

19 September 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.

### Head Lice

We have several classes at the moment with a continued head lice issue. Parents and caregivers are asked to take this break to monitor and treat their children for head lice. We advise families to use the conditioner and comb method; we have a small supply of both at school if needed and directions available on how to treat using this method. Head lice can only be spread from one person to another by direct head-to-head contact. They are not transmitted via sheets, pillows, hats or carpets. Time would be better spent detecting and treating lice rather than frequently washing clothes and bed linen. Head lice can only survive on human heads. They must feed every six hours or they will die from dehydration.

### Lost Property

We have a large number of 'lost' clothing in our lost property box. If your child has misplaced their clothing, please encourage them to check the lost property box. It also makes it easier for us to return lost property if you label your child's clothing.

### Principal Morning Tea

As part of our Raptor Rewards points, students who have earned and saved up 100 points can purchase a morning tea with the Principal. On Monday 17 September, it was my great pleasure to host a Morning Tea for 25 of these students. I would like to thank the ladies for providing the morning tea. Thanks to the P&C Association also for their support and for purchasing gifts for the students. Thanks to Mrs Orton for her coordination of this event. I am looking forward to being able to host many more of these morning teas in the future.

### School Holidays

This is the last newsletter before our school holidays 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 Friday 21 September and school will resume again on Monday 8 October. I wish you all a happy and safe holiday and our great team look forward to continuing working with you all again next term.

### School Watch: 13 17 88

If you see anything suspicious at our school over the holidays, call the School Watch number – 13 17 88. Please don't attempt to intervene.

### Attendance Trophy

Congratulations to 4/5FB who were awarded the Attendance Trophy in Week 8 with a 95% attendance rate and 1KT who were awarded the Trophy in Week 9 with a 95% attendance rate..



Year 3LH gave clues for Mrs McIntosh to find the trophy in a B Block classroom.

Year 4/5FB hid the trophy in the dress-up cupboard.



### 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 are focussing on for weeks 9 and 10 is:** Use the Raptor 3. STOP, MOVE, REPORT. What do we do when someone is annoying us in the playground? 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 like 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.

**\*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:* Hayden, Harrison, Ezra, Epe, Azalea, Seth, Baylin, Tyreece, Grace, Wade, Molimoli, Javon, Isabella, Kingston, Aroha, Jordan.



# P & C NEWS

Senior Vice-President- Clem Knight  
 Second Vice-President- Edward Ploger  
 Secretary- Angela Perry  
 Assistant Secretary- Virginia Sileli  
 Treasurer- Katherine Earl  
 Tuckshop Convenor: Robyn Fraser

**Tuckshop News:** Tuckshop is now open every Wednesday. Place your orders each Wednesday morning before school. It has been very exciting to see that the support of our tuckshop is improving each time that we are open. If you can spare a few hours for preparation in the morning or serving in the lunch periods, please see Robyn, our tuckshop convenor.

**School Uniforms:** Our uniforms are available from the **LOWES store in Redbank Plaza;** however **bucket hats** are sold for \$10 each at the school office.

**Munch 'N' Crunch volunteers** are always welcome in the mornings from around 8:30 am in the kitchen of the Resource Centre. Come and help us cut up the fruit and vegetables.

**P&C meetings:** The next P&C general meeting is on Thursday 20 September at 1:45pm in the kitchen, all welcome. Everyone's opinion and input counts.

## PARADE AWARDS

Our school parade is held every Friday afternoon at 2.00pm. Parents/Caregivers are most welcome to attend. If you intend to take your child early on this day, we ask that parents/caregivers not interrupt the messages on parade and wait to take your child at the conclusion of parade. These students received an award on parade recently: Lily-May, Alexander, Destin-Rose, Stephanie, Javon, Jaime, Seth, Esmay, Vaoletti, Natika, Dusten, Bradley.

## Recent Raptorbration: Basketball



A surprise Raptorbration was held on Monday last week, Miss Gardner ran a basketball program with 167 students from all of our classes. 147 of these well behaved students also enjoyed an ice block afterwards.

## Prep Enrolments 2019

**Do you have a child eligible to enrol for Prep for 2019? They must be born between 1 July 2013 and 30 June 2014.**

**Prep Information Days will be held early in October.**

**We will offer 2 sessions, 2-3 pm OR 5-6 pm.**

Contact the school office for any enquiries; if you are unable to come to the info day, enrolment packs will be available at the office shortly after the Information Day. **TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ENROLMENT**, you must provide a birth certificate, **OR** a letter from Centrelink showing your child's date of birth **PLUS** a Statutory Declaration witnessed by a Justice of the Peace as proof of your child's age. Your child's enrolment will not be complete until we have these documents.

**Prep orientation sessions** for the new preps and parents/caregivers will be offered in November, dates and times to be advised. You are welcome to come to one session or all sessions. Sessions will be held in the Prep Building with Mrs Julie Mayers, come and see what your child will experience when they start in 2019. More information later. We hope to see you there! This is a great opportunity for the teacher to get to know your child.

**SPARE SHIRTS NEEDED**

Occasionally spare shirts are needed at school in the event of any accidents, we need size 16 or larger at the moment, dark coloured or navy or second hand school uniform shirts. If you are able to help or donate, please send them into the school office. Thank you.

**SCHOOL CAMP FOR YEAR 5 AND 6 STUDENTS**

The school camp for the senior students is on Thursday 1 and Friday 2 November. Students will be going to Camp Goodenough, an outdoor adventure and education centre located in Carool in NSW. They will travel by bus to the venue. The payment is \$170 per child, this includes all activities, accommodation and meals as well as the bus travel. Some families have paid part payments; this is a final reminder that **all payments must be completed by Tuesday 16 October. A consent and medical form** (which you will need to fill out and return to school ASAP) and a list of 'What to Bring' has also been sent home recently.

**Library Play**



Ezra and Sebastian made an enormous marble run tower in the library recently. It was taller than Sebastian, it was taller than Ezra and it was even taller than Mrs Chalk! They reported that you could feel the vibrations that the marbles were making while travelling down the chute and you could hear the marbles running down as well.

**Lethal Learners' Club**

Attached is a permission letter for anyone who is interested in attending this homework help club on Thursday afternoons of Weeks 2-9 of Term 4 from 3 – 3:30pm in the library. More information is in the attached letter.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Students participating in other group photos such as the school leaders, were given a personalised order letter after our photo day, advising on how to order these items. Any late orders or enquiries contact MSP Photography on 3848 3946.

**SWIMMING PROGRAM**

**Permission Note and Money due now!**

Our swimming program for students in Years 2 and 3 begins on Thursday 18 October and runs for 8 weeks until Thursday 6 December. The cost for each student is \$35 for the season. This price has been subsidised by the school to make the cost more affordable for our families. Students involved in this program have received a permission form to be signed and returned. **Please return all monies and form to the office as soon as possible.**



**PRINCIPAL MORNING TEA**



25 students recently used 100 of their Raptor Reward points to have morning tea with the Principal. Thank you for your fantastic behaviour.

**DROUGHT SUPPORT FOR OUR FARMERS**

The staff and students recently held 'Dress as a Farmer' days to support our drought stricken farmers of Queensland, all donations that were made via these dress up days will be sent to the 'Drought Angels', who are supporting our local farmers.

**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 Prep 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.

**Lethal Learners:** Week 2-week 9 Term 4, 3-3:30 pm on Thursdays.

**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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

Thurs 20 September	P&C Meeting 1:45pm
Fri 21 September	Last day of Term 3
Monday 8 October	First day of Term 4
Thursday 18 October	Swimming program begins for Years 2 and 3.
Monday 22 October	Student Free Day – No school on this day
Friday 26 October	Day for Daniel – Wear red, gold coin donation
1 and 2 November	School camp for Years 5 and 6.