Staffing Update
Welcome back to our Head of Curriculum – Mrs Reardon and also to Mr Worland. I’m sure that the community will make these staff members feel very welcome.

Staff Car Park
We have noticed that some parents are using the staff carpark to drop off and pick up students each day. Parents are also walking through the carpark with their children. It is important that students are not in the car park when staff are driving in and out. Parents are able to drop off along Brisbane Road for the students to walk to and from school. There is ample parking in Law Street and a cul-de-sac for parents to drop off students. We appreciate your help in keeping our students safe.

Parent Teacher Interviews
By now parents should have received a note home from their child’s teacher regarding parent teacher interviews. I would encourage you to take advantage of this first round of interviews as an opportunity to share important information about your child. It is timely for the classroom teacher to talk to you about how your child has settled into school for 2016 and for you to clarify any issues around Teaching and Learning.

Staff Car Park
Parents are always welcome to make a time outside these formal interview times to discuss issues that arise from school.

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.

Cross Country
Thank you to Ms Crane for coordinating our Cross Country and to all our staff and volunteers who helped. It was another great school event.

Without our fabulous helpers, we would not be able to have such successful events. Thank you also to the P&C for conducting the sausage sizzle and tuckshop on the day.

NAPLAN
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or ‘domains’) of:

- reading
- writing
- language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- numeracy

NAPLAN tests skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time through the school curriculum. Our Year 3 and 5 students have been taking part in preparation for these tests with their classroom teachers. NAPLAN for 2016 will be held in all schools across the nation on May 11 to May 13. It is expected that all students will attend school on these days and participate in the tests. If you have any questions and concerns about your child’s participation, please see your child’s classroom teacher as a first port of call. I am happy for parents to make an appointment with me if necessary.

Attendance Trophy
Congratulations to 5/6AW who were awarded the Attendance Trophy last week with a 93% 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 weeks 2 and 3 is: Be responsible and safe by staying in appropriate areas to play. Students will be reminded of the right areas to play in, teachers will show the students a map of the school grounds which points out the play areas and the out of bounds areas. It is important to stay in the right areas so the safety of all our students can be maintained.

*Redbank Raptors are safe, responsible and respectful learners when we play in the appropriate areas.*

These students were selected to pick from the prize box for being excellent Redbank Raptor Role Models: Molimoli, Haviiah, Sarai, Lailanni, Lucas, David, Jemma, Sammi, Hayley, Coen, Selina, Hayden, Mia, Divine, Amarli, Mark, Zane, Keely, Oceanna & Coen.

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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.

Tuckshop: Our tuckshop is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Does your child have a hat for play times? School hats are available at the tuckshop for $10 each.

Uniform Shop: Open on Mondays and Wednesdays between 8 – 9am. Shorts and skirts $18, polo shirts $30, bucket hats $10.

Mother’s Day Fundraising: Donations are needed for the Mother’s Day Raffle, are you able to help? Please send any items to the school office.

A Mother’s Day stall will be held on Tuesday 3 to Friday 6 May from 8:15 to 8:45 in the morning. Come and buy a small gift for Mum or Grandma. All items will be under $6 and the stall will be set up on the office verandah.

Raffle tickets will be sent home next week.

Easter fundraising: Funds raised from the Easter stall held over 2 days was $275. Congratulations to our Easter raffle winners: J. Brown, DJ. Brown, M. Mantan, K. Price, Mrs McIntosh, H. Dunning, G. Masala, W. Kahui, A. Perry, C. Jones & K. Patterson.

Parade Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards on parade recently: Rewi, Jesse, Jordan, Willow, Ky-Ani, Charles, Halle, Tileaha, A’ana, Haylie, David, Aroha, Talia, Mia, Kira, Grace, Bohdan.

Get Microsoft Office 2016 free of charge

Did you know your child can get Microsoft Office 2016 free of charge, just for being a student at Redbank State School? All you need is your child’s school email address to sign in.

To help prepare your child for success this academic year, the Department of Education and Training has teamed up with Microsoft to provide free Office 2016 to every Queensland state school student. With Office 2016, your child will have access to the latest version of Word for writing, Excel for spreadsheets, PowerPoint for presentations, OneNote for organisation and notetaking, and much more.

You can install a complete version of the latest Microsoft Office on up to five compatible PCs and Macs, five tablets and five smartphones. Your Office subscription lasts for as long as your child is a state school student.

Ask your child to follow these simple steps to get Office:

- For PC and Mac, visit portal.office.com, login using your school email address, click through to install and follow the onscreen process.
- For tablets and smartphones, download from your app store and sign in with your school email address.

Visit www.education.qld.gov.au/office2016 for instructions on how to download and install Office 2016 to your personal home computers. If you have any trouble, contact the school office for assistance.

CRAZY HAT PARADE

We had some lovely hats and some great class items for our recent crazy hat parade for Easter.
ANZAC DAY CEREMONY
Our Anzac Day Ceremony will be held on Friday 22 April at 10am in the under covered area where parade is held. Anzac Day is a time to honour the service and sacrifice of our original Anzacs, and the generations of Australian servicemen and women who have defended our values and freedoms in wars, conflicts and peace operations.

Parents and caregivers are most welcome to attend. We have Anzac Day ribbons and badges for sale at the school office. Student Ribbons are $1 each and metal badges (Gallipoli-Lone Pine Centenary) are $5 each. We support the Returned & Services League of Australia Ipswich Sub Branch each year by selling these Anzac Day items at school.

‘Lest We Forget’
The price of liberty is eternal vigilance.

HARMONY DAY
We recently held Harmony Day activities at school and the students made some wonderful flags that were hung on our front fence. This was a special day to celebrate diversity and recognise different cultures within our school.

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS
Congratulations Bindaree on scoring the most points for our recent cross country. Bindaree 382, Kallarroo 310. Well done to everyone who participated on the last day of Term 1, Mr Pearen commented on the great sportsmanship shown by many of our wonderful students. These points go towards our Athletics Carnival which will be held later in the year.

Gardening Club
A big thank you to Kiara Robinson and her sister, Laila for bringing in the two pawpaw trees yesterday. It was a great gesture and Bryce and Jordan had fun planting one this morning. The other one will be planted once a hole is dug. Look at our developing pineapple! Yum!

Rhett tied the beans and peas to stakes, while the rest of us battled the weeds once again. We’re winning!

Science Club
In Science Club this week with Peter, the students measured heated water with the same temperature. It was in different types of cups. They used different thermometers-digital and IQ series.

The students are going to ascertain which cup, containing water at the same temperature, cools down the quickest. The purpose of this experiment is to find out the most suitable cup for retaining the heat of drinks. We’ll let you know the results!

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.

Fridge Magnets: we are sending home a small card with all the details about what to do when a student is absent from school. Put this card on your fridge to remind you to contact the office when your child is away.

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.

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