From the Principal

2014 Sports Captains
Congratulations to our 2014 sports captains who received their badges on Monday. Sapphire sports captains are Ivana Sherratt, Kirra Horvath, Brandon Cavanagh and Brody West. Zircon captains are William Tretheway, Christopher Johnson, Daniel Adams and Matilda Martin-Maher. We look forward to their leadership as the athletics carnival approaches.

A.N.Z.A.C Day
Thank you to all who attended the A.N.Z.A.C service at the Sapphire RSL last week. It was great to see so many children and their families there. A special mention to our school captains Curtis Freeman and Sophie Gibson who spoke confidently about what A.N.Z.A.C Day means to them. All students who attended showed their utmost respect throughout the service and were a true credit to Anakie State School.

NAPLAN 2014
The year 3/5/7 students will be sitting the national testing known as NAPLAN on the 13th-15th of May. The tests will range in length and will cover numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation. Parents play an important role in students’ readiness for the test on each day. Making sure your child has had a good night’s sleep, a good breakfast and is thinking positively about the testing will help their performance greatly.

Markets
The school will be running the canteen at the Sapphire markets on Sunday 11th May from 6am – Midday. Please contact the school if you are able to help for even an hour. Your help will be appreciated.

Tuckshop
A note was sent out last week for tuckshop helpers and very few have been returned. If you are available to help in the tuckshop on a Friday, please contact the school. No experience necessary!
Hi Everyone,

I hope you all had a lovely holiday break, and have returned to the school routine a little refreshed, it’s always lovely to have a change of routine.

It was great to be a part of the Cricket Day held on the 5th April, it certainly was a great day, with lots of interesting Pink outfits. Congratulations and well done on an excellent day to all those who worked hard to put the day together.

The school participated in the Anzac day Services on Friday, which unfortunately I was unable to attend. Last week the children had been busy learning about why Anzac day is a day of National Remembrance, as we take the time to remember the Australians who have been killed in Military Operations.

A big thanks to the Emerald Ladies Welfare group who donated $1000 to our school breakfast program. The staff have noticed many benefits since the introduction of the breakfast, such as greater concentration and that the children are more settled in class this helps to enhance the children’s learning. They are also learning new life skills such as spreading toast and making their own cereal, and serving other students as well. It’s a very social time in the morning. The breakfast is not to replace children having breakfast at home. It’s to help promote healthy eating and for some children it may almost be morning tea time. Some of the comments I have received from children are as follows: “I had some breakfast at home, but I wasn’t really hungry then,” and from an older student, ‘I’m not hungry when I wake up, so it’s good to have something when I get to school.”

We wish the Goodwin family well in their move for Term 2 and their exciting adventure. While there are a few changes in the school staff at the present time, everything is working as normal and we look forward to a busy and productive term ahead.

Change can often be quite challenging for some, and often a time of grieving, either through the loss of a loved one, illness or in difficult situations and even the moving of friends and family. If anyone ever needs to chat or download about things, remember I’m always available for a coffee and chat!

Have a great week,
Chappy Averal

---

**GEMFIELDS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE**

**FOOTBALL CLUB**

**HOME GAME**

2014 SEASON

**Saturday**

3rd May

Roy Day Park,

Games start 9am - 1pm

Come and support your local kids

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

---

**ANAKIE & DISTRICT**

**LITTLE ATHLETICS**

NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP

VENUE: ANAKIE STATE SCHOOL

DATE: SUNDAY 4th MAY 2014

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

Carmel Berry on 49855076

Birth Certificate Required

---

**LOVE TO SING??**

Group Singing Lessons

Primary Age Children

$10 per child

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm Friday’s

Limited places available

For more information contact:

Renae Miles on 0428987550

---

**Laurie Spina UNDER 11’S CARNIVAL**

IN TOWNSVILLE

Boys aged 10 - 11

DATE: Leaving on 26th June.

Games will be played on Friday 27th and Saturday 28th of June

The team will get to meet the Cowboys for signings and watch their home game on Saturday night against the Rabbitohs.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
28th April
Prep/1 Max Woels - for sharing some great answers in geography.
1/2 Kane Kirkby - for excellent improvement in all areas.
2/3 Cassidy Lawrence - being organised and focused in all learning areas.
6/7 Aquila Sullivan - is persevering in making things better and making them excellent? Well done!
Gotchas - Hunter Reid, Sophie Carew, Flynn Hardy, Jack Beaton, Daniel Adams.

ANAKIE STATE SCHOOL PINK STUMP DAY ROUNDUP
On Saturday morning 5th April 2014, we had 8 teams turn up to play cricket. They were all dressed up in pink to raise money for breast cancer for the McGrath Foundation and Anakie State School P&C. Everybody was excited and ready for a great day.
We had Tomohawk Creek Pink Assassins, Willow Wanderers, Thirsty Work Mechanical, Boss Hogs, Anakie Hotel Creatures of Habit, Dads of Anarchy, North Creek Scrubbers and Rushgully Rebels.
Balls went flying over the fence, and cheers were made, not only for great hitting but also for some great bowling, catching and some very questionable cricket! We had some great laughs and it was a really fun day for everybody involved. Even the Mayor Peter Maguire came out to have a look and chat.
The final was played at Anakie State School between the Tomohawk Creek Pink Assassins and North Creek Scrubbers, with Tomohawk Creek Pink Assassins coming out the winners for the day!
We have had nothing but positive feedback from everybody on the day saying it was the best day of cricket they have had in years. Everybody is keen for another one with people already contacting us to see if they are able to bring a team next year.
BUT this day couldn’t of happen without people putting up their hands and helping out. Not only with getting the pitches ready, but organising tents, insurance, drinks, taking photos, scoring, food and serving on the day. We had a group of ladies doing a full day of sewing, pink boot covers, ties, tutus, dying shirts and writing on them.
So on behalf of Anakie State School P&C I would like to say THANK YOU to everybody that donated their services, goods and time to make this a very enjoyable day of cricket. Also I would like to say a big thank you to Jane Neilson, without her this day wouldn’t happen. Thank you!
Charmaine Deeley
P&C President.

SCHOOL BANKING
THURSDAYS
Win a holiday

P & C Meeting
Monday 12th May 3:15 PM
Anakie State School
Resource Centre

P & C Motorbike Raffle
We are very happy to announce the winner of the motorbike raffle Margaret Watts of Sapphire. She decided to take the 4 wheel Polaris and is very happy with her prize.
Thank you to everybody that sold tickets and supported the school on this raffle. If you want an inside tip, Lew Proberts sold the winning ticket!
A very special thank you to Central Bike Centre, Ross and Andrea Drayton, they couldn’t be more helpful or willing to support us.
Charmaine Deeley
P&C President.