

28 November 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.

Awards Morning

On Thursday 13 December, we will be celebrating achievement and effort across all learning areas. This is a fabulous opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate these achievements together. Please join us in the COLA from 9am.

Every Day Counts

As we reach the end of Term 4, parents/caregivers are reminded how important it is to send their child to school every day. Being at school every day counts. One day absent each week quickly adds up to two months of missed lessons in a year. Unless your child is ill, it is expected that your child will be at school learning every day of the school year.

The Department of Education provides reasonable excuses for a child's absence from school. These include:

- Illness (If your child is unable to attend school for more than 10 days, an exemption is required. Please contact the Office for further information.)
- Representative sport
- Holiday (If your child is unable to attend school for more than 10 days, an exemption is required. Please contact the Office for further information.)

*** Please note: If you have planned a holiday over the Christmas break and your child will not be at school for the start of the school year, please advise the office as we require a return date.**

- Funeral
- Medical or dental appointments
- Legal matters

Some families have stated 'Personal' as reasons for their child's absences. If parents/caregivers are unable to provide additional information, this absence will be recorded as 'Unauthorised'. More information on the importance of regular school attendance is available at <http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/index.html>

Upcoming Events

- Have you marked the following dates in your calendar?
 - Christmas Carols Evening – Friday 7 December. Come dressed in your most Christmassy clothes! Craft Stalls and the Food Stalls will be operating from 5:30pm with Carols starting at 6:30pm. Bring the whole family....aunts, uncles, grandparents.....and have some dinner and check out the stalls before the show.
 - Year 6 Graduation – Tuesday 11 December. Goodna RSL Club
 - Awards Morning – Thursday 13 December from 9am. Come along and celebrate the achievements of our students!
 - Report Cards – to be issued to students on Thursday 13 December. Please make sure that you get your copy from your child.
 - Last Day of School 2018 – Friday 14 December.
 - First Day of School 2019 – Tuesday 29 January 2019.

Attendance Trophy



Congratulations to 6KG who were awarded the Attendance Trophy in Week 6 of last term with a 96% attendance rate and 4/5FB who were awarded the Trophy again in Week 7 of this term with a 98% attendance rate.

4/5FB decorated the Trophy.

The Trophy was found on the path to the front gate.



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 7 and 8 is:** Follow instructions and directions immediately. The student's role is to attend school and to learn. The teacher's role is to guide children's learning.



***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: Flynn, Shontaya, Azaria, Laila, Divine, Amarli, Starr, Doyle, Soufiane, Myra, Kobi, Epe Tau, Alpha, Aroha, Darian.

P & C NEWS

- Vice-President- Clem Knight
- Jnr Vice-President- Edward Ploger
- Secretary- Angela Perry
- Assistant Secretary- Virginia Sileli
- Treasurer- Katherine Earl
- Tuckshop Convenor: Vacant

Prep Enrolment Lucky Draw: P&C are donating a Prep book pack as a lucky draw to all 2019 prep enrolments. Any prep enrolment received by 7/12 will go in the draw to win this pack. This will be drawn on the carols evening.



Christmas Raffle: We are currently asking for donations for the Christmas raffle. We have received some fantastic donations already thank you. Tickets will be sent home this week.

Community Carols and Craft Stall Evening: Friday 7 December. Craft stalls and food start at 5:30pm and performances begin at 6:30pm.

No Tuckshop Available: Anyone looking to take on a volunteer convenor role in 2019 please let the office staff know.

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

Munch 'N' Crunch Volunteers are always welcome in the mornings from around 8:30 am in the kitchen of the Resource Centre. Come and help us cut up the fruit and vegetables.

P&C Meetings: The next P&C general meeting is on Thursday 22 November at 1:45pm in the kitchen, all welcome.

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2019

Do you have a child eligible to enrol for Prep for 2019? They must be born between 1 July 2013 and 30 June 2014. Contact the school office for any enquiries. Enrolment packs are available at the office. **TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ENROLMENT**, you must provide a birth certificate, **OR** a

letter from Centrelink showing your child's date of birth **PLUS** a Statutory Declaration witnessed by a Justice of the Peace as proof of your child's age. Your child's enrolment will not be complete until we have these documents. **Prep orientation sessions** for the new preps and parents/caregivers will be offered on Friday 16, 23 and 30 November, from 9-11am each day. You are welcome to come to one session or all sessions. Sessions will be held in the Prep Building with Mrs Julie Mayers, come and see what your child will experience when they start in 2019. Parents/caregivers must stay with their child. We hope to see you there! This is a great opportunity for the teacher to get to know your child.

Enrolments for all other year levels for 2019

Do you have a sibling of a current student? Do you know of anyone else wanting to enrol their children at Redbank for 2019? Please contact the office as soon as possible as we currently have vacancies.

RAPTORBRATION





We held a surprise Raptorbration this week for the students with excellent behaviour. Larrikin Puppets were here on Monday with their awesome puppet collection to show our students. The students saw the puppet show and then participated in a puppet workshop detailing how the puppets are made, how they work, how to do ventriloquism and how to put on a show! Our adopt-a-cop Constable Mark came along to help out as well.

DENTAL VAN ARRIVAL

West Moreton Health, Child and Adolescent Oral Health Service



The dental van is now at our school. If you have not completed an online request and would like your child/children seen please contact our service via one of the options below urgently.

Preferred option

➤ go to the online form at:
<https://www.westmoreton.health.qld.gov.au/our-services/oral-health> (go to FORM)

OR

➤ Phone the Business Service Centre 1300 763 246 **Monday – Thursday 8:00am – 3:00pm** (please have your Medicare Card on hand)

Oral Health staff will contact parents/caregivers with appointment details.

Your child is eligible if they are:

A Queensland resident or attend a Queensland School **and** are eligible for Medicare **and** meet at least one of the following criteria:

- 4 years old up to year 10
- Are named on current concession card (Pension/Health Care)
- 2 – 17 years of age and are eligible for the Child Dental Benefit Schedule

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: Hayden, Jayson, Kayley, Harrison, Harmony, Havilah, Azalea, Sierra-Grace, Aroha, Baylin, Rewi, Azariaus,

Raptor Reward Points



Xander chose to use 10 of his 'Raptor Reward Points' to sit with a buddy. He chose Mr Pearen.

WATER SAFETY PROGRAM

Our swimming program for students in Years 2 and 3 has only 2 swimming days left. The last day is Thursday 6 December. Remember to bring your swimming gear each THURSDAY!



RI Concert

Parents and caregivers of students who participate in Religious Instruction are invited to attend the Religious Instruction Concert being held on Tuesday 4 December at 1:45pm in the COLA. The children have been practising very hard. Come and join us.
 Christian Hodgkinson
 RI Coordinator

Have your say on Ipswich Council's Libraries Strategy Review Survey

Please take Council's [Ipswich Libraries Strategy Review Survey](#). The results of this survey plus community feedback gained from focus groups being held across the region will inform Councils Libraries Strategy Review and help guide the development of your libraries into the future. All completed survey respondents go into a draw to win a \$50 Coles voucher.

Thank you and we hope to see you at an Ipswich Library soon or borrowing from our [Virtual Branch](#).

The survey closes on Tuesday November 27.

Deb Bambrook, Library Communications Coordinator
 Ipswich City Council 38106595

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 Prep 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.

Lethal Learners - Homework: Week 2-week 9 Term 4, 3-3:30 pm on Thursdays.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

16, 23 and 30 Nov	Prep orientation sessions for 2019. 9-11am
Friday 7 December	Christmas Carols + Stalls from 5:30pm
Tuesday 11 December	Year 6 Graduation evening
Thurs 13 December	Awards morning 9am
Friday 14 December	Last day for term 4 2018
Tuesday 29 January	First day for term 1 2019