Dear families and friends,

It has been a fantastic start to the school year with many exciting engagement and learning activities underway. Thank you to our parents who have got Tuckshop up and running early. The P&C have also had the Annual General Meeting and appointed a new Executive. Thank you to our outgoing Executive and their support in transition throughout 2015/16.

Swimming Program

Swimming commences next week (Week 4) and we know that this consolidation of the swimming program gives our youngest students a very enjoyable Term 1 and also creates a wonderful opportunity for students to connect with their Physical Activity programs and swimming and safety skills. Without permission or payment, children will not attend the swimming program and will be supervised at school. Please ensure prompt payment and permission is received at the
Office, prior to next Thursday. Thank you.

Emergency Procedures

Our students will be supported this week and next, in practising emergency procedures including fire/evacuation and lockdown drills. This is a supported set of drills, whereby the students are told what is happening and how to stay calm and what to do, to remind continuing students and induct new students and staff. Later in Term 1 and every term after that, these procedures are practised without warning to test procedures, garner feedback and improve safety processes.

Religious Instruction

Religious Instruction commences in Year 1 for students at Anakie State School and throughout Queensland. The school program is ‘Christian’ provided by Mrs Hattie and Mrs Loveday. If ‘Christian’ is reflected on the enrolment form, then children are automatically entered into the program held Tuesdays fortnightly. If the enrolment form lists a faith that does not directly match our offered program or no faith/beliefs are listed, then the program becomes opt-in and consent must be given. If you wish to withdraw a child from Religious Instruction, then written advice must be directed to the Principal. Thank you, please contact to discuss further.

First Aid and Medication Updates

Thank you to all families for working alongside the school to bring the new medication administration paperwork and procedures up to date. Thank you

Farewell...

It has been my privilege and pleasure to live and work amongst the school students, staff, families and community of Central Highlands, Anakie and the Gemfields.

I believe we have made much progress in many areas of the school, especially in the academic and holistic wellbeing and development of your children, our students.

I wish all students and members of the school and wider community, every success this year and into the future...

‘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

P&C Information

Thank you to our outgoing P&C Executive - President Charmaine Deeley and Treasurer Jane Nielsen.

2016 Anakie State School Parents and Citizens Association Executive
P&C President - Amelia Chafer - pandcpresident@anakiess.eq.edu.au
P&C Vice-President - Carmel Berry
P&C Secretary - Kayla Paulsen - pandcsecretary@anakiess.eq.edu.au
P&C Treasurer - Catherine McCandless
Tuck Shop Co-ordinator - Sandra Mathewson

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 1 - Week 1 - 2016

Prep/1

Anthony K - Being a great class helper.
Cruz T - Working hard in class.
Amber P - Having a fantastic start to Prep.
Gotcha - Tayen B - Getting along!

Year 1/2

Eloise S - Making an awesome effort at classroom activities.
Bryston R - Making a fabulous start to the year.
Gotcha - Kirra-Lee G - Getting along!

Year 3/4

Eton W - For putting in a great effort in his first week back at school, well done!
Jhett C - Putting in a great effort in his first week back at school, well done!
Gotcha - Chelsea M - Getting along!

Year 5/6

Riley B - Working hard and listening.
Telitha O - Adapting well and showing resilience in class.
Gotcha - Malena H - Persistence!

Term 1 - Week 2 - 2016

Prep/1

Chelsea B - Helping others in the classroom.
Gotcha - Evan K - Getting along!

Year 1/2

Marty B - being organised for class and completing activities.
Charlotte M - enthusiastic participation in class.

Gotcha - Jayden O - Emotional Resilience!

Year 3/4

Gracie P - Student of the Week!

Gotcha - Grace L - Persistence!

Gotcha - Gracie P - Organisation!

Year 5/6

Jeremy W - Showing persistence in completing class activities.

Makena H - Producing excellent bookwork in all subjects!

Gotcha - Millie G - Getting along!

Gotcha - Latia M - Getting along!

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

QCOAL COMMUNITY DENTAL SERVICE

The Coal Community Dental Service will be in Sapphire from February 22 - 5 March. Residents of Sapphire and surrounding areas are encouraged to book an appointment during this time.

Posters and brochures are available at the school and in the community, for more information about this free service.

To book and appointment, please call 1800 002 507.

Thank you - Anakie State School and RFDS