Principal’s report
As we head into the last couple of weeks of term 3 we continue to remain focused on your child/ren’s learning. At this time of the term, assessments are occurring so it is vital that your child comes to school each day. Days missed are missed opportunities in learning and progression. Every day counts.

Healthy eating / lunches
Just reminding that it is important that you pack a healthy and wholesome lunch for your child/ren each day to enable them to concentrate. Fruit for brain break and a sandwich for first break will keep them satisfied and able to concentrate in class. Cakes, biscuits and packaged food such as chips are a sometimes food and best used as a treat.

Find lunch box recipes for kids that are easy, quick and cheap. Search for your healthy lunch box ideas and lunch box recipe favourites including kid-friendly wraps and healthy snack ideas please see http://www.kidspot.com.au/best-recipes/Lunch-Box+10.htm?gclid=CK_F7Zjxw8ACFVQIvAodZ1gA9g

NAPLAN results
Briefly discussed at Monday’s P&C meeting was the school’s NAPLAN results. It is great to see the school is in line with the nation in most areas and has been on an improvement journey — achieving results for students. The 2014 NAPLAN data supports the school’s focus leading up and into 2015. The results are showing that numeracy is an area to focus on. As reading has been the schools focus, it is great to see along with Grammar and Punctuation that reading has the highest mean average. These good reading practices are continuing to be maintained throughout the school by teachers. Please come along to the next P&C meeting on October 13th week 2 term 4 to find out more about our school’s NAPLAN results and how we are working to continue to improve them.

Markets
The last Anakie SS markets are on 28th September (in the middle of the holidays). We need sufficient helpers to make this possible. If you can spare an hour or two to help out at the last markets of the year, then that would be appreciated. Please fill this out and return it by 10th September.

Parent-teacher interviews
Remember to ring Lisa on 4981 1111 to book in to see your child’s teacher for parent-teacher interviews in week 9 & 10. Year 2/3 parents if you would like to come in and see how your child is going then I am happy to meet with you to discuss their current results. Year 3 parents I can discuss your child NAPLAN results with you as well if you wish.
I encourage you to take up this opportunity to discuss your child’s progress with their teacher/s.

Father’s Day
May I wish every Dad a happy Father’s Day for Sunday. I hope you have a special day.
It is a wise father that knows his own child.
William Shakespeare
Please see attached flyer on being a great dad.
Child Witness Counselling
Taking enrolments for our school is ‘child witness counselling’ – they provide a supportive response to children and young people who have been affected by domestic or family violence through a FREE, confidential and appropriate service. Please phone Centacare for an appointment on 1300 523 985.

Thank you
Thank you to our teacher aides for all their help and assistance everyday. They are valuable staff members who supports Anakie students to reach their goals. Happy teacher aide day for Friday 5th—Mrs Adams, Mrs Gibson, Mrs Sampson, Mrs McLeod & Ms Gregg.

This week is also school support week so I would also like to thank our support staff: Mrs Robinson for her support and hard work in administration, Mrs Deeley for keeping our school in order and Mr Stewart for looking after our grounds. Have a wonderful week and thank you again.

Good Luck
Good Luck Reader’s Cup students for this Thursday when they compete in the Reader’s Cup Competition in Brisbane. Well done on your achievements and hard work in getting there. Thank you to Mrs Spencer for her hard work preparing our students. Good Luck!

Next week the choir students and some vocal soloists compete in the Central Highlands Eisteddfod. May I wish them well and hope they have a great time show casing their talents. Thanks goes to the Hattie family for donating the bus to transport the choir students and to Mrs Carew for preparing our Eisteddfod students. On parade on Monday we will hear the choirs songs for Eisteddfod—can’t wait!

Lost property
There are a number of items in our lost property. Could you please pop in and check if any items belong to your child/ren. The lost property area is just in the entrance area left of A block. Classes have visited these items but students have yet to claim them. We would like them all claimed before the school holidays please.

Audit
Our school’s discipline audit is on Friday 12th September where an auditor comes in to review the schools procedures and routines around the playground and classroom. Reviewing the school’s behaviour management program and social skilling program is an integral part of this too. This is one of the main reasons we re-vamped the ‘you can do it program’ and streamlined our procedures in the playground.

Our five keys of confidence, getting along, organisation, persistence and resilience are the cornerstone of students’ interactions and social skill program. That is why we use these terms to build each of these skills. It is only 2 weeks until the students have the opportunity to go for their silver level where they demonstrate each of these keys. I have attached these levels for you so you can see the expectations that are at each level. Students will receive a silver badge (to wear each day) and certificate to recognise their achievement.

FIVE KEYS to PERSONAL HAPPINESS and SCHOOL SUCCESS

Don’t forget
Extension reading group reading challenge is on Friday 12th –see attached flyer. Parents welcome to attend.

Please remember, feel free to come in and see me or ring me if you have any concerns or would just like to chat or ask a question about something. Before or after school is best to catch me or alternatively Monday and Tuesdays I am in the office.

Regards
Kellie Dobson
Student of the Week
25th August
Prep/1 Callum Gittens - Being organised and ready to start each lessons.
1/2 Krystal Tulk - for excellent reading fluency.
2/3 Jeremy Williams - for persisting to complete his Maths test.
4/5 Sapphire Gibbons - for settling in to her new school extremely well!
6/7 Alex McLeod - Always being organised and having excellent bookwork in Maths.
Gotchas - Sophie Gibson, Martial Sandilands, Jacob Gittens, Eward Anderson, Sophie Carew.
Mioow Sightwords (Mastered Magic 300 words)- Lochie Tucker, Danica Stewart.

1st September
Prep/1 - Marty Berry - displaying confidence when attempting new work.
1/2 Mackenzie Blake - for excellent attendance and improvement in reading.
2/3 - Lachlan Tucker - for quiet application in his work.
4/5 Lillian Lawrence - for being a good friend to a new student.
6/7 Kathleen Wilson - persistence in Maths problem solving. Well done!
Gotchas - Tarlae Baines, Kaylee McCandless, Sunny Adams, Kathleen Wilson.
Mioow Sightwords (1st 100 words) - Jayden Osborne, Elizabeth Lawrence.
ICAS Writing - Curtis Freeman (Credit), Lillian Lawrence (High Distinction), Sophie Gibson—Participation.

TUCKSHOP UPDATE
No lasagne available for the rest of Term 3 sorry for any inconvenience.
Hi Everyone, A huge thank you this week to Mrs Adams, Mrs Sampson, Mrs Gibson, Mrs McLeod and Ms Miller as our wonderful teachers’ aides who do the most outstanding work with the students every day! Also an extra shout out to Mrs Robinson, Mrs Deeley and Mr Stewart who we couldn’t do without as support workers within the school. Enjoy your Teacher’s aide and Support workers day this week!

Over the last two weeks we have been busy harvesting some of our vegetables the children have been very excited when discovering the ripened zucchini’s and picking our cabbages and radishes. The watermelon and rockmelon seeds are up and we will plant them out in the next week. Hopefully by the end of the year we will be eating our very own watermelon for breakfast!

We have also been having some great games of handball, and made some interesting gecko’s and lizards last week with our painted paddle pop sticks.

Congratulations to the touch teams who had great games last Wednesday night, well done to everyone who participated.

Good luck to Mrs Spencer and the students who are attending the Readers cup challenge in Brisbane, I’m sure you will do your best and have a wonderful experience. Next week I’m away on Tuesday the 9th a big thanks to Deb Freeman and Sandy Mathewson for helping out with breakfast.

Happy Father’s Day to all our wonderful Dad’s and Granddad’s hope you all get suitably spoilt each and every day!

Chappy Averal

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**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

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**PREP TRANSITION DAYS**

14TH, 21ST, 28TH November

December 4th 2014 (note change of date)

More information to follow in term 4

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**What’s been happening in Prep?**

What a busy term we’ve had! The Preps have been working very hard in Science, English and Maths so far this term.

In Science, Preps have been Weather Watchers; closely investigating the weather and how it affects animals, plants and themselves. They have discovered that the weather influences what they wear and the activities they do every day.

In English, Preps have demonstrated their rhyming skills by creating and presenting a poem to the class. We’ve had poems about prancing horses, stinky cats, spotty dogs and much more...What a great effort by everyone! Preps are also recognising and using their sight words in reading and writing activities and developing their reading skills and strategies in reading groups.

In Maths, Preps have been building their understanding of long/short; thick/thin; full/empty; less/more and equal parts. There has been a lot of counting in 1’s, 2’s, 5’s and 10’s; adding and subtracting, reciting days of the week, revising 2D shapes and creating and interpreting picture graphs...just to name of few.

Preps are also working towards achieving their bronze awards for the You Can Do It Program; demonstrating that they are confident, organised, getting along and playing by the rules, persisting with tasks even when things might be tricky and showing resilience by using their High 5.

Mrs Lewis and Mrs Hewitt