

25 July 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

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 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.

Thanks Mr Coombs

It is great to be back at Redbank and I would really like to thank Mr Coombs for so capably acting in my position during my leave. Mr Coombs had many wonderful things to say about our school and enjoyed his time at Redbank.

Athletics Carnivals

The weather was finally kind to us and allowed us to finalise our Athletics Carnivals. I must acknowledge how impressed I was with the level of participation and spirit the students showed at these carnivals. Special thanks must go to Miss Crane and Mr Dunlop for their organisation of the carnivals and the P&C association for their support of these days. At the end of the two days the winning house for 2018 was Bindaree.

Attendance Trophy

Congratulations to 3/4AW who were awarded the Attendance Trophy in Week 1 with a 97% attendance rate. They hid the trophy in the reading boxes.



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 are focussing on for weeks 1 and 2 is:** Safe, Responsible and Respectful every day at school.

Everyone needs to feel safe. Everyone follows the school rules. I choose my own behaviour. We look after our school and equipment. We use appropriate and polite language to everyone. I follow instructions given by adults. It is important to be safe, responsible and respectful at all times for the good order and management of the school and for the safety of others.

***Redbank Raptors are safe, responsible and respectful learners every day at school.**

These students were selected to pick from the prize box for being excellent Redbank Raptor Role Models: Jayson, Wade, Selina, Epe, Kalapani, Ashley, Letylha, Victor, Grace.



P & C NEWS

- Senior Vice-President- Clem Knight**
- Second Vice-President- Edward Ploger**
- Secretary- Angela Perry**
- Assistant Secretary- Virginia Sileli**
- Treasurer- Katherine Earl**
- Tuckshop Convenor: Robyn Fraser**

Thank you to everyone who supported our 'Crazy Sock Day' by wearing their craziest socks to school today and making a small donation towards our P&C.



A big thank you to Michelle Bel, our President, who has recently stood down from the role. Michelle has been amazing in her commitment to the school and the P&C and we appreciate all her contributions.

We are seeking raffle prize donations for the upcoming Fathers' Day raffle. Tickets will go on sale soon.

Tuckshop News: The tuckshop will be opening **one day per week, each Wednesday** from now on. Place your orders each Wednesday morning.

A huge thank you to all our volunteers that helped with the junior sports day tuckshop. If anyone would like to help Robyn on tuckshop days please see her in the tuckshop. We hope all of our families will support the re-opening. One Monday per month we will be having a special hot meal prepared by a qualified chef. We will let families know what the meals and prices will be closer to these days.

School Uniforms: Our uniforms are available from the **LOWES store in Redbank Plaza**; however **bucket hats** are sold at school for \$10 each from the office.

Munch 'N' Crunch volunteers are always required in the mornings from around 8-9 am in the kitchen of the Resource Centre. Come and help us cut up the fruit and vegetables.

Change of day for meetings: P&C general meeting is this Thursday 26 July at 1:45pm, everyone welcome.

Please look out for family portrait fundraiser form this week, details will be on the form.

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: Annika, Noah, Erik, Manaia, Azaria, Scarlett, Steph, Javon, Epe, Eli, Gary, Lena, Finley, Ariana, Kaitlyn, Starr, Katja, Marley, Gen, Mia, Ariana, Laila, Eli, Divine, Zion, Gary, Isaac, Mizpah, Zeppelin, Rhys, Clay, Chloe, Jayson, Carter, Grace, Mara-Jade, Harrison, Charlie, Jaime, Ariana, Steph, Javon, Gary, Rhys, clay, Jemma, Demechris, Victor.

ACROSTIC POEMS

The Year 6 students recently wrote acrostic poems to reflect the values of the Raptor 3, with some wonderful results.

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3 ways
Both written by Paige

R eally
A wesome
P eople
T elling
O thers
R espectfully
3 words
Written by Mark

R esponsible
A ppropriate language at school
P olite
T reat
O n time
R aptor 3
3 A list of words to help you
<i>Written by Dusten</i>

R espectfully
A daptng
P eacefully
T alking
O ral
R eports
3 steps
<i>Written by Mark</i>

Book Week 2018: 18-24 August

Children's Book Council of Australia
'Find Your Treasure'



The theme for Book Week this year is 'Find Your Treasure'.

We have the library decorated with this theme, so come in and see our displays about pirates, ship wrecks and treasure and all the activities on offer for our students to participate in during lunch time play.

Book Parade: On Friday 24 August we will be hold our annual Book Week dress up parade. Come dressed according to our theme or dress as your favourite book character. Parade starts at 9 am, parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

Book Fair: A Scholastic Australia book fair will be held in our school library from Thursday 30 August to the morning of Wednesday 5 September. The book fair will be open from 8:00 – 8:30 each morning and from 2:45 – 3:30 each afternoon. Each class will visit the book fair during class time and will write out a 'wish list' of books that they would like to purchase. Keep an eye out for it in your child's school bag.

Keep reading for the Premier's Reading Challenge!

Fill out the sheet with the title of each book that you read, remember to get your parent or carer to sign the completed form and hand it back to the library.



Athletics Carnival



We had two days of fantastic participation in our recent Junior and Senior Athletics Carnivals. There was serious competition between Kallaroo and Bindaree and all the neighbours would certainly have heard the war cries!

Congratulations to our 'Age Champions' for 9-12 years:

9 years: 1st- Neriah. 2nd- Stephanie. 3rd- Laila.

1st- Eli. 2nd- Mahonri. 3rd- Javon.

10 years: 1st- Kaitlyn. 2nd- Sipiki. 3rd- Vaioleti

1st- Demechris. 2nd Zeppelin. 3rd- Kobe.

11 years: 1st- Chloe. 2nd- Starr. 3rd- Brianna.

1st- Victor. 2nd- Marley. 3rd- Darian.

12 years: 1st- Sefani. 2nd- Chevy-Rose. 3rd- Katja

1st- Maila. 2nd- Demetreus. 3rd- Lachlan.

The total scores after all events, including the cross country which was held earlier in the year, was Kallaroo on 1033 points and Bindaree on 1180 points. Congratulations Bindaree!

The whole school recently participated in an Author Visit by Dr Cameron Stelzer, who is the author of the 'Pie Rats' and the 'Stroogle' series. Our students really enjoyed listening to Cameron explain how he writes and illustrates his books.



Deadly Learners' Club

Attached is a permission letter for anyone who is interested in attending this homework help club each Thursday which is supported very generously by The Smith Family. More information is in the attached letter.

Central District Athletics Carnival

Several of our students have been invited to participate in the Central District Carnival being held in Ipswich on Wednesday 1 and Thursday 2 August.

Remember to bring your permission forms back to school.

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS

Miss Gardner is currently running an after school sports program on Mondays from 3-4pm for basketball and oz-tag from week 2 to week 6 of term 3. Participating students are reminded to attend on these dates: Monday 23 July, Monday 30 July, Monday 6 August, Monday 13 August and Monday 20 August.

Garden Gurus

The GG's are currently busy with weeding and watering their current crop. This crop includes peas, pineapples, sweet potatoes, lettuce, tomatoes, spinach, celery, pumpkin and capsicum. The children have been very busy as they have also planted companion plants, garlic, strawberries, lavender and marigolds. A very big thank you goes out to Miss Schulz and Year 5KS for their invaluable support. They collect all the Munch 'N' Crunch and tuckshop scraps for the compost and what a compost it is! If anyone has any time to spare and would like to come and help in the garden, we meet every Wednesday morning, 7:30 to 8:25am. Students need a permission form from the office.

Savvy Scientists

The Savvy Scientists braved a chilly morning on Thursday to do some science experiments. The theme for term 3 is electricity. This week the scientists have made electric circuits using play dough as their wires and have investigated what they need for an electric circuit to work. Over the next few weeks they are going to investigate different types of circuit, as well as investigate what items other than wires can be used to make a circuit. Stay tuned for more updates.



Raising Children in Your Neighbourhood

– *Have Your Say*. Your community has been chosen to participate in a study conducted by the Every Family research project at the University of Queensland. This survey aims to capture parenting experiences and beliefs about parenting support and raising children within your community. Any parent or carer of children aged 3 - 8 years can participate. It only takes 10-15 minutes and you will have a chance to win 1 of 100 \$50 Coles Myer gift vouchers for participating. Participation is completely voluntary and confidential. Complete the survey online at: <https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/racyn/>

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.

Deadly Learners: Week 2-week 9 Term 3, 3pm to 4pm on Thursdays.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

Wed 1 and Thurs 2 August	Central District Athletics Carnival in Ipswich
Friday 24 August	Book Week dress up parade 9 am
Friday 24 August	Premier's Reading Challenge ends
Thurs 30 August to Wed 5 September	Book Fair in the library, come along and purchase a book to support our school. See days and times above.
Wed 5 September	School Photo Day
Fri 21 September	Last day of term 3
Monday 8 October	First day of term 4
Monday 22 October	Student Free Day – No school for this day