

26 April 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

### Crazy Hat Parade

As mentioned in a letter that went home last week, the Crazy Hat Parade that was to be held last term will now be held this Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> April at 1:45pm.

### 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 2017 will be held in all schools across the nation on May 09 to May 11. 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 5/6RH who were awarded the Attendance Trophy in Week 1 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](mailto: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 1 and 2 is:** We are safe, responsible and respectful every day at school.

Safe: everyone needs to feel safe; everyone follows the school rules.

Responsible: I choose my own behaviour; we look after our school and environment.

Respectful: use appropriate and polite language to everyone; I follow instructions given by adults.

*\*Redbank Raptors are safe, responsible and respectful learners when we meet the school expectations.*



# P & C NEWS

President- Michelle Bell  
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**Welcome back for term 2. The next meeting for the P & C will be held on Tuesday 9 May at 1:30pm. Please note that we have changed the day to suit the new tuckshop days.**

**Tuckshop News:** *New Opening Days:* The tuckshop days have changed. From term 2, **the tuckshop will now be open on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.**

Colouring-in competition winners: Thank you students for the great effort, we had some amazing contributions.

Congratulations Lilly, Samantha, Zion, Mia, Patience and Zane. We raised \$19.00.

We will be having a special 'Showday' in the tuckshop on Monday 15 May, more info at a later date.

**Uniform Shop:** Change of opening days, 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.

**Easter Raffle Winners:** Thank you everyone for the great support, we raised \$246.00. The 26 prize winners are Michelle, Ron, Jordan, Ann, Clem, Riley, Clay, Clay, Anne-Marie, Jackson, Lilly-May, Mandy, Frank, Frank, Riley, Victor, Emma-Jane, Clay, Mandy, Jackson, Jackson, Ros, Emma-Jane, Nathaniel, Xander and Kaitlyn. Congratulations everyone.

**Easter Stall:** We raised \$244.00 over the three days. Thank you for your support.

**Mother's Day:** We are holding a multi-draw raffle for Mother's Day; tickets are \$1.00 each and are attached to this newsletter. Raffle will be drawn on Friday 12 May, please send all tickets and money back to the office before then. Any donations of goods would be greatly appreciated. We will also hold a Mother's Day stall with gifts available for purchase on 8, 9 and 10 May at the school. Buy something for Mum or Grandma.

## 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.

Destiny-Rose, Ruby, Ngareta, Maddison, Peti, Ebony, Charlie, Azaria, Gen, Kalapani, Laila, Chloe, Onosai,  
 Congratulations everyone for the great work!

## Science Club

Science Club for this term will begin again on Thursday afternoons from tomorrow. The children will be learning and creating electrical circuits. Some of the students will use these skills and circuits in their headband creations for 'The Festival of Lights' at Ipswich.

## ANZAC DAY SERVICE



Mr Pearen, Miss Keizer and several of our student leaders travelled by train into Brisbane last Monday

morning for the Anzac Service. The students laid a wreath on behalf of Redbank State School.

**CROSS COUNTRY**

Our students participated in the school cross country recently. The winners for the age groups are:

- 5 years – Tyrelle and Phoenix
- 6 years – Huestin and Manaia
- 7 years – Laith and Summer
- 8 years – Eli and Stephanie
- 9 years – Zeppelin and Kaitlyn
- 10 years – Darian and Mariah
- 11 years – Bohdan and Kira
- 12 years – Vaughan and Jeanine

Congratulations everyone for a great effort.

Kallaroo 308

Bindaree 367

These points are added to the athletics carnival being held later in the year. You can catch up, Kallaroo! Everyone can participate and do their best!



The top two runners from the 10-12 year age groups have been invited to attend the District Cross Country being held on Thursday 4 May at Woodcrest State College in Springfield. Permission forms for this event are due back to school this Friday 28 April.

**GARDENING CLUB**

We are set to plant seedlings and seeds next week! Gardening Club will be on next Tuesday 2 May from 7.30-8.30am. Looking forward to seeing you all and being busy in the garden again this term!

**Festival of Lights-Theme-Witches, Wizards & Mystical Creatures.**

I'd like to say a big thank you to all the students who have volunteered to be involved in the parade through Ipswich on the 6<sup>th</sup> May in the late afternoon. If possible, I would like the parents/caregivers to walk with us, in costume. Please see me if you would like to

help in this regard. You are most welcome! We have started to practise the songs we will be singing.

Not long to go...Thank you for your support.

Heather Mansfield

**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 1-6.

*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.

**CRAZY HAT PARADE**

As you may be aware, the crazy hat parade was postponed last term due to the weather.

It will now be held this coming Friday 28 April

at 1:45pm in the COLA. Some classes will perform

an item such as a song or dance. The parade will start with the Preps and follow on with the other year levels participating. At the end of the march, students in Years Prep- 3 will have a treasure

hunt. Student leaders will hide STAR tokens in the grounds for children to find. Each child will need to find 4 different coloured stars, GOLD, BLUE, PURPLE and RED. Students then take their stars to their teacher for a reward. Parents and caregivers are most welcome to attend, this parade will be in place of the normal Friday parade.



**Year 1 & Year 4/5hm Buddies**

Last week, Year 1KT and Year 4/5HM enjoyed working out codes! I hope some of the children tricked their parents with their codes! 1KT children said goodbye to their Term 1 buddies, making thank you cards and giving a small gift to their buddy.

This term, they'll have new Buddies. The Year 4/5HM class will be reading junior fiction books to their buddy and following it with an activity. We look forward to another great term of reading together!

Katrina Turner & Heather Mansfield

**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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

Friday 28 April	Crazy Hat Parade 1:45pm
Monday 1 May	Labour Day Public Holiday
Thursday 4 May	Central District Cross Country Event
Saturday 6 May	Ipswich Festival of Lights
8, 9 & 10 May	Mother's Day Stall
Tuesday 9 May	P & C Meeting 1:30pm
9-11 May	Naplan
Monday 15 May	Special tuckshop showday
Friday 19 May	Ipswich Show Public Holiday