From the Principal

Welcome back

I would like to welcome back all our families from 2012 and our new families for this year. The 2013 school year has started without any major complications for the school and students have settled into their new classes seamlessly. For most students it is a common experience returning to school, but for our new prep students it is all very new. For the first time we have a straight prep classroom with 19 students. While we had some tears at the beginning, all of our students and parents are enjoying school life. This term I encourage parents to make time to talk with your children’s teacher. This may just be to put a face to the name or discuss any issues parents are concerned about. All of the teachers are very keen to meet their new parents or touch base with parents from last year.

In 2013 the school will endeavour to promote a positive learning environment for all of our students. This year Anakie will be discussing the 4 pillars of our school. These are the building blocks of how the school will run into the future. The four pillars of Anakie SS are:

1. Teacher accountable learning
2. Explicit Instruction Pedagogy
3. Moving student knowledge from short term to long term memory
4. Effective relationships between students and teachers

We will once again be focusing heavily on reading and ensuring that all of our students learn the skills to comprehend everything they read. Parents will be encouraged to find opportunities to promote reading with their children even if this means reading road signs, shopping lists or the TV guide.

With many new parents in our school I would also like to promote the role that the P&C association plays in our school. Last year we had a small group of parents who offered their time and/or skills to support our students. This year we have many events where parent assistance will be needed. The school fete, Gem Fest, Athletic Carnival, Tuckshop, Discos and raffles are just some of the activities that the P&C will be running this year. All of the money raised through these activities goes directly to the students. The more the P&C can raise the more we are able to give back to the students.

The P&C Association meets on the second Monday of every month in the school Library. These meetings are not something to be wary of. The atmosphere of the group is very positive and new members and suggestions are very welcome. It is important to note that these meetings are the best way to ensure that you are part of the decision making process in the school. The first meeting will be held on the 11th of February at 3:10pm in the school library. I hope to see you there.

Tuckshop
There will be no tuckshop on Friday the 8th of February.
Classes for 2013
This year we will start the year with the following classes:
Prep – Miss Franks
Year 1/2 – Miss Heal
Year 2/3 – Mrs Hoare
Year 4/5 – Mrs Flint
Year 6/7 – Mrs Gudenswager & Mr Goodwin
HPE - Mr Goodwin (Wednesday)
The Arts – Mrs Carew (Friday)
LOTE – Mr Joseph (Monday)
Depending on student numbers at the end of next week some changes may need to occur to these classes.

School Uniforms
The school has a supply of school uniforms for sale. Stock is limited in some sizes however these have been ordered and will arrive as soon as possible. Parents can come to the office and purchase shirts, shorts, hats and jumpers at any time. Please note that we have some second hand uniforms for sale also if parents are requiring a cheaper option at present. Please contact the office for further information.

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 remainder 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.

Swimming Video CD
One of our parents has kindly made up a slide show of photos taken at the swimming lessons last year in Capella. The slide show is accompanied by music that is commonly listened to on the bus. The CD’s are available for purchase in the office for only $2. Money raised from the sale of the CD’s will go towards the 2013 camp.

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.
Mr Goodwin - Principal

Little Athletics in 2013
This year Little Athletics will be held at Anakie State School starting in March. Little athletics is designed to promote participation and enjoyment. Children of the ages 4-15 will be welcome to come along and sign up for the 2013 season. Competitions will be held Sunday afternoons from 3pm. A letter will be sent around the community with details of the next organisation committee meeting. We hope to see you there. Inquiries can be sent to bgood70@eq.edu.au or contact 0408073215.