17 February 2016

PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Explicit Improvement Agenda
In 2016, our Explicit Improvement Agenda is Reading, Pedagogical Practice and Positive School Culture. Each of these provide us with a clear focus on improving student outcomes and increasing the number of students at Redbank State School above National Minimum Standards (NMS).

At Redbank State School, we are concentrating our efforts specifically on Reading. I would encourage all families to read together on a daily basis. Our school library is open second break Monday - Thursday. It would be great if you could encourage your child to borrow books each week and make time to share them together.

Parent Teacher Interviews
In the coming weeks, a letter will be sent home inviting you to participate in Parent Teacher Interviews. This is the first of two formal parent teacher interviews that our school will offer. The second formal interview will be offered early in Term 3 after Semester 1 report cards have gone home.
I would encourage you to take advantage of this first round of interviews as an opportunity to share important information about your child. It is timely for the classroom teacher to talk to you about how your child has settled into school for 2016 and for you to clarify any issues around Teaching and Learning.

Parents are always welcome to make a time outside these formal interview times to discuss issues that arise from school. Please phone the office to arrange these appointments.

Year 6 Leaders
Our Year 6 students are beginning to think about the leadership opportunities on offer for 2016. Each interested student has received an application package and has been encouraged to make decisions about how they can be role models for their peers.

All students wishing to be part of the leadership process should complete the package and return it to Miss Keizer by 9 am this Friday. If you have any questions or queries about this process, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Keizer.

Staff Carpark
We have noticed that some parents are using the staff carpark to drop off and pick up students each day. It is important that students are not in the car park when staff are driving in and out. Parents 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.

Before School Supervision
Our first bell does not ring until 8.30 am, with classes officially commencing at 8.45 am. More and more students are arriving very early in the mornings. Parents should be aware that there is no supervision of students at this time.

If your child is at school before 8.30 am, please remind them to be seated under B Block.

Student Absences
Please remember to let us know if your child is away from school by calling the office on 3381 4111 or by emailing absent@redbankss.eq.edu.au (include your child’s name, class and reason for absence). You can also send a note to the teacher when your child returns to school.

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 4 and 5 is: Follow instructions and directions immediately. What does it look like / feel like / sound like for students to follow instructions immediately? What role does the student have? To attend every day and to learn. What role does the teacher have? To guide the student’s learning.

It is important to be responsible at all times for the good order and management of the school.

*Redbank Raptors are safe, responsible and respectful learners when we follow all instructions and directions immediately.*
President- Lisa McKernan
Vice President- Clem Knight
Secretary- Meredith McCallion
Treasurer- Declan McCallion
Uniform Shop Convener: vacant – Ann Fouracre is currently filling this position.

P and C Meeting: The next P & C meeting will be held on Monday 21 March 2016 at 6 pm in the school library. We thank our members for their continued support. All parents and caregivers are most welcome to attend; we would love to see some new faces!

Volunteers are always welcome, come to the office if you would like to help out in some way.

Tuckshop: Our tuckshop is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Volunteers are always needed. Are you able to help from 8:30 to 2:00pm? Or can you help out in the mornings? Even that would be great! Come in and see Evelyn.
The position of tuckshop convenor will become vacant soon and application forms will be available in the near future. If you are interested, please contact the office for more information.

Munch N Crunch Program: Did you know that the Goodna RSL Club sponsors this program with a donation of $100 per week? Programs like this could not function without the support of our community network and we really appreciate the help that this generous local club gives to our school. Our P & C have also decided to sponsor this program with an additional $50 per week. The support that our families give the school via fundraising goes towards valuable programs such as this one. We need volunteers to help cut up the fruit and vegetables each morning from about 8:30 – 9 am in the kitchen. Come in and offer your help, even if it is only one morning a week, any help would be greatly appreciated!

Uniform Shop: Open on Mondays and Wednesdays between 8 – 9am. Shorts and skorts $18, polo shirts $30, bucket hats $10. We apologise for the limited stock of polo shirts at the moment but we are waiting on a delivery from our supplier. Stock is due to arrive at the end of February. Please come in and see Ann.

Upcoming Events: An Easter raffle will be held soon, tickets should go out with the next newsletter. The raffle will be drawn on 23 March. We will also hold an Easter stall on Tues 15 and Wed 16 March with gifts from 50c to $5.00 available for purchase. More information at a later.

HOMEWORK CLUB
Homework Club is held on Wednesday afternoons from 2:45-3:30pm in the school library. Any children in Years P-6 can come with their homework and home reading and get help from school staff.
If you would like your child or children to go to Homework Club please fill in a form at the office and return it before their first visit.
To come to Homework Club a child must have a signed form. If your child is not attending Homework Club on any Wednesday please let the office know. In the first and last weeks of term some classes do not have written homework so homework club is not held in these weeks.
For Term 1, Homework Club has already begun and will end on Wednesday 16 March.

LIBRARY NEWS
Our first theme in the library for 2016 is ‘MONSTERS and Fairies’.
Come in and see the ‘big scary monster and the cute little fairy’ and read some of our great picture books, novels or information books that we have on display.

The students have been drawing some Monsters during their lunch time and their artwork has been hung up in our ‘Monster Gallery’.
Remember to bring your library books for borrowing day!
Thursday – PJM, 6TK, 5RH.
Friday – 5/6AW, 3JM, 2TC, 1/2KG, 3/4LH, 1KT, 4HM.

OUR CLUBS
Each week the students can participate in a number of clubs.
Our clubs include:
Each morning: Breakfast Club 8:00 – 8:30 am.
Tuesday morning: Gardening Club from 7:30 to 8:30 am for years 1 – 6.
Wednesday afternoon: Homework Club from 2:45 – 3:30 for years P - 6.

LOST PROPERTY
We currently have a huge amount of lost property - hats, lunch boxes, drink bottles, jumpers etc. The baskets are usually kept at the front of the office on the verandah and are getting fuller by the day. From next week, all lost property will be placed out on the seats under B Block, please come in to see if any items belong to your child.

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

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COMMUNITY NEWS
The Australian Bureau of Statistics is seeking staff for CENSUS 2016.
The ABS is seeking people to fill a variety of roles from Area Supervisors to Field officers for the Census.

The ABS is changing the way the Census is conducted, which includes increasing the use of technology. Not only can residents complete the Census online, but also Field Staff will use technology such as ABS employee web sites and mobile applications to record their work and online learning systems to complete some of their training. Area Supervisors will recruit, train, lead and supervise a team of eight to twelve Census Field Officers. They will also perform routine clerical and operational tasks such as assisting Field Staff who are using technology to complete their work. Safe work practices are a core responsibility of this role.
More information is available online at www.abs.gov.au/census