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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 Postponed

As mentioned in a letter that went home last week, the Cross Country has been postponed until Thursday 20th April.

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 Friday 31st March and school will resume again on Tuesday 18th April. I wish you all a happy and safe holiday and look forward to continue working with you all again next term.

Website Active

Our school website has been inactive for some time but I am pleased to inform you that it is now active again. The website address for the school website is www.redbankss.eq.edu.au

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 to take advantage of this time to share information about your child.

Attendance Trophy

Congratulations to 2BC who were awarded the Attendance Trophy in Week 8 with a 94% attendance rate and 2BC who were awarded the Attendance Trophy in Week 9 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 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 will be focussing on for Week 10 is:** Use the Raptor 3. STOP, MOVE, REPORT.

Step 1: When someone is annoying you, the students tell the other student, "STOP it, I don't like it". Step 2: If the behaviour continues, the student needs to move away

and say, "STOP it, I don't like it. I am moving away from you now". STEP 3: If the behaviour continues or the student is followed, they are to find a teacher and report it.

It is important to show responsible behaviour so that everyone can feel and be safe.

***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: Kody, Ezra, Jamillea-Rose, Gen, Sienna, Demechris, Kaitlyn, Grace, Darra.



P & C NEWS

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2017

President- Michelle Bell
Vice President- Clem Knight
Secretary- Ann Fouracre
Assistant Secretary- Angela Perry
Treasurer- Jodie Patterson
Uniform Shop Convenor- Dawn Caruana
Tuckshop Convenor- Mandy Midgley

We would like to welcome the new committee members for 2017. Thank you for supporting our school. The next meeting for the P & C will be held on Thursday 20 April at 1:30pm.

Tuckshop News: The tuckshop is **closed** on Friday 31 March which is the last day of term. This is a clean-up and stocktake day for our volunteers.

New Opening Days: The tuckshop days are changing. Starting in term 2, **the tuckshop will now be open on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from Wednesday 19 April.**

We also ask that if you are sending in **more than** a \$10 note, please put it in an envelope with the child's name on it and how much the child is allowed to spend, or whether it is for the whole family etc. We have recently had some children with \$50 notes and \$20 notes; which usually requires a phone call home to clarify.

The Tuckshop is holding a colouring-in competition. Colouring sheets can be collected from the tuckshop for 50c. Please return them to the tuckshop when finished. Judging will be done in three categories. Prep & 1, 2 & 3, and 4, 5 & 6.

There will be one boy and one girl winner from each category. The winners will be announced tomorrow after the Crazy Hat Parade. Prizes are yet to be advised.

Uniform Shop: Open on Mondays and Wednesdays between 8.00 – 9.00am in the Resource Centre kitchen, come in and see Dawn.

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: We are currently having a multi-draw Easter Raffle. More tickets are available at the office. Please send all tickets and money back to school urgently for the draw after the Crazy Hat Parade. Thank you for your support.

Easter Stall: We are holding an Easter Stall between 8am and 8.45am on Tuesday 28, Wednesday 29, Thursday 30 March. All items at the stall will be priced under \$10 each and we will have traditional and non-traditional items for sale.

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.

Laila, Eloise, Mahonri, Kayley, Ellyanah, Sierra, Clay, Jagger, Talia, Selina, Manaia, Hope, Sami, Gardenia, Daisy, Jordan, Rohith, Benjamin, Hadassah, Darian, India, Zane, Lee, Emma-Jane, Mara-Jade, Penitito, Rhys, Caleb, Kidaivi, Kareena, Oceanna, Ciara, Kierah, Xander, Kingston, Bradlee, Havilah, Darra, Daisy, Zane, Bella.

Congratulations everyone for the great work!

Science Club



This week concludes the work on Robotics. The Science students have really enjoyed these self-paced lessons. Next, we are considering electrical circuits to start the term off.

Festival of Lights Parade

The Ipswich Festival of Lights Parade will be held on 6th May, from 6-7pm. The theme chosen by Ipswich City Council is Wizards, Witches and Mythical Creatures. Currently, we are trying to get children involved so they can represent Redbank S.S in this parade through Ipswich, but we need your support. The children will need the permission note signed and dated and returned to the school office as soon as possible. There will be no entry fee charge or any money for costumes. All the children will need to wear will be a plain black tee-shirt and black pants.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Where is the Attendance Trophy?

The students are getting very good at 'disguising' the attendance trophy. Mr Pearen usually comes around on a Friday morning to repossess it, ready for the next winning class but he is having trouble finding it! Here is a photo of what 3KG did to the trophy. It had a school shirt and pants on and was sitting reading at a desk!



CROSS COUNTRY POSTPONED

Our school cross country has been postponed. It will now be held in Week 1 of Term 2 on Thursday 20 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 be practicing the course during P.E. lessons and any practice that you do at home would be great! The tuckshop will be open. Parents/Caregivers are most welcome to attend for the morning; the event should finish by 1pm.

GARDENING CLUB

Gardening Club will begin again Term 2, first week back. We look forward to having our little gardeners. The Club goes from 7.30-8.25pm, every Tuesday morning.
Mrs Heather Mansfield

Library at Redbank S.S

A big thank you to all the Staff who have been responsible for putting together the brilliant Library displays this term. They have been not only welcoming and interesting, but also, they emphasise the variety of books found in the Library which are visual reminders of how books can be used, enjoyed and treasured. The children have shown immense joy interacting with some of the characters.



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

Parents/Caregivers are invited to attend our Crazy Hat Parade on Thursday 30 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. 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.



Guess who is sitting in my chair?

Cathy worked hard to gain the non-tangible Raptor Reward points to be able to sit in Mr Pearen's chair. Doesn't she look the part? Well done, Cathy.



Year 1 Buddies

This term, Year 4/5 have been reading their own creative stories to Year 1 who have been illustrating the story drawing pictures or making the main character out of play dough. Both Year 4/5 and Year 1 have really enjoyed these sessions.



International Women's Day

Recently, the staff of Redbank SS recognised International Women's Day by hosting a morning tea at school. As part of this day, our staff were asked to donate toiletry items and toiletry bags. We want to proudly say, that a significant number of bags filled with toiletries were donated to the 'Domestic Violence Action Centre' in Ipswich. Our donations will help women, children and young people in need to build a safe and better future.



SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

Tues 28, Wed 29 and Thurs 30 March	Easter Stall from 8.00am to 8.45am
Thursday 30 March	Crazy Hat Parade 9am
Thursday 30 March	Easter Multi Draw Raffle drawn
Friday 31 March	Last day of Term 1: Tuckshop CLOSED
Friday 14 April	Good Friday Public Holiday
Monday 17 April	Easter Monday Public Holiday
Tuesday 18 April	First day of Term 2
Thursday 20 April	Cross Country 9.00am start
Monday 24 April	Anzac Day Ceremony at school 2pm
Tuesday 25 April	Anzac Day Public Holiday