

28 February 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.

### School Attendance

**Our School Attendance Target is 96%. Our current Attendance is 92%.**

**Did you know?** Research shows that higher student attendance at school generally means higher student achievement. Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life:

- They learn better
- They make friends
- They are happier
- They have a brighter future.

Under Queensland Law, you must make sure your child of school age is enrolled and attends school all day, every day, unless they have an acceptable reason. Avoid keeping your child away from school for: birthdays, shopping, visiting family and friends or if they sleep in.

If your family holiday is during school time, let us know in advance so that we can talk about arrangements for your child. They may be eligible for an exemption for this period.

**Do I need to let the school know if my child has been away from school?** Yes, you must let us know the reason why your child is absent from school on the morning of their absence. Reasons for being absent from school can include: illness, representing the school (or district/region/state) in a choir or sporting team, extreme weather events, Sorry Business, dental appointments, religious observances, funerals and legal matters.

We are trying really hard at the moment to improve our student attendance. You may hear your child talk about the 'attendance trophy'. This is an award that is presented to the class with the highest attendance rate each week. The students are really excited about it! Each newsletter includes the winners of this trophy.

Our focus is on the child as an individual and setting a goal of coming to school each and every day. If you are having trouble getting your child to school, please contact either your child's teacher, Mrs Orton or myself so that we can help you.

### Staff Carpark

We have noticed that some parents/caregivers are using the staff carpark to drop off and pick up students or walk through to the school each day. It is important that students are not in the car park when staff members are driving in and out. Parents/caregivers are able to drop off along Brisbane Road for the students to walk to and from school. There is ample parking in Law Street and a cul-de-sac for parents to drop off students. We appreciate your help in keeping our students safe.

### Attendance Trophy

Congratulations to 4/5FB who were awarded the Attendance Trophy in Week 4 with an amazing 97% attendance rate and 5KS who were awarded the Attendance Trophy in Week 5 with a 97% 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 5 and 6 is:** Responsible: No disruptions in the classroom.

Students must be respectful in the class by making 'the right behavioural choices' so that the learning of others is NOT affected. We must value one another enough to respect each other's rights and dignity. It is important to make the right choice which allows teaching and

learning to occur every day at school.

**\*Redbank Raptors are safe, responsible and respectful learners when we have no disruptions in the classrooms.**

**These students were selected to pick from the prize box for being excellent Redbank Raptor Role Models:** Jaxen, Jacob, Molimoli, Summer, Ashton, Esmay, Sipiki, Jordan.



# P & C NEWS

**President- Michelle Bell**

**Vice President- Clem Knight**

**Secretary- Vacant**

**Assistant Secretary- Angela Perry**

**Treasurer- Vacant**

**Tuckshop Convenor- Vacant**

**Annual General Meeting Notice:** The AGM for the P&C will be held on Tuesday 20 March at 1:45pm. All positions will be declared vacant and nominations will then be called for all the positions. You may self-nominate or be nominated by another. We urgently need your help to support our P&C Association. Are you interested in taking a position within the committee? Please come along to our meetings and talk with the president and our principal. Everyone is most welcome to attend. *We need your support!*

**Have you returned** your volunteer interest survey? We wanted to gauge interest for our P & C. Please fill it out and return it to the school office. Thank you.

**At this point, the tuckshop is CLOSED until further notice, as we do not have a convenor.**

**Tuckshop Convenor:** The position of convenor is vacant. If you are interested in the position, please come to our next meeting or send a letter of interest to the school office. This role is a volunteer position only, not a paid position.

**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.

**Disco:** We will hold a school disco on Friday 23 March.

**Easter Raffle:** Raffle tickets will be sent home soon. The raffle will be drawn at 9am on Wednesday 28 March.

**Easter Stall:** We will also hold an Easter Stall for students to buy a gift for a loved one. Gifts are usually under \$10, come along on Mon 26, Tues 27 and Wed 28 March to purchase a gift.

## Library News

These are the new books that were bought with the money raised from selling the second hand books during term 4 last year. They will be available for borrowing soon!

Library borrowing has commenced and the days are:

Tuesday – 6KG and 5KS

Wednesday – 2TK

Thursday – 3LH

Friday – Prep JM, 1KT, 3/4AW, 4/5FB

**Remember,** your child must have a library bag to be able to borrow each week and please remind them to return their library books for their library borrowing day.

**Quote: 'Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body'.**



## BASKETBALL: After School Sport Program

Miss Gardner is now running Basketball sessions after school on Mondays from 3-4pm over a four week period.

**The first session is: Monday 26 February and the last session will be on Monday 19 March.**

We are unable to take any more names as all positions have been filled.

**Your child must be picked up promptly at 4pm.**

## 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: Georgia, Anaua, Hayden, Kayley, Lynora, Ariana, Gen, Azalea, Keanu, Riley, Zion, Maddison, Baylin, Finley, Maila.



## 'Raptorbration'

Our well behaved students were rewarded with a jumping castle at a Raptorbration recently!



Well done to our wonderful students.

## Harmony Day

Wednesday 21 March: Celebrate Harmony Day by wearing orange. Please bring a gold coin as a donation to raise funds for our 'Positive Behaviour for Learning' journey. We will be having a Multicultural Day later in the year, where children will be able to dress in their National dress/ costumes if they have one.

## Coles 'Sports For Schools'

Our school has now registered for this program, start collecting the vouchers and hand them into the office. For every \$10 spent at Coles you will receive one voucher. There is lots of exciting sports gear for our school to choose from, Nike, Sherrin, Spalding, Wilson, Steeden and Nyda! You can collect vouchers until 15 June, so start collecting now!

*Thank you for your support.*

## GARDEN GURUS – News from the garden

WOW! What a difference we found in our garden after the rain. The seedlings we've planted are growing well and today we harvested some lettuce leaves for Munch and Crunch. The Garden Gurus decided to pick only the leaves to see if the lettuce plants would continue to grow and sprout new leaves.

Unfortunately though, some caterpillars have gotten to our sugar snap peas and we've had to pull out the plants as they were diseased. Mrs Skidmore showed us how to find the little insects and take them off the leaves.

The Garden Gurus would like to thank Mrs Angela Perry for donating her time to help us in our garden and we would also like to thank Mr Clem Knight for organising us a new water tank.

If you would like to come and help us with the gardening, we meet every Wednesday morning from 7:30 am till 8:25 am behind the library building. We'd love to see you and show you around our garden.



1. Mrs Angela Perry came into help us in our garden.
2. Mrs Skidmore is showing us how to thin out carrots.
3. Some of the Garden Gurus are weeding the sweet potatoes.

## MATHS MOVERS – Solving tomorrow's problems, today.

Mrs Engel and Mrs McIntosh are modelling to the Maths Movers how to work in pairs.

The Maths Movers have really enjoyed having Mrs Engel back this term. The theme for this round of lessons is to know and use all the different strategies that problem solvers could use and then to choose and use the best one when problem solving. Now they have followed that up by learning to work in pairs to check for understanding either with the problem itself or with a wrong answer to find where the mistake was made and correct to it. This week, two of the movers, Clay and Doyle, demonstrated to us how to work in pairs. We're looking forward to next week when another two will demonstrate for us.

The Math Movers are very interested in what the teachers are showing them before they practice it.



## SAVVY SCIENTISTS – Exploring the world around us.



The Savvy Scientists watched and listened to Peter, the Mad Scientist, explain about rockets and how they work. Jared 'blows up' his balloon rocket.

This term's theme is ROCKETS! The Savvy Scientists are learning all about them and how they work. To do this, they started with balloon rockets to explore how and why they move. Recording our findings is very important to us. As Adam Savage of MYTHBUSTERS says, "The difference between science and just mucking around is writing it down."

## EARLY MORNING VISITORS

Look at the beautiful visitors that we had in our school grounds early last Thursday morning. The corellas and galahs were eating the seed pods that were falling from the tree.



## Visit by Registered Nurse for Prep Vision Screening

Good vision is important for a child's educational, physical and social development. Vision screening is therefore vital in early childhood, particularly for conditions such as 'lazy eye', which if not detected early can lead to blindness. A Registered Nurse will be visiting the school on 19 March 2018 to commence vision screening for all Prep Year children. If you wish to have your child participate in this vision screening program, please complete and sign the consent form sent home with your child and return this to the school office as soon as possible. You will be advised in writing of the outcome of your child's screening.

Please note that if your child has had a vision assessment in the past 12 months it is not necessary for him/her to participate in this screening program. If this is the case, please complete the consent form and indicate that you do not wish for your child to participate, and ensure that you follow the schedule of reviews recommended by your eye health professional.

**Primary School Nurse Health Readiness Program**  
**Child and Youth Community Health Services**  
**Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service**

## 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. See Mrs MacPherson.

**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.

**Maths Movers:** invitation only: 7:45 – 8:25am in the computer lab on Tuesdays.

**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.

Tuesday 20 March	P&C Annual General Meeting 1:45pm
Wednesday 21 March	Harmony Day, wear orange, bring a gold coin.
Friday 23 March	P&C event: School Disco
26,27,28 March	P&C Easter Stall, buy a gift
Thursday 29 March	Crazy Hat parade 9am
Thursday 29 March	Last day of term 1
Monday 16 April	Student Free Day
Tuesday 17 April	First day of term 2
Wednesday 25 April	Anzac Day Public Holiday
Monday 7 May	Labour Day Public Holiday

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Little Lifesavers: Springfield Orion Lagoon.** Highly skilled surf lifesavers introduce children to board paddling, wading, dolphin diving, obstacle course, flags, rescue techniques, patient care and CPR. 17 February to 17 March (5 sessions-Sunday mornings) 8am to 10 am. Registration includes long sleeve rash shirt, water bottle, wet bag and activity book. Call 3846 8000 for more info or [www.littlelifesavers.com.au](http://www.littlelifesavers.com.au)