Dear families and friends,

It is with great pride and pleasure that I join with your school and community throughout Term 4, to ensure continuity and consistency in the delivery of the Anakie SS vision, values and high quality education of your children, our students, whilst Mrs Rigby takes maternity leave throughout this term.

I have enjoyed my first week on campus with the students, staff, families and community and I look forward to leading the school in all aspects, especially instructional and learning performance improvements, as well as teaching some subjects in the Grade 5/6 class, in conjunction with Miss Nedic.

I am an experienced and fair Teaching Principal and always up for a chat, so if you see me round, bend my ear for a minute and let me know how the school is going for your children and family. If you need to talk about issues affecting your
children, then we are here to support your family, whilst upholding the values, entrusted responsibility and principles of Queensland State Schooling, to ensure positive outcomes, whilst maintaining a safe and supportive school environment.

P&C Update

Our recent P&C meeting yielded some very positive outcomes for our students, families, school and community. Naturally, meetings were scheduled and planning is underway for important events such as Graduation, Pre-Prep transition, Prep Graduation and Awards Presentation Night.

The P&C has also supported the refreshed Swimming Program partnership with the school to develop a sustainable Swimming Program that will see a safe and supportive swimming program this year, but also capacity build the school into the future to ensure our students are water wise and safe, when in and around water, but to ensure our youngest students are learning to swim and also improving the stroke and swimming abilities of our older students.

The P&C is also ensuring that ‘The Arts’ contemporary mural project is being progressed in conjunction with the school to increasingly beautify our buildings, grounds and campus. Funding and planning is also occurring to improve the sandpit area for the students, with refreshed sand and edging, for the fun sand play our young students love at lunch times with their classmates and friends.

Swimming Program Update

As discussed the Swimming Program is now being developed with a clear focus on ensuring students at Anakie SS swim this term, but also long into the future. I am confident that the Swimming Program will be of a high standard and continue to grow and develop as we plan our program further, together.

ICAS Testing

Many of our students recently participated in the UNSW ICAS competitive Assessments. Congratulations to all students who participated, put their knowledge to the test and received their certificates. A special acknowledgement to those students who received Credits for higher performance in this annual competitive assessment program!

‘A Sound Mind in A Sound Body’
Explicit Improvement Agenda

Literacy and Numeracy Aims - All students to be above the National Average in NAPLAN and improving at a rate greater than the nation.

Australian Curriculum Aims - All students achieving C+ or better in English, Mathematics and Science and making Adequate Yearly Progress or Value Adding in achievement.

Current Permission Information

Term 4 2015
- Emerald Dance Academy Performance - Emerald - TBA
- Swimming Program - Capella - TBA
- Musica Viva @ Anakie SS - TBA

Chappy’s Chat

Hi Everyone,

I hope you all had an awesome holiday break and spent a little time relaxing as well. Especially the 5/6s who sound like they had a fantastic time at camp last term. I’m sure we might still hear about some of their exciting adventures.

A warm welcome to Mr Reed as he joins our school community, we hope you enjoy your time at school and find out how wonderful and passionate our families, and staff are, in ensuring the students at Anakie receive the best education.

Last week was Mental Health Week from the 4-11th October with World Mental Health Day on Saturday the 10th October. The week was a chance to reflect on mental health and take some positive steps to highlight the importance of mental wellbeing. Some ways you can improve your mental health could be to: Value yourself: Treat yourself with kindness and respect, and avoid self-criticism. Take care of your body: Taking care of yourself physically, can improve your mental health. Surround yourself with good people: Give yourself a break, emotionally and physically. Learn how to deal with stress... Quiet your mind... Set realistic goals... There are heaps of others, maybe one or two of these will resonate with you or you might have other great ideas.

This week with the help of a group of students we started to construct a volcano. Over the next few weeks we will finish our construction and hopefully have an exciting time erupting the volcano.

Hope you all have a great week and remember to be kind to yourself.

Keep Smiling!

Chappy Averal
Student of the Week Awards

On our weekly Assembly, we present our Student of the Week Award, which recognises positive student achievements and can be nominated from any of our staff for many reasons - personal learning goal improvements, outstanding achievement, demonstrating leadership, or an attribute that exemplifies our motto, through compassionate and thoughtful acts that embody ‘A Sound Mind in A Sound Body’.

Term 4 - Week 1 - 2015

Prep/1
Charlotte McGregor – Huge improvement in learning special sounds.
Karlisa Cox – persevering with written tasks. 
Bryston Roan – working confidently in Mathematics.
Gotcha – Lindy Johnson

Year 1/2
Jayden Osborne – remaining focused and completing Maths activities.
Lacey Hewitt – putting in a huge effort drawing and labelling the garden.
Gotcha – Lilyarna Boon

Year 3/4
Hayden Gittens – for being persistent and on task.
Anneliese Grasser – for being a wonderful example to others. Well done!
Gotcha – Martial Sandilands

Year 5/6
Millie Griffin – Kindness
Mackenzie Deeley – Maths
Andon Boon – Spelling
Gotcha – Alec Johnson – Resilience

The Arts
Bryston Roan – concentrating hard and performing confidently.
Annabella Martin-Bell – Getting along well with others.
In The Classrooms

5/6

Term 4 began with a focus on routines and goal acquisition. Think about the times when you worked hard for something, wanted it and knew the only way to get it was to persevere, be resilient and keep at it. These are the skills for not only older primary school students that they need in high school but the foundations for High School, a balanced life and successful career, family and ultimately successful member of society. Your children, our students, are society’s most precious assets and we do not take that responsibility lightly. Mrs Nedic and I have been planning the Term 4 curriculum and are proud to deliver the program we have put together for this ultimately very important term for all students but especially the Year 6 graduating cohort of student leaders. Student leadership is not just for School Captains and the like but for all students as they model the values, culture and ethos of our school for the next generation of learners and we have impressed upon them that privilege and responsibility during this final term.

Mrs Nedic and I are focussing on solid work routines as well as the quality teaching, engagement and learning practices, Anakie SS is renowned for and proud of in all classrooms and we are off to a great start. Whilst we would love to give you all the details about the quality curriculum and diagnostic assessment that will inform our teaching and engagement practices this term, we know you trust us and our door is always open to get into the nitty gritty of quality rural and remote education, that has seen Anakie SS deliver to our district and community for 130 years and we are very proud to be part of that tradition. I emphasise we are open and accountable and your feedback and input is always welcome. As an experienced teacher and Principal it has also been my pleasure to show Mrs Nedic a few teaching tips and tricks and we already know all the students are benefiting already from our teaching partnership. Seeing students trying to beat their own scores and achieve their goals is a rewarding thing for a teacher and we know it develops the internal capacity and drive to succeed.

This term already the students have increased Physical Activity lessons, but also Health lessons and we are looking to further improvements in terms of the spelling program that will see improvements throughout all literacy aspects including reading, writing and grammar and punctuation. The literacy and numeracy of every child enables them to effectively engage with the curriculum but also improves every aspect of a child's future, including career, family and lifestyle options opportunities and outcome.

On a practical level the students have new Spelling Activities at school based on their weekly spelling words, daily times tables routines and rapid recall routines to commit necessary quick recall knowledge to memory to ensure students are working at a higher level, when problem solving. We even threw in a game of ‘Big Dog Cricket’ and have lots of activities planned throughout this term.

Students in Year 5/6 will also commence a streamlined homework routine in Week 3 and a letter will be forwarded to all families detailing the partnership and ultimate benefit for the home-school partnership. Mrs Nedic and I are always available for a conversation about the classroom via appointment if there are specific concerns or information required for your child, our students.

Mrs Nedic - dxnedo@eq.edu.au
Mr Reed - breedrs@eq.edu.au
**Kid’s Corner**

Welcome to Kid’s Corner!

**READER’S CUP STATE FINALS**

Anakie State School students Adam Berry, Kate Mcleod, Latia McCandless, Tegan Ryan and Shakira Boon travelled to Brisbane to compete in the State Finals of the Reader’s Cup.

They flew to Brisbane with Virgin Australia on the 2nd of September. When they boarded the plane in Emerald wearing their Akubras they caught the eye of the pilot. He invited the students to have a tour of the flight deck. Meeting Captain Bevan and sitting in the cockpit of the plane was one of the highlights of their trip.

After spending the term reading their 5 books, the students finally got to test their skill level at the State Finals on the 3rd of September. Seventeen other teams from all over Queensland also competed in the Reader’s Cup at St Laurence’s College. The Anakie students proudly represented their school and the Central Highlands. It was a great experience for these bush kids.

Before their departure back to Emerald, the students attended the Brisbane Writer’s Festival and were thoroughly entertained listening to author Andy Griffiths and inspired by famous author Emily Rodda.

by Anakie SS

**JOKES**

Coming soon...

by ?
Community Information

Community fliers are scanned and emailed to families, once per week, from the Administration Office.

Please send community information for the newsletter to admin@anakiess.eq.edu.au

MR REED’S WELCOME LETTER TO FAMILIES ON FIRST DAY...

With pride I extend a warm welcome back to Anakie State School for Term 4. We share in the excitement and responsibility for the learning and development of your children, our students. We look forward to a successful and rewarding term ahead.

I began my career as a Teacher Aide at Narbethong Special School and then spent many years as Teacher Aide and Technology Officer for Red Hill Special School. I became a Teacher at Red Hill Special School and continued for several years working with students with severe multiple impairments and specialised health requirements. I then blended my primary and special education experience as the Head of Special Education Services and Acting Principal at Petrie Terrace State School, in Brisbane. I was appointed as Principal of Muttaburra State School in the centre of Queensland, for three fantastic years in the outback. After this time, I transitioned to Coalstoun Lakes State School in the North Burnett, where I have been Principal for two years.

Now I join with you, here and now, as Acting Principal of Anakie State School, whilst Mrs Rigby undertakes maternity leave. I met Mrs Rigby when she was at Aramac State School and watched as she became Principal of Birdsville State School, before being permanently appointed to Anakie State School last term. I know you will join with me, in sharing in the excitement and congratulations for Mr and Mrs Rigby, as they begin their journey into parenthood and their soon to be newborn and expanded family. I am proud, privileged and excited to provide consistency and continuity in the vision and work, Mrs Rigby has begun and will continue in 2016.

A strong partnership between the home and the school is vital for the provision of a successful educational program for children, I therefore invite you to participate in all aspects of our school curriculum, homework, learning and co-curricular programs, class activities, special events, school celebrations, P&C activities and initiatives.

Anakie State School endeavours to provide a holistic multi-age and inclusive program promoting core values in primary school education. With a clear focus on the literacy and numeracy development and proficiency of all our students, we are committed to ensuring the continual improvement of outcomes, through personalised learning.

Please feel free to contact me to discuss any aspect of our school or your child’s welfare and education. I look forward to working with you and developing a strong positive and professional relationship.

ANAKIE STATE SCHOOL PRE-PREP PROGRAM

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EMERALD BROTHERS CRICKET CLUB

LEPRECHAUNS PROGRAMME (6 weeks)

When? Tuesdays, 4pm to 5pm
Where? St Patrick’s Oval
Who? Boys and girls 4 – 8yrs
open to all schools - this is a Club based programme
Cost? Only $30
SIGN ON DATE: Tuesday 13th October from 3-30pm – first session commences straight after sign-on
at St Pat’s oval (near Church under maroon shade)
PROGRAMME DATES: 13th Oct to 17th Nov

Basic skills program for beginners. Skills covered include; catching, throwing, bowling and batting.
All equipment supplied. Soft balls and plastic bats used.

For more information email us at emeraldbrothersjuniorcricket@yahoo.com.au
Like our page “Emerald Brothers Junior Cricket” on Facebook to stay up to date with Leprechauns happenings.