From the Principal

Congratulations Mrs Flint
I would like to congratulate Lauren and Jayden Flint on the birth of their first child. Early Tuesday morning Mrs Flint had a baby girl named Aila in the Emerald hospital. Both Aila and Lauren are doing well.

Replacement Teacher in Year 4/5
For the final 2 weeks of this year the year 4/5 class will have Mrs Kayleen Esmond. Mrs Esmond has done work at Anakie before and is looking forward to finishing the year at Anakie.

Swimming Success
I would like to thank all of the parents and students who came to the swimming carnival last week. It was a great success and everyone had lots of fun. The development of the children’s swimming is obvious across all year levels. I would also like to thank all of the teachers and Brooke Goodwin for their efforts during the swimming lessons.

A busy week of visitors at school
This week the school has been visited by a range of special guests. On Tuesday the 26th of November the AVA Pet Pep group came along with a local vet to discuss the importance of looking after pets properly. Children in Prep to year 3 were given packs from the local council.

On Wednesday the 27th the NRL development officer came to school and worked with all classes on the importance of reading, eating healthy food and staying active. Students were given a football and stickers to take home.

Thursday the 28th we are having the rural fire service visiting to discuss the importance of fire safety and what to do if you are caught in a fire.

Parents are encouraged to talk to their children about these three issues as they are very important skills that children need to learn.

Year 7 Graduation
The 2013 Year 7 graduation will be held on Monday the 9th of December at 6:30pm. Students will be given their graduation certificate and have opportunities to have photos taken with their families and friends. As has been traditionally done the year 6 students will serve food on the night and the students will be spoken to by the guest speaker Alexandra Vella, 2008 school captain. All members of our community are welcome to attend.

Prep Graduation
The 2013 prep graduation will be held on Tuesday the 10th of December at 9am. This year’s prep class will be awarded their certificate and a book purchased by the P&C association. The ceremony will be followed by a morning tea with parents being asked to bring a plate to share. All members of our community are welcome to attend.

Presentation night
This year we will be having awards night on the 11th of December at 6pm. Classes will present one item eg. Song, dance, skit and we will present the awards. The eventing will be followed by a supper with parents asked to bring a plate to share.
Booklist
Thank you to the parents who ordered the 2014 booklist through the school this year. We have placed the orders and they should arrive by the final week of school. The P&C will pack up the orders and parents will be notified they are ready.

Sign in at the office
In the interest of safety for the students’ parents are asked to report to the office and sign in when they are dropping off students late or picking students up after school. This term it has caused a large amount of confusion with parents not reporting they are picking up their children and the teachers on bus duty are looking for them. If you are planning to take you child off the bus for the day please contact the office or see the teacher on bus duty before taking them home. If parents are coming up to school during the day they must also sign in at the office in case of a fire or lockdown situation. Signing in only takes a few seconds.

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

Chaplain Update
Hi Everyone,

What a wonderful day the swimming carnival was. It was great to see the children participate in all the activities and races and achieve their best at swimming. I enjoyed getting to know more of the families within in school as well.

Over the past two weeks, I’ve continued to help in class, it was interesting to see the different outcomes of the rate of evaporation experiment in Yr. 4/5. The creations of the push/pull toys in Yr. 1-2-3 and 6-7 are amazing, everyone has different ideas about their toys and some work really well even with wobbly wheels! The Preps have been very busy with their transition days as well as their art work.

Apart from making lots of toast with various helpers, we had board games at one of the lunch times and started to make some paddle pop stick baskets at another, hopefully over the next few weeks we will get to finish these.

In January there is a SU wet and wild camp available for children who have completed Yr. 7 – Yr. 12. This camp is being held at the Fairbairn Dam from January 12th – 18th and participants will learn how to ski, wakeboard and tube throughout the week. If anyone would like more information about the camp please feel free to contact me and I can give you a brochure. I’m told its lots of fun by past participants and leaders.

Keep Smiling,
Chappy Averal.

Date Claimer
Carols by Candlelight
Monday 16th December
7.30pm
ANAKIE HALL
Reverse Christmas Tree
(grocery items for hampers)
Shared supper

SLUSHIES
Small $1
Medium $2
Large $3
Available first lunch

FREE DRESS DAY
Buy a Bale Campaign
To wear free dress you must bring in a gold coin donation on the day.
THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2013
Every dollar raised through this Buy a Bale Campaign is being used to support farmers predominantly in Western Queensland who are suffering another drought, not long after the drought of the late 2000’s. We are having this Free Dress Day to support this project run by Aussie Helpers Ltd.

Thank you for your support.

TUCKSHOP NOTICE
Final Tuckshop will be Friday
6th December
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

18th November
Prep Kayleen McCandless - always taking care to present work neatly.
1/2 Shakira Parsons - being a focused learner in all class activities.
2/3 trying her best to being organised and completing classroom activities.
4/5 Brodi Chambers - for working well to get his Technology assessment completed.
6/7 Emma Caygill - completing and presenting an excellent speech.

Gotchas - Kaylee McCandless, Riley Deeley, Lillian Lawrence, Aroura Sullivan, Sarah Titheradge, Riley Hardess.

Principals Award - Leeroy Sandilands - an improved effort to present work neatly.
Kayden Deacon - Neat presentation of all classroom work.

25th November
Prep Flynn Hardy - working hard to learn addition facts and recall them quickly.
Well done!

1/2 Cassidy Lawrence - the wonderful job she did on her Technology assessment.
2/3 Danica Stewart - making an awesome effort in persisting to complete her maths assessment.

6/7 Harry Ryan - persisting in completing his assessment.

Gotchas - Emily Carew, Ryk Gittens, Jacob Grasser, Brandon Cavanagh.

Principals Awards
Edward Anderson - working hard to improve handwriting.
Harmony Parsons - a wonderful improvement in all areas.