**Date Claimers**

1st Term  
Tues 29th Jan-  
Thurs 28th March

2nd Term  
Mon 15th April -  
Fri 21st June

3rd Term  
Mon 8 Jul - Fri 20th Sept

4th Term  
Mon 7th Oct - Fri 13th Dec

**Parade** – 2.30 pm Monday  
**Tuckshop** – Friday  
**Phys Ed** - Wednesday  
**P & C Meeting** - every second Monday of the month in School Resource Centre

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**From the Principal**

**Reading Support at home**

It’s one of the most common concerns for parents of primary school age children. How can I best help my child to read at home? Teachers are asked about this all the time, and reading progress is one of the areas that parents worry about more than any other.

So across the next few newsletters we will be giving you simple ways to support your child’s reading at home. Put as many of these things in place as you can, then relax! You’re doing your bit, and your child will respond.

**Tip #1** - Long before your child starts formally learning to read, instil a love of reading in them by sharing bed-time (and other-time-of-the-day!) stories. This special, one-to-one time, where you and your child can escape into all sorts of adventures and amazing worlds, is precious. Research has shown that a love of reading is a stronger indicator of academic success than wealth or class background. As you enjoy stories together your child will soon begin to realise that those funny marks on the page that sit alongside the pictures are the story words, and in time they’ll want to learn how to decipher them for themselves.

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**School Uniforms**

The school has a good supply of school uniforms for sale. Parents can come to the office and purchase shirts, shorts (sizes 6 and up plus larger sizes), hats and jumpers at any time. Sizes 6 and 8 and larger size shirts are on order and should be here within 8 weeks.

Please note that we have some second hand uniforms for sale also if parents are requiring a cheaper option at present.

**Attendance at school**

The number of days that your child attends school has a major impact on the success of their time at school. The school is aiming for every child to attend school 95% of the time. This would mean that a student can still miss 10 days per year due to illness. Missing school due to illness is not an issue and the school is supportive of parents keeping children at home if they are ill. If your child missed 1 day per fortnight (20 days per year) across the 13 years of schooling, this would equate to **missing nearly 1.5 years of schooling**. This would indicate that they will perform to approximately a **year 11 level** at high school graduation. If any parents want support with their children’s attendance please contact the school.

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**Celebration Date**

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**New school number**

As part of our new school phone system the school has changed its number. The new number is 4981 1111
Parents after hearing and Vision checks

If you have concerns about your child's hearing or eye sight it is important that something is done about it as soon as possible. Children can struggle with vision or hearing for years before they bring it to an adult's attention. The Child Health Clinic at Emerald Hospital can organise for testing to be done on children of any age. To contact the clinic call 49839700. It is also very important that any results of this testing that parents are given is forwarded onto the school to help us cater for your child.

Drop and Go Area

This is a reminder that the drop and go area near the path that leads to the Prep/year 1 classroom is not for parking. Parents are asked to park down the road further and walk their children up to the school. This is a safety precaution as a large number of students use that gate in the morning and after school.

Sign in at the office

In the interest of safety for the students' parents are asked to report to the office and sign in when they are dropping off students late or picking students up after school. Last term this caused a large amount of confusion with parents not reporting they are picking up their children and the teachers on bus duty are looking for them. If you are planning to take your child off the bus for the day please contact the office or see the teacher on bus duty before taking them home. If parents are coming up to school during the day they must also sign in at the office in case of a fire or lockdown situation. Signing in only takes a few seconds.

Year 5/6/7 Camp to Brisbane

A reminder to parents with students in years 5/6/7 about payment for camp this year. Last year parents were asked to pay a deposit for camp. In the coming months parents will need to pay the remained of their camp costs. Parents have the option of paying for camp in smaller instalments or in a lump sum. This money can be brought into the school at anytime. The camp to Brisbane will be a great experience for all of the students. The activities will not only be educational but some of the most enjoyable experiences of their primary school lives.

Free Dress day for Flood appeal

This Friday the school will have a free dress day to raise funds for the Queensland flood appeal. If students wish to wear free dress they are asked to bring a gold coin donation to school.

GRIP Leadership Conference for Year 7 students

Next Tuesday, 19th February the year 7 students will be travelling to Emerald to participate in the GRIP leadership Conference. This conference aims to develop students understanding of leadership and highlight the skills required to be an effective leader. Students will be transported to and from the event via private transport.

School Newsletter emailed home

A reminder to any parents wishing to have the school newsletter emailed to them directly to send in an email address so we can add it to our list. Parents are welcome to add extended families email addresses if they would be interested in reading our newsletter.

Kurt Goodwin
Principal
Art Exhibition

Venue: Anakie State School
Date: Sunday 10th March
Time: 3:00PM
Sign-on cost: Tiny Tots = $25.00
Under 6 = $50.00
Under 7 to Under 17 = $55.00
Club Shirt = Additional charge minimum $25
For more information call
Brooke Goodwin 0408073215

Parent Evening
21st February 2013
4:30 - Year 6/7
4:45 - Year 4/5
5:00 - Year 2/3
5:30 - Year 1/2
6:00 - Prep

Gemfields Playgroup
Wednesdays 9 - 11am
Everyone welcome
Bring a piece of fruit to share

School Markets
School markets will commence on the 3rd of March.
A letter for volunteers will be sent home in the coming weeks.
The markets is the major fundraiser for our school.
Please help if you can.

GEMFIELDS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
Mass
ANAKIE HALL
10:30 AM
Sunday 24th February

ARTSLINK QUEENSLAND
2013 Youth Program
The Three Endangered Animals
Thursday 7th March 2013
Cost $3 per student
A note will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Art Exhibition
Tuesday 19th March
5:30 PM
Sausage Sizzle
Student art work
All welcome
Students of the week

4th February

- Prep - Angel Nunan - making an excellent start to all aspects of school life.
- Year 1/2 - Cassidy Lawrence - for the fantastic writing she has been doing in writers workshop.
- Year 2/3 - Annabella Martin-Bell - being super organised and ready for learning.
- Year 4/5 - Curtis Freeman - consistently neat and presentable bookwork.
- Year 6/7 - Harry Ryan - rising to the challenge of being bell monitor. Good work!
- Music - Performing confidently in front of the class. Angel Nunan, Jack Beaton, Lilly Hardy, Kate McLeod, Edward Anderson.
- Gotchas - Krystal Tulk, Hayden Gittens, Ryk Gittens, Kate McLeod, Edward Anderson.

11th February

- Prep - Matilda Perry - always using beautiful manners and being a thoughtful friend in the classroom.
- Year 1/2 - Jack Owens - persisting with his handwriting.
- Year 2/3 - Riley Beaton - trying hard to persist with classroom tasks.
- Year 4/5 - Kate McLeod - for demonstrating a positive attitude towards her learning.
- Year 6/7 - Thorn Sanderson - persistence in trying his best in the classroom and in the playground making new friends.
- Music - Brandon Cavanagh, Adam Berry, Nathanaal Taylor, Eton Winks, Flynn Hardy.
- Gotchas - Bonnie Berry, Aoura Sullivan, Harry Ryan.

SCHOOL BANKING
EVERY THURSDAY

Our school will receive $5 when a student makes their first School Banking deposit plus a commission of 5% on every deposit made (up to $10 per individual deposit).