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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.

Raptor Reward

As part of the Raptor Reward program at school, Zeppelin Williams purchased a token to be able to sit in a Special Chair. As seen in the photo, Zeppelin chose to be Principal for a while and took over my chair and phone.



Attendance

Did you know? Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance at school generally means higher student achievement.

Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life:

- They learn better
- They make friends
- They are happier
- They have a brighter future

Under Queensland law, you must make sure your child of school age is enrolled and attends school all day, every day unless they have an acceptable reason. Avoid keeping your child away from school for: birthdays, shopping, visiting family and friends or if they sleep in.

If your family holiday is during school time, let us know in advance so that we can talk about arrangements for your child. They may be eligible for an exemption for this period.

We are trying really hard at the moment to improve our student attendance. You may hear your child talk about the 'enormous trophy'. This is an award that will be presented to the class with the highest attendance rate that week. The students are really excited about it!



Our focus is on the child as an individual and setting a goal of coming to school each and every day.

If you are having trouble getting your child to school, please contact either your child's teacher or myself so that we can help you.

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

Attendance Trophy

Congratulations to 2/3LH who were awarded the Attendance Trophy in Week 4 of this term with a 96% attendance rate and 4/5HM who were awarded the Attendance Trophy in Week 5 of this term with a 91% 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 5 and 6 is:** We are responsible when we come to school on time every day.

Being at school and on time means: making sure that you have adequate sleep so that you can get ready for school the next day; being organised with your belongings for the day, for example, your lunch and homework; being respectful of others so their learning time is not interrupted; being ready for listening and learning so that work is not missed.

***Redbank Raptors are safe, responsible and respectful learners when we come to school on time every day.**

These students were selected to pick from the prize box for being excellent Redbank Raptor Role Models: Salina, Molimoli, Summer, Jayda, Jared, Katlyn, Paige, Darian, Kira, Ebony, Katie, Sarai, Stephanie, Ashton, Taitoa, Starr, Geordie, Tina.

Did you know? ... Students follow our school expectations of Safe, Responsible and Respectful every day at school.



P & C NEWS

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

The next meeting for the P & C will be held on Tuesday 17 October at 1:30pm. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Tuckshop: Volunteers are always welcome.

Uniform Shop: Now open each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between 8.00 – 9.00am in the 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.

Debutante Ball: Friday 20 October: All students in Years 1 and 2 are invited to participate. See the office for a form.

We have 6 white dresses for sale and some second hand dresses for hire. There may also be some items of clothing for the boys, check in at the tuckshop. Deb Ball fundraising via the Cupcake Day raised \$480. Thank you very much.



Pyjama Day Fundraising: \$147 was raised to go towards Raptorbration rewards. Thank you for your support.



Father's Day Raffle: We are holding a multi-draw raffle for Father's Day. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Tickets are \$1.00 each, all tickets and money are due back to the office by Thursday morning on 31 August, ready for the draw. Thank you for your support.

Father's Day Stall: We will have a stall on the last few

days of August, leading up to Father's Day on Sunday 3 September. All gifts will be under \$10, come along and purchase a little something for Dad or Grandad!

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. Ebony, Kailea, Eabha, Molimoli, Ariana, Daniel, Jackson, Kalapani, Christina, Fraser, Finley, Maddison, Bradlee, Kody, Jacob, Alexander, Ash, Emanuel, Jayda, Epe, Wylani, Keanu, Dusten, Chevy, Aaron, Zane, Benjamin, Zane, Ruby, Jemma.



Congratulations everyone for the great work!



SAY CHEESE!! IT'S SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

School photo day is fast approaching, have your child's school memories captured forever on Wednesday 6 September. The photo order envelopes have been sent home to every child. The envelopes have individual names printed on them. All payments are due on photo day. You may pay online, using the 'shootkey' info. **Correct money** must be put in the envelopes as no change can be given. Sibling photo envelopes are available from the office. These sibling photos will be taken early on the day usually from 8am. You may include payment for all children in one envelope, however please indicate on this envelope the names of all the children you are paying for. Full school uniform must be worn. Any enquiries contact MSP Photography on 3848 3946.



Continue reading for the Premier's Reading Challenge and return your signed forms to the library counter.

DENTAL TREATMENT VAN

The dental van has now returned, if you require dental assistance, please contact the dental service on 1300 763 246 to arrange an appointment or knock on the dental van door.



Book Week 2017

'Escape to Everywhere'



The theme for Book Week this year is 'Escape to Everywhere'. On Friday 25 August we will be having our annual Book Week dress up parade. Come dressed according to our theme or dress as your favourite book character. Parade starts at 9 am, parents and caregivers are welcome to attend. We have a display of 'shortlisted' books in our Junior Fiction section at the moment, pop in to see the titles that are up for judging.

Book Fair: A Scholastic Australia book fair will be held in our school library from Thursday 24 August to the morning of Wednesday 30 August. The book fair will be open from 8:00 – 8:30 each morning and from 2:45 – 3:30 each afternoon. Each class will visit the book fair during class time and will write out a 'wish list' of books that they would like to purchase. Keep an eye out for it in your child's school bag.

GARDEN GURUS



Four weeks into term three and our school vegetable and fruit garden is looking great! A new form went out recently so that years 3 to 6 students could apply to work in the garden with Mrs MacPherson and Mrs Skidmore, every Wednesday morning from 7:30am until 8:25am. NAIDOC Day saw each class plant a native tree, bush, grass or vine. Many of our students at school didn't know of the garden and enjoyed exploring it on that day. We're especially looking forward to the native cherries. The students have been delighted to pick all kinds of fruits and vegetables, including passionfruit, grape tomatoes, snow peas, broccoli and carrots to add to the schools munch and crunch program. There were many "ohs" and "ahs" as each student pulled up a carrot last week. This week, the Garden Gurus, will be getting the gardens ready to plant seeds that will be harvested in Summer. A big shout out to Mr Leon for getting the garden equipment ready for us each week, Mr Gilby for watering the plants when we can't and Mrs Skidmore who donates her time every Wednesday morning. We couldn't do it without you! If you or someone you know would like to come along and lend a hand each week, the students would be very grateful for your help and advice.

Homework Help and the Reading Ranch



Homework Help and the Reading Ranch has changed days. Tuesday mornings, 8:00am till 8:25am is the day and time that you'll find students in the library, either reading to themselves, sharing a book with friends or listening to Mrs Skidmore or Mrs

Russell read a book to them. Mrs Kay Pike (who is an ex teacher from Redbank) entertains all the breakfast diners with a story while they eat. They certainly seem to enjoy it. Thank you ladies for donating your time. The kids love it!

And homework is also on the menu! Mrs Perry and Mrs



MacPherson are there in the library every Tuesday morning before school to give a hand to those students with tricky homework questions. So remind your children to come along to the library every Tuesday morning, to enjoy a story or two with friends or even on their own. Mums and Dads are very welcome to come as well. We'd love to see you all there!

CHESS CHAMPS

Chess Champs Club runs every Thursday lunchtime from 1:00pm till 1:25pm in the kitchen/science room. We are very fortunate to have Mr Lance Gilby donate his time as our coach. Only a few players visit each week and we'd love to see more students come along. We've been learning the basics of chess, such as how to set up a board, what are the pieces and how do they move and of course, the object of the game. If you have any time to spare and could help our young interested people move on in their knowledge of the game of chess, we'd love to see you at Thursday lunchtime.

OUR CLUBS

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

Our clubs include:

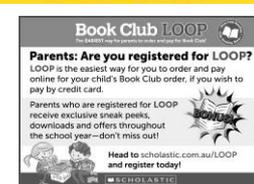
Breakfast Club: Each morning: 8.00 – 8.20 am. Students must be finished at Breakfast Club by 8.20, so that they are ready for the first bell at 8.30.

Gardening Gurus Club: Wednesday mornings from 7.30 – 8.25 am for years 3 to 6. See Mrs MacPherson.

Glee Club: Each Wednesday at second break from 1.00 - 1.25pm in 2/3LH room. Students from Prep to 6 are able to attend.

Homework Help and the Reading Ranch: Every Tuesday morning from 8.00 - 8.25 am in the library. Please note the change of day!

Chess Champs Club: Every Thursday lunch time from 1.00 – 1.25 pm in the kitchen.



SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

Thurs 24 to Wed 30 August	Book Fair in the library, come along and purchase a book to support our school. See times above.
Friday 25 August	Book Week dress up parade 9 am
Friday 25 August	Premier's Reading Challenge ends
Thursday 31 August	Father's Day Raffle tickets due back and raffle drawn
Sunday 3 September	Father's Day
Wednesday 6 Sept	School Photo Day
Friday 15 September	Last day of term 3
Monday 2 October	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 3 October	First day of term 4
Friday 20 October	Debutante Ball for years 1 and 2