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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Our Purpose

At Redbank State School we will deliver a clear and focussed curriculum to improve student learning outcomes with clear expectations of academic performance and student behaviour.

School hours

First bell – 8:30am

School starts – 8:45am

School finishes – 2:45pm

When children arrive at school they are required to sit quietly on the seats under B Block.

Report Cards

End of semester 1 report cards are due to be sent home on Wednesday 21st of June. These reports give you an overview of your child's achievement against year level standards.

Some families require a second copy of the report card to provide to another parent. If this is the case for you, please contact the Office so that we can arrange this for you.

As most of you will have noticed, increasing student attendance is very much on our school improvement agenda. The absence details for your child is indicated on the report card. Thank you to the families who have assisted us in keeping our student attendance data up to date.

Cooler Weather

It has been noticed that there are quite a few children who are arriving at school without warm clothes, even as the temperatures are starting to fall. The temperatures at school in the mornings are often much cooler than they are at home as we don't seem to get much morning sun. Could you please check with your children that they pack a jumper in their bags to put on if needed.

Morning tea with the Principal



As part of our Raptor Rewards points, students who have earned and saved up 100 points can purchase a morning tea with the Principal. Last Friday it was my great pleasure to host a Morning Tea for 6 of these students. I would like to thank the ladies from the tuckshop for providing the morning tea and in particular Mrs Patterson who did an amazing job of decorating the table for us. I am looking forward to being able to host



many more of these morning teas in the future.

Attendance Trophy

Congratulations to 2BC who were awarded the Attendance Trophy in Week 6 with a 96% attendance rate and 4AW who were awarded the Attendance Trophy in Week 7 with a 94% attendance rate. The classes are getting extremely good at hiding the trophy, 4AW recently dressed up the trophy as Miss Ward.



Absences

All student absences that are 'unexplained' will be followed up by a phone call to parents/caregivers on the day. Please contact the school to notify us of the reason your child is absent **every** day that they are absent. You can also send a note with a sibling, email the school on absent@redbankss.eq.edu.au or call on 3381 4111. Parents/caregivers will be contacted each morning regarding any unexplained absences to check that your child is safe. It is important that children are at school every day and it's not okay to be late!

Cheers,
Craig Pearen
Principal



Strive is our oral vocabulary program. Each week the teachers select special words from the class work. They teach the meaning in a clear and focused lesson with follow up lessons during the week. When the class has completed the word they go onto the STRIVE wall.



Redbank Raptors

Each room in our school has a set of posters to remind the students of our behaviour expectations.

The students will be learning about being safe, responsible and respectful by choosing their behaviour. **The behaviour lesson that the students have been focussing on for weeks 7 and 8 is:** Showing safe behaviours when transitioning to and from play breaks. We walk sensibly and quietly after play breaks to designated places.

We sit and wait quietly for our teacher after play breaks. We follow the school

expectations about being safe: we walk on the concrete and we keep our hands, feet and objects to ourselves. We are aware of ourselves and others, we are careful with the accumulation of noise from many conversations and how others feel if you are not doing the right thing.

***Redbank Raptors are safe, responsible and respectful learners when we are safe when transitioning to and from play breaks.**

These students were selected to pick from the prize box for being excellent Redbank Raptor Role Models: Destiny-Rose, Keiala, Rua, Stephanie, Daniel, Sypress, Starr, Patience, Kierah, Cody, Dakota, Jake, Epe, Tau, Baylin, Bradlee, Jemma, Sammii.



P & C NEWS

President- Michelle Bell
Vice President- Clem Knight
Secretary- Ann Fouracre
Assistant Secretary- Angela Perry
Treasurer- Jodie Patterson
Tuckshop Convenor- Mandy Midgley

The next meeting for the P & C will be held on Tuesday 20 June at 1:30pm. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Footy Colours Day Winners: Congratulations to the wonderful students who dressed up for our footy colours fundraiser. We raised \$115.00 for our school. The money raised for these events will be used for our students on school events.

These 18 students won an ice block voucher from the tuckshop: Tyrelle, Phoenix, Ezra, Monica, Rua, Isabella, Mahonri, Jayda, Kobe, Lailanni, Taitoa, Addena, Tyreece, Chevy, Demetres, Sefani, Mitchel and Destiny.

These 2 students won the Meal Deal Vouchers for being the best dressed: Kareena and Kielin.

There was some fierce competition going on!



Thank you for your support.

Tuckshop: Volunteers are always welcome. The show bag meal day raised \$149.50.

Uniform Shop: Now open each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between 8.00 – 9.00am in the Resource Centre kitchen.

Munch 'N Crunch Program: Help is always needed, pop into the kitchen and help cut up the fruit and vegetables each morning from about 8.00am – 9.00am.

Disco: A school Disco will be held on Friday night 16 June from 6pm to 8pm. Entry is \$5.00 and all Redbank State School students are invited to attend. Food will be available at the tuckshop. Our normal school expectations of safe, responsible and respectful will apply on the night.

Mother's Day fundraising: \$317 was taken for the raffle and \$534 was taken for the stall.

RECENT PARADE AWARDS

Our school parade is held every Friday afternoon at 2.00pm. Parents/Caregivers are most welcome to attend. These students received an award on parade recently.

Addena, Jiraiya, Oceanna, Alekk, Kierah, Tahliah, Prinze, Benjamin, Gen, Alice, Ciara, Caitlin, Laila, Eabha, Epe, Kalapani, Riley, Amarli, Starr, Peti, Katie, Dusten, Vaoleti, Kyarah, Zion, Judus, Lucas, Chloe, Daniel, Rua, Kobe, Jayda, Ashley, Elijah, Deejay, Aroha, Ayen, Ethan, Nathaniel, Tyler.

Congratulations everyone for the great work!



Science Club

Our Scientist, Peter Sullivan, The Head of Curriculum, Anne-Maree Reardon and I had a meeting last week to discuss the 'hands on' science activities that each class will participate in, on Wednesday 15th August, during Science Week. The activities will align with the Curriculum for 3rd term. Peter will submit a detailed proposal for the day.

There are probably only two more weeks for Science Club before the end of term, because of the senior Athletics day on the 15th June.

The students seemed to have enjoyed the activities again this term. Thank you, Peter.

RAPTORBRATION



A Raptorbration was held at school last week to reward great behaviour by always following our school expectations. Most of our students participated in this event; they watched some students from Redbank Plains State High School perform and then had a dance party and an ice-block. *Redbank Raptors Rule!*

Library News

Keep reading for the Premier's Reading Challenge!

The recording sheets have now been sent home. When you finish your sheet, put it in the box on the library counter.

More sheets are available.

The library has a display of books highlighted in this challenge. We have several students who have finished a sheet already and are onto their next one. Keep up the great reading!



Students who complete the challenge will be recognised with a certificate signed by the Premier of Queensland.

Key dates: Reading commences 15 May 2017

Reading finishes 25 August 2017

Reading a variety of books builds vocabulary and knowledge, improves spelling and comprehension, can improve confidence and is also a great way to relax!

GARDENING CLUB

We have two new garden beds. We give big thank you to Mr Leon for constructing them for us. The children will be planting pineapples in both of them. The garden where some of the pineapples have come from are going to be planted with another passionfruit vine. Look at the passionfruit we collected from our present vine!

Last week, the children planted a lady finger banana tree, so hopefully, in time that will bear fruit, too. Our tomato bushes have many flowers so with a little



care, luck and attention; the children should be eating tomatoes in their Munch & Crunch containers soon.

DENTAL VAN VISITS

Our prep to year 4 students visited the Oral Health Education Van to learn about general dental care. The treatment van will arrive soon as well. If you indicated on a permission form that you wanted treatment for your child, the dental staff will contact you directly to arrange an appointment.



4/5HM and 1KT Buddies

Another term has almost past. Last week, because of a number of Year 4/5 students absent, the children present enjoyed a story shown on the smartboard about "The Bremen Musicians." It is an old German story written by the Grimm Brothers. Bremen is an old, but large town in north Germany. The children really enjoyed drawing the statue of the donkey, dog, cat and rooster musicians.

This week, the year 4/5's are going to read a non-fictional story, then the year 1's are stitching around a picture from one of the books. They have to guess the book from which the picture has come.

Athletics Carnival

Our annual sports athletics carnival will be held on Thursday 15 June for the seniors and Thursday 22 June for the juniors. Both days start at 9am.

Please note that students compete in the year that they were born.

Thursday 15 June is for the seniors: 9yr olds (2008) to 12yr olds (2005) will do track events and long jump, shot put, ball games, and high jump.

Thursday 22 June will be for the juniors: 5yr olds (2012) to 8yr olds (2009) will do track events then go to other events such as vortex, fly-ball shot put, leap jump and novelty races.

Parents/caregivers are most welcome to attend. The tuckshop will be open with a normal menu on both days. We aim to finish the carnival on both days around 1pm. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours: Kallararoo is green and Bindaree is red. More information will be sent home in a flyer at a later date.

OUR CLUBS

Each week the students can participate in a number of clubs.

Our clubs include:

Breakfast Club: Each morning: 8.00 – 8.20 am. Students must be finished at Breakfast Club by 8.20, so that they are ready for the first bell at 8.30.

Gardening Club: Tuesday mornings from 7.30 – 8.25 am for years 1 to 6.

Glee Club: Each Wednesday at second break from 1.00 - 1.30pm in 2/3LH room. Students from Prep to 6 are able to attend.

Homework Help and the Reading Ranch: Every Thursday morning from 8.00 - 8.25 am in the library.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Managing Type 1 Diabetes in Children: A Parenting Perspective

Being a parent of a child with type 1 diabetes can be extremely stressful. The University of Queensland is seeking parents of children with type 1 diabetes to take part in a research study that will explore factors that could help or hinder parents in managing their child's diabetes. If you are a parent of a 2- to 10-year-old child with type 1 diabetes, we would love to hear from you! By sharing your experiences (confidentially) you will help us identify better ways for health care professionals to support parents and families. To complete the online survey, please go to: For further information about the project or to request a survey to be posted to you, please email Jade Grambower at j.grambower@uq.net.au or call Dr Amy Mitchell at the Parenting and Family Support Centre at The University of Queensland on (07) 3346 1202. Thank you!

Kids Holiday Club: Monday 26 to Friday 30 June, 9am to 12:30 each day. Prep to year 6 aged children. Kruger Parade Baptist Church. Contact 3814 0144 for more info.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Our calendar will be updated in each newsletter to let you know of upcoming events.

Thursday 15 June	Inter-house senior athletics carnival
Tuesday 20 June	P & C Meeting 1:30 pm
Thursday 22 June	Inter-house junior athletics carnival
Friday 23 June	Last day of term 2 – <i>Happy holidays!</i>
Monday 10 July	First day back for term 3
10 – 14 July	Naidoc Week
Monday 17 & Tuesday 18 July	Central District Athletics Carnival in Ipswich
21 – 25 August	Book Week
Friday 25 August	Premier's Reading Challenge ends
Friday 25 August	Grandparents Open Day