Date Claimers

**Parade** – 2.30 pm Monday

**Tuckshop** – Friday

**Phys Ed** - Wednesday

**P & C Meeting** - every second Monday of the month in School Resource Centre

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**New school number**

49811111

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**Principal’s report**

**Gemfest**

With the countdown on until the opening ceremony of Gemfest this Friday, it’s not too late to lend a hand. This is a major fundraising event for the P&C which raises funds to support the students of Anakie SS. So if you haven’t put your name down please offer some time to help out if you can. Thank you in advance for your support and help throughout Gemfest.

Students are able to attend the opening ceremony this Friday at 2pm. Please ensure your child/ren’s permission note is returned to enable them to participate. Students are looking forward to their circus workshop this Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. 4/5 students are invited to perform at the opening ceremony and on Saturday night at the Rubyvale miners’ common. I look forward to watching the students’ circus skills. Thank you Gemfest for this opportunity.

**Thank you**

At the end of this week we say good bye to Mrs Flint, who has been working with the P/1 class on Tuesday and Wednesday this term. Thank you for your dedication and time spent with us Mrs Flint, we wish you well.

Miss Franks is remaining at Gindie SS at this time, so we welcome Mrs Hewitt into the P/1 teacher role on Tuesday and Wednesday.

We also welcome Mrs Gregg into the teacher aide position on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

I would like to thank parents and other community members who have come into the school over the past number of weeks and during the previous holidays to support our school by helping with the grounds, maintenance and classroom work. It has been greatly appreciated – thank you for your support.

**You can do it**

This term we are working on building our students’ social skills through the five keys that ensures success in school and everyday life.

- **Organisation**
- **Resilience**
- **Confidence**
- **Getting along**
- **Persistence**

These 5 keys are taught, emphasised and encouraged throughout our school day. These skills are paramount to our success as a citizen. I can think of many examples where I have had to demonstrate the five keys in my life. Talking with your child/ren about these skills will support their understanding and give them a real life context.

We are introducing a reward system in line with these keys where students start off on bronze level behaviour and work towards silver and gold level behaviour. Students can earn ‘gotchas’/rewards during play time by demonstrating the ‘key’ qualities. It is wonderful to see students earning these rewards.

Every Monday on parade, the students say the school pledge:

*Students at Anakie everyday do our best at work and play, sound bodies sound minds, remember always to be kind, remember always to be friends from the morning til the day ends*

Every time I hear this pledge, I think how fantastic it would be if we all could live by this to build an enjoyable day for ourselves and those around us.
Staff development to support students
Throughout the school year staff are involved in improving their skills to benefit students. Currently staff are working on developing:

- Teaching reading through ARC project
- How to assist early years literacy skills
- Supporting students with special needs
- Teacher judgements by moderating / marking student work with other teachers

With regular professional development, we can ensure we are keeping abreast of current research that builds students' learning. Teaching is a life-long learning journey.

Attendance
Thank you to parents who have been letting us know why their child/ren have been absent from school. If we don't receive a reason please be aware that we will contact you either by letter or phone to request a reason. This is part of education policy that we follow up on unexplained absences. Our current school attendance rate is 92.5%. “Every day counts” to ensure your child receives the best opportunities in life.

Financial audit
Having successfully achieved sound results in our financial audit conducted recently, I would like to thank Mrs Robinson for her hard work and organisation.

Chappy News
Hi Everyone,

Wow, it was great to see everyone last week! Our vegetable garden is looking fantastic! We have even picked some Radishes to have at breakfast, there were mixed reactions to who liked them and who didn’t.

Last week we spent some time in the garden as well as painting up some paddle pop sticks to turn into lizards in the coming weeks. Lots of fun was had while painting!

Next week I’m unfortunately away again as I attend the SU Chaplains conference at the Sunshine coast from Monday to Thursday. I will be helping out the P & C at Gemfest on the Friday so if you’re about please come and say hello.

In the coming weeks I will be beginning the Fun friends and Friends for Life programs which helps children to:

‘Learn how to be “brave” and deal with difficulties, to recognise signs of anxiety, relaxation strategies for staying calm, how to build positive relationships with others, to develop positive thinking, and how to try new things and face their fears.’

In September 20-21st, the Clermont to Capella Horse Ride is happening, this is an annual event and all members of your family can participate. The cost is $100 per family. More information about the camp can be found at www.sucamps.org.au. I have heard lots of interesting stories from this event and it sounds like lots of fun for the whole family.

Hoping you all have a wonderful week

Chappy Averal

Greetings from 6/7,

This term it feels like we have hit the ground running. Half way through the year and our sights are set on High School. Last term grade 6 had a chance to visit ESHS for the day and were treated to some fun with past students of Anakie. This term it is grade 7’s turn to visit. This will happen on 8th September and by all accounts students are pumped about going.

In Geography, we are having conversations about our community and the facilities and services provided, along with global events and natural disasters. Grade 7 students are gathering information about the type of things that would make the Gemfields more liveable, and what services and facilities are already available. Grade 6 students are looking at how Australia has reached out to other countries in times of need especially when natural disasters strike. The conversations have been very interesting.

We have introduced Reading Eggs. Reading Eggs is a program where students choose different tasks around reading comprehension, the more they are reading the more eggs they earn, the more eggs they earn the more things they can buy for their avatar. This site can be accessed from home and I would encourage students to do this when possible.

Remember Senior shirts can be worn both Mondays and Fridays. The students are certainly sticking out but looking good! As leaders here at Anakie we are encouraged to step out of our comfort zone regularly. So far nearly all students have participated in the running of parade, if they haven’t yet they will be soon. Building self-confidence and resilience will certainly help with the transition into high school.

This term we are writing a letter to future students on how to survive Grade 5/6 next year. Apparently it will be difficult… ...I highly doubt it. It has, however, been hilarious reading what students think and feel about 6/7 now. We all love giving our two bobs worth and it has been quite the giggle. In maths we’re looking at all things algebra and strategies. We certainly are busy. There are more exciting things to follow as the year progresses but so far, it’s been full of learning. Ask your kids about long division!

Tania Gundenswager - 6/7 Teacher
Student of the Week
28th July
Prep/1 Dominic Sitters - improved listening skills during carpet time.
1/2 Grace Lines - for excellent fluency when reading.
2/3 Anneliese Grasser - for always giving her best effort.
4/5 Cooper Taylor - working confidently and persistently during reading lessons.
6/7 Lee Davis - for getting along with his classmates and making new friends. Well done!!
Gotchas - Shakeela Campbell, Mackenzie Blake, Leeroy Sandilands, Ivana Sherratt, Pharoah Sullivan.

4th August
Prep/1 - Lyrah Hinchcliffe - for working hard in all subject areas.
1/2 Eton Winks - for being consistently on task throughout the year.
2/3 - Melita Iona - for consistently demonstrating a positive attitude towards learning and setting a great example of behaviour.
4/5 Latia McCandless - Always having a go and working to the best of her ability.
6/7 Ryan Caygill - working really hard with division and showing how hard work pays off. Well done!!
Music - Harry Ryan - for showing confidence when performing and listening well.
Gotchas - Dominic Sitters, Cassidy Lawrence, Sunny Adams, Grace Taylor.

ICAS 2014 Science
Curtis Freeman—Distinction
Lillian Lawrence—participation

GEMFEST BBQ
URGENT HELP REQUIRED
We require help for Gemfest on Thursday, Friday & Saturday 10am-2pm
Please contact Jane Neilson on 0429835171

STUDENT BANKING
EVERY THURSDAY
BANKING APPLICATION AVAILABLE FROM OFFICE
**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

**PREP TRANSITION DAYS**

14TH, 21ST, 28TH November
December 5th 2014
More information to follow

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**2014 Central Highlands Multicultural Festival - 10th Anniversary**

Saturday 23 August 2014
5pm – 10pm
Emerald Showgrounds, Capricorn Highway

www.multicultrafestivaleentralhighlands.org.au

The Central Highlands Multicultural Festival celebrates cultural diversity in our community through mouth-watering global cuisine, icy-cold international beers and dazzling dance, music and

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**RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER**

Each relay honours those who have been affected by cancer. All funds raised go the Cancer Council to assist their research to find a cure for cancer.

Anakie State School is selling slushies on the 12th, 13th and 14th August.

Small $1 Medium $2 Large $3

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**Emerald Ladies Welfare Assoc presents:**

A Chocolate ExtravaganzAAn Afternoon of Sweet Delights!
Aromatic Coffee, Teas and Decadent Chocolate Treats!
Raffles & A Lucky Door Prize Fashion Parade By Chanderlin Boutique, Havik & Sports Power

Saturday, 30 August 2014
Time: 2.00pm to 5.00pm
Where: Emerald Town Hall
Cnr Egerton & Anakie St, Emerald
Tickets available from:
MAGUIRES REAL ESTATE & LIVESTOCK
Shop 3/97 Egerton Street, Emerald
Phone: 07 49821711
$30.00 per ticket
Cash Only
Non refundable
(No eftpos available)

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**OFFICE CLOSED**

**WEDNESDAY 13TH TO FRIDAY 15TH AUGUST**

The school office will be closed the following days as Lisa will be away. Please leave a message when calling the school as someone will return your message at a later time.

If you require to purchase uniforms please see Lisa when she returns.

Thank you

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**Remember when you believed in anything and everything?**

Researchers from the University of Western Australia are investigating children’s tendencies to being tricked, fooled and misled by their peers. We are looking to see how this develops in children, and when children outgrow this.

We are looking for parents of Kindergarten – Year 6 children across Australia to complete an online survey (15 – 20 minutes). Participants will go into a draw to win one of 10 $50 gift certificates to Coles/Myers.

To participate go to:

http://tinyurl.com/childsvq2

Or for more information please contact Rebecca Seward at (08) 6488 4652 or rebecca.seward@research.uwa.edu.au

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