

14 March 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.

Let's 'stand together' against bullying and violence!

Our school is proud to say 'Bullying. No Way!' On Friday 16 March we will stand united with schools across Australia for the 2018 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.

Taking a stand together will deliver a powerful message that bullying and violence is never okay.

We strongly encourage parents and caregivers to have open and honest conversations with their children about bullying in all forms.

To get the discussion started with helpful information and tips visit the [Bullying. No Way! website \(www.bullyingnoway.gov.au\)](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au).

Student Attendance

Over the last month, our students and community have heard me talk a lot about student attendance. *Our Department's Every Day Counts* policy gives us the statistics about how much of a difference it can make when you come to school more.

Did you know ?..... Missing just 1 day of school per fortnight IS EQUIVALENT TO missing **MORE THAN A YEAR** of learning over 12 years of schooling. Each 1% increase in student attendance may relate to 2-3 NAPLAN scale score points. The difference for your child could be enormous! Our school has a target of 96% attendance rate. Last week, our attendance rate was 92% which is disappointing. I hope that families can continue to support our school's *Every Day Counts* initiative.

Parent / Teacher Interviews

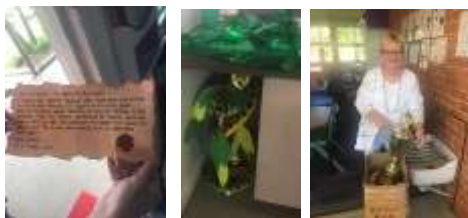
The opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher will be available early in Term 2. A letter will come home inviting you to nominate a day and time that suits. We encourage parents/caregivers to take advantage of this time to share information about your child.

Donation from the P&C

We appreciate the \$5000 donation that the P&C has given our school towards replacing and maintaining air conditioners.

Attendance Trophy

Congratulations to 4/5FB who were awarded the Attendance Trophy in Week 6 with an amazing 100% attendance rate and 4/5FB who were awarded the Attendance Trophy also in Week 7 with a 97% attendance rate.



The winning class takes great delight in making Mr Pearen find the trophy each week.

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:** We are safe.

We play safely in the playground. Being safe in the playground means: everyone follows the school expectations for safe play; Hands, feet and objects to self; Use equipment appropriately; Look out for people around us when using equipment; Take turns on the

equipment; Use the Raptor 3 to problem solve any issues. It is important to be safe at all times, for the good order and management of the school and for the safety of others.

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

These students were selected to pick from the prize box for being excellent Redbank Raptor Role Models: Soufiane, Flynn, Wade, Ethan, Eahba, Palepa, Bella, Laila, Wylani, Sienna, Kobe, Zion, Kaitlyn, Syppress, Chloe, Darian, Renik, Ruby, Elijah, Laila, Caitlin, Jackson, Letylha, Paige.



P & C NEWS

President- Michelle Bell

Vice President- Clem Knight

Secretary- Vacant

Assistant Secretary- Angela Perry

Treasurer- Vacant

Tuckshop Convenor- Vacant

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 meeting and talk with the president and our principal. Everyone is most welcome to attend. *We need your support!*

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.

Easter Disco: We will hold a school disco on Friday 23 March from 6pm to 8pm. Hot food, drinks and sweets will be available to purchase at the tuckshop. Entry cost is \$5 per child.

Lucky dips and glow sticks will also be sold.

We ask that you pick up your children promptly at 8pm.

Easter Raffle: Raffle tickets will be sent home attached with this newsletter. The raffle will be drawn at 9am on Wednesday 28 March.



Easter Stall: We will also hold an Easter Stall for students to buy a gift for a loved one. Gifts are usually under \$10, come along on Mon 26, Tues 27 and Wed 28 March to purchase a gift from 8-9am each day at the tuckshop.

Volunteers needed for the following events: Raffle and stall wrapping - We need volunteers to come along and help wrap the stall items and raffle prizes. Are you able to help? Come on Friday 16 March from 8:30 to 10:30, meet in the kitchen.

Disco- please come and help on the night on Friday 23 March from 5:30 to 8:30pm. Easter Stalls- are you able to help serve at the stall on Mon 26, Tues 27 and Wed 28 from 8-9am? All volunteers will need to have a short workplace health and safety chat before starting.

BASKETBALL: After School Sport Program

Miss Gardner is now running Basketball sessions after school each Mondays from 3-4pm over a four week period.

The first session is: Monday 26 February and the last session will be on Monday 19 March.

We are unable to take any more names as all positions have been filled. **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: Noah, Josephine, Jaxen, Harrison, Salina, Kody, Myra, Molimoli, Dakota, Scarlett, Archie, Dominic, Stephanie, Mason, Neriah, Adrick, Samantha, Mahonri, Jacson, Jared, Isaac, Darcy, Kaitlyn, Natika, Demechris, Darian, Mark, Soufiane, Grace, Jaxen, Jayson, Ethan, Alexander, Kareena, Katie, Courtney, Sebastian, Bella, Mizpah, Fraser, Onosai, Thomas, Azariaus, Chevy-Rose, Mark.

Crazy Hat Parade

Parents and caregivers are invited to attend the crazy hat parade being held on Thursday 29 March at 9am. Don't worry; all hats are made at school!



Harmony Day

Wednesday 21 March: Celebrate Harmony Day by **wearing orange**. Please bring a gold coin as a donation to raise funds for our 'Positive Behaviour for Learning' journey.

We will be having a Multicultural Day later in the year, where children will be able to dress in their National dress/ costumes if they have one.

Coles 'Sports For Schools'

Keep collecting the vouchers and hand them into the office! For every \$10 spent at Coles you will receive one voucher. We now have a collection box over at the local Coles supermarket in Redbank Plaza, so get all family and friends to donate to our school. You can collect vouchers until 15 June.

Thank you for your support.

GARDEN GURUS



The Garden Gurus have enjoyed growing rosella bushes and harvesting their fruit. We'd all like to thank Mrs Angela Perry who has made rosella jam out of the fruit for us. This morning, the Garden Gurus and enjoyed another POP-UP in the garden and are enjoyed scones with some of our rosella jam as a treat. Another shout out goes to Mrs Judi Jolliffe who kindly bought us some companion plants to help keep the bugs away. While talking of donations, the Garden Gurus were delighted to hear about and see the donation of small spades, gloves and seeds from Kareena's mother. It seems that Mrs Jodie Patterson heard that the Garden Gurus were short of hand spades and so, went out and bought more for the club. Thanks Jodie, for your kind donation.

Lastly, but not least, a large thank you goes out to Mr Clem Knight who is a member of our P&C. He has been able to get a water tank through a grant to the school and it has now been installed at the multi-purpose court end of the garden. With the rain that has been around, I'm sure it won't be long before it's full.

SAVVY SCIENTISTS



Two weeks ago, the Savvy Scientists started to make their own rockets out of old film canisters, cardboard and sticky tape. After construction, all the scientists went outside to "launch" their rockets, using water and a 'Steradent' tablet as fuel. It was incredible to watch as these rockets blasted off, leaving a trail of water behind. These wonderful shots above were taken by the Savvy Scientists official photographer Archie, who using the burst mode on Mrs MacPherson's phone, captured the moment a rocket ignited and took off.

Last week, it was time to get seriously scientific and measure the distance our rockets flew. Tape measures were attached from the chain fence to the brick wall so that the scientists could measure the height of the flight and once again, our official photographer was there on hand, to capture the moment. Great job, Archie!



MATHS MOVERS



The Maths Movers are certainly doing an incredible job of working with a partner. A wonderful demonstration of how to work together was given to the group by Doyle and Clay, thank you boys! Last week, they were working on the 'Guess and Check' strategy. The Maths Movers have now

finished for term one and all the Maths Movers agree that they enjoy the activities they do and are looking forward to returning next term in week two, so that they can continue their club activities.

READING RANCH



The Reading Ranch is open on a Tuesday morning from 8:00am till 8:25am with two wonderful venues to choose from. You can listen to a story being read to you at Breakfast Club by Mrs. Pike, who is a former teacher of Redbank State School. She says that she looks forward to reading to the students while they eat their toast. She says it reminds her of breakfast time when she was growing up and the family would all sit around the table and tell each other stories.

If you like to read to yourself or need a little help while reading or having a story you've chosen to read, read to you, then the library is the place for you. Mrs. Skidmore and Mrs. Russell open the library every Tuesday morning. They say that they just love to read, whether it's by reading to someone, giving support or reading to themselves or others. So do yourself a favour and come along on a Tuesday morning.

School Leader Badge Presentation



Visit by Registered Nurse for Prep Vision Screening

Good vision is important for a child's educational, physical and social development. Vision screening is therefore vital in early childhood, particularly for conditions such as 'lazy eye', which if not detected early can lead to blindness. A Registered Nurse will be visiting the school on 19 March 2018 to commence vision screening for all Prep Year children. If you wish to have your child participate in this vision screening program, please complete and sign the consent form sent home with your child and return this to the school office as soon as possible. You will be advised in writing of the outcome of your child's screening.

Please note that if your child has had a vision assessment in the past 12 months it is not necessary for him/her to participate in this screening program. If this is the case, please complete the consent form and indicate that you do not wish for your child to participate, and ensure that you follow the schedule of reviews recommended by your eye health professional.

Primary School Nurse Health Readiness Program
Child and Youth Community Health Services
Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service

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.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

Tuesday 20 March	P&C Annual General Meeting 1:45pm
Wednesday 21 March	Harmony Day, wear orange, bring a gold coin.
Friday 23 March	P&C event: School Disco 6-8pm
26,27,28 March	P&C Easter Stall, buy a gift 8-9am
Thursday 29 March	Crazy Hat parade 9am
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