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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.

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 on the day.

Redbank Anzac Day

Around ANZAC Day, our students were involved in a number of services to commemorate this day. On Monday, 23rd of April, the Student Leaders, Miss Gardner and myself went to the School's ANZAC Service in Brisbane. The following afternoon we held our service at the school with a number of special guests in attendance. On ANZAC Day itself a number of our students represented our school at the Service at the Redbank Memorial Park. I was very proud of our students who attended each of these events and would like to thank Miss Gardner for her work in organising each of these events for our school.

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 2018 will be held in all schools across the nation on May 15 to May 17. 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 and caregivers to make an appointment with me if necessary.

Attendance Trophy

Congratulations to PrepJM which was awarded the Attendance Trophy in Week 1 with an amazing 95% attendance rate.

2TK hid the attendance trophy in their class very well, with 'Tweety Bird' guarding it as well.



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 1 and 2 is:** 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 equipment.

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



***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: Annika, Ngareta, Scarlett, Dominic, Azalea, Kobe, Shilo, Maila, Selina, Anaua, Archie, Caitlin, Wade, Kobe, Lucas, Maila.

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 15 May at 1:45, all 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 and see Michelle (our P & C President) to help cut up the fruit and vegetables each morning from around 8.00am – 9.00am.

Recent Fundraising: Easter stall raised \$254.05, Easter raffle raised \$ 412.00 and the disco raised \$ 1,405.20. We would like to thank our school community for your wonderful support.

Raffle winners: Mia, Sebastian, Monica, Hayley, Cass, Mrs Orton, Helen, Jackson, Kareena, Xander, Gen, Jeremy, Noah, Lily, Mrs McIntosh, Julie, Emma-Jane, Mrs Russell, Sue, Selina, Blake, Helena, Ruby, Danielle, Dakota.

Mother's Day Raffle: We have several hampers!

This special day is fast approaching, any donations for the raffle would be greatly appreciated.

Raffle tickets are attached, \$1:00 each and are due back to school on Thursday 10 May for the drawing of the winners.

Volunteers needed for the upcoming Mother's Day stall on Wed 9, Thurs 10 and Fri 11 May until about 8:45 each day.

Come along and buy a small gift to the value of \$10 for Mum or Grandma.

RECENT RAPTOR POINTS USED



These students used some of their raptor reward points to visit with Mr Pearen and sit in the Principal's chair.

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: Lilly, Kailea, Lilli, Summer, Havilah, Caitlin, Kobe, Ruby, Hayden, Isaac, Mahonri, Chloe, Onosai, Deborah.

Fire Education for Year 1 KT



Several staff members from the Queensland Fire Service attended our school today to see the Year 1 students. The students received instruction about fire safety, what to do if there is a fire and how to 'stop, drop and roll'. The class also got to see the fire truck and the equipment that the firemen use and even have a go with the fire hoses! The students have also completed some work in class about 'Blazer Bear' and what they learnt today from the firemen. Everyone enjoyed the visit and we thank the Fire Service for coming to visit our school.

CROSS COUNTRY

Our school cross country was held earlier this week, with all students from Prep to Year 6 participating. It was a fantastic event with students showing support to each other throughout the morning. It was great to have such wonderful support from our parents and caregivers to cheer on their children as well. We saw some great running from some of our Mums!! The results will be known at parade on Friday afternoon at 2pm. Go Kallarroo, Go Bindaree!!



ANZAC DAY

Several school leaders and students attended the ANZAC service in Memorial Park at Redbank yesterday. The school leaders laid a wreath on behalf of our school community.



Every class also laid a wreath at our ANZAC service last Tuesday.

The Redbank Plains RSL Branch donated an ANZAC bear to our school library. It was presented to our school by Mr Knight.

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.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

Monday 7 May	Labour Day Public Holiday
9, 10 and 11 May	Mother's Day Stall plus Raffle
Thursday 10 May	Central District Cross Country
Tuesday 15 May	P&C Meeting 1:45pm
15, 16, 17 May	NAPLAN
Friday 18 May	Public Holiday for the Ipswich Show