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

From the Principal

Reading Support at home
Tip #3
Make (even a little) time for yourself to read, and make it clear that you enjoy your personal reading time. If your children grow up seeing you prioritizing reading at least some of the time, they will see reading as something to value in their own lives.

ICT Afternoon
The school will be holding an ICT information afternoon for an introduction to iPads for parents, carers and community members. The information afternoon will be held at the school in the resource centre on 20th of March from 3:00p.m. to 3:30p.m. The afternoon will consist of a lower school and upper school information session. During the sessions you will gain hands on experience in the basic use of iPads and how they are being used in the classrooms. Please complete the expression of interest slip and return it to the school.

School Cross Country
On the final Monday of the term, 25th March, the students will be participating in the schools cross country trials. The students will be competing for their house, Zircon and Sapphire. Student in Prep-year 2 will be completing an obstacle course around the school. Year 3/4/5 students will be running 2kms and the year 6/7 students will be running 3kms. The course for the year 3-7 students will be run mostly outside of the school grounds so any parent/ community support on the morning would be greatly appreciated. The races will begin with the 2km race at 9:15am, followed by the 3km race and finally the prep-year 2 obstacle course.

Art evening – 26th of March
On Tuesday the 26th of March the school will once again be holding an art exhibition evening. On the night student artwork will be displayed and a sausage sizzle will be run. Entry into the evening will be $2 per person. On entry people will receive finger food and adults will be given a complimentary glass of wine and students will be given cordial. Funds raised from the evening will go towards school curriculum activities.

Little Athletics Visit
On Monday this week the school had two officers from Little Athletics Queensland visit the school to run some fun events for classes. Students played games to learn the skills of Javelin, Triple Jump and hurdles. If any students are interested in joining the local Anakie and District Little Athletics Club they can contact the club secretary on 0408073215.

Celebration Date

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Year 5/6/7 Camp to Brisbane
This year the children in years 5/6/7 have the opportunity to travel to Brisbane for camp in September. The camp is nearly completely booked and time is running out for parents to make payments to secure a flight. The camp will be a wonderful opportunity for the children to see many of the educational and interesting areas of Brisbane and surrounds. A sample of the places they will visit are:

- Brisbane Science Centre
- QLD Museum.
- Dream World
- Lego Education Centre
- Police Museum
- Parliament House
- Qld Performing Arts complex
- Government House
- Port of Brisbane Tour
- Suncorp Stadium Tour
- Qld Gallery of Modern Art
- Brisbane Rivercat Cruise

Parents are encouraged to keep making regular payments to the school to ensure they aren’t left with a large amount to pay in one lump sum in September.

New School Website
By the end of March the schools website will be redesigned. The current site is difficult to manage and due to technical upgrades over the school holidays a number of items have become difficult to find for parents. The school has redesigned a new website that is easy to use and visually more interesting. Most of the current information will be transferred to the new site and a lot of additional information will be available also. When the site goes live at the end of March parents and community members are asked to provide the school with feedback and thoughts for the future.

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.

Youth Leaders Lunch
On Monday the 11th of March the four school leaders attended a youth leaders lunch with the Mayor Peter Maguire and fellow councillors to discuss the current issues that the children of the Emerald area are facing and their visions for their communities in the future. Anakie captains Riley Deeley & Rhett Sampson along with the school vice captains Tomika Boon & Justin Comiskey presented a speech to the audience that was one of the best of the day. Our leaders represented our school proudly and were rewarded by the Mayor with a $500 donation to support their proposed project. The school leaders are hoping to run a very simple breakfast program at school between the school bus arriving and the commencement of lessons. I would like to congratulate our captains on behalf of the Anakie, Sapphire and Rubyvale areas for their efforts to support their fellow peers towards having a great start to learning.

APP OF THE WEEK

Lower School
- Sight Word Match Cost 99c
- Sight Word Match includes all 400 'magic sight words' which we use in our schools reading program in the younger grades. The application will speak the sight word and the child much touch the corresponding word. Once all the words are completed the child can move to the next level. This game aims to assist in the memorisation of sight words which will enhance a student's early reading capabilities.

Middle School
- The Opposites is a fun and challenging game that helps children learn 500 pairs of antonyms (words of opposite meanings).

Upper School - Poplet Lite
- Poplet is a great app to use for developing mind maps or family trees. You can take pictures and add them to your final display. Very easy and quick to use.
Green thumbs go thumbs up!
We have officially started work in the garden and the enthusiasm from all students is fantastic! With donations of seedlings from families we have planted beans, snow peas, corn and cherry tomatoes. Everyone is eagerly awaiting the first crop. Students have been guided in weeding, using hand tools and mulching a garden bed. I would like to say a big thank you to the community members who have helped by spending their time in the garden, and assisted by sourcing lucerne hay and other materials that we have needed to get the garden up and running. We still have more work to do in the garden, so we will be holding a working bee this Sunday afternoon at 3pm. All green thumbs welcome!

SIGN ON DAY SATURDAY 16TH MARCH
10:00 TO 12:00 NOON ROY DAY PARK
INVITED GUEST COUNCILLOR
PETER MAGUIRE OUR MAYOR
12:30 PM FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE
DRINKS PROVIDED FOR THE CHILDREN
ADULTS BYO DRINKS
SECOND SIGN ON DAY 23RD MARCH 10-12
CONTACT SECRETARY 0408798440
OR EMAIL: sapphire.rda@gmail.com

2013 PRIMARY SCHOOLS TOUCH COMPETITION
SIGN ON EMERALD TOUCH FIELDS
Yrs 4/5 and 6/7 boys and girls
Monday 15th & Weds 17th April from 5:30pm-9:00pm
Fees $70 per child cash or cheque
For more information contact the school or emerald touch on 49824182
Email: emeraldtouch1@bigpond.com

GEMFIELDS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY EASTER
SUNDAY MASS
ANAKIE HALL
10:30 AM
31ST MARCH 2013
ALL WELCOME

SLUSHIES WILL BE AVAILABLE
EVERYDAY AT 1ST LUNCH
$2 PER DRINK

ANAKIE & DISTRICT
LITTLE ATHLETICS
COME ALONG AND SIGN ON
SEASON COMMENCES
SUNDAY 24TH MARCH AND THEN BREAKS
OVER EASTER AND RECOMMENCES ON
SUNDAY 28TH APRIL
TIME: 3PM
WHERE: ANAKIE STATE SCHOOL OVAL
WHAT TO BRING: WATER BOTTLE,
HAT AND BE READY TO RUN, JUMP,
THROW, HAVE FUN AND BE HEALTHY

Anakie State School Newsletter
Students of the week

4th March

- Prep - Krystal Tulk - showing a great deal of confidence learning letters and sounds and reading short words.
- Year 1/2 - Martial Sandilands - showing confidence while reading.
- Year 2/3 - Lillian Lawrence - exceptional effort with her bookwork and neat writing.
- Year 4/5 - Christopher Johnson - showing improvement in his behaviour and being a good role model.
- Year 6/7 - Kirra Horvath - persistence in her school work - always focussed and on task.

Well done - keep up the good work!

Gotchas - Ellie Goodwin, Cassidy Lawrence, Melita Iona, Beryl Hartley, Aoura Sullivan.

Music - confidence in Music - Alex McLeod, Hayden Gittens, Beryl Hartley, Maleika Roan.

Principal’s Award— Emily Carew.

11th March

- Prep - Ellie Goodwin - outstanding use of positional language in Mathematics.
- Year 1/2 - Corey Nunan - showing persistence and great dedication to learning his sight words.
- Year 2/3 - Riley Beaton - being organized and persistent in completing double digit addition.
- Year 4/5 - Shakira Boon - showing a good attitude towards her learning and having a go.
- Year 6/7—Anna Halinen - consistently neat and tidy bookwork and homework. Well done!!

Gotchas - Kane Kirkby, Zak Gittens, Melita Iona, Aoura Sullivan, Edward Anderson.

Principal’s Awards - Harry Ryan and Aoura Sullivan.

Music - Ellie Goodwin, Fenika Iona, Riley Hardess, Brody West, Cassidy Lawrence.

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).