Anakie SS eNewsletter

Keynote

Dear families and friends,

I extend a warm welcome to the start of the school year to our new and continuing students, staff and families alike. We are proud to provide excellence in multi-age education and at the commencement of 2016, this has never been more true.

We have all the aspects of small schools that are desirable in individual attention and personalised learning, but large enough to have the resources, expertise and staff to provide the necessary systems and support structures to support the systematic delivery of Australian Curriculum to each child.

I will continue to replace Mrs Rigby until Thursday 18 Feb.

2016 Classes

P/1 - Mrs Lewis  
1/2 - Mrs Hoare  
3/4 Mr Costello  
4/5/6 - Mrs Rigby (Principal)/Mrs Carew
2016 Staffing

Mrs Spencer - Support Teacher (Mon) and Librarian (Wed)
Mrs Hewitt - HPE Teacher (Fri) (additional Thu, during T1)
Mrs Carew - The Arts Teacher (Wed) (additional Thu & Fri T1)
Admin Officer - Mrs Robinson
Cleaner - Mrs Deeley and Facilities Officer - Mrs Stranks

Teacher Aides will be confirmed after completion of Day 8 processes, however we welcome Mrs Sampson, Mrs Adams, Mrs Neilsen, Mrs Mathewson and Mrs Gregg back to school.

I look forward to working with all our staff and professionals again over the first half of the term to provide a sustainable and consistent platform that focuses on maximising and capacity building our professional teachers and staff, who are working directly with our students, as I firmly believe this is the best spend of school and public money there is, in addition to our safe and supportive learning environments.

Facilities Update

Over the holiday period the old Tuckshop was successfully demolished and is being turned into a Staff Carpark. The D Block (3/4 Class) staircase was replaced and Air Conditioners in the Library repaired. Within the next week or so the remaining water bubblers and additional cold water chiller will be repaired and operational again. We are also obtaining quotes for the replacement of the oval sprinkler system.

Planned maintenance for this financial year includes new windows in 5/6 classroom and repainting of D Block.

Quadrennial School Review and External Review

Throughout this year there will be an ongoing process surrounding developing our next four-year strategic School Plan (2017 - 2020). This process is commonly referred to by its acronym of QSR. This is a consultative year long process and involves all key stakeholders and is led by the Principal. Additionally between Term 2 and 4 this year the school is scheduled for a School Improvement Unit external review.

‘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 1 2016
- Year 6 Leadership Day - Emerald
- Swimming Program - Capella - Week 4 Thursday (3/4/5/6) and Fridays (P/1/2)
- Year 6 Leadership Camp - Camp Fairbairn
- Anakie SS X Country

Chappy's Chat

Hi Everyone,

Welcome back to school for 2016.

It was wonderful today to see all our great children and parents, as well as meet our new school families. A huge warm welcome to Mr Costello as he begins to learn how awesome our students at Anakie State School are. Today I spent time in each of the classes touching base with all our students and teachers, it was great to hear holiday adventures.

Some of the activities that I do with the children in the lunch times are gardening, making craft items, painting, playdough, playing games, cooking and any other fun things that I can think of or someone tells me about. Today some of our children played with playdough and we also played some soccer out on the oval.

Next week we will have breakfast available on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, this is not to replace your child's breakfast at home, it’s more like a morning tea, as some of our children travel long distances and or eat breakfast very early. Some comments I’ve received from our students are ‘that they were not hungry at home and only ate a little bit and now they have got to school they are hungry’. Our usual breakfast is toast, with either honey, marmalade, vegemite or raspberry jam. Cereal – corn flakes, sultana bran, rice bubbles or weetbix as well as a hot breakfast on Tuesdays and Milo on Wednesdays. Breakfast is available to all students.

I hope the rest of your first week at school is great and I look forward to seeing you all again next Tuesday and Wednesday.

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’.

**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

***NETBALL***

Emerald Netball Association is having its junior sign-on on Monday, February 1.

The information is as follows:

Emerald Netball Association

2016 sign-on

Juniors – Monday, February 1 at Rundle Park clubhouse, Opal Street, Emerald

4.30pm – Girls and boys born 2006 to 2010

5.30pm – Girls and boys born 2004 and 2005

6.15pm – Girls born 1999 - 2003

Seniors – Tuesday, February 9, 6pm at Rundle Park clubhouse (Females born 2001 and earlier)

All intending players must register at the sign-ons. A birth certificate is required for new players under 18.

For more information, contact Nanette Hall on 4982 1301 or visit [www.emerald.qld.netball.com.au](http://www.emerald.qld.netball.com.au)