

15 March 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

### Explicit Improvement Agenda

In 2017, our Explicit Improvement Agenda is Reading, Pedagogical Practice, Attendance and Positive School Culture. Each of these provide us with a clear focus on improving student outcomes and increasing the number of students at Redbank State School above National Minimum Standards (NMS).

At Redbank State School, we are concentrating our efforts specifically on reading. I would encourage all families to read together on a daily basis. Our school library is open second break Monday - Thursday. It would be great if you could encourage your child to borrow books each week and make time to share them together.

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

Our school is proud to say 'Bullying. No Way!' On Friday 17 March we will stand united with schools across Australia for the 2017 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 carers 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 to take advantage of this time to share information about your child.

### Cross Country

A reminder to our families that our school Cross Country will be held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 9am.

### Attendance Trophy

Congratulations to 6TK who were awarded the Attendance Trophy in Week 6 with a 96% attendance rate and 3KG who were awarded the Attendance Trophy in Week 7 with a 97% 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 will be focussing on for Weeks 8 and 9 is: Respectful to adults.**

What is respect? 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

well-being. Showing respect for others include things like, avoiding calling people mean names, treating people with courtesy, caring enough about yourself that you don't do things you know can hurt you. It is important to dress, speak and act in a way that shows you care about yourself. At Redbank, we show respect by following staff instructions 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:** Ethan, Manaia, Isaiah, Ashley, Lailanni, Thomas, Deborah, Zane, Hope, Lilly, Hajiru, Rua, Stephanie, Esmay, Rhys, Rylie, Jeanine, Alekk.



## P & C NEWS

**President-** Lisa McKernan

**Vice President-** Clem Knight

**Secretary-** Michelle Bell

**Treasurer-** Jodie Patterson

**Uniform Shop Convenor-** Ann Fouracre

**Tuckshop Convenor-** Mandy Midgley

**Annual General Meeting for 2017: The next meeting for the P & C will be the AGM which will be held tomorrow on Thursday 16 March at 1:30pm.**

At this meeting all positions will be declared vacant and nominations will be called for. Positions available are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Uniform Shop Convenor and Tuckshop Convenor. If you would like to nominate someone or self-nominate, please come to the meeting or contact the current committee.

**Tuckshop News:** The Tuckshop is holding a colouring-in competition. Colouring sheets can be collected from the tuckshop for 50c. Please return them to the tuckshop when finished. Judging will be done in three categories. Prep & 1, 2 & 3, and 4, 5 & 6.

There will be one boy and one girl winner from each category. The winners will be announced after the Crazy Hat Parade being held on Thursday 30 March. Prizes are yet to be advised.

**New Opening Days:** The tuckshop is currently open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for term 1, but we are giving notice to our families that starting in term 2 **the tuckshop days will be changing to Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from Wednesday 19 April.**

**Uniform Shop:** Open on Mondays and Wednesdays between 8.00 – 9.00am in the Resource Centre kitchen, come in and see Ann.

**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.

**Easter Raffle:** We will be having a multi-draw Easter Raffle. Tickets are attached to this newsletter and are \$1.00 each. The raffle will be drawn after the Crazy Hat Parade. We are asking for donations of Easter products and non-perishable food items for prize hampers. All donations can be dropped off at the office. Thank you for your support.

**Easter Stall:** We are holding an Easter Stall between 8am and 8.45am on Tuesday 28, Wednesday 29, Thursday 30 March. All items at the stall will be priced under \$10 each and we will have traditional and non-traditional items for sale.

### 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.



Congratulations everyone for the great work!

## Library News

Our students are enjoying the latest theme in the library. 'The Pet Store' is in full operation with many great displays about dogs, cats, horses and small animals. The Vet Surgery is also a great hit; with a different vet and vet nurse on call every lunch break to see to the many injured or sick animals. 'Cinnamon' the horse, has been seen many times and we are now happy to say that she is recovering well.



## CROSS COUNTRY

Our school cross country will be held in Week 9 on Thursday 23 March starting at 9.00am, weather permitting. All students from Prep to Year 6 participate. We encourage our students and staff to wear house colours on the day, Kallarroo is green and Bindaree is red. Check with your teacher if you do not know what house you are in. Students will be practicing the course during P.E. lessons and any practice that you do at home would be great! The tuckshop will be open with a sausage sizzle and snacks and drinks will also be available. Parents/caregivers are most welcome to attend on this day.

## GARDENING CLUB

Last week, the children assisted with putting black garden plastic over one of our big garden beds. We are experimenting with the plastic to see if it cuts down on weed growth. Some of our seeds had germinated so with time they will be ready to plant. I would like to draw your attention to the fact that Gardening Club **has been cancelled** for the rest of this term, but it will recommence first week back after the holidays. Sorry about the disruption.

Mrs Heather Mansfield

## 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:** Not operating for the rest of Term 1.

**Glee Club:** Each Wednesday at second break from 1.00 to 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 to 8.25am in the library.

## CRAZY HAT PARADE

Parents/Caregivers are invited to attend our Crazy Hat Parade on Thursday 30 March at 9.00am in the COLA. If the classes are participating in the parade, all hats will be made at school by the students. Some classes will perform an item such as a song or dance. The parade will start with the Preps and follow on with the other year levels participating. At the end of the march, students in Years Prep- 3 will have a treasure hunt. Student leaders will hide STAR tokens in the grounds for children to find. Each child will need to find 4 different coloured stars, GOLD, BLUE, PURPLE and RED. Students then take their stars to their teacher for a reward.



## SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

Thursday 16 March	<b>Annual General Meeting</b> for the P & C 1.30pm
Thursday 23 March	Cross Country 9.00am start
Tues 28, Wed 29 and Thurs 30 March	Easter Stall from 8.00am to 8.45am
Thursday 30 March	Crazy Hat Parade 9am
Thursday 30 March	Easter Multi Draw Raffle drawn
Friday 31 March	Last day of Term 1
Friday 14 April	Good Friday Public Holiday
Monday 17 April	Easter Monday Public Holiday
Tuesday 18 April	First day of Term 2

## Community News:

### Are you a parent of a child with type 1 diabetes?

Every day thousands of Australian children suffer the effects of type 1 diabetes, and families struggle with illness management and children's behavioural and emotional adjustment.

Positive Parenting for Healthy Living is an adaptation of the successful Triple P - Positive Parenting Program, offering practical ideas and support for parents of children with type 1 diabetes. This innovative group program is designed to help parents manage their child's illness, assist children in coping with their illness and emotions, and prevent and manage difficult child behaviour.

Over the next few months and for a limited time only, parents of 2-10 year old children with type 1 diabetes are able to access Positive Parenting for Healthy Living Triple P free of charge as part of a University of Queensland research project. Contact Dr Amy Mitchell on (07) 3346 1202 or email [diabetes.healthyliving@uq.edu.au](mailto:diabetes.healthyliving@uq.edu.au) or visit <https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/t1diabetes> for more information.



### Child Dental Benefits Schedule continues for 2017!

The Commonwealth Government dental scheme provides eligible children with a \$1000 free kids dental benefit on selected dental services within a 2 year calendar period. Children must be eligible for Medicare and between 2-17 years of age or at least 1 day of the calendar year with the parent, guardian or carer receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A or another relevant government payment. Parents can check if their child is eligible by contacting their local participating dental clinic and providing their Medicare number.