Date Claimers
Parade – 2.30 pm Monday
Tuckshop – Friday
Phys Ed - Every 2nd Tuesday
P & C Meeting - every second Monday of the month in School Resource Centre

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TUCKSHOP NEWS
There will be no tuckshop
Friday 7th August

Principal News

After being away for 2 days to attend the Principals Induction in Brisbane, I was very excited to return to Anakie State School today and get back into the swing of things at this beautiful school. I was very inspired by some of the amazing presenters at the conference and took away many new learnings, this just goes to show that we are all life long learners and the importance of opening ourselves to new learning experiences to extend our thinking.

After two weeks working at Anakie State School I am very proud to be able to report that, as I am sure you are already aware, we have high quality teachers, support staff and students working within this school and I feel very privileged to be working alongside them. In my short time it has been very clear that this school is an outstanding school and all students are being provided with an excellent education. I have also noticed a few things that I need to bring attention to also, these are two very important aspects of school and require assistance from parents and community members. School uniform is an imperative part of schooling and enables students to feel a sense of pride, represent our school and take responsibility for. I will remind all parents that full school uniform is an everyday expectation of Anakie State School and will be enforced. There are uniforms for purchase at the admin office including new and second hand. If you do not have particular items, please make the time to purchase these for your children so that they are able to adhere to this policy. If you have any uniforms that your children have grown out of, we are always seeking donations to enable our students/families with the opportunity to utilise this offering at a reduced price. Attendance is another aspect that has caught my attention.

Some parents may have noticed that a process within our school has changed and instead of parents being contacted two days per week regarding absenteeism, a call is being made home each day, once rolls have been marked. This is to ensure that we as a school are aware of reasoning behind absences.

It has been documented that some students ‘days off’ from school are because of reasons that the education system would not deem as being authorised and it is our hope that by changing this process and having contact with parents on a daily basis, our knowledge of when students should be at school and when they should be at home, is developed and utilised.

This process has already shown not just an increase in attendance but also an increase in parents contacting the school to advise us of their child’s absence. We hope that more parents can take this on board to help Anakie State School achieve high attendance rates and low unexplained absences. High attendance is a big priority for me and for our school and as I have already verbalised to our students, “we cannot do our job, if you’re not here to do your job. We are here to teach and you are here to learn,” and as a school we pride ourselves on ensuring that our students are provided with a safe and supportive environment when carrying out this ‘job’. Attendance at school is essential and having students tell me as they walk through the gate, “I’m here to learn today Mrs Rigby”, just shows that our fabulous students are excited and enthusiastic about their learning and realise the importance of education.

It is understandable that students do require days off school and students will begin to develop an understanding of when a day off is required.

School Opinion Survey closes on the 31st of July and with only 6 responses from parents out of 50 forms that were handed out, we really hope that in the next day we can see a tremendous growth in numbers of surveys entered online.

If you need access to a computer please make sure you come to the school at any time between 8am—4pm and we can easily assist you with this process. This is our main way of being able to address parent/community concerns, and more positively celebrate the success that we have had as a school. Please take the time to complete this survey and allow us with the best opportunity to analyse data from all parents.

Please also see attached updating details form, it is imperative that we have your current contact details and address for your child’s safety and security at our school. We need to be able to make contact with every family within the school and currently this is not possible. Please ensure you fill this in and return it to the administration office as soon as possible.

Thank you for another fabulous two weeks.
Yours in Education,
Tiffany Rigby
Principal
**GEMFEST BBQ HELPERS NEEDED**

Parent helpers are still needed for the Anakie State School P & C Association Gemfest BBQ on Thursday 6th to Sunday 9th August. To date we have had replies from our hardworking staff and organisers, but we still need more support. I understand everybody is busy, however all we ask is for a couple of hours of your time. We greatly appreciate any support in trying to raise funds for our students and would love if you could pop in and help. Please contact the school to put your name down. Thank you.

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**REPORT TELSTRA BLACK SPOTS**


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**STUDENT BANKING EVERY THURSDAY**

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**QCoal Community Dental Service is on its way**

We’ll visit Sapphire from 31/8 until 12/9

To book call 1800 002 507

Please bring your Medicare card, and where applicable, private health fund details. Appointments are limited and all services are subject to availability.

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**Gemfields Catholic Community Services for August**

Sunday 9th August 10:30am at Anakie State School

No Mass at Anakie Hall on Sunday 23rd of August.

Mass will be held in Emerald

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**The Year 1/2 students are enjoying their Science Unit titled Changes Around Me. Students observed the day and night sky over the duration of a week and drew pictures of their observations. From these pictures students were able to describe the changes they observed.**

*Mrs Hoare*
Student of the Week
22th July 2015
Prep/1 - Lindy Johnson - consistently working on all classroom tasks.
1/2 - Angel Nunan - using interesting words in her story writing.
3/4 - Emily Carew - showing resilience throughout the week.
5/6 - Andon Boon - trying very hard in class and bringing a positive attitude to school.
The Arts. Eton Winks - being organised and responsible.
Gotchas - Olivia Sandilands (Getting Along), Gracie Pugh (Persistence), Kayden Dillon (Confidence), Corey Nunan (Confidence).
MIOOW 300 Words - Lilyarna Boon, Callum Gittens, Harmony Parsons, Annabella Twidale.

29th July 2015
Prep/1 - Hunter Reid - making a great start to Term 3.
1/2 - Maximillian Woels - putting in a huge effort to remain focused to complete tasks.
3/4 - Pia Ehrlich—working hard and doing her best in the classroom. Well done!
5/6 - Jacob Gittens - An excellent effort with his Science ‘light shows’ task. Lilly Hardy - putting in a tremendous effort in poetry.
The Arts. Corey Nunan - Getting Along, Evan Kelly - Confidence.
Gotchas - Michael Williams (Getting Along), Lachlan Lewis (Organisation), Leeroy Sandilands (Getting Along), Bonnie Berry (Confidence).
Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015

Dear Parents,

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

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At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library.

If you’d like to know more, visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

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Lachlan Millar MP would like to hear your views on Special Needs Education in Gregory.

Date: Tuesday 11th August, 2015

Time: 11am

Venue: To be confirmed

RSVP: If you would like to participate please email our Gregory Electorate Office in Emerald: gregory@parliament.qld.gov.au or phone 4913 1000 by Friday 7th August.

Come for a Fun Night Out!

Family Science Show

Air: Invisible yet so Effective

Friday August 21, 2015
7.00 – 8.00 p.m.
Venue: Agro Emerald

For Keen Science Students (Primary and Secondary) and Parents/Guardians

Presenter: Dr Peter H. Eastwell

As numbers are limited, places need to be filled on a first-in basis.

To Book
To book, please email the name(s) of those in your group wishing to attend, as well as the name of your school, to emerald@sciencetime.com.au by August 17. If places are still available, you will receive a subsequent message containing payment information. Booking is important to ensure that the show is not overbooked or that you are alerted in the event that bookings are insufficient to support the show.

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