

14 February 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 Leaders

Over the last two weeks, our Year 6 students have had the opportunity to demonstrate the depth of their leadership skills and convince their peers and staff that they will uphold our 3 values of **Safe, Responsible** and **Respectful**.

I would like to congratulate the following students in their leadership positions for 2018:

**School Captains:** Maila S and Paige L

**School Vice-Captains:** Lachlan P and Deborah S

Maila, Paige, Lachlan and Deborah will represent our school at important events and lead our weekly Parade.

I would like to congratulate the following students who have been elected into House Captain positions for 2018:

**Bindaree Captain:** Sefani L

**Kallaroo Captains:** Rewi K and Doyle M

### Student Leaders Badge Presentation

There will be a special parade on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 9:00am for the presentation of badges to our Student Leaders.

### Responsible Behaviour Plan

Towards the end of last year our school conducted a review of our *Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students*. The new plan has now been adopted and uploaded to our school website. Anybody who would like a hard copy of this plan should contact Mr Pearen to arrange a copy.

### Collecting students early on Friday afternoons

Please note that unless it is an emergency, parents will not be able to collect their children early from school on a Friday afternoon until the conclusion of parade. Our parades start at 2:00pm each Friday and as all classes are at parade, their classrooms are locked and they will be unable to enter them to collect anything they need to take home until the conclusion of parade.

In the event of an emergency, parents will need to advise the Principal who will arrange for your child to leave early.

### Does your child require medication during school hours?

If your child requires medication while at school, please visit the school's office to obtain relevant authorisation forms.

You will also need to provide prescription-labelled medication in the original packaging with clear directions for its use.

Find out more at the [Department of Education website](#).

### Attendance Trophy

Congratulations to 5KS who were awarded the Attendance Trophy in Week 2 with an amazing 99% attendance rate and PrepJM 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](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:** Responsible: Follow instructions and directions immediately. What are our roles? The student's role is to attend and learn. The teacher's role is to guide children's learning.

**\*Redbank Raptors are safe, responsible and respectful learners when we follow**

**instructions and directions immediately.**

**These students were selected to pick from the prize box for being excellent Redbank Raptor Role Models:** Kayley, Selina, Mason, Kielin, Mizpah, Lucas, Mark, Alleluia, Mara-Jade, Charlie, Stephanie, Ella, Jackson, Starr, Chloe.

**Did you know? ...**



## P & C NEWS

**President- Michelle Bell**

**Vice President- Clem Knight**

**Secretary- Vacant**

**Assistant Secretary- Angela Perry**

**Treasurer- Vacant**

**Tuckshop Convenor- Vacant**

Whilst we understand that some of our busy families cannot commit a large amount of time to volunteering around the school, we would be happy to have you help out when you are available. Great volunteers go towards making great schools!

**The P&C meeting is next week on Tuesday 20 February at 1:45pm. All parents and caregivers are invited to attend.** *The more engaged and diverse our P&C, the more our school and children will benefit.*

A volunteer interest survey was sent home earlier this week to all families to gauge interest for our P & C. Please fill it out and return it to the school office. Thank you.

**At this point, the tuckshop is CLOSED until further notice, as we do not have a convenor.**

**Tuckshop Convenor:** The position of convenor is vacant. If you are interested in the position, please come to our next meeting or send a letter of interest to the school office. This role is a volunteer position only, not a paid position.

**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.

**Annual General Meeting Notice:** The AGM for the P&C will be held on Tuesday 20 March at 1:45pm. All positions

will be declared vacant and nominations will then be called for all the positions. You may self-nominate or be nominated by another. We urgently need your help to support our P&C Association. Are you interested in taking a position within the committee? Please come along to our meetings and talk with the president and our principal. Everyone is most welcome to attend. *We need your support!*

## Library News

The theme that we currently have in the library is 'The Community Health Centre'. Students are able to help out in the 'special care nursery' attending to the babies in care by feeding, changing, comforting or tending to their needs. They can also go to the 'critical teddy ward' and care for the 4 sick teddies that we currently have in the ward. We have 'doctors' and 'nurses' looking very professional in their white coats tending to the sick each day. There are displays of books with our health theme, x-rays all over the windows for the students to see inside the body, and an area for students to weigh themselves and measure their height. The students are enjoying playing inside the library with these activities during lunchtime, which also gets them out of the heat! All classes have done a great job in colouring in the individual borrower cards that we use for the students to borrow. Some of the entries are amazing; some children have really spent the time to make their card look great. We have acknowledged the best two from each class and these students are able to pick a prize from the library prize box.

Library borrowing has commenced and the class borrowing days are:

Tuesday – 6KG and 5KS

Wednesday – 2TK

Thursday – 3LH

Friday – Prep JM, 1KT, 3/4AW, 4/5FB

Please make sure your child has a library bag and remembers to return their library books each week. We want to make sure that we get on top of any overdue books early this year!

## AFL : After School Sport

Miss Gardner has been running AFL sessions after school on Mondays from 3-4pm over the last few weeks.

**The last session is: Monday 19 February.**

**Your child must be picked up promptly at 4pm.**

### 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: Flynn, Renik, Elena, Destiny-Rose, Jaime, Javon, Ella, Shontaya, Jamillea-Rose, Mizpah, Lailanni, Clay, Maddison, Zane.

### **SCHOOL LEADERS BADGE PRESENTATION**

**Parents/Caregivers are invited to attend the badge presentation for our 2018 school leaders. Come along on Wednesday 28 February at 9am.**

### Redbank SS Clubs for Kids

The clubs have all begun! See below for more details.

**Reading Ranch** – 8:00am till 8:25am, every Tuesday morning before school at the library.

No need to sign up, fill out a form or wait for an invitation. This club is open to all. Just pop in whenever you feel like it. You can read books to yourself, to others or listen to books being read to you.

**Parents and toddlers are most welcome.** There is also an adult reader who comes along and reads to the children as they enjoy their breakfast. Thanks Mrs Pike for donating your time. This club will run all term.

**Garden Gurus** – 7:30am till 8:25am, every Wednesday morning behind the computer room.

This club is open to students from grades 2 to 6. A signed parent permission form is a MUST! Forms are available from the office and can be returned there. Garden Gurus grow some of the fruit and vegetables for our Munch and Crunch program. It is an expectation and a requirement of this club that when you join, you will attend for the whole term. So far, we have planted quite a few varieties of melons and vegetables, since we've started this year. Last week, we planted a strawberry tower that was donated by Mrs Angela Perry! Thank you for the donation. The children are looking forward to seeing the strawberries hanging down the tall tower. This club runs all year. **Parents, friends and grandparents are most welcome.**

**Maths Movers** – 7:45am till 8:25am, every Tuesday morning before school in the computer lab.

This term, this club is open to students from grades 3 to 6 on an invitation basis only! A signed parent permission form is a MUST! Invitations to join this club with a parent permission form were sent out in week 1. These forms can either be returned to the office or directly to Mrs. MacPherson in the library. It

is an expectation and a requirement that when you join, you will attend for the whole term. This club will run for 6 weeks of term 1.

**Savvy Scientists** – 7:30am till 8:25am, is starting this week on Thursday morning, 15-02-18, before school in the computer lab. This term, this club is open to students from grades 3 to 6 on an invitation basis only! A signed parent permission form is a MUST!

Invitations to join this club with a parent permission form have been sent out. These forms can be returned to the office. It is an expectation and a requirement that when you join, you will attend for the whole term. This club will run for the whole year.

**Learning Club**- The Smith Family representative is coming out this Friday to meet with the school's representative to plan towards implementing a Learning Club that will start in term 2, one afternoon after school, per week. More to come.

Until next time,

Mrs Elisabeth MacPherson,

STLaN (Support Teacher, Literacy and Numeracy)

### **PARKING AROUND OUR SCHOOL**

We remind parents/caregivers to be vigilant when parking around our school. Please consider the safety of our students and always be on the lookout for students entering or leaving the grounds. Under no circumstances are students to be dropped off, picked up or walked through the staff carpark.

**This is a No Pedestrian Zone.**

**Keep our children safe.**

### **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. See Mrs MacPherson.

**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.

**Maths Movers:** invitation only: 7:45 – 8:25am in the computer lab on Tuesdays.

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

### **SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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

Tuesday 20 February	P&C Meeting 1:45pm
Tuesday 20 March	P&C <b>Annual General Meeting</b> 1:45pm
Wednesday 28 February	School Leader Badge Ceremony 9 am
Thursday 29 March	Last day of term 1
Monday 16 April	Student Free Day
Tuesday 17 April	First day of term 2
Wednesday 25 April	Anzac Day Public Holiday
Monday 7 May	Labour Day Public Holiday