

9 May 2018

## 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.

### Student Attendance

Absences affect the chances your child has of being successful as an adult. One or two days absent a week in primary school doesn't seem much but...

Missing...	Equals ...	Which is ...	Over 13 years of schooling you child is missing...	If this happens you child may <u>only</u> reach ...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years of schooling	Year 11 standard
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Nearly 2.5 years of schooling	Year 10 standard
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Nearly 5 years of schooling	Year 7 standard
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of schooling	Year 4 standard

**EVERY DAY COUNTS and we need to see your child at school each and every day!**

**Being late** for school every day also impacts on learning ...

- 30 minutes late each day = 2 ½ hours each week = missing half a day of school and learning each week.
- Missing ½ day of learning each week = missing 4 weeks of learning per year.
- Missing 4 weeks each year = missing ½ year of schooling over 13 years.

***Please think carefully before letting your child stay at home.***

### NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9. NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or 'domains') of:

- reading
- writing
- language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- numeracy

NAPLAN for 2018 will be held in all schools across the nation on May 15 to May 17. It is expected that all students will attend school on these days and participate in the tests. If you have any questions and concerns about your child's participation, please see your child's classroom teacher as a first port of call. I am happy for parents/caregivers to make an appointment with me if necessary.

### Attendance Trophy

Congratulations to 3/4AW who were awarded the Attendance Trophy in Week 2 with a 92% attendance rate and again in Week 3 with an attendance rate of 94%.

Year 3/4 AW were very creative about hiding the trophy once again!

PrepJM did not want to give up the attendance trophy and hid it in the dress-up play area.



### 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](mailto: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 3 and 4 is:** Be respectful to adults. Being respectful means having regard for the feelings, wishes or rights of others. You act in a way that shows you care about others' feelings and wellbeing. Showing respect for others includes: avoiding calling people mean names, treating people with courtesy, caring enough about yourself that you don't do things you

know can hurt you or others. Follow staff instructions and directions immediately.

**\*Redbank Raptors are safe, responsible and respectful learners when we are respectful to adults.**

**These students were selected to pick from the prize box for being excellent Redbank Raptor Role Models:** Annika, Myra, Sebastian, Laila, Caitlin, Kingston, Kaitlyn, Chloe.



## P & C NEWS

- President- Michelle Bell**
- Senior Vice-President- Clem Knight**
- Second Vice-President- Edward Ploger**
- Secretary- Angela Perry**
- Assistant Secretary- Virginia Sileli**
- Treasurer- Katherine Earl**

**Next P&C Meeting is Tuesday 15 May at 1:45pm, all are welcome.** We now also have a Facebook page, look for 'P&C Redbank State School'. We will use this as an additional way to keep our community informed of events and plans that we have coming up. Please be aware that we are unable to post photos of children or staff.

**School Uniforms:** Our uniforms are now available from the local **LOWES store in Redbank Plaza;** however **bucket hats** will still be sold at school for \$10 each from the office. Correct money must be given as no change is available. Please mark all clothing items with your child's name.

**Munch 'N' Crunch Program:** Are you able to spare an hour in the mornings? Pop into the kitchen in the Resource Centre and see Michelle (our P&C President) to help cut up the fruit and vegetables each morning from around 8.00am – 9.00am.

### **Mother's Day Raffle: We have several hampers!**

Raffle tickets are \$1:00 each and are due back to school tomorrow, Thursday 10 May for the drawing of the winners. Tickets must be handed in before 9.00am to be in the draw.

**Mother's Day Stall** is continuing for Thursday 10 and Friday 11 May until about 8:45 each day.

Come along and buy a small gift, all items are \$10 or less, for Mum or Grandma.

### 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: Elena, Kaiden, Dominic Ariana, Ella, Kaylah, Cathy, Jackson, Peti, Jordon, Dusten.

### CENTRAL DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Two students will be attending the Central District cross country tomorrow, Thursday 10 May at Limestone Park in Ipswich. We wish them well for their 3km run. Go Redbank!

## Under 8's Week



This year at Redbank we will celebrate under 8's week on **Tuesday 22 May between 9am and 11 am**. Parents/Caregivers are welcome to attend and bring younger siblings.

We need your help! We need boxes for collage.

Save cardboard cereal and biscuit boxes and clean yogurt containers and send them to school.



Thank you.

### OUR CLUBS

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

Our clubs include:

*Breakfast Club:* Each morning: 8:00 – 8:20am. Students must be finished at Breakfast Club by 8:20, so that they are ready for the first bell at 8:30.

*Gardening Gurus:* Wednesday mornings from 7:30 – 8:25am for Years 3 to 6.

*Glee Club:* Each Wednesday at first break from 11:00 – 11:15pm in 3LH room.

Students from Prep to 6 are able to attend.

*Reading Ranch:* Every Tuesday morning from 8:00 – 8:25am in the library.

*Savvy Scientists:* invitation only: 7:30 – 8:25am Thursdays in the computer lab.

*Maths Movers:* invitation only: 7:40 – 8:25 Tuesdays in the kitchen.

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

9, 10 and 11 May	Mother's Day Stall plus Raffle
Thursday 10 May	Central District Cross Country
Tuesday 15 May	P&C Meeting 1:45pm
15, 16, 17 May	NAPLAN
Friday 18 May	Public Holiday for the Ipswich Show
Tuesday 22 May	Under 8's Day – PrepJM to year 3/4AW participating. 9-11am
Thursday 21 June	Senior Athletics Carnival
Thursday 28 June	Junior Athletics Carnival
Friday 29 June	Last day of Term 2
Monday 16 July	First day of Term 3