

In 2019 these students had just started at Anakie Primary School. These were their initial comments and in the next issue you will read what they have to say now, as they prepare to move on to secondary school in a few months time.

Max: *"I don't know. Doing work and ... being kind. Miss Pickering. I only got one teacher, not Miss Bubb. We been reading stories and writing."* In response to "Is school better than kindergarten?" Max said: "Kinder better, you have fun; have to learn things at school."



Charlize:

"The teachers are teaching me. Miss Pickering. Umm, one of my friends helps me when I get hurt. Some other people get hurt and they get help, too. We been sharing in a circle." In answer to: "What have you been doing today?", Charlize looked over and replied, *"They put that thing in the circle."*

Eliza: *"I don't know. Miss Pickering"*. Eliza showed me a photo-board with students 'present' and 'absent' and proceeded to name most of them. She went back to it a few times to show me again and offer more information. Then: *"Can I go back now?"* Clearly, Eliza did not want to stay any longer; it was a much better option to rejoin the group to take part in all the exciting class activities.



Anakie Advocate

Anakie & District Community Group 2115 Ballan Rd
Office hours **Monday 9am- 4.30pm Tuesday,**
Wednesday and Thursday 11am- 4.30pm.
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Want to come, but have children a little too young to play and you don't have a childminder?
A table will be set up with games and colouring-in and a volunteer will supervise the children. Must be booked.



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- Healthy Connected Community
- Community Inclusion
- Environment and Sustainability

To read more about the three funding categories and eligible projects, please access the program guidelines from our website.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss their application with Council's Community Grants team. Please enquire as soon as possible to allow adequate time to discuss your application prior to the submission deadline.

Applications are open until 2pm, Monday 1 September 2025.

For more information and to apply for a Community Strengthening Grant, visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au, email at communitygrants@gplains.vic.gov.au or call 5220 7111.



Local organisations contact details

Anakie CFA

Adam 0410 886 567

Anakie Community House

Heather 5284 1359

Anakie Football & Netball Club

Heath 0418 138 112

Anakie General Store/post office

Ruby/Andrew 52841 177

Anakie Hall

Adrian 0425 798 938

Anakie Primary School

Secretary Karen 5284 1291

Anakie Primary School

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SCHOOL 150 YEARS
CELEBRATION**



We are seeking locals interested in joining members of Anakie Primary School to form a committee to organise our 150 years celebration.

Although not until 2027, it is an important milestone and we plan on having our first meeting later this month. We are very keen to have information and suggestions from the wider community, Contact the community house or me if you are keen to help and in what capacity you can do so. **Kristy Vasils**, School Council President **0437 793 135**
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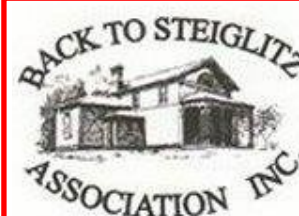
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\$100 includes **tuition** and **all materials**.

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**Annual Back to Steiglitz
Reunion Sunday 26 October**
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Do you have a craft or trade you would like to share from the turn of the century? Contact us if you make or create handcrafts and would like to book a stall site or demonstrate your skill. People wanting to display their quilts are also invited to attend. Musicians/buskers/artists welcome.

Art Exhibition: contact Angela: a.hicksorb@gmail.com 0499198716.

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Anakie Fire Brigade News

Captain: **Adam Hearsom-Jones**
ph: **0410 886 567**

Secretary **Carol Brislane**
ph: **0438 893 197**

Winter has well and truly settled in, and we hope you are all staying warm and cozy as the colder days arrive.

Following our recent elections, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is **Edward Atkin** and I am honoured to be taking over the role of Community Engagement Officer. I have been a member of the Anakie CFA for the past three years and I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity this new role gives me to connect with and serve our community more directly.

Please be aware of the recent changes to Victorian road rules that came into effect on July 1st. To protect our first responders, you are now required to slow down to **40km/h** when passing any

stationary emergency or response vehicle with flashing lights. This now includes fire, police, ambulance, SES and breakdown and roadside assistance vehicles. Please help us stay safe while we work to help you. You can learn more about this change at the Transport Victoria website.

<https://bit.ly/incidentresponsevehicles>
I am excited to begin this new chapter and work together to make Anakie a safer place for everyone.

For a life-threatening emergency, call **000**. Out of mobile service area, call **112**, which details your whereabouts to assist call-takers.

Sincerely,
Edward Atkin
Community Engagement Officer



All vehicles to be functionally checked and run approximately 30 kms. If you cannot fulfill the roster, please find a replacement.

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Carole Hofflin



Ella's Page

The Power Saving Bonus is back!

From **Monday 25 August**, there's a fifth round of the **Power Saving Bonus**! This provides a \$100 payment to Victorian concession card households that use the Victorian Energy Compare website to search for the cheapest electricity deal. Households with an eligible concession card will be able to apply for the payment by visiting: Victorian Energy Compare website <https://compare.energy.vic.gov.au/> My office will once again be available to assist eligible Anakie residents submit application to the program:

Anakie Power Saving Bonus

Application Session

Anakie Community Centre

Tuesday 2 September 2 to 3pm

Please make sure you bring along a copy of your most recent energy bill, driver's license and concession card. If you are unable to make this session give my office a call and a member of my team will be happy to assist you at a more convenient time.

The \$100 Power Saving Bonus will be complemented by the Albanese Labor Government's Energy Bill Relief Fund extension, which will provide up to \$150 in energy bill rebates for all households and eligible small businesses between July and December this year.

If you need assistance with any State Government matter, contact my office on **5275 3898** email ella.george@parliament.vic.gov.au. Or stop past my office at Level 1, Corio Village Shopping Centre, Bacchus Marsh Rd, Corio, 3214.

Ella,

Ella George MP

State Member for Lara

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Uniting Church: Thelma Ross Memorial, Parwan Sth. Services suspended. ☎ Diane 5367 3097.

Lara Uniting Church: Cnr Flinders Avenue/Forrest Rds. Lutheran public divine service 3rd Sundays 1.30am. ☎ 5278 2443.

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ANAKIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

STORYTIME

OUR 2026 FOUNDATION STUDENTS, AS WELL AS OTHER 3 AND 4 YEAR OLDS IN THE ANAKIE COMMUNITY ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR STORYTIME ON THE DATES BELOW.

FRIDAY 15TH AUGUST

FRIDAY 29TH AUGUST

FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

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Wednesdays

Myotherapy massage

Sandi visits monthly. One hour treatment \$80. Bookings essential.

Tuesday 5 Aug & Wednesday 10 Sept.

Community lunches

12.30 to 1.30pm

BYO or buy from the shop. Enjoy a chat over lunch. Tea, coffee laughs provided.



Join M & M!

Wednesdays

UnFinished Objects (UFOs)



1.30 to 3.30pm

Quilt, knit, paint, sew, draw, work on projects, learn a new skill. Beginners welcome. \$2, includes refreshments. *Continues in term breaks.*

Thursdays

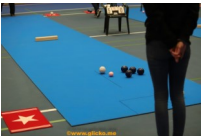
Carpet bowls

First Thursday of the month

10am at Anakie Hall.

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dates: **7 August** and **4 Sept.**



hairdressing



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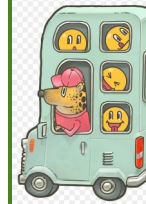
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Anakie rainfall as recorded by

Cambria Parkinson



July rainfall: 72 mms
Days of rain: 11

Information for the Anakie Advocate which does not arrive on time (18th of the month prior to publication) will be not be included in the next issue, unless other arrangements have been arranged. Email: **anakiehouse@talmoi.com.au** call **5284 1359** or post Anakie & District Community Group Anakie Community House **2115 Ballan Road Anakie 3213.**

Brisbane Ranges Landcare Group meets on the **third Thursday** every **second month** at **Balliang Hall**, usually at **7:30pm.**

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Thursdays
Community lunches
noon to 1pm



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Fridays
Pilates
8.30 - 9.30am
 Small groups; beginners and enquiries welcome. Call Kevin for more details **0408 960 876**



Anakie Advocate - monthly
 Newsletters have inserts added and are sorted for delivery, usually on **Mondays**. If can help, maybe at short notice, call **5284 1359**.



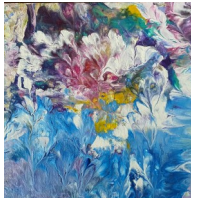
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Community Carols & Picnic
Balliang Memorial Hall
Sunday 14th December
4-7pm
Save the date!
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Among the various regular groups meeting at Anakie Community House, this one has been around a long time. Beginning as a patchwork session some time around the year 2000, it has evolved into a UFO group.

This is not anything to do with space, but rather the UFO is an acronym, of sorts, for **UnFinished Objects**.

The ladies knit, sew, crochet, colour-in, work on patchwork items or just come for the company.



Oh, and of course, the afternoon tea isn't half bad. **Sandra, Pauline, Cheryl, Janice, Gail, Marion, Yvonne, Maureen and Margie** thoroughly enjoyed the cake in this picture, provided by Cheryl.