

22 November 2017

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.

Awards Morning

On Thursday 7 December, we will be celebrating achievement and effort across all learning areas. This is a fabulous opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate these achievements together. Please join us in the COLA from 9am.

Every Day Counts

As we reach the end of Term 4, parents/caregivers are reminded how important it is to send their child to school every day. Being at school every day counts. One day absent each week quickly adds up to two months of missed lessons in a year. Unless your child is ill, it is expected that your child will be at school learning every day of the school year.

The Department of Education provides reasonable excuses for a child's absence from school. These include:

- Illness (If your child is unable to attend school for more than 10 days, an exemption is required. Please contact the Office for further information.)
- Representative sport
- Holiday (If your child is unable to attend school for more than 10 days, an exemption is required. Please contact the Office for further information.)

*** Please note: If you have planned a holiday over the Christmas break and your child will not be at school for the start of the school year, please advise the office as we require a return date.**

- Funeral
- Medical or dental appointments
- Legal matters

Some families have stated 'Personal' as reasons for their child's absences. If parents/caregivers are unable to provide additional information, this absence will be recorded as 'Unauthorised'. More information on the importance of regular school attendance is available at <http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/index.html>

Upcoming Events

- Have you marked the following dates in your calendar?
- Christmas Carols Evening – Friday 1 December. Come dressed in your most Christmassy clothes! Stalls and the tuckshop will be operating from 5:30pm with Carols starting at 6:30pm. Bring the whole family....aunts, uncles, grandparents.....and have some dinner and check out the stalls before the show.
- Year 6 Graduation – Tuesday 5 December. Goodna RSL Function Centre
- Awards Morning – Thursday 7 December from 9am. Come along and celebrate the achievements of our students!
- Report Cards – to be issued to students on Thursday 7 December. Please make sure that you get your copy from your child.
- Last Day of School 2017 – Friday 8 December.
- First Day of School 2018 – Monday 22 January 2018.

Attendance Trophy

Congratulations to 3KG who were awarded the Attendance Trophy in Week 6 with an amazing 99% attendance rate and 4/5HM who were awarded the Attendance Trophy (again) 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 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 use appropriate verbal and non-verbal language. Being responsible and making responsible choices means: using Raptor 3 to prevent escalation of incidents; following school behavioural expectations of being responsible in the classroom and in the playground; be respectful so the learning and games of others is not

affected; Use kind words and respectful messages when speaking to others. Value one another; Respect each other's rights and dignity.

***Redbank Raptors are safe, responsible and respectful when we use appropriate verbal and non-verbal language.**

These students were selected to pick from the prize box for being excellent Redbank Raptor Role Models: Kayley, Ezra, Caitlin, Mia, Mizpah, Alpha, Amarli, Jordan, Alekk.

Did you know? ... That Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is implemented to improve the learning and wellbeing of all students in all school settings.



P & C NEWS

President- Michelle Bell

Vice President- Clem Knight

Secretary- Ann Fouracre

Assistant Secretary- Angela Perry

Treasurer- Vacant

Tuckshop Convenor- Mandy Midgley

The next meeting for the P&C will be in February 2018. Date to be advised.

Tuckshop: Volunteers are always needed.

Tuckshop Convenor: The position of convenor is becoming vacant at the end of the year. If you are interested in the position, please send a letter of interest to the school office. This role is a volunteer position only, not a paid position.

School Uniform News: As from 20 November, our school uniforms will be available from the local **LOWES store in Redbank Plaza**. There may be some shortage during the transition period, but full stock should be available shortly. **School hats** will still be sold at school for \$10 each from the tuckshop on opening days, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

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. Ron, our wonderful volunteer who is there every day, will be leaving us at the end of this year. We will need more volunteers to help with this program as well.

Community Carols and class craft stalls: Friday 1 December. Craft stalls 5:30 to 6:30pm and then the musical items from 6:30 to 7:30pm. Everyone is invited to attend. Donations are needed for the Christmas hampers, are you able to help out by

donating non-perishable foods or items for the multi draw hamper raffle? We appreciate your support, thank you. The multi-draw raffle tickets are \$1 each and we currently have over 67 prizes already! Tickets have been sent home recently and all tickets and money is due back at school by the morning of Friday 1 December for the draw at the Carols Night.

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. Stephanie, Gen, Ashton, Sienna, Seth, Sierra-Grace, Ezra, Palepa, Deborah, Bradlee, Darra, Daisy, Marcus, Tina, Zane, Laith, Peti, Cathy, Jared, Lailanni, Havilah, Ella, Jasper, Grace, Bohdan, Mizpah, Riley, Caleb, Katlyn, Kalapani, Kailea.

Congratulations everyone for the great work!

REMINDER: THURSDAY SWIMMING LESSONS

Our swimming program for 2017 continues each week on Thursdays. The swimming program is **ONLY FOR STUDENTS IN CLASSES 2BC, 2/3LH AND 3KG**. Our program will run from Week 2 to Week 9 of Term 4. The last day of swimming will be Thursday 30 November.



Raptor Merchandise Rewards



Both Katie and Ella used 25 of their points and chose the photo recognition reward. They had their photo taken in a special place (Mr Pearen's



office) and now we are publishing them in the newsletter.

Enrolments 2018

Do you have a child eligible to enrol for Prep for 2018?

They must be born between
1 July 2012 and 30 June 2013.

Prep: If your child is a sibling of a current student or you live in our catchment area, enrolment is guaranteed. However, all other children will be placed on a waiting list once we hold the appropriate forms.

Other year levels: Do you know of anyone wanting to enrol their children for any other year levels? Are you moving over the holidays? Are your children returning for 2018? Please contact the school office for any enrolment enquiries.

LIBRARY NEWS

Reminder: Return your overdue library books NOW!! We currently have 105 overdue library books and we only have just over 2 weeks left to go. If you can't find the library books, \$10 is payable per book to go towards the cost of replacing these books. Please help us keep our valuable collection together and intact!



Basketball : After School Sport

Miss Gardner is currently running basketball sessions after school on Mondays from 3-4pm. Students that are participating have been given a timetable for what week to attend. **Your child must be picked up at 4pm.** The boys participate in weeks 2, 4, 6 and 8 of term 4. The girls participate in weeks 5, 7, 9 and 10 of term 4.

THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS

Again this year we have had a great team of RI volunteer instructors come to the school. We would like to thank these people who have made it possible to offer Religious Instruction to every class. The children have been most responsive and appreciative of their efforts.

Christine Hodgkinson Yr 1
Alanieta (Ala) Traill Yr 2/3
Dave Taylor Yr 2 & Yr 3
Ainsley Lovely Yr 4 & Yr 4/5
Paul Hodgkinson Yr 5/6 & Yr 6

We also would like to thank the school community, in particular the principal and teachers, who have been a wonderful help and support to the team.

Christine Hodgkinson, RI Coordinator.



REDBANK SS IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION



We will soon have a new outdoor learning area between B Block and the Resource Centre. Construction should be finished before the end of term.

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 Club: Wednesday mornings from 7:30 – 8:25am 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 – 8:25am in the library.

Maths Movers: invitation only: 7:50 – 8:25am in the computer room on Tuesdays.

Science Club: invitation only: 7:30 – 8:25am Thursdays in the kitchen.

S.T.E.M Club: invitation only for Preps to year 2: 1:00 – 1:30pm at lunch time on Wednesdays.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

Friday 24 November	Last Raptorbration for 2017 for eligible students: Movie at Redbank Plaza
Monday 27 November	Whole school lunch provided by the P&C Association
Friday 1 December	Community carols and craft stall evening begins at 5:30pm
Tuesday 5 December	Year 6 Graduation at Goodna RSL Function Centre
Thursday 7 December	Award Presentation Morning 9 am
Friday 8 December	Last day of term 4
Monday 22 January	First day of school for 2018
Friday 26 January	Australia Day Public Holiday

Community Events

Free Christmas event: Tivoli Drive In, movie is "The Star": The story of the first Christmas. Saturday 25 November gates open 3pm, movie starts at 7:30pm. Market stalls, free kids activity zone, BYO chair and blanket. Raffles, Santa photos, free bag to first 100 to enter. 50 Coal Road Chuwar.