Newsletter No 10
21st August 2014

Date Claimers

Parade – 2.30 pm Monday
Tuckshop – Friday
Phys Ed - Wednesday
P & C Meeting - every second Monday of the month in School Resource Centre

New school number
49811111

Principal's report

I can’t begin any other way this week other than to say - how wonderful it was to have rain last week. I know I was crossing my fingers all week wishing for some quenching rain. With a bit of warmth we should see some long needed grass grow. Let’s hope this rain is a sign of a decent wet season to come.

Gemfest

This was my first Gemfest as a staff member. I was able to see how much effort and preparation goes into ensuring a successful BBQ and silent auction stall where the profits support the students of Anakie SS. On behalf of Anakie SS, may I thank each and every person who supported the P&C throughout the Gemfest festival. I would also like to thank Gemfest for giving our students the opportunity to be involved in circus workshops and be part of the opening ceremony. The circus performers looked great in their costumes! The choir sang very well, show casing their talents which are nurtured by Mrs Carew – well done students & Mrs Carew. Thank you to Buddy’s ice cream for providing a scrumptious ice cream treat for students to enjoy at the Gemfest opening. I enjoyed the weekend helping out - meeting and getting to know staff, parents/guardians better.

Camp meeting 4/5 parents
Just a reminder that there is a camp meeting for 4/5 parents next Monday 25th August 3:10pm in the library. It is working out camp for 2015 – please come along to share your thoughts and ways we can fundraise to lower costs of the camp.

2/3 class staffing
Unfortunately Mrs Esmond has become unwell and is unable to continue with her contract on the 2/3 class. Beginning Monday, Mr Cummins (all the way from Victoria) will be with us until the end of term. Mr Cummins is familiar with our area having previously taught at Emerald High School. I would like to thank Mrs Carew and Mrs Gudenswager for filling in and ensuring students are still learning through this transition time.

Parent / teacher interviews
Save the date!
Interviews are offered week 9 & 10 this term allowing you the opportunity to discuss your child/ren’s progress with their teacher. Please phone Lisa in the office (Phone: 4981 1111) during week 8 from 1st to 5th September for an appointment. Please take the opportunity to build a partnership between you and your child’s teacher. It is only by working together that your child will achieve their best.

Social skilling

Our ‘You Can Do It’ program is gaining momentum! Starting Monday, students all begin on a bronze level of behaviour and after 4 weeks of demonstrating the qualities of confidence, organisation, resilience, getting along and persistence have the opportunity to apply for silver level behaviour. This achievement is signed off by their class teacher, playground staff and other staff members. After 4 weeks on the silver level, students have the opportunity to apply for gold status. Achieving silver and gold status will be a fantastic achievement recognising our leaders and role models of our school.

Readers’ cup
Not long now until our readers cup students head off to Brisbane. 2 weeks to go! I know students (Curtis, Sophie, Kirra, Daniel and James) are busy preparing with Mrs Spencer for this competition. Thank you Mrs Louisa Gittens for your kind donation towards readers’ cup and also for organising sponsorship from Emerald Medical Group.
**Book week**
Please see attached flyer about our upcoming book week parade and the school reading challenge.

**Relay for Life**
Thank you Mrs McLeod for organising the slushies last week – this raised nearly $100 towards the parent team in relay for life. Thank you.

**Rugby Union**
Our school has been invited to take part in the Central Highlands Primary School Competition.
This competition is rugby union, which will have three division – 8-year-old, 10-year-old and 12-year-old. Students can play up 2 years in age. The 8-year-old division is 7 players per team on the field at one time, 10-year-old is 12 and 12-year-old is 15. This competition will run on Friday afternoons, 24 October 2014 – 21 November 2014 with the first game kicking off at 4pm. All games are played at the Emerald Agriculture College.

If your child/ren is interested – let me know as soon as possible.

Enjoy your weekend
Kellie Dobson
Acting Principal

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**Chappy News**

Hi Everyone,

What a great time I had a Gemfest! I really enjoyed my day there a huge thanks to all who worked so hard in organising and volunteering in both the Silent Auction and Barbeque! It was very exciting also to see the choir sing and the amazing circus performers from 4/5. I’m still in awe of how high they all jumped to go through the hoop! Well done everyone!

Below are some photos of our garden, we had lots of fun yesterday discovering that the zucchinis were ready to be picked as well as some snow peas and radishes. Some students busily planted some corn, flowers and thyme seeds yesterday. The lettuces are looking good as well as our tomatoes plants which have lots of small green tomatoes on them.

We have joined the Cool Australia’s enviroweek promotion which runs from August 24-30th. You can check out our garden by following the below link. Enviroweek challenges young Australians to take positive everyday action for a sustainable Australia.

http://www.enviroweek.org/teams/anakie/

This week we made some Lizards in all sort of colours and descriptions, I hope you enjoy them as much as the children enjoyed making them. Some are looking like very creative looking geckos.

Have a great week
Chappy Averal

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**What’s happening in 4/5**

What a busy term we have had in 4/5 so far! A lot has happened and we would love to share some of it with you all.

This term in English we have been looking at the persuasive language in print and television advertisements. We have viewed a number of current and old advertisements, much to the amusement of the students! We have looked at how they position us as an audience and the language used to do this.

We have been focusing on the ‘sequencing’ reading comprehension strategy and how it helps us makes sense of what we are reading as well as our writing. We have also been putting this into practice by following a sequence to make origami in art.

In maths we have focused on fractions, decimals and percentages and how they relate to each other. We have also been working on our problem solving skills, and the strategies we need to achieve. Geography has seen us investigating how we can reduce, reuse and recycle earth’s resources.

A highlight of the term so far has been our classes’ involvement in ‘Gemfest’ as circus stars! We spent 2 days practising and perfecting a routine before performing at the Gemfest opening ceremony as well as the Saturday Night Spectacular. The students did an amazing job!

Miss Moore 4/5 Teacher
Student of the Week

11th August

Prep/1 Lacey Hewitt - Working independently on poetry tasks.
1/2 Angeliah Grasser - for being a fantastic leader in the classroom and playground.
2/3 Kayden Deacon - Consistent effort in class activities.
4/5 Year 4/5 class - for their efforts in the circus performance at Gemfest.
6/7 Matilda Martin-Maher - showing great leadership skills!
Gotchas - Dominic Sitters, Jackson Deacon, Chelsea McCandless, Ivana Sherratt.

18th August

Prep/1 - Elizabeth Lawrence - for setting a good example to other class members.
1/2 Flynn Hardy - Excellent improvement in all aspects of learning.
Riley Hardess - sight words
2/3 - Chelsea McCandless - for being consistently organised and persisting to complete all tasks.
4/5 Lilly Hardy - for trying really hard and having a go in all areas of the classroom.
6/7 Aquila Sullivan - always ready to help others. Well done!!
Gotchas - Bryston Roan, Martial Sandilands, Chelsea McCandless, Lillian Lawrence, Jasmin Naumanen.

Queensland Government new website for general community and parents.

STUDENT BANKING
EVERY THURSDAY
BANKING APPLICATION AVAILABLE

STUDENT PERFORMERS AT GEMFEST
EMERALD BROTHERS CRICKET CLUB
IS SEEKING JUNIOR CRICKETERS
U11, U13, U16
REGISTER ON LINE TODAY AT PLAY CRICKET
In particular, 8 to 10 year old boys and girls needed for our U11 team. Registration $115 (family discounts apply). All new players receive a long sleeved playing shirt. Season starts 7 Sept until Feb 2015 (term times). Games run from 8am to 12:00 midday Saturdays. EBCC is registered for the State Government’s Get Started Program.
For more info: email: emeraldbrothersjuniorcricket.com.au or Ph: 0438620134
For younger cricketers Prep age + our Leprechauns programme will be held at St Patricks School in Term 4 (for 6 weeks). Like our “Emerald Brothers Junior Cricket” Facebook page to stay up to date with this.

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 49811111

PREP TRANSITION DAYS
14TH, 21ST, 28TH November
December 5th 2014
More information to follow

Relay for Life fundraiser
We would like to thank the parents and students for supporting our slushie fundraiser for Relay for Life. The Anakie State School P&C Association donated the slushie mixture for the slushies. We raised $99.50 on the day.

2014 Central Highlands Multicultural Festival - 10th Anniversary
Saturday 23 August 2014
5pm – 10pm
Emerald Showgrounds, Capricorn Highway
www.multiculturalfestivalcentralhighlands.org.au
The Central Highlands Multicultural Festival celebrates cultural diversity in our community through mouth-watering global cuisine, icy-cold international beers and dazzling dance, music and

Emerald Ladies Welfare Assoc presents:
A Chocolate Extravaganza An Afternoon of Sweet Delights!
Aromatic Coffee, Teas and Decadent Chocolate Treats!
Raffles & A Lucky Door Prize
Fashion Parade By Chanderlin Boutique, Havik & Sports Power
Saturday, 30 August 2014
Time: 2.00pm to 5.00pm
Where: Emerald Town Hall
Cnr Egerton & Anakie St, Emerald
Tickets available from:
MAGUIRES REAL ESTATE & LIVESTOCK
Shop 3/97 Egerton Street, Emerald
Phone: 07 49821711
$30.00 per ticket
Cash Only
Non refundable
(No eftpos available)

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Gemfields Catholic Community
Sunday 24th August
11am Mass at Anakie Hall
followed by lunch at Ramboda
Ecumenical Church Service
Anakie Hall
Sunday 31st August
4:30pm - shared afternoon tea
5pm worship