captains for 2014
I would like to congratulate the following students who were elected to be the 2014 sports captains for Zircon and Sapphire houses.

Zircon
William Tretheway
Christopher Johnson
Daniel Adams
Matilda Martin-Maher

Sapphire
Ivana Sherratt
Brody West
Kirra Horvath
Brandon Cavanagh

School Newsletter
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.

Regards, Kurt Goodwin
HI Everyone,
Wow, week 8 already!

Last week we began drawing ourselves on a paper cut out to make a giant jigsaw of all the staff and students within the school to celebrate Harmony Day which is on March 20th. This day is to celebrate the cultural diversity within Australia and the message that Everyone Belongs. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. Hopefully we will have it up next week, so keep an eye out for it. We are needing a few more students to draw themselves!

Well done to those students who have mastered tying their shoelaces! We are still practicing in our lunch breaks and also doing some puzzles.

This week also saw the 'Back our Chappies' bus tour come through Emerald. This event was to raise support and awareness around the high court challenge for the continuation of federal funding for chaplaincy in schools. The current federal funding finishes in 2014. If you would like to support Chaplaincy in schools, there are Statements of Support available to sign online at www.BACKOURCHAPPIES.com.au, or you could see me for a form to sign. The court case is on May 5th, 2014. The idea behind the bus tour and statement of support is to show the government that chaplaincy is continually growing and that it has widespread community support throughout all of QLD.

Hope you all have a lovely week.

Chappy Averal

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 $50 PER TICKET

DRAWN AT ANAKIE HOTEL
SATURDAY 5TH APRIL 2014
AFTER THE ANAKIE STATE SCHOOL P & C CRICKET DAY
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GEMFIELDS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

HOME GAMES
2014 SEASON

Saturday
15th & 22nd March
3rd May
14th & 21st June
26th July
2nd & 16th August

Roy Day Park,
Games start 9am

Great food from the canteen, chance to win the $100 Dollar Board and lots of entertaining Rugby League
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

10th March
Prep/1 Marty Berry - working hard to learn new letters and sounds.
1/2 Harmony Parsons - excellent improvement in all areas of your learning.
2/3 Jamie Ellem - working extremely hard to improve her reading and knowledge of sight words.
4/5 Millie Griffin - persisting and working on her reading strategies.
6/7 Aurora Sullivan - showing persistence and organisation in every lesson. Well done!

Gotchas - Shaveece Campbell, Corey Nunan, Jeremy Williams, Cooper Taylor, Aquila Sullivan.

Principals Awards - Melita Iona - working hard to improve in all areas. Well done! Sophie Carew - a wonderful start to learning your sight words. Sunny Adams - outstanding efforts in getting along well with others.

17th March
Prep/1 Elizabeth Lawrence - outstanding improvement in counting and number work.
1/2 Ellie Goodwin - always a ready and willing learner in all areas of schoolwork.
2/3 Amarah Lee - continually persisting to improve in all areas by giving her best.
4/5 Makena Horvath - being a conscientious student and always give her full effort.
6/7 Alex McLeod - Always a ready and willing learner in all areas of schoolwork.


Principal Awards - Ellie Goodwin - A wonderful improvement in her sight words. Sophie Gibson - consistently producing work to a high standard.

Sports Captains 2014 with Sargent Brad Cowell