

Anakie State School

Newsletter



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THE BOTMA BEAT



As we come to the end of another busy term, there is much to celebrate at Anakie State School. I continue to be proud of the effort our students are putting into their learning and incredibly grateful for the commitment of our staff, who work tirelessly in the interests of every student. I am very proud of our team and the care, energy and expertise they bring to our school each day.

Reading is Learning remains at the heart of our improvement work. We are pleased with the effort our students are making and the progress we are seeing as they develop as readers. Learning happens every day, which is why **every day at school matters**. Regular attendance gives students the best opportunity to build on what they learned yesterday, participate fully today and be ready for what comes next.

Families play an important part in helping students access the many opportunities our school provides.

- Please ensure that permission notes and other requested forms are returned by the due date. While we make every effort to communicate with families and provide reminders, returning these forms is ultimately the responsibility of families. Without the required consent, students may unfortunately miss out on exciting incursions, excursions and other learning experiences.
- We encourage all students to arrive each day in full school uniform, including a wide-brimmed hat and enclosed shoes. These simple expectations help build a strong sense of belonging and pride in our school.

A special thank you also goes to our P&C Association for the active and positive role they continue to play in our school. Fridays are now eagerly anticipated for a whole new reason – Friday is Tuckshop Day! Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who make this possible each week. It is a small-school tradition that our students and staff have certainly embraced!

There is plenty to look forward to when we return for Term 4. Parent-teacher interviews will be held early in the term, with the date to be confirmed. Our potential **2027 student leaders** will present their leadership speeches at a special parade. Our Kindergarten students will have three additional Kindy days during the term to ensure we meet the required hours for the year, and school swimming will take place at the **Emerald pool** this year.

Before we know it, our end-of-year celebrations will also be upon us. This year, both our **Year 6 Graduation** and our **whole-school Awards and Kindergarten Graduation** will be hosted here at school. I am looking forward to celebrating the achievements, growth and milestones of our students with families and our community. More information about these special events will follow next term.

As the holidays begin, I hope our students, families and staff enjoy a very well-earned break.

Michelle Botma
Principal

Compliments and complaints

Tell us when things go right or wrong, it helps us improve our services. If you have a compliment or a complaint, we are keen to hear from you. Compliments call 13QGOV (137468). Complaints call the school office first, then 13QGOV (137468).

THE CLASSROOM BEAT



YEAR Kindy/Prep - Ms Jessica Wilson

It has been a busy and exciting term of learning in our K/P classroom!

Literacy This term, our Preps have been developing their early reading and writing skills by using their knowledge of segmenting and blending to construct simple sentences using High Frequency Words (HFW) and CVC words. We have also been learning how to express an opinion about familiar topics, using sentence starters such as “I like...”, “I don’t like...” and “I think...”. Prep have been working hard to share their ideas and communicate their thoughts through writing.

Maths In Maths, Prep students have been exploring 2D shapes, describing and identifying their attributes and developing their understanding of measurement

using informal units. We have also been solving addition and subtraction number stories and exploring equal sharing through hands-on, practical activities.

Science Our Prep scientists have been investigating how objects can move. Students had the opportunity to design and make their own toy that can move, putting their ideas into action and exploring movement through hands-on learning.

Kindy Our Kindy friends have been busy extending their number knowledge through playful, hands-on experiences. They have also been practising letter formation and sounds alongside our Prep students and building confidence with early literacy skills. Outside, we have enjoyed tower building and scooter board activities, developing problem-solving skills, coordination, balance and teamwork through play.

YEAR 1/2- Mrs Kim Lewis

Term 3 has been full of busy and curious learners in Year 1/2!

Maths In Maths we explored length, mass and capacity through lots of hands-on activities. Students measured, compared, estimated and investigated everyday objects as they worked out which objects were longer, heavier, lighter, held more or held less.

Literacy Our writers were busy sharing their opinions and backing them up with reasons. There have been some very interesting reasons to support our ideas and convince others that our opinion is correct.

HASS In HASS we travelled back in time to discover what technology in our homes looked like many years ago. The students were fascinated to see how different some things were compared to the technology we use today. Mrs Lewis even brought in her Walkman! There were certainly some puzzled faces when we discovered how people used to listen to their favourite music.

Science In Science, we learnt about the forces of push and pull. We put our learning into action by designing and creating our very own toys. There have been some wonderfully creative ideas, clever designs and lots of testing and tweaking as we worked out how to make our toys move.

It has been wonderful to see the students learning through doing, asking questions, sharing ideas and having fun along the way!

YEAR 5/6 – Mr Jackson Woodforth

Coming to the midpoint of Term 3 and we have made great progress across all our subjects. In English we have learnt many persuasive language features such as rhetorical questions, subjective language and hyperbole. We have analysed many convincing persuasive texts that include the topics of why we should have a four-day school week and that plastic recycling is a lie. We are beginning to take all that we have learnt analysed about these texts and use them to help write our own persuasives.

In Math we are coming to the end of our measurement unit and will soon begin the number unit where we will cover decimals, fractions and percentages. We have also had the delight of attending our school camp at Fairbairn Dam. I'm sure many of you have heard about the many fun activities and adventures we embarked on during our three days stay from navigating the bush, singing sea shanties while trying to beat Mr W in canoeing and lobbing tennis balls at each other with catapults. Hopefully the rest of the term will be just as memorable as the first half has been

YEAR 3/4 – Mrs Bridget Studders

What a busy term we have had in 3/4! We have been busy learning, experimenting, and having lots of fun along the way.

In Science, we have been using our knowledge of contact and non-contact forces to design and create our own Minute to Win It style games. Students have had lots of fun testing their own and their classmates' games to see if they could "Win It in a Minute!"

In Maths, we have explored a range of number skills and have started to really focus on those tricky multiplication facts from 3–12. We have also had lots of fun exploring measurement and hefting, measuring mass, length and capacity using a range of classroom objects and everyday items.

In HASS and English, students have investigated waste management and recycling at school. They have explored ways we can improve our sustainability and used their research to create persuasive writing about why we should recycle more at school. We are now looking forward to finishing the term with some persuasive speeches!

To top it all off, we had an amazing visit from Starlab this week. Students were amazed to see just how many stars would be visible in our Anakie sky without sunlight!

Looking ahead to Term 4, some students will need new books and stationery for our final term; and with warmer weather ahead, please remember to send students to school with a water bottle each day.

JAPANESE – Mrs Botma

Kindy to Year 2 students have been building on their Japanese language skills by combining days of the week and weather vocabulary. Through songs, games and puzzles, students are becoming more confident recognising, saying and using familiar Japanese words and phrases. They have listened to Aki's weather forecast and filled in missing information, before becoming weather presenters themselves! Students created their own weather reports, using Japanese to describe the day and weather and sharing their forecasts with others.

THE ARTS (DANCE) – Mrs Botma

Students have been exploring the art of choreography and discovering how dancers use movement to communicate ideas. Kindy to Year 2 students have explored five different dance genres and the elements that make each style unique. Years 3 and 4 have experimented with improvisation and used different stimuli to inspire and choreograph short routines. Years 5 and 6 have been developing their choreography skills, using different techniques to add meaning and interest to group dances. Across all year levels, students are becoming more confident making creative choices and bringing their ideas to life through movement.

News from the School Library

What a fantastic term it has been for reading at Anakie State School!

A Book Fair to Remember!

Our recent Book Fair was a huge success, with our school community helping us raise an amazing \$1,334!



A huge thank you to all of our families, students and community members who supported the Book Fair and helped us reach — and exceed — our \$1,000 goal. Your support means we have also earned 30% commission in books and resources for our school library, helping us continue to build a wonderful collection for our students to enjoy. ❤️

Book Week Celebrations

Our Book Week Parade was another wonderful highlight of the term! Students and staff enjoyed seeing an amazing array of creative, colourful and sometimes very original costumes celebrating our love of books and reading.

A special thank you to Grace Peterson for visiting our school, sharing her love of books with our students and generously donating books for our children. It was wonderful to have her join our Book Week celebrations. Congratulations to all of our costume winners, who were able to choose a book as their prize. What better prize could there be during Book Week than a brand-new book to take home and enjoy! 📖❤️

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge has now wrapped up for this year and we would like to congratulate all of our students who took part and worked hard to complete the challenge.

A big well done to everyone who challenged themselves to read, discover new books and enjoy stories throughout the year. Your certificates will be arriving in Term 4, and we look forward to celebrating your achievements when they arrive. 🌟

Book Club in Term 4

Our Scholastic Book Club will run twice during Term 4, giving families two opportunities to purchase affordable books and encourage reading at home.

Families can browse the catalogue and place orders online through Scholastic LOOP. Orders placed online are linked directly to the school, making it easy for families to order without needing to return paper forms or money to school. Scholastic also provides rewards back to schools from Book Club purchases.

Browse the catalogue and order online:

[Scholastic Book Club LOOP](#)

We encourage families to take some time to look through each catalogue with their children and let them choose books that spark their interests. When children choose books they are excited to read, they are more likely to become enthusiastic and confident readers. ❤️📖

Thank you to our wonderful school community for continuing to support literacy and foster a love of reading at Anakie State School!



Congratulations!

Gotcha Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who have been "caught" doing the right thing in the playground by demonstrating our school values through their positive behaviour and attitude

Students of the Week 7

- K/P- Nil
- 1/2- Gracie for working hard to understand addition using the split strategy
- 3/4- Eloise for persevering and working hard through problem solving
- 5/6- Wyatt for great improvement in TEEL paragraph writing

Gotcha Winners Term 3 2026

PBL and Gotcha Winners Week 7

- K/P-Jack for playing responsibly in the playground
- 1/2- Hazel for playing responsibly in the playground
- 3/4 –Anastasia for using respectful language to staff and peers
- 5/6 – Axle for being responsible in the playground
Kurtis for being supportive to all who needed help

Well done to all our Gotcha recipients—keep up the fantastic work

Students of the Week 8

- K/P- student away
- 1/2-Gracie for doing an excellent job on measuring items in the classroom
- 3/4-Karter for working hard to gather useful and interesting information during English research
- 5/6-Coby for working diligently on all assessment pieces

PBL and Gotcha Winners Week 8

- K/P-none
- Ivy for being kind, friendly and including everyone in our classroom
- 3/4 – Karter for being responsible in the playground
- 5/6 – Joseph for showing respect in and out of classroom

Students of the Week 9

- K/P-Mia for 100% effort in learning phonics
- Jack for working to the best of his ability and making great progress in phonics and HFW (High Frequency Words)

- 1/2 - Charlie for enthusiastic reading and spelling
- 3/4- Macey for great persuasive sentence writing
- 5/6-Axle for working hard to complete all assessments

Gotcha Winners Week 9

- K/P-none
- 1/2 -Ted for always following staff instructions
3/4 - Kasarna for have positive interactions with her peers
- Sebastian for being responsible in the playground
- 5/6- Kurtis for being responsible in the playground

Congratulations to this week's award recipients. We are so proud of your effort, positive attitude and commitment to learning!

OFFICE MESSAGES

Office hours: Monday to Friday 8:30 – 3pm. Contact the school office on (07) 4981 1111 or email admin@anakiess.eq.edu.au

Back to School Boost

Earlier this year, families received a Back-to-School Boost form. Your child's school account has been credited with \$100, which can be used towards school camps, 2026 swimming costs, or school uniform purchases. Statements will be going out in Week 5 via email and sent home with your child/ren. These statements will show what is left on your students account. If you have any questions, please contact the school on 49811111 or email lrobi113@eq.edu.au.

A Friendly Reminder

To help us keep accurate attendance records and ensure the safety of everyone on site, we kindly ask that all parents and carers sign students in and out at the office whenever they are dropped off late or collected during the school day.

Kindy parents can sign in at the classroom.

Signing students in and out:

- helps us maintain accurate attendance records
- prevents unnecessary absence text messages being sent to families
- supports our workplace health and safety procedures by ensuring we know who is on site in the event of an emergency.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Updating your school contact details:

If your child/ren's details have changed please advise the school, this includes address details, phone details and emergency contact details this will keep our records up to date. One emergency contact should be noted for your child/ren in case of an emergency.

Casual Teacher Aides Wanted

Are you looking for a rewarding way to support local students and our school community?

Anakie State School is seeking expressions of interest from people who would like to undertake casual Teacher Aide work. If you enjoy working with children and have some flexibility during school hours, we'd love to hear from you!

To be eligible, applicants will need:

- A current Blue Card
- A Criminal History Check
- First Aid training (encouraged but not essential)

Date Claimers Term 4	
Mon 6/10/2026	Public holiday
Tue 7/10/2026	P&C Meeting
Thurs 29/10/2026	Shake and Stir performance 'The Loud Crowd'
Fri 30/10/2026	World Teacher's Day
	Day for Daniel
Mon 9/11/2026	Special Parade RSL Draw to Remember
Weds 11/11/2026	Remembrance Day
Mon 16/11/2026	Special Parade: 2027 School Leader Speeches
Weds 25/11/26 Thurs 26/11/26	School swimming lesson 1 Emerald Pool
Tue 1/12/2026	Beach2Bush Christmas Performance
Tues 2/12/26	Year 6 Transition Day 1
Weds 3/12/26	Year 6 Transition Day 2
Tues 8/1/2026	Year 6 Graduation
Weds 9/12/2026	Whole School Awards & Kindy Graduation
Friday 11/12/2026	Last day of term

Don't miss a beat!

Follow our school on Facebook to see learning in action, student celebrations, and important updates from across the school.



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Term 4 School Calender

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 6 – 9 Oct	Public Holiday	Kindy	P&C Meeting 3:15pm Kindy		
Week 2 12 – 16 Oct	Parade 2:30pm Kindy	Religious Instruction Kindy	Kindy		
Week 3 19 – 23 Oct	Parade 2:30pm Kindy	Kindy	Kindy		
Week 4 26 – 30 Oct	Parade 2:30pm Kindy	Religious Instruction Kindy	Kindy	Shake & Stir: The Loud Crowd	World Teacher's Day Day for Daniel
Week 5 2- 6 Nov	Parade 2:30pm Kindy	Kindy	Kindy		Tuckshop Day
Week 6 9 – 13 Nov	Special Parade 2:30pm <i>RSL Draw to Remember</i> Kindy	Religious Instruction Kindy	Remembrance Day Kindy		
Week 7 16 – 20 Nov	Special Parade: <i>2027 leaders' speeches</i> 2:00pm Kindy	Kindy	Kindy		
Week 8 23 – 27 Nov	Parade 2:30pm Kindy	Religious Instruction Kindy	School Swimming lesson 1 (Emerald Pool)	School Swimming lesson 2 (Emerald Pool)	
Week 9 30 – 4 Dec	Parade 2:30pm Kindy	Y6 ESHS Transition Day 1 Beach2Bush Christmas Performance Kindy	Y6 ESHS Transition Day 2 Bump up Session Kindy	School Swimming lesson 3 (Emerald Pool)	
Week 10 7 – 11 Dec	Parade 2:30pm Kindy	Religious Instruction Y6 Graduation	9am Whole School Awards & Kindy Graduation Wet Day		Last day of term 4 Reports emailed