

16 March 2016

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Easter Vacation

This is the last newsletter before our Easter vacation and I want to thank everybody in our school community for their involvement in our school this term. The last day of school this term is Thursday 24th March and school will resume again on Monday 11th April. I wish you all a happy and safe holiday and look forward to continuing working with you all again next term.

School Improvement Agenda

This year the explicit improvement agenda of our school is around Reading and a Positive School Culture. Parents/Carers are an important part of our school and I would encourage you to support us in our Improvement Agenda by finding the time to read with your child every day and by reminding your children of the importance of our 3 school expectations of being Safe, Responsible and Respectful. One of the best ways to support this agenda is to be a positive role model and demonstrate what is required to meet these expectations.

House Captains

Last week, our Year 6 students had the opportunity to demonstrate their leadership skills and convince their peers and the staff that they will be effective House Captains.

I would like to congratulate the following students who have been elected into House Captain positions for 2016:

Bindaree Captains: Tileaha J and Callum LGB

Kallarroo Captains: Hayley N and Aaliyah F

Student Leaders Badge Presentation

There will be a special parade next Monday 21st March at 9:00am for the presentation of badges to our Student Leaders. Our special guest for this parade will be Jo-Ann Miller, Member of Parliament for Bundamba.

Cross Country

A reminder that our school Cross Country will be held on the last day of term, Thursday 24th March at 9am.

Attendance Trophy

Congratulations to 5/6AW who were awarded the Attendance Trophy this week with a 98% attendance rate.

Student Absences

Please remember to let us know if your child is away from school by calling the office on **3381 4111** or by emailing absent@redbankss.eq.edu.au (include your child's name, class and reason for absence). You can also send a note to the teacher when your child returns to school.

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 week 8 and 9 is:**

Use the Raptor 3: Stop, Move, Report.

Step 1- When someone is annoying you, the student tells the other student, "Stop it, I don't like it". **Step 2-** If the behaviour continues, the student needs to move away and say, "STOP, I don't it. I am moving away from you now". **Step 3-** If the behaviour continues or the student is followed; they are to find a teacher and report.

(Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself. Use appropriate verbal and non-verbal language while at school. Report bullying.)

***Redbank Raptors are safe, responsible and respectful learners when we use the Raptor 3.**

These students were selected to pick from the prize box for being excellent Redbank Raptor Role Models: Charlie, Summer, Shayne, Eloise, Lucas, Starr, Maila, Leah, Skycaydien, Adian, Eabha, Laith, Kalapani, Xander, Cathy, Vaioleti, Geordie, Leah, Kierah, Stephen, Monica, Elijah, Mia, Kibe, Aano, Caleb, Jemma, Grace, Jesse, Halle, Kiann, Laith, Jake, Sienna, Sypress, Bradlee, Deborah, Paige, Hope, Losa, Bella, Sarai, Blake, Gen, Daniel, Divine, Gardenia, Dakota, Eabha, Baylin, Caleb, David, Hope.



P & C NEWS

President- Lisa McKernan

Vice President- Clem Knight

Secretary- Meredith McCallion

Treasurer- Declan McCallion

Uniform Shop Convener: vacant – Ann Fouracre is currently filling this position.

Annual General Meeting: The next P & C meeting will be our Annual General Meeting which will be held on Monday 21 March at 6 pm in the school library. At this meeting all positions will be declared vacant and nominations will be taken. We ask that if you are interested in taking on a position for 2016 that you attend this meeting and nominate yourself or someone that you feel would be great in the position. We thank our members for their continued support. All parents and caregivers are most welcome to attend. We need your support!

Cross Country Day: Thursday 24 March: The tuckshop will be open with a very limited menu available. We will be selling sausage sizzles, drinks and ice blocks only. No orders will be taken. Go Kallarroo and Bindaree!!

Tuckshop: Our tuckshop is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The position of tuckshop convenor will become vacant soon and application forms will be available in the near future. This is a paid position. If you are interested, please contact the office for more information.

Uniform Shop: Open on Mondays and Wednesdays between 8 – 9am. Shorts and skorts \$18, polo shirts \$30, bucket hats \$10. Our new stock has arrived; please come in and see Ann for all your uniform needs.

Easter Raffle: We are asking for donations of any non-perishable items to create the Easter hampers for the raffle, are you able to help by donating? Please send items to the office.

The raffle will be a multi draw raffle with many prizes available. Tickets are 50 c each. The raffle will be drawn on Wed 23 March after the Crazy Hat Parade. Bring your tickets and money back to school! Good luck everyone.



Easter Stall: Last chance to get a lovely gift at our Easter stall tomorrow, Thursday 17 March, gifts from 50c to \$5.00 available. The tables will be set up under the Admin Block near the junior play area from 8:00 – 8:45 am. There will be many types of gifts available for the children to purchase, including traditional Easter gifts.

Parade Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards on parade recently: Deejay, Shayne, Kiann, Katie, Ariana, Epe, Steph, Kalapani, Esmay, Mizpah, Darcy, Alexander, Aaron, Paige, Maila, Judus, Deborah, Jeanine, Aiara, Pisisami, Hadassah, Brennan, Oceanna and Raihan.

CRAZY HAT PARADE

Parents and Caregivers are invited to attend our Crazy Hat Parade on Wednesday 23 March at 9am 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. 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.

Guidance Officer

My name is Livy Escobar-Lang and I am the Guidance Officer at Redbank SS. I am available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays if you would like to speak with me. Please arrange an appointment time with Linda or Maree in the office. Please leave your name and contact phone number for me to ring you and confirm appointment time.

Thank you.
Livy

HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day will be on Monday 21 March. It is a day where we celebrate diversity and recognise different cultures within the school. All children are encouraged to wear cultural clothing or orange and the class with the most participants will receive a prize. Students will also participate in activities in class and during lunch time to promote the positive message of Harmony Day that 'everyone belongs', which reinforces the importance of inclusiveness to all Australians.

CROSS COUNTRY DAY

Our school cross country will be held on Thursday 24 March starting at 9am, weather permitting. All students from Prep to year 6 participate. We encourage our students and staff to wear house colours on the day, Kallaroo 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 is great! Parents and caregivers are most welcome to attend on this day.



4HM Buddy Class with 1KT

Year 1 and 4HM buddies are almost at the end of Term 1. The children seem to love these sessions. The students in Year 1 are really responding to what Year 4 plans. Last week, after listening to their stories, Year 1 made a character from their books in playdough. Here is a picture of the children's art work. Don't they look fantastic?



Katrina Turner and Heather Mansfield.

4HM News

During the last four weeks, 4HM have been learning about Poetry. One of the requirements of this Unit is to innovate on poems that have been studied. The children have had fun writing their own using the structure provided. We thought you may like to read some of our poems.

Jemma brought a dog
She swapped it for clay.
She didn't like it dry
So she mixed it with spray. (Deborah)

Mrs Perry brought a sausage
She swapped it for a chop.

She didn't like the taste of it
So she took it back to the shop. (Bradley)

And our Limericks....

There was a young girl called Paige
Who had a dreadful rage.
She sat in a tree
And said, "Oh dear me!"
That sad young girl called Paige. (Paige L)

There was an old man called Snog
Who was constantly bit by a dog.
He hid in a vault
With sugar and salt.
The funny old man called Snog. (Syamil)

Gardening Club

It was a blessing last week, when it rained after we had planted our seedlings. We had no losses of seedlings-all are growing strong! Again, a big thank you to Mrs Skidmore and Mrs Smith, for their 'war on weeds'. The children are keen participants. They love finding the different types of creatures living in the garden!

Science Club with Peter

The children from Years 4 to 6 are enjoying doing real science involving 'scientific' activities on fair testing/ experiment planning as well as the difference between a fact, hypothesis, theory and law. Until next week.....

Heather Mansfield

OUR CLUBS

Each week the students can participate in a number of clubs. Our clubs include:
Each morning: Breakfast Club 8:00 – 8:30 am.
Tuesday morning: Gardening Club from 7:30 to 8:30 am for years 1 – 6.
Glee Club: Each Wednesday at second break, 1:00 to 1:30 pm in 3JM room. Children from Prep to 6 are able to attend.
Wednesday afternoon: Homework Club from 2:45 – 3:30 for years P - 6. There is no homework club in the first week and the last week of each term.

Student Absences

It is an Education Queensland expectation to inform the school if your child is going to be away. Please phone the office on 3381 4111.

1. Provide your child's name and class
2. Reason for their absence
3. Expected duration – how long?
4. Or send an email to absent@redbankss.eq.edu.au

If your child is absent for longer than three days, please provide a doctor's certificate or note to the class teacher.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

Wed 16 & Thurs 17 March	Easter Stall 8am – 8:45 am
Monday 21 March	Annual General Meeting for P & C
Monday 21 March	Harmony Day – wear Orange
Wed 23 March	Crazy Hat Parade 9am
Thursday 24 March	Cross Country 9am
Thursday 24 March	Last day of Term 1
Friday 25 March	Good Friday Public Holiday
Monday 11 April	First day of Term 2

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