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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.

Student Attendance

Absences affect the chances your child has of being successful as an adult. One or two days absent a week in primary school doesn't seem much but...

Missing...	Equals ...	Which is ...	Over 13 years of schooling you child is missing...	If this happens you child may <u>only</u> reach ...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years of schooling	Year 11 standard
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Nearly 2.5 years of schooling	Year 10 standard
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Nearly 5 years of schooling	Year 7 standard
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of schooling	Year 4 standard

EVERY DAY COUNTS and we need to see you child at school each and every day!

Being late for school every day also impacts on learning ...

- 30 minutes late each day = 2 ½ hours each week = missing half a day of school and learning each week.
- Missing ½ day of learning each week = missing 4 weeks of learning per year.
- Missing 4 weeks each year = missing ½ year of schooling over 13 years.

Please think carefully before letting your child stay at home.

Attendance Trophy

Congratulations to 6TK who were awarded the Attendance Trophy in Week 6 with a 94% attendance rate and 5RH who were awarded the Attendance Trophy in Week 7 with a 96% attendance rate.

ABSENCES

All student absences that are 'unexplained' will be followed up by a phone call to parents/caregivers. Please contact the school to notify us of the reason why your child is absent. Parents/Caregivers can also send a note, email the school on absent@redbankss.eq.edu.au or call on 3381 4111. Parents/Caregivers will be contacted when we notice a high number of unexplained absences or early/late departures as it is important that children are at school every day.

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: Showing safe behaviours when transitioning to and from play breaks.**

Being safe means: walking sensibly and quietly after play breaks to designated places; waiting and sitting quietly after play breaks; walking on concrete; keep hands, feet and objects to self; be aware of ourselves and others; be aware of accumulation of noise from many conversations and how others feel if you are not doing the right thing.



***Redbank Raptors are safe, responsible and respectful learners when transitioning to and from play breaks.**

These students were selected to pick from the prize box for being excellent Redbank Raptor Role Models: Hajiru, Minnie, Isabella, Jared, Zeppelin, Aaron, Rewi, Jeanine, Skycadien, Lydie.

P & C NEWS

President- Lisa McKernan
Vice President- Clem Knight
Secretary- Meredith McCallion
Treasurer- Declan McCallion
Uniform Shop Convener: *vacant*

Fundraising Raffle: Please find attached to this newsletter a raffle for the P & C. Prizes are: 5 x \$5 tuckshop vouchers and 5 x Free Entry Pass into the school disco being held on Friday 17 June. Tickets are 50c each. All tickets and money are due back at school by Monday 13 June for the draw. *Thank you for your support!*

Tuckshop: Open: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Helpers are welcome. The tuckshop **will be closed for normal orders** on Friday 24 June.

Athletics Carnival: Our school athletics carnival is on Thursday 23 and Friday 24 June. The tuckshop will be open with a limited menu and for a sausage sizzle only on both days. **No normal orders will be taken on Friday** due to it being the last day of term 2, this day will be 'stocktake and cleaning day' for the tuckshop workers.

Uniform Shop: Open on Mondays and Wednesdays between 8 – 9am in the Resource Centre kitchen. Do you have warm jumpers for your children?

School Disco: A disco will be held at school on Friday 17 June from 6pm to 8 pm for Redbank State School students only. Entry will be \$5.00 per student. All students from Prep to year 6 are invited to attend. The tuckshop will be open with a limited menu for the evening. More information at a later date.

Next P & C Meeting: Monday 20 June 6pm. All welcome.

Parade Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards on parade recently:

Seu, Finley, Isaac, Zion, Mahana, Journey, Caleb, Bryce, Vaioleti, Huestin, Monica, Molimoli, Elijah, Isaiah, Kingston, Isabella, Shayne, Keanu, Hope, Elijah, Jayden, Royce.

WOW! WHAT FUN WAS HAD AT THE UNDER 8'S DAY ACTIVITY DAY!



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our annual sports athletics carnival will be held on Thursday 23 and Friday 24 June. Both days start at 9am. **Please note that students compete in the year that they were born.**

Thursday will now be for the seniors: 9yr olds (2007) to 12yr olds (2004) will do track events and long jump, shot put, ball games, and high jump.

Friday will now be for the juniors: 5yr olds (2011) to 8yr olds (2008) will do track events then go to other events such as vortex, fly-ball shot put, leap jump and novelty races.

Parents are welcome to attend. The tuckshop will be open with a limited menu on both days. We aim to finish both days around 1pm. More information will be sent home in a flyer at a later date.

Our Science Experiments-4HM

In class, 4HM have been learning about different medium that support plant life; for example, potting mix; cotton wool; sand and gravel. Some of the results the children stated include:

- The plant in the potting mix looks like it has died because it hasn't been given enough water.
- The gravel sustained life because it has materials to absorb water
- The sand hasn't sustained life because water dried out of the sand
- The cotton wool has sustained life because cotton wool absorbs water.

Our grass heads are beginning to grow, too.



Garden Club

It is great to see so many children turn up for gardening club each week. Thank you to their parents also, for allowing them to come. Yesterday, we picked a large number of tomatoes and some snow peas, both of which are doing well. We also planted some climbing snow peas and broccoli seeds. Hopefully, there will be some sign of their germination next week. The seedlings we planted two weeks ago look healthy. The hard work in the garden is starting to pay off!

4HM & 1KT Buddy Reading

Our buddy reading is progressing well. Year 4 seem to be enjoying these reading sessions. They are continuing with recognising character traits of characters in the picture books they are reading and preparing for Year 1. Many of the children in Year 4 are using these words in their own writing.

Year 4 HM story:

Here is a traditional story with a moral told by Maila Setu.

One day Manchu tipped the soil on his new clothes. He said "It was an accident." Pot boil did not care. Pot Boil said "You're a clumsy old man go back to your province"

Pot boil demanded. "I have no use for you!" He ran sadly back to his province. His family was so excited. As soon as they saw him crying they said "What's wrong?" Manchu was so sad he couldn't even talk. So they left him in bed and when he stopped sobbing, he told them about what happened.

One day Manchu and the family thought of a great plan. Every night when Pot Boil was sleeping they would steal his stuff and when it was all gone he really did boil! He had no money to buy anything. Manchu told everyone to come and be free and they lived happily ever after.

DENTAL VAN

The Dental Van has arrived! We are working our way through the school completing dental check-ups for all grades alphabetically. If you haven't completed the 'Intent to Attend' form and would still like your children to be treated at the van please contact us either by phone or in person at the van.

We require a parent/legal guardian to attend all appointments to complete consent paperwork and so that we can directly discuss your children's oral health. If any appointments are missed or are not suitable it is the parents' responsibility to reschedule. The dental van is open Monday to Thursday from 7:30am to 4:00pm. You can contact the dental staff by phone on 0412061484.

Premier's Reading Challenge

All students should have received a form regarding the Premier's Reading Challenge. This year the Premier has challenged: Prep to Year 2 students to read or experience 20 books; Year 3 to Year 4 students to read 20 books and Year 5 to Year 9 students to read 15 books. Once your form is completed, send it back to school. The challenge runs from 16 May to 26 August. Every student who completes the challenge will receive a certificate from the Premier. As well as being fun, the challenge aims to boost children's literacy skills by encouraging students to read widely for pleasure and learning, to develop their imagination, and to cultivate a passion for literature.

EAT SMART B ACTIVE

Our whole school has been invited to participate in a program called Eat Smart B Active organised by the Happy Healthy Kidz Australia charity. Our students will be part of the live studio audience for the filming of the production at the Ipswich Civic Centre on Monday 25 July at 1:00pm. Students will be travelling by bus into Ipswich to attend this program. The bus and the program is FREE for all to attend. We MUST have permission forms and media consent forms signed by parents/caregivers returned to the office by Wednesday 15 June to attend.

High Tea Afternoon



It was just amazing to see so many visitors come for our recent celebration at school: 'Mothers and Families High Tea'. Our P & C members and tuckshop volunteers baked over 170 cupcakes for the day and students came down in family groups to ice the special cakes for their family. The great support from our school community is wonderful to see.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

29 April to 3 June	After school sport program on Friday Soccer
9 May to 6 June	After school sport program on Friday Touch
Monday 13 June	P & C Raffle tickets and money due back to school for the draw
Friday 17 June	Disco at school from 6-8pm
Monday 20 June	P & C Meeting
Thursday 23 and Friday 24 June	Athletics Carnival
Monday 25 July	Whole school excursion to Ipswich Civic Centre For Eat Smart B Active