

10 May 2017

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

Redbank Anzac Day

Around ANZAC Day, our students were involved in a number of services to commemorate this day. On Monday, 24th of April, the Student Leaders, Miss Keizer and myself went to the School's ANZAC Service in Brisbane. That afternoon we held our service at the school with a number of special guests in attendance. On ANZAC Day itself a number of our students represented our school at the Service at the Redbank Memorial Park. I was very proud of our students who attended each of these events and would like to thank Miss Keizer for her work in organising each of these events for our school.

Toys at School

Could I please ask parents/caregivers to support us by reminding your children that they are not to bring toys from home to school. When students bring their own toys to school it can become troublesome with breakages and losses which takes up a lot of time and effort.

Students are able to borrow equipment at school for playtime, so there is no need for them to be bringing toys to school.

Staff Car Park

We have noticed that some parents are using the staff carpark to drop off and pick up students each day. Parents are also walking through the carpark with their children. It is important that students are not in the car park when staff are driving in and out. Parents/Caregivers are able to drop off along Brisbane Road for the students to walk to and from school. There is ample parking in Law Street and a cul-de-sac for parents/caregivers to drop off students. We appreciate your help in keeping our students safe.

Attendance Trophy

Congratulations to PrepJM who were awarded the Attendance Trophy in Week 2 with a 94% attendance rate and 4/5HM who were awarded the Attendance Trophy in Week 3 with a 96% attendance rate.



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 3 and 4 is:** Safe play in the playground. Being safe, means that everyone follows the school expectations for safe play. Keep hands, feet and objects to self. Use the equipment appropriately. Look out for people around us when using equipment.

Take turns on the equipment. Use the Raptor 3 to problem solve.

**Redbank Raptors are safe, responsible and respectful learners when we play safely in the playground.*



P & C NEWS

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

The next meeting for the P & C will be held on Tuesday 20 June at 1:30pm.

Tuckshop News: We will be having a special 'Show Day' in the tuckshop on Monday 15 May. Orders can still be placed at the tuckshop. Prices are \$6.50 for the meal, or \$6.50 for the show bag and \$13 for both items.

Uniform Shop: Change of opening days, 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.

Mother's Day Raffle: We are holding a multi-draw raffle for Mother's Day; tickets are \$1.00 each. Please send all tickets and money back to school for the draw this Friday 12 May.

Mother's Day Stall: We will also hold a Mother's Day stall with gifts available for purchase on Thursday 11 and Friday 12 May at the school. Gifts range from 50c to \$10. Buy something for Mum or Grandma.

State of Origin Fundraising Day: Wednesday 31 May. Wear your favourite footy colours; bring a gold donation for our school.

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.

Paige, Daniel, Mizpah, Kaylah, Monica, Ngareta, Ebony, Ruby, Jasper, Vaughan, Wade, Zeppelin, Tyreece, Darcy, Zane, Rohith, Alekk, Kailea, Katlyn, Kayden, Jake, Kyarah, Lachlan and Summer.



Congratulations everyone for the great work!

Science Club

Last week the students learned how to make an electrical circuit and then attach them to the headpieces for the Festival of Lights. They used metallic conducting tape and LED lights. It might be fair to say, they also learned how frustrating it could be when all effort and care was taken, then when the current was switched on, some didn't work! They had to go back to check the connections. The headpieces looked great! Thank you, you did a great job!

Welcome to the 2017 Premier's Reading Challenge!

The Premier's Reading Challenge is an annual state-wide initiative. Over the past 12 years, more than 10 million books have been read. The challenge aims to improve literacy and encourage children to read widely for pleasure and learning. For a student to successfully complete the challenge, they must read or experience the allocated number of books for their year level during the reading period.



Year level	Number of books
Prep – Year 2	Read or experience 20 books
Years 3 – 4	20 books
Years 5 – 9	15 books

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

More information and the recording sheet will be sent home soon. The library will have a display of books highlighted in this challenge.

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

CENTRAL DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Several students participated in the recent district cross country at Springfield. Darian placed in the top 10 for his age group and all the other students did well on the day. We thank them for participating and representing our school at this event.

GARDENING CLUB

Last week, our little gardeners planted peas, carrots and cauliflower. This week we will plant French beans and tomatoes. We are trialling growing our vegetables using black plastic to stop the excessive growth of weeds and to cut down on weeding. So far it has been worthwhile because the weeds have not come through the plastic. Now, we are hoping the plants grow well without the competition with the weeds. Here's hoping! Our passionfruit vine has lots of fruit. Soon the children will be eating them in their Munch & Crunch containers.

Festival of Lights

Witches, Wizards & Mystical Creatures

Redbank State School children participated again in the Festival of Lights parade last Saturday, 6th May. This year's theme was Witches, Wizards and Mystical creatures.

After creating their own headpieces and the Science Club students helping with the electrical circuits to make the creatures come alive, the children wore them with pride. I'd like to give massive thanks to all the adults who came to support the children and to those who dressed up to support the theme as well. Great job everybody!



Library News

Parents & Caregivers, have you seen the Library Display? Come in and have a look!

The theme that the Library Teacher Aides have chosen for the book display and the interactive play activities during second break is based on Food. Apart from the wide range of fiction and non-fiction books displayed about food, the children can also have the experience of interactive play at the pretend supermarket which has been set up with all types of groceries for them to select and put in their trolleys and baskets, take to the cash register and pay for their purchases.



As well as this, there are other activities in which the children can participate. They include creating their own cooking from various ingredients on offer-pretend rice, sauce, noodles etc and the utensils needed for their creation; using food stamps, and writing their favourite recipes!

These activities are loved by many of the younger children especially, but they provide imaginative play, turn taking and general social interactions in a positive way!



Year 1 & Year 4/5HM Buddies

The children are enjoying having buddies again this term. There are some great interactions during these sessions between the children. The year 4/5's are starting to feel comfortable with the process and are able to engage their buddies when reading the story books. The Year 1's are so proud of their playdough creations of the book characters.



Message from Sandra Poulton, Manager Road Safety SEQS, Department of Transport and Main Roads Yellow Ribbon Week: 8-14 May 2017

Yellow Ribbon Week is your opportunity to say thank you to our School Crossing Supervisors. School Crossing Supervisors have an extremely important role in our community - to promote road safety among young children and educate them on how to use a supervised crossing. School Crossing Supervisors play a vital role in keeping our children safe. They improve the safety of travel to and from school for students in the city, regional and remote areas, with children as they walk, cycle or travel by bus or car to school. In hot, cold or wet weather you will always see the supervisors on the crossing, ensuring children's safety. Supervised crossings are an important part of Transport and Main Roads' road safety program with the school crossing supervisors the unsung heroes of school road safety.

This week is Yellow Ribbon Road Safety Week when we say thank you to those who assist us on the roads and help us stay safe. So, thank you to all our school crossing supervisors. Your commitment to road safety is invaluable to our community.

OUR CLUBS

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

Breakfast Club: Each morning: 8.00 – 8.25 am. Students must be finished at Breakfast Club by 8.25, so that they are ready for the first bell at 8.30.

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

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.

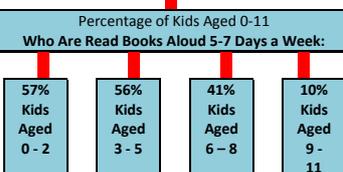


SCHOLASTIC NATIONAL FAMILY READING MONTH

May is Scholastic National Family Reading Month.

This year the focus is on families reading aloud together. See below for some of the benefits of reading aloud from Scholastic's recent research study.

Read Aloud: Start Early & Keep Going



A fun way to get your children involved is by entering the **READ Aloud More in May Challenge**. For details go to scholastic.com.au/nfrm

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

9-11 May	Naplan
Thurs 11 and Fri 12 May	Mother's Day Stall
Monday 15 May	Special tuckshop show day
Friday 19 May	Ipswich Show Public Holiday
Wednesday 24 May	Under 8's Day activities at school, includes National Simultaneous Storytime at 11am.