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### Current Permissions/Notes

**2016 School Terms**

- **1st Term** - Wed 27 Jan - Thurs 24 Mar
- **2nd Term** - Mon 11 Apr - Friday 22 Jun
- **3rd Term** - Mon 11 Jul - Friday 16 Sep
- **4th Term** - Tues 4 Oct - Friday 9 Dec

### Student of the Week

**18/4/2016**
- Prep/1 Amber Paulson – Knowing all 300 Sight Words.
- Gotcha Jack Hinchliffe – Organisation
- 1/2 Kira-Lee Gitters – Writing fantastic noun groups.
- Lindy Johnson – Persisting with her handwriting to make it neat.
- Gotcha Lacy Hewitt – Getting Along.
- John Skea – For adjusting well to his new school.
- Gotcha Martial Sandilands – Confidence.
- 4/5/6 Andon Boon – Focused on his work in class and having an excellent attitude.
- Telitha Osborne – Concentrating on all areas of her work.
- Gotcha Millie Griffin – Confidence.
- Prep/1 Swimming – Evan Kelly
- 100 Sight Words Tayen Boon, Mitchell Greeraway.

**26/4/2016**
- Prep/1 Summah McCandless – Improved bookwork neatness.
- Gotcha Resha Williams – Getting Along.
- 1/2 Lyrah Hinchliffe – Using her initiative to practise forming number 5 and being a super willing learner.
- Gotchas Lachlan Lewis – Organisation, Dominic Sitters – Persistence.
- 3/4 Eton Winks – Having a positive attitude towards his school work. Poseidon Sullivan – Always being prepared and organised for class. Well done! Gotcha – John Skea – Organisation
- 4/5/6 Tegan Ryan – Staying focused and finishing activities.
- Gotcha Nicholas Swarson – Persistence.

### School Contacts

- **Principal** Tiffany Rigby
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### A sound mind in a sound body

**27th Apr 2016**

**Principal Report**

I was very pleased to attend and speak at the Anakie ANZAC Day service on Monday morning. The Anakie State School Choir did an outstanding job performing multiple songs at the ceremony and gave me goosebumps as they sang so beautifully. I was very proud of our school choir and the hard work that the students and Mrs Carew put in to this performance as well as the students who represented our school in the march up our main street. I thank all parents and students for their attendance at the services that occurred on this day and I hear that the Sapphire service was spectacular also. The service that took place at the school on Friday afternoon was outstanding and again I thank Mrs Carew for her work in preparing this for our school and community. We were lucky enough to have our new Mayor, Mayor Hayes, in attendance as well as representative from the R.S.L.

It has been brought to my attention that some parents have been having conversations with other parents about their child behaviour at school. Please be aware that this goes against school policy and should be brought to the schools attention so that we can deal with it in the appropriate manner. It is imperative that the school deals with students behaviour incidents as per our responsible behaviour plan and we do not need stories to begin outside of school, when they are dealt with at school. If a parent needs to be notified of their child’s behaviour, that is the responsibility of the school.

I am very excited to have our school review occurring tomorrow, if you are free at 2:30pm and would like the opportunity to share your view of the school, please come to the school and meet with our reviewers, we have a number of parents who will collectively meet and discuss the school as to provide the school with positive feedback and areas to work on in the future. We really appreciate your time and value your opinions.

Our administration team have tried to contact parents in the last 2 weeks with some parents being unable to be contacted. This is not a safe practice as, if an emergency occurs, we need to be able to contact at least 1 person for each child. Please take the time to ensure your contact details are up to date. If you know that yours need to be updated you can simply provide details to the office by phone or in person.

Thank you to our P&C for a fabulous Cricket day over the weekend, it was a fabulous day and I received feedback from multiple people commenting on terrific planning and an overall fabulous day. Well Done P&C.

Tiffany Rigby
Principal
Welcome to Week 3!!

This week I thought I would share with you an article that many new parents and family members are given if their child has a disability. When I was working in the disability sector this poem resonated with many of the families that I was fortunate enough to get to know and work with. As April is Autism Awareness month I thought this would be appropriate and as an act of support to those with Autism. On April 2nd many countries in the world lit up major landmarks in the colour blue to spread the awareness and create support for those with Autism. This is to help develop an awareness of autism and to help others embrace the uniqueness, talents and gifts that lies within each and every one of these people.

Have a lovely week
Chappy Averal

Welcome to Holland

I am often asked to describe the experience of raising a child with a disability – to try to help people who have not shared that unique experience to understand it, to imagine how it would feel. It’s like this…

When you’re going to have a baby, it’s like planning a fabulous vacation trip – to Italy. You buy a bunch of guidebooks and make your wonderful plans. The Coliseum, the Michelangelo David, the gondolas in Venice. You may learn some handy phrases in Italian. It’s all very exciting.

After months of eager anticipation, the day finally arrives. You pack your bags and off you go. Several hours later, the plane lands. The stewardess comes in and says, “Welcome to Holland.”

“Holland?!” you say. “What do you mean, Holland?” I signed up for Italy! I’m supposed to be in Italy. All my life I’ve dreamed of going to Italy.

But there’s been a change in the flight plan. They’ve landed in Holland and there you must stay.

The important thing is that they haven’t taken you to some horrible, disgusting, filthy place, full of pestilence, famine and disease. It’s just a different place.

So you must go out and buy a new guidebook. And you must learn a whole new language. And you will meet a whole new group of people you would never have met.

It’s just a different place. It’s slower paced than Italy, less flashy than Italy. But after you’ve been there for a while and you catch your breath, you look around, and you begin to notice that Holland has windmills, Holland has tulips, Holland even has Rembrandts.

But everyone you know is busy coming and going from Italy, and they’re all bragging about what a wonderful time they had there. And for the rest of your life you will say, “Yes, that’s where I was supposed to go. That’s what I had planned.”

The pain of that will never, ever, go away, because the loss of that dream is a very significant loss.

But if you spend your life mourning the fact that you didn’t get to Italy, you may never be free to enjoy the very special, the very lovely things about Holland.

Written by Emily Perl Kingsley

Our school review – an opportunity to have your say

TOMORROW
THURSDAY 27th of APRIL—2:30pm Library– please sign in through the office.

The Anakie School Pink Stumps Cricket Day was held on the weekend (23rd April), and was a great day out. 4 teams battled it out at both the Sapphire and Anakie School Cricket fields. The winning team from both venues then gathered at the Anakie School to play the Grand Final. The Syphon Suckers and The Tomahawk Creek Axemen fought it out on the field with plenty of friendly sledding, hard hitting and fast bowling. The Grand Final winners for 2016 ended up being The Tomahawk Creek Axemen.

The cricket day is a great day out for members of our community to get together and catch up with friends and family and have a bit of fun. The Pink Stumps Cricket Day 2016 was also supporting the McGrath Foundation that raises funds to support Breast Cancer Patients. The P&C will be donating a portion of the money raised to the McGrath Foundation and we are proud to be able to support such a worthy cause.

Without the P&C’s commitment to events like this, much needed funds raised just wouldn’t be available to our school. The Anakie State School’s P&C Association is dedicated to raising funds and supporting our school and this dedication is second to none. The P&C would like to thank all those members who helped to make the Cricket Day a huge success. We would also like to extend a massive thank you to those of you who volunteered your time and effort to support our school, even though you have no children attending Anakie State School any more.

Once again, thanks to all who were involved on the day.