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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.

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.

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 your 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 4AW who were awarded the Attendance Trophy in Week 4 with a 94% 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 come to school on time every day!

Being at school and on time means: ensuring you have adequate sleep so you can get ready for school the next day; being organised with your belongings for the day,

such as lunch, homework etc.; being respectful of others so their learning time is not interrupted; being ready for listening and learning so work is not missed. **We must be at school for the first bell at 8:30am.**

***Redbank Raptors are safe, responsible and respectful learners when we come to school on time, every day!**
These students were selected to pick from the prize box for being excellent Redbank Raptor Role Models: Kody, Moli, Alice, Ky-Ani, Adrick, Addena, Cathy, Aaron, Tahliah.



P & C NEWS

- President- Michelle Bell
- Vice President- Clem Knight
- Secretary- Ann Fouracre
- Assistant Secretary- Angela Perry
- Treasurer- Jodie Patterson
- Uniform Shop Convenor- Dawn Caruana
- Tuckshop Convenor- Mandy Midgley

The next meeting for the P & C will be held on Tuesday 20 June at 1:30pm. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Tuckshop: Volunteers are always welcome.

Uniform Shop: Now open each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between 8.00 – 9.00am in the Resource Centre kitchen.

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.

Mother's Day Raffle Winners: Dakota, Selina, Xander, Starr, Josefinn, Esmay, Roslyn, Ann, Victor, Lilly-May, Jordan, Lesley, Destiny, Bianca, Gen, Addena, Lenora. Congratulations everyone.

State of Origin Fundraising Day: Wednesday 31 May.

Wear your favourite origin footy colours, **MAROON OR BLUE**; bring a gold coin donation for our school. There will be a prize for the best dressed boy and girl: A Tuckshop meal voucher each!

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.

Azalea, Adrick, Jamillea-Rose, Isaiah, Ethan, Ayen, Lilly, Ruby, Summer, Azariaus, Dylan, Cathy, Lucas.

Congratulations everyone for the great work!

Science Club



For the last few weeks, the science students have been working with pendulums, using lengths and mass as variables. Mark and Doyle had very successful outcomes! Well done, boys.

Library News

Keep reading for the Premier's Reading Challenge!

The recording sheets have now been sent home. When you finish your sheet, put it in the box on the library counter.

More sheets are available.

The library has a display of books highlighted in this challenge. We have several students who have finished a sheet already and are onto their next one. Keep up the great reading!

The Premier's Reading Challenge is an annual state-wide initiative. Over the past 12 years, more than 10 million books have been read. The challenge aims to improve literacy and encourage children to read widely for pleasure and learning. For a student to successfully complete the challenge, they must read or experience the allocated number of books for their year level during the reading period.



Year level	Number of books
Prep – Year 2	Read or experience 20 books
Years 3 – 4	20 books
Years 5 – 9	15 books

Students who complete the challenge will be recognised with a certificate signed by the Premier of Queensland.

Key dates: Reading commences 15 May 2017

Reading finishes 25 August 2017

Reading a variety of books builds vocabulary and knowledge, improves spelling and comprehension, can improve confidence and is also a great way to relax!

GARDENING CLUB

The plants in the gardens are starting to look very healthy after the recent rain. Now, we have broccoli planted. The children were delighted when they saw how much the cauliflower, peas and bean plants had grown. We almost had 100% strike rate with our seedlings, with which we were delighted.

Yesterday, we planted more tomato bushes, so hopefully in a number of weeks we'll have a very productive garden! In the next few weeks, we hope to plant out our pineapple heads, which are showing healthy signs of growth, in new gardens.

DENTAL VAN VISITS

The dental van will be visiting our school in June this year. Before they arrive, they will once again be bringing the **Oral Health Education Van for Prep to Year 4 students** to learn about general dental care. Permission forms have been sent home with every student. **Please return the form to the office by Thursday 1 June 2017.** If you indicate on this permission form your consent for the treatment van, the dental staff will contact you directly to arrange an appointment and provide a further form to complete.

Year 5 and 6 students will receive a different dental form; these must be completed and **returned to the office by Thursday 1 June 2017.**



4/5HM NEWS

The children in 4/5HM have been learning about the different types of symmetry, in Maths. The children have really enjoyed this area in Maths. Zeppelin has enjoyed it so much, he completed more at home. Some designs that the children completed, particularly by the boys, were complex. Designers in the making?



Raptor Reward

Last merchandise day, Maddison elected to spend some of her points to sit in a 'special chair'. Our 'special chair' is Mr Pearen's office chair. I think Maddison would make a proud Principal, don't you?



Athletics Carnival

Our annual sports athletics carnival will be held on Thursday 15 June for the seniors and Thursday 22 June for the juniors. Both days start at 9am.

Please note that students compete in the year that they were born.

Thursday 15 June is for the seniors: 9yr olds (2008) to 12yr olds (2005) will do track events and long jump, shot put, ball games, and high jump.

Thursday 22 June will be for the juniors: 5yr olds (2012) to 8yr olds (2009) will do track events then go to other events such as vortex, fly-ball shot put, leap jump and novelty races.

Parents/caregivers are most welcome to attend. The tuckshop will be open with a normal menu on both days. We aim to finish the carnival on both days around 1pm. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours: Kallarroo is green and Bindaree is red. More information will be sent home in a flyer at a later date.

OUR CLUBS

Each week the students can participate in a number of clubs.

Our clubs include:

Breakfast Club: Each morning: 8.00 – 8.25 am. Students must be finished at Breakfast Club by 8.25, so that they are ready for the first bell at 8.30.

Gardening Club: Tuesday mornings from 7.30 – 8.25 am for years 1 to 6.

Glee Club: Each Wednesday at second break from 1.00 - 1.30pm in 2/3LH room. Students from Prep to 6 are able to attend.

Homework Help and the Reading Ranch: Every Thursday morning from 8.00 - 8.25 am in the library.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

Wednesday 31 May	P & C State of Origin Footy Colours Day. Wear your colours and bring a gold coin donation.
Thursday 15 June	Inter-house senior athletics carnival
Tuesday 20 June	P & C Meeting 1:30 pm
Thursday 22 June	Inter-house junior athletics carnival
Friday 23 June	Last day of term 2 – <i>Happy holidays!</i>
Monday 10 July	First day back for term 3
10 – 14 July	Naidoc Week
Monday 17 & Tuesday 18 July	Central District Athletics Carnival in Ipswich
21 – 25 August	Book Week
Friday 25 August	Premier's Reading Challenge ends
Friday 25 August	Grandparents Open Day