

23 May 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

it in the dress-up play area.

When children arrive at school they are required to sit quietly on the seats under B Block.

NAPLAN

I would like to express my gratitude to the parents/carers of our Year 3 & 5 students for ensuring that your child was at school on time and ready for NAPLAN last week. This year we had the best participation rate of students for many years. I would also like to congratulate the students for the way they participated in this testing program. Special thanks to the P&C Association who organised and prepared breakfast for the students on the three days of NAPLAN.

P&C Day – 25 May

The staff and students of Redbank State School would like to publicly thank our hardworking P&C members for the tireless work they do each year to improve educational facilities, resources and student outcomes in our school. Their continued support of our school is very much appreciated. This Friday 25 May on parade, I will be presenting current members of our P&C with certificates to acknowledge this support.

Under 8's Day

Yesterday, our school celebrated Under 8's Day with a number of activities being conducted for our younger students and their siblings. We give a big thank you to Mrs McIntosh for her co-ordination of this event and to the staff involved in the activities. It was a great morning, with the children thoroughly enjoying themselves. Thanks to the P&C Association for supporting this event with a sausage sizzle.

Principal Leave

I will be on long service leave from next Wednesday 30 May until Thursday 19 July. Mr Troy Coombs, who is currently the Principal of Glamorgan Vale State School, will be Acting Principal during my absence. I am sure that the school community will give Troy the same wonderful support that you provide to me and he will enjoy his time at Redbank.

Attendance Trophy

Congratulations to 3LH who were awarded the Attendance Trophy in Week 4 with a 97% attendance rate.



Year 3/4AW hid the trophy in the staff room and I had to follow the 'Harry Potter' clues to find it.

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:** Follow instructions and directions immediately.

Being responsible means, that we always listen to the teacher and follow their instructions and directions immediately. Students must follow the school expectations each day. Everyone has a role to play. The role of the teacher is to guide the learning of the student and the role

of the student is to attend and to learn. It is important to be responsible at all times for the good order and management of the school.

***Redbank Raptors are safe, responsible and respectful learners when we follow instructions and directions immediately.**

These students were selected to pick from the prize box for being excellent Redbank Raptor Role Models: Annika, Ngareta, Salina, Laila, Tau, Alpha, Demechris, Jemma.



P & C NEWS

- President- Michelle Bell**
- Senior Vice-President- Clem Knight**
- Second Vice-President- Edward Ploger**
- Secretary- Angela Perry**
- Assistant Secretary- Virginia Sileli**
- Treasurer- Katherine Earl**

Next P&C Meeting is Tuesday 19 June at 1:45pm, all are welcome. We now also have a Facebook page, look for 'P&C Redbank State School'. We will use this as an additional way to keep our community informed of events and plans that we have coming up. Please be aware that we are unable to post photos of children or staff.

School Uniforms: Our uniforms are now available from the local **LOWES store in Redbank Plaza;** however **bucket hats** will still be sold at school for \$10 each from the office. Correct money must be given as no change is available. Please mark all clothing items with your child's name.

Munch 'N' Crunch Program: Are you able to spare an hour in the mornings? Pop into the kitchen in the Resource Centre to help cut up the fruit and vegetables each morning from around 8.00am – 9.00am.

Mother's Day Raffle Winners: Selina, Monica, Kyra, Selina, Kayla and Ann. We thank you for your support and we raised \$210.30 profit from the raffle.

Mother's Day Stall volunteers were kept very busy each day, with many students having a great time deciding on what to purchase. We raised \$120 profit. We thank everyone who donated time or items for both the raffle and the stall. Your support is greatly appreciated.

State of Origin Day: We will be having a special day for the 'State of Origin' football games which are coming up soon. For your \$1 coin donation, you get to wear your footy colours to school for the day and some \$5 meal deals will be available from the tuckshop. A flyer will be sent home closer to the day with more information.

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: Jeremy, Georgia, Penitito, Ngareta, Laila, Gen, Zion, Aaron, Esmay, Syress, Taitoa, Vaiolletti, Demechris.

NAPLAN Breakfast



The P & C recently provided a lovely breakfast of toast and fruit to all our Year 3 and Year 5 students participating in NAPLAN testing.

Under 8's Day

Under Eights Week is an event proudly initiated by Early Childhood Australia Queensland Branch. It has been running for 60 years across Queensland. Children from day

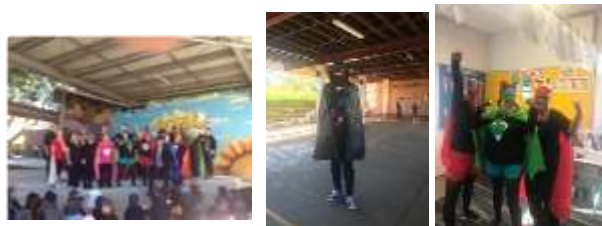


care, schools, playgroups and communities celebrate being under eight years old. Events are run at a local level with the 2018 theme being 'Children exploring language and culture'.

Yesterday we celebrated under 8's week at Redbank. The staff surprised the students by dressing as their super hero in line with the Library theme for this term. It was wonderful to see the children enjoying the various activities and also the parents/caregivers who attended with younger siblings.

A big thank you to the P&C for cooking a sausage in bread for all the children. And a really big thank you to all families who sent in cardboard boxes etc for collage. It was a very popular activity and there were some amazing creations.

Here are a few photos that capture the great day we all had.



The P&C Association provided a sausage sizzle for students who were involved in the Under 8's Day yesterday.

AUTHOR VISIT



"Exciting, enthusiastic, engaging, energetic and really tall!" is how students often describe the fresh-faced Dr Cameron Stelzer, who has a Doctorate of Visual Arts as well as a graduate diploma in education. In primary school, Cameron

wrote many short stories for the local newspaper. After graduating from university he worked at the Natural History Museum in London and began writing stories inspired by the animals in the museum. When Cameron returned to Australia, he completed and released his first Stroogle adventure. Cameron has since written and illustrated six picture books, six Pie Rats novels and three how-to drawing books. Cameron's Pie Rats series have won numerous book awards internationally. The new spinoff series, *Scallywags*, will be released in mid-2018.



Cameron Stelzer author and illustrator is visiting Redbank on Monday 16 July 2018 (first day of Term 3) to conduct writing workshops with all students at Redbank over the whole day. Teachers have completed their workshop choices which include:-

- Stories & More
- Exciting Descriptive writing
- Lights Camera Action!

The Library currently has a display of Cameron's books which are available for loan. Come along and have a look!

P & C Day – Friday 25 May

P&C Day is held each year to celebrate the important work undertaken in our state schools by our parents and citizens associations.

It is the time to publicly thank our hardworking P&C members for the tireless work they do each year to improve educational facilities, resources and student outcomes in our state school. P&C Day is held during National Volunteer Week, the best time to celebrate their inspiring efforts!

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 Years 3 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.

Maths Movers: invitation only: 7:40 – 8:25 Tuesdays in the kitchen.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

Friday 25 May	Happy P&C Day!
Tuesday 19 June	P&C Meeting 1:45pm
Thursday 21 June	Senior Athletics Carnival
Thursday 28 June	Junior Athletics Carnival
Friday 29 June	Last day of Term 2
Monday 16 July	First day of Term 3