Dear families and friends,

As we edge closer to the end of term, I would like to update our families, friends and community on some of the big and little things that make our school 130 years old and proud.

Facilities Update

Whilst the Pine Athel / Tamarisk tree and seating was removed for safety, we look forward to the future and the partnership between school and P&C, that will see some new native trees planted, along with some new seating. The contractors have been hard at work cleaning drains, fixing guttering, replacing water bubblers, cold water chillers, as well as preparing the old Tuck Shop for demolition. The oval irrigation system will also be addressed to ensure that we get our watering for the oval, back up and running as soon as possible. I am aware that maintenance is not always the most
exciting communication I provide, but in the interests of safety and supporting students, staff, families and communities, it is one of our biggest tasks over the course of this term to ensure that our campus remains in tip top shape, for now and long into the future for the students.

In turn, the school staff have been hard at work replacing old technology assets, integrating the laptops for the students and cleaning up spaces for new purposes in the new year. The Teacher Resource Centre and Staff Room have been reconfigured and is now used for whole school programs, as well as preparation for new Teachers in 2016. I will provide an update on HR and Staff over the coming weeks.

Swimming Program and Carnival

As the Swimming Program begins to wind down, I can confirm that swimming next year will be in Term 1 at the Capella Pool and we look forward to seeing our students engaging with the Learn to Swim Program again, so soon after this Term 4 program. It has been a pivotal moment when the Swimming Program hit rocky ground, as the shift in direction to sustainable swimming through our qualified staff and parents, has seen amazing outcomes, as the trust that is required in the water with an instructor, was already there.

The ratio of instructor to students has also been a very positive shift for the school and I know there is overwhelming positive feedback for our program to continue this way and to get stronger, year after year. Thank you to all parents who have provided ‘Spotter’ roles as well as those who have attended just to watch, for any and all reasons. The Carnival will be held on Friday 4 Dec and we have issued a note regarding bus transport RSVPing, also soon to follow will be the menu from the Capella Pool for the Carnival.

Tuck Shop - reduced and altered menu

Unfortunately the warranty repair of the Tuck Shop oven elements, means it will not be ready for this week again and the same reduced and altered menu remains in effect.

Emerald State High School Transition Dates

Conflicting notes and dates were issued from Emerald SHS on the Transition forms regarding the Transition Dates. We have confirmed that the correct dates are Monday 30 Nov and Tuesday 1 Dec. We apologise for any confusion on behalf of...
ourself and Emerald SHS and Miss Nedic will be attending, with the Emerald SHS transitioning students on Monday and Tuesday. We know they will represent themselves and our school proudly, as will all our Year 6 students heading off to local State and Private schools. All the best!

eKindy Opportunity at Anakie SS

Mrs Lewis and I have been working with many key stakeholders in the best interests of our community, with a focus on early childhood and transitions, including our Prep Transition Program. We are pleased to be able to present an opportunity to develop an eKindy opportunity here at Anakie SS, hopefully for 2016 and we would love to hear from families who would like to talk through this opportunity, if your child is of Kindy age or of Prep age and you are exploring Kindy options.

Book Club

Book Club is now complete for this year and we look forward to participating again next year!

Graduation Night, Prep Graduation and Awards Presentation & Celebration Night

Please ensure all notes are being received at home and RSVPs are making their way to school, for end of year events, as the Graduation Night, Prep Graduation and Awards Presentation and Celebration Night, approach quickly and require a lot of people and support to ensure they are successful and celebrations that students, staff, families and community all look forward to and enjoy alike, together.

Have a fantastic week and take care of family, friends and community!

'A Sound Mind in A Sound Body'
Benjamin Reed
Principal - breed15@eq.edu.au

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 Excursion - complete
- Swimming Program - Capella - complete
- Musica Viva @ Anakie SS - complete
Chappy’s Chat

Hi Everyone,

Last week we had a great time, erupting the volcano that some very keen year 3 and 4 students constructed over the last few weeks. We also checked out how well the various brands of coke erupted with the Mentos added into it, we discovered that the diet coke was the winner with the best eruption. A lot of fun was had by all.

We also have been cooking at lunch times and tasting what we have eaten, so far we have made a chocolate slice and honey joys! I have had some very keen helpers with the lunch time cooking.

November 16th -18th saw me in Brisbane attending the Rock and Water training, which ‘is a self-development program designed to enhance children’s resilience skills; monitor and identify their reactive behaviour patterns when placed in times of stress; develop their capacity to work effectively in a group situation by analysing how relationships are strengthened and to stand with focus and determination as an individual.’ I’m looking forward to using these skills in the future within the school community.

Hope you all have a great week

Cheers

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 5 and 6 - 2015

Prep/1 - Emma Deacon – Super Reader

Oliva Sandilands – Super Reader

WOW – Evan Kelly – Staying focused and trying hard during handwriting lessons.

Gotcha – Marty Berry – Getting Along.

Year 1/2 – Maleika’Taj Roan – Always working hard to achieve excellent spelling result.

Gracie Pugh– Always working hard to achieve excellent spelling result.

Lachlan Lewis– Always working hard to achieve excellent spelling result.
Gotcha – Flynn Hardy – Getting Along

Year 3/4 – Nicholas Gregg-Miller – Maths – working hard and concentrating  
  Kate McLeod –  
  L’Roy Bunker – putting in an awesome effort across all school work.
Gotcha – Andon Boon – Getting Along.

Year 5/6 – Nicholas Swanson – Maths – working hard and concentrating.  
  Kate McLeod – Spelling  
  L’Roy Bunker – putting in an awesome effort across all school work.
Gotcha – Andon Boon – Getting Along.

Prep/1 – Tarlae Baines – Super Reader  
  Bryston Roan – Excellent presentation & improvement in homework.  
  Tayen Boon – Displaying confidence in the classroom
Gotcha – Karlisa Cox – Getting Along.

Year 1/2 – Kaylee McCandless – Fantastic effort reading and writing digital and analogue times.  
  Jayden Osborne - Fantastic effort reading and writing digital and analogue times.

Year 3/4 – Riley Hardess – Working hard to complete her assessments early. Well done!  
  Eton Winks – Being focused in class. Keep up the good work!

Year 5/6 – Nicholas Swanson – Making a consistent effort to concentrate on tasks.  
  Lilly Hardy – Exceptional team work skills.  
  Adam Berry – Enthusiastically participating in classroom discussions.
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

P&C CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The P&C are conducting a Christmas Raffle and need your help! Any items of non-perishable food, drinks or Christmas cheer would be appreciated. Please send items in with your child or drop into the office. Tickets will be sent home soon.

**Tickets $1 each

1st Prize: Wheelbarrow full of Christmas Cheer
2nd Prize: Handmade Patchwork Quilt (Kindly donated by Judy Gittens)
3rd Prize: $50 Woolworths Voucher

Drawn: Wednesday 9th December - Presentation Night

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Anakie Hall - Monday 14th December - 7:30pm

Reverse Christmas Tree (small grocery item for hamper)

Shared Supper to follow - small plate of goodies please. Enquiries Anne Hatte - 4985 4154

PRE-PREP TRANSITION