A big welcome to all parents, students and families to our 2017 school year. We have started the year off wonderfully, with students and staff settling into their new classrooms and routines. It has been lively with learning and enjoyable activities as our students settle in and get themselves sorted for the big year ahead.

Our staff have spent time together prior to the students returning and have ensured they are ready and prepared for what 2017 will bring, with completing training, planning their unit delivery, participating in professional development and looking at our whole school strategic direction. With such a positive start to the year, it speaks volumes for what is in store in 2017.

I look forward to sharing information about our swimming lessons that are coming up shortly as well as our Students leaders day at Grip Leadership in Emerald. I will also be sharing information regarding our visit from the School Health Nurse that you will have read about in my welcome letter in week 1.

I hope that we can continue to have the wonderful support from families and ensure that our focus for 2017 is on the learning of every student. In 2017 through until 2020, Anakie State School will be following the alignment of our new Strategic Plan, which I will be sharing with parents and community at our P&C meeting on Wednesday of next week. This plan outlines the priorities for the school over the next four years and has a focus on Attendance, Literacy, Numeracy, Engaging Learners, Community Partnerships as well as High Quality Teaching. This new strategic plan is titled Attend Engage Achieve and will be consistently spoken about, to ensure we, not just within the school but spanning into homes and the community, take responsibility for what is occurring within our school each and every day.
Welcome back everyone!

P.E this term is swimming which will happen at Capella pool for students in 1/2/3, 3/4/5 and 4/5/6 and at the Sapphire pool for Prep/1. We also have cross country later in the term so I hope students are taking the opportunity to do some training at school with Mrs Spencer or keeping fit at home.

In Health lessons we’ve started the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety unit. This unit is about recognising unsafe situations, reacting to keep ourselves and others safe and reporting unsafe situations or behaviour. So far students have used clues or ‘situational awareness’ (what they see, hear, smell or feel) to RECOGNISE if a situation is safe or unsafe.

I hope everyone has a wonderful term.

Mrs Louise Hewitt
HPE Teacher
Welcome to the Prep/1 classroom.

We have had a busy start to the term with all the Preps settling in beautifully. In English we are exploring imaginary stories. We are discussing story structure, characters and settings. At the end of the term Prep will deliver a short oral presentation about a favourite book character. Year 1 will write a character description of their favourite book character.

In Maths Preps are exploring numbers to 10, and measurement. Year One are expanding their knowledge of numbers, including representation and partitioning.

Looking forward to a great term and Year.

Mrs Lewis and Ms Sampson.

Dear Parents,

We have had an amazing start to the term! It has been lovely to get to know all the children in the class and I look forward to a great year at Anakie! Over the coming weeks we will be focusing on responding to emotion in texts in English and developing our knowledge of number and time in Math. This week in Science we learnt about the stages of our pets lives and the needs and changes that occur throughout these stages. We were lucky enough to meet Mrs Deeley’s new puppy, Skipper. We spoke about the differences between his needs and the need of an adult dog. The students seem to be really enjoy themselves, which is very pleasing.

Miss Courtney Maunder & Mrs Irene Adams
30th January 2017

Prep/1 Hunter Gage - For your fantastic drawing of the wizard form The Magic Hat. Felicity Hansell - Confidently settling into Prep. Chelsea Barry & Dakoda Sitters - 10/10 on your first Year One pre-spelling test.

1/2/3 Dominic Sitters - Being an enthusiastic learner. Paige Greenaway - Beautiful listening.

3/4/5 Jayden Osborne - For an enthusiastic start to learning this year.

Lilyarna Boon - For having a fantastic start to the year.

4/5/6 Avah Cope - Showing excellent listening skills - great start to Year 5.
Zak Gittens - Being organised with excellent Bookwork. A great start to Year 5.

Gotchas!

Prep/1 Mackenzie Day, 1/2/3 Michael Williams
3/4/3 Eloise Swanson 3/4/5 Tre Cope-Tyerman

Health & Physical Education

Prep/1 Jack Robinson - For being a caring classmate in H.P.E.

1/2/3 Dominic Sitters - For great participation in group discussions.

3/4/5 Jhett Cope - For an enthusiastic state in H.P.E.

4/5/6 Maleika Taj-Roan - For great contribution to class discussions.