From the Principal

Welcome back

I would like to welcome back all our families from 2013 and our new families for this year. The 2014 school year has started brilliantly. For most students it is a common experience returning to school, but for our new prep students it is all very new. While we had some tears at the beginning, all of our students and parents are enjoying school life.

I would like to welcome two new staff members to the school community. Mrs Brooke Raine (Year 1/2) and Miss Katie Moore (Year 4/5). Both Brooke and Katie have enjoyed the move to Anakie so far and are looking forward to getting to know the students, parents and area better in the coming months.

This term I encourage parents to make time to talk with your children’s teacher. This may just be to put a face to the name or discuss any issues parents are concerned about. All of the teachers are very keen to meet their new parents or touch base with parents from last year.

We have had an influx in students over the holidays and we are comfortably going to maintain 5 classes this year. Our classrooms are structured in this way:

- Prep/Year 1 – Miss Franks
- Year 1/2 – Mrs Raine
- Year 2/3 – Mrs Hoare
- Year 4/5 – Miss Moore
- Year 6/7 – Mrs Gudenswager & Mr Goodwin
- HPE - Mr Goodwin (Wednesday)
- The Arts – Mrs Carew (Friday)
- LOTE – Mr Joseph (Monday)

In 2014 the school is aiming to continue the wonderful academic achievement we saw in 2013. We will once again be focusing heavily on reading and ensuring that all of our students learn the skills to comprehend everything they read. Parents will be encouraged to find opportunities to promote reading with their children even if this means reading road signs, shopping lists and the TV guide.

This year we will also be continuing with explicit instruction learning. This is the approach teachers take to delivering lessons in the classroom. This approach gives students the best platform possible to learn new information and allows them to apply it in a positive classroom environment.
With many new parents in our school I would also like to promote the roll that the P&C association plays in our school. Last year we had a wonderful group of parents who offered their time and/or skills to support our students. We have many events where parent assistance will be needed. Gem Fest, Athletics Carnival, Tuckshop, Discos and raffles are just some of the activities that the P&C will be running this year. All of the money raised through these activities goes directly to the students. The more the P&C can raise the more we are able to give back to the students.

The P&C Association meets on the second Monday of every month in the school Library. These meetings are not something to be wary of. The atmosphere of the group is very positive and new members and suggestions are very welcome. It is important to note that these meetings are the best way to ensure that you are part of the decision making process in the school. The first meeting will be held on the 10th of February at 3:10pm in the school library. I hope to see you there.

Finally I would like to encourage all of the parents in our school community to talk with myself or the teachers if issues arise with your children or if you would like some assistance for your child at home. Often, a simple conversation can alleviate any concerns parents have about school life.

**Art resources needed**
Throughout the year all classes use a range of resources for art and other subjects. We are asking all of our families to collect a number of items at this stage. These are
- Milk bottle or similar plastic lids (eg juice lids) – please wash these before bringing them to school.
- Old wool (any length)
- Scrap material
- Shoe boxes

We appreciate your donations of any of these items.

**Parents after hearing and Vision checks**
If you have concerns about your child’s hearing or eye sight it is important that something is done about it as soon as possible. Children can struggle with vision or hearing for years before they bring it to an adult’s attention. The Child Health Clinic at Emerald Hospital can organise for a hearing test and the local optometrist for an eye examination to be done on children of any age. To contact the clinic call 49839700. It is also very important that any results of this testing that parents are given is forwarded onto the school to help us cater for your child.

**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

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**Chaplain’s Notes**

**Welcome to the 2014 School year.**
It’s been exciting to meet our new students and welcome back our students from last year. A huge warm welcome also to our newest teachers Mrs Raine and Miss Moore, the students are certainly settling well into their classes as they all get to know each other. Some of our students are missing our Yr. 7’s from last year; we hope they are settling into high school as eagerly as our Prep students are.

For our new families: if you are looking for ways to help your child settle into the new school routine, the Kids Matter website have some easy to read and helpful information available, you can find the website at https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families.

We have already begun our toast breakfast this year, hopefully over the year we can add different items to our breakfast menu. Each morning we have many eager students willing to help serve and consume the toast.

Next week, the Yr. 6/7’s are attending the leadership camp at Camp Fairbairn and I look forward to spending time with them here. Camp Fairbairn is a wonderful facility with lots of different activities available for all age groups, I’m sure we will have an awesome couple of days!

I’m looking forward to continuing to meet members of our school community in 2014, my days at the school are Tuesday and Wednesday, so if you’re around please come and say Hi!

Have a great week  Chappy Averal
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
3rd February
Prep/1 Jayden Osborne - for making a huge effort to complete all classroom tasks to a high standard.
1/2 Corey Nunan - for working extremely hard this week in all lessons.
2/3 Jeremy Williams - showing great enthusiasm towards his learning.
4/5 Hannah Iona - for always being organised and ready to start the day.
6/7 Ivana Sherratt - showing confidence and persistence in making new friends. Well done!
Gotchas - Elizabeth Lawrence, Zane Turu, Chelsea McCandless, Lillian Lawrence, Ryan Caygill.

SCHOOL BANKING
THURSDAY
School Banking packs available for new students from office.

ANAKIE & DISTRICT
LITTLE ATHLETICS
SIGN-ON DAY

VENUE: ANAKIE STATE SCHOOL
DATE: SUNDAY 23rd MARCH
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 Brooke Goodwin 0408073215

School Captains for 2014
Grace Taylor, Curtis Freeman, James Spencer and Sophie Gibson.
Vice Captains– Alex McLeod and Harry Ryan

GEMFIELDS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
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ANAKIE HALL
SUNDAY 9TH OF FEBRUARY 10:30AM
Gemfield Junior Rugby League Club has called a Special Meeting
Monday 10th Feb
6.00pm
Roy Day Park Football Fields
This meeting is the last chance for the community to save the local club. If your children are interested in playing football this year please attend this meeting to register your interest and support. Junior League is for boys 5 – 18 years and girls 5 – 12 years old. If you would like more information please contact Irene Adams: Mobile 0400 162 258.

Anakie State School P & C News

The P & C has been busy organizing the installation of the new cricket pitch at the school. We are hoping to have the cement poured by this weekend. It is exciting to finally have this project underway.

We have a few people to thank for their dedication to the cause. Local community members have offered their precious time and resources to help us lay the new pitch. The following people and businesses have been pivotal to this great resource for our school coming to fruition. The P & C Association and the Anakie School would like to thank the following people and businesses for the effort they have put in thus far.

Ray & Glenda Richardson
Rowan Richardson
Artie & Silvia Hoare
Matthew Hoare
Damien George
Anakie Hotel Motel
Dale Fenton

The people listed above have supplied valuable resources, time and labour to get the cricket pitch layed. It goes without saying how pleased we are to have the support of our local community members and businesses. Watch this space to keep updated with the progress, and future events we are planning for this new sporting resource.

Don’t forget our first meeting for the year will be held on 10th February. We look forward to seeing old and new faces. Come along and join us for an action packed year of fun, laughter, a little hard work and a tonne of satisfaction.

Cheers
Jane (Treasurer P&C)

Emerald Academy of Dance now offering classes in ballet, pointe, jazz, tap, hip hop, acrobatics, contemporary & conditioning. Qualified teachers, air conditioned studios, optional exam & eisteddfod work available. Contact 0427820990, email dancing@ead.com.au or call in to Emerald Dance Supplies on Cottonview Rd to pick up an information pack.

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P & C MEETING
Monday 10th February
3:15pm
Anakie State School
Resource Centre
All welcome