From the Principal
New Cricket Pitch at school
Anakie State school would like to thank the Central Highlands Regional Council for the amount of $2482 which was part of the Regional Council Community Grant which the Anakie State School P & C Association applied for. This grant went towards a cricket pitch for the Anakie School.

Student Data Meeting with Parents
In the coming weeks parents will be invited to come to school and discuss their child’s progress in 2014. The aim of these meetings is for parents to find out exactly what students are learning and more specifically what they need to continue learning in the coming months. As a staff we are wanting to meet with every parent before the end of the term. Look out for the note in the coming days.

Reading at Home - Tip #2
Make (even a little) time for yourself to read, and make it clear that you enjoy your personal reading time. If your children grow up seeing you prioritising reading at least some of the time, they will see reading as something to value in their own lives.

School Cross Country
On Wednesday the 26th March, the students will be participating in the school cross country trials. The students will be competing for their house, Zircon and Sapphire. Students in prep-year 2 will be completing an obstacle course around the school. Year 3/4/5 students will be running 2kms and the year 6/7 students will be running 3kms. The course for the year 3-7 students will be run mostly outside of the school grounds so any parent/ community support on the morning would be greatly appreciated. The races will begin with the 2km race at 9:15am, followed by the 3km race and finally the prep-year 2 obstacle course.

World Day of Prayer
This Friday students in years 4-7 will be walking down to the Anakie Community Hall to participate in the World day of Prayer. Students will be leaving the school at 10am and return before first lunch break. Parents are asked to return the permission note to the office asap.

Every Day Counts
As we have passed the half way mark of Term 1, parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school on every school day unless there is a reasonable excuse for the student to be away, such as illness. Research shows that students who have a good attendance record are more likely to achieve high results. Going shopping, visiting family, staying up late, being tired or extending school holidays are not acceptable reasons to be away from school. Visit the Department of Education and Training website for more information: www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts.
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.

Bus students being collected from school
Parents who come to school at the end of the day to collect their child in preference to them travelling on the bus are asked to notify the office. On a large number of occasions this year, the bus has been waiting while staff try to find students who have left with their parents. Parents can either call the office during the day or simply come up and mark their child off the bus roll. Thursday has been a particularly bad day due to dancing at the community hall.

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 News
Hi Everyone,

This week, I thought I would explain a little about what it is that I do as a Chaplain at Anakie State School. Chaplaincy in each school is often very different, as it focuses on the needs of the individual school. Many of you will know that our day starts with our breakfast which is a hive of activity in the mornings before school. Over breakfast I get to say ‘Hi’ to lots of our students and find out interesting facts about them and what they have been doing as well as learning about what foods they like and dislike!

Throughout each day I spend time in the classrooms, helping out as directed by our wonderful teaching staff. During lunch times, we continue to do a variety of activities such as board games, cotton bud painting, going to the cricket nets, ping pong, gardening, playing with the perceptual motor skills equipment, craft activities, as well as going into the playgrounds bowling for cricket or kicking the soccer ball, or chatting with students and staff. These activities vary from time to time as interests of the children decide what we will do.

The main focus of Chaplaincy as described on the Scripture Union website is:

‘SU QLD chaplains, or 'chappies', provide spiritual and emotional support to school communities. They are in the prevention and support business: helping students find a better way to deal with issues ranging from family breakdown and loneliness, to drug abuse, depression and anxiety. They provide a listening ear and a caring presence for kids in crisis, and those who just need a friend. They also provide support for staff and parents in school communities.’

It in this way that I am able to support children, staff and parents in times of need or concern. I’m at the school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays so if you’re up at the school, please come and say Hi.

Hoping you have a great week ahead.

Chappy Averal
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

24th February
Prep/1 Lacy Hewitt - for always taking the time to present book work neatly.
1/2 Maleika-Taj Roan - for excellent understanding of basic facts.
2/3 Kayden Deacon - working very hard and persisting to improve his handwriting.
4/5 Riley Beaton - having persistence in Maths.
6/7 Kirra Horvath - consistently organised and focussed and ready to work.

Gotchas - Marty Berry, Mackenzie Blake, Telitha Osborne, Makena Horvath, Sarah Titheradge.

Principals Awards - Ryk Gittens - working hard to complete all classroom tasks. Harry Ryan - consistently working hard to complete classroom activities.

Music - William Tretheway - being a wipeout superstar. Well done!!

3rd March
Prep/1 Callum Gittens - for outstanding achievement in learning letters and sounds.
1/2 Tauhili Iona - Excellent improvement in Reading.
4/5 Andon Boon - remaining focused to write an excellent narrative.
6/7 Curtis Freeman - for writing an impressive Persuasive Argument for free time.

Gotchas - Hunter Reid, Jack Owens, Jeremy Williams, Trinity Smith, Brandon Cavanagh.

Principal Awards - Shakira Boon - Achieving great results in your classroom reading.

Lachlin Lewis - Achieving great results in your classroom reading.

Music - Great listening skills and great describing of tone colour.

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
Birth Certificate required for sign on

SCHOOL BANKING
THURSDAYS
ANAKIE STATE SCHOOL P & C RAFFLE

PRIZE: YAMAHA TTR125L MOTORBIKE + PACK VALUED AT $5996 OR POLARIS HAWKEYE 300 2WD ATV VALUED AT $6795

ONLY 250 TICKETS AVAILABLE $50 PER TICKET

DRAWN AT ANAKIE HOTEL
SATURDAY 5TH APRIL 2014
AFTER THE ANAKIE STATE SCHOOL P & C CRICKET DAY
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL

QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE

Capricornia Policing District
Crime Prevention Unit
Bolsover Street, Rockhampton QLD 4700
PO Box 1161, Rockhampton QLD 4700
TELEPHONE POLICELINK 131444
ROAD SAFETY WEEK 17–23 MARCH 2014

Capricornia Police in conjunction with the Department of Transport and Emergency Services are hosting a Road Safety Week commencing March 17 and concluding with an Expo at the Rockhampton Heritage Village on March 23.

Road Safety Week has been developed to reinforce safety messages to all road users. As you are aware, children’s perceptions of the need to obey road rules and avoid high risk behaviours are greatly influenced by the examples given by adult drivers, particularly their parents. By emphasising the main causes of fatal traffic accidents and educating children on these topics, it is anticipated a reduction in fatal incidents will occur when these children are old enough to drive on the road.

During the past five years the Central Region has averaged around 100 deaths a year as a consequence of traffic crashes.

Most of those deaths could have been prevented!

EMERALD STATE SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION
THE EASTER FETE
28TH MARCH 2014
5PM—9:30PM

Unlimited Ride Arm Bands
$30 Pre-Purchased
$35 on the night

Contact Anne Self
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Anakie State School P & C Association
Annual General Meeting
Monday 17th March
3:15pm

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