

28 March 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.

Lockdown Procedure for Visitors

Last week our school performed a Lockdown drill and while this drill was carried out well it raised some points which need clarification. If parents or visitors are in the school and you hear the intermittent ringing of the school bell this is our lockdown signal. On hearing this signal, please make your way to the nearest room or if you are in a room lock the doors and remain out of sight until the all clear is given by the Principal.

Head Lice

We have several classes at the moment with a continued head lice issue. Parents and caregivers are asked to take this break to monitor and treat their children for head lice. We advise families to use the conditioner and comb method; we have a small supply of both at school if needed and directions available on how to treat using this method. Head lice can only be spread from one person to another by direct head-to-head contact. They are not transmitted via sheets, pillows, hats or carpets. Head lice can only survive on human heads. They must feed every six hours or they will die from dehydration. Head lice need close head-to-head contact to spread from one person to another. Time would be better spent detecting and treating lice rather than frequently washing clothes and bed linen.

Easter Vacation

This is the last newsletter before our Easter vacation and I want to thank everybody in our school community for their involvement in our school this term. The last day of school this term is Thursday 29th March and school will resume again on Tuesday 17th April. I wish you all a happy and safe holiday and look forward to continue working with you all again next term.

Cross Country

A reminder to our families that our school Cross Country will be held on Thursday 19th April at 9am.

Parent / Teacher Interviews

The opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher will be available early in Term 2. A letter should have come home inviting you to nominate a day and time that suits. We encourage parents and caregivers to take advantage of this time to share information about your child.

Attendance Trophy

Congratulations to 3/4AW who were awarded the Attendance Trophy in Week 8 with an amazing 94% attendance rate and 2TK who were awarded the Attendance Trophy in Week 9 with a 95% 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 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 9 and 10 is: Use the Raptor 3. STOP, MOVE, REPORT.**

Step 1: When someone is annoying you, the student tells the other student to, 'STOP it. I don't like it'.

Step 2: If the behaviour continues, the student needs to move away and say, 'STOP, I don't like it. I am moving away from you'.

Step 3: If the behaviour continues or the student is followed, they are to find a teacher and report.



***Redbank Raptors are safe, responsible and respectful learners when we use the Raptor 3.**

These students were selected to pick from the prize box for being excellent Redbank Raptor Role Models: Georgia, Jacob, Huestin, Ky-Ani, Daniel, Mahonri, Onosai, Zane.

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**

AGM: We would like to congratulate the new committee for 2018. We wish you well in your positions and hope that 2018 is prosperous and rewarding for the P&C members and our school community.

Next P & C Meeting is Tuesday 17 April at 1:45, all welcome.

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.

Have a great break, stay safe and see you back at school on Tuesday 19 April.

PANCAKE RESTAURANT



A Pancake Restaurant was held on Monday by the year 6KG class to raise funds for their graduation at the end of the year. Over half of each class and several staff members enjoyed some lovely pancakes. We received 131 orders which meant that over 262 pancakes were cooked! Thank you to the wonderful cooks, Jodi and Michelle, who baked the pancakes, Miss C for doing the shopping, Valasi and Craig for cutting up the strawberries and Miss Gardner and 6KG for organising and serving everyone on the day.

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: Phoebe, Jeremy, Jacob, Mara-Jade, Ethan, Kareena, Mason, Epe, Blake, Sienna, Seth, Kingston, Aroha, Shilo, Vaoleti, Rhys, Syress, Lucas, Rewi, Aaron.

Media Arts from 2TK



Our Media Arts unit in Term 1 has been around promoting safety at school. Students in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 have been creating displays to represent the steps used in the Raptor 3. Here is some fantastic work from Ezra and Palepa in 2TK. It is wonderful to see that our students have a great understanding of what to do when using the Raptor 3. Great work everyone from all of these classes!

Recent Harmony Day

Students and staff raised \$85 from the coin donations for Harmony Day. Thank you for your support. The money will go to the Student Council to support our 'Positive Behaviour for Learning' journey.

Coles 'Sports For Schools'

Keep collecting the vouchers and hand them into the office! For every \$10 spent at Coles you will receive one voucher. We now have a collection box over at the local Coles supermarket in Redbank Plaza, so get all family and friends to donate to our school. We have sent in 2 big bags full with approximately 12,000 tokens in them!

Thank you for your support.

CROSS COUNTRY

Our school cross country will be held in Week 1 of Term 2 on Thursday 19 April starting at 9.00am, weather permitting. All students from Prep to Year 6 participate. We

encourage our students and staff to wear house colours on the day, Kallarroo is green and Bindaree is red. Check with your teacher if you do not know what house you are in. Students will practice the course during a P.E. lesson and any practice that you do at home would be great! The P & C will run a sausage sizzle and sell drinks. Parents/Caregivers are most welcome to attend for the morning; the event should finish by 1pm.

CRAZY HAT PARADE

Parents/Caregivers are invited to attend our Crazy Hat Parade on Thursday 29 March at 9.00am in the COLA. If the classes are participating in the parade, all hats will be made at school by the students. 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 an Easter egg 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.



RAPTOR REWARD



Scarlett recently used some of her Raptor Reward points to spend some time in the Principal's chair. She certainly looks the part!

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.

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
Thursday 19 April	Cross Country- Go Kallarroo! Go Bindaree!
Tuesday 24 April	Anzac Day Ceremony 2pm
Wednesday 25 April	Anzac Day Public Holiday
Monday 7 May	Labour Day Public Holiday
15, 16, 17 May	NAPLAN
Friday 18 May	Public Holiday for the Ipswich Show