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

2015 School Terms
3rd Term
Monday 13th July - Friday 18th Sept
4th Term
Tuesday 6th Oct - Friday 11th Dec

Event | Date
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Fizz Performance | 13th August 9am
School Opinion Survey | Extended until 14th August
Eisteddfod | 17th-19th August
P & C Meeting | 17th August 3:15pm
Reader’s Cup Brisbane | 2nd - 4th Sept

Principal News
Week 5 already! Time really does fly when you are having fun.

Principal Lunch
This week I was lucky enough to spend my Friday lunch break with 8 marvellous students at my 2nd Principals Lunch. These students were selected by their teachers to attend this event after displaying positive behaviour, a great attitude toward their work and being a kind and caring peer.
I spent this lunch hour discussing with these students their favourite thing about Anakie State School, what they were learning about in class, who their friends were at school and we also spoke about our interests and hobbies. I thoroughly enjoyed my lunch with these lovely students and look forward to sharing lunch with the next group of 8 students in 2 weeks time.
Congratulations to these students and keep up the fabulous work!

Prep/One: Lindy Johnson and Michael Williams
One/Two: Harmony Parson and Poseidon Sullivan
Three/Four: Amarah Lee and Riley Hardess
Five/Six: Mackenzie Deelley and L’Roy Bunker

Attendance
A reminder to all parents about the importance of sending your child to school each day. With a focus on attendance and providing classes with awards for high attendance, our students are starting to understand the importance of coming to school each day. It is important that this message is provided at home also, as our students and families need to see the value in education. With an attendance rate of 92.7% we are working hard to make sure we keep this at a high level, to ensure this happens please make sure you child is at school unless sick. If your child is having a day off, it is important that you call the school to provide us with the reason. We are working hard to make sure all absences are accounted for and with your help we can minimise absences and maintain this high attendance rate. With students attending school each day, we are able to do our job and work hard to ensure all students are improving.

Playground Procedures
The staff have worked very hard over the past 2 weeks implementing the new Playground Procedures. The staff identified this as an area of concern in my first week at Anakie and we quickly began work on improving our current policy to reflect a safe and consistent approach to playground behaviour. As you may already be aware one major change has been implementing a ‘No running on concrete’ approach. Students who are running on the concrete are sat out for 5 minutes during their play time and if they re-offend, are sat out for their whole play time. This has been a very well received policy change and staff have commented on the effectiveness of this during the first two weeks. With students now understanding the playground expectations, we have found the lunch breaks are much more manageable and safe for students. I thank the staff for their continued effort implementing this policy with consistency, as this enables our students to enjoy themselves at Anakie State School in a safe and responsible manner. If you would like any further information on our updated Playground Procedures, feel free to contact administration.

Before school procedures
Anakie State School policy asks that students arrive after 8:20am each morning. If you child is at school before 8:20am, they are required to sit on the chair out the front of the administration building until 8:20am. This policy is in place because our cleaning staff are still undertaking their daily duties and require this time to be able to access particular areas without students being present. This is a part of our Workplace Health and Safety requirements and will be monitored in the coming weeks. Please make sure that if your child arrives before this time, you direct them to the office, with their bag.
**Gemfest**

I was very lucky to have timed my appointment at Anakie State School to coincide with the fabulous 'Gemfest'. This was a terrific weekend and not only did I thoroughly enjoy my time working on the P&C BBQ but it was terrific to have travelled over with the school on Friday afternoon to watch the choir and circus performances. The choir were tremendous and we had many lovely comments from both tourists and locals. Thank you to Mrs Carew for her hard work and commitment to ensuring Anakie State School is beautifully represented and a big thank you to the choir for their terrific singing.

We were also fortunate enough to have our year 3/4 students perform circus tricks which were spectacular, these students worked very hard to learn their tricks and remember the performance in just over 1 day. They worked hard with our visitors to create their performance and they certainly made the school proud. Thank you to the year 3/4 students and Mrs Gudenswager for all of your hard work.

Overall the Gemfest was a terrific experience for myself and I was even lucky enough to bring along my husband and parents to help cook on the BBQ, chop onions and make coleslaw. Thank you to all involved in the Gemfest for such a terrific community event and a big thanks to the P&C, staff and parents who worked so hard to ensure this event was a success. I look forward to hearing back from the P&C about the success they had during the 4 days with both the BBQ and the terrific silent auction.

Yours in Education,

Tiffany Rigby
Principal

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**Hi Everyone,**

Wow, what a busy time we had at Gemfest! A huge thankyou to all who helped in any way, you all did a fabulous job. I heard we had the best burgers, and there were lots of great compliments about the food!! It was certainly a great time to catch up with people.

Over the last few weeks we have been busy still in the garden and have planted out some more vegetables. We are also trying to keep out our resident rabbit. Hopefully we have fixed that, he likes our strawberry patch, maybe we should call him Peter.

During lunch times some of us have been learning to tie up our shoelaces, we have played games with the Frisbee and have been playing a game of River Bank, which the children are enjoying. It’s been lots of fun and we have had to listen to lots of instructions.

Hope you all have a lovely week ahead.

Keep smiling

Chappy Averal

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**3/4 Circus Performance**

Grades 3/4 were given the opportunity to present a circus performance for the opening ceremony at Gemfest, followed by a presentation at The Rubyvale Flats on Saturday night. Each student had a role to play in the performance.

“At the circus we had to train very hard because we only had 1 day and a half. We got to do Spinning Plates. It was pretty hard.”

“We did hoops, acrobatics, plates, stilts and magic. It was awesome fun. I thought plates was the hardest thing to do out of them all. There were heaps of people at Gemfest when we performed.”

“The Saturday performance was AMAZING! There was such a big crowd and it was the most successful performance we have ever done in our lives! We are so grateful that Shaye and Wayne could come to our school and teach us circus.”
Student of the Week
3rd August 2015
Prep/1 - Jack Hinchliffe - trying hard on writing tasks.
1/2 - Lachlan Lewis - working hard in Maths using Part - Part whole strategy.
3/4 - Roman Bunker - persevering with his Maths and bookwork neatness.
5/6 - Alec Johnson - putting in a tremendous amount of effort into Maths, in particular to learn his timetables.

10th August 2015
Prep/1 - Oliva Sandilands - working hard on all classroom tasks.
1/2 - Violet King - working hard to stay focused and completing work.
3/4 - Jamie Dixon - making excellent choices and having a great week! Well done!
5/6 - Adam Berry - tremendous effort in poetry and preparation for Reader’s Cup.

STUDENT BANKING
EVER THURSDAY

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.

ANAKIE STATE SCHOOL
UNIFORMS PRICES
Polo shirts $19 sizes 6-12
(some larger sizes available)
Black shorts $8.50 sizes 6-12
Wide brimmed hats $25
(more stock coming soon)
Bucket Hat $ 10.50
Jumpers $20
Gemfest – Silent Auction

The Silent Auction at Gemfest this year was a great success. Each day ended with a bidding frenzy until winners were decided and confirmed. A big thank you goes out to all those parents, teachers and community helpers, in particular, Kathy and Darryl Jacobs, who helped man the tent. Without these dedicated people, it would be impossible to run the Silent Auction. Most of all, thank you to our generous and supportive local businesses. The generosity of their donations means that the P&C can raise a substantial amount of money to support our students and provide them with the resources they need to make their time at school a beneficial one. Thank you to all those who supported the Silent Auction 2015.

Anakie State School Book Week

Dress up as your favourite book character

WHERE: ANAKIE STATE SCHOOL

WHEN: FRIDAY 28 AUGUST 2015

9am Book Week Parade starts

Parents Welcome

Book Week Competitions:
Prep/Year 2: Colouring Competition (entries close 22 Aug)
Year 3-7 Competition: - Act out your favourite book
Book prizes for all competitions

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.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it’s complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

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

ANAKIE STATE SCHOOL P & C MEETING
IN SCHOOL LIBRARY 3:15pm
MONDAY 17TH AUGUST 2015
ALL WELCOME