

31 January 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.

### Welcome New Staff

We would like to welcome two new teachers to our school for 2018. Mrs Fran Brown and Mrs Roslyn Ronai have joined the team this year with Mrs Brown teaching our Yr 4/5 class and Mrs Ronai taking our Prep class every Friday. I'm sure that our school community will make both these ladies feel very welcome.

### Positive Behaviour for Learning Demonstration School

Our school has been recognised by Education Queensland as a Demonstration School for Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL). We are 1 of only 4 schools in the state who have achieved this recognition. This is great recognition for the amazing work the staff and community have done over a number of years to create a culture that promotes learning in our school. The staff, students and community should be very proud of the culture we have developed in our school and we look forward to sharing our success with schools across this great state of ours.

### Raptorbration Criteria

As you would all know we are passionate about recognising positive behaviour in our school and as such we hold a number of 'Raptorbrations' throughout the year to reward those students who regularly demonstrate our school expectations of being "Safe, Responsible and Respectful."

To be able to attend these 'Raptorbrations', students need to meet the following criteria: less than 3 minor behaviours and no major behaviours recorded and greater than 85% attendance for the period between 'Raptorbrations'.

The attendance criteria is a new criteria and is at the discretion of the Principal depending on the validity of the absences.

### Every Day Counts at School

The importance of a team effort in achieving school attendance is the main theme in *The adventures of Jimmy and Sam the Dog* animation and comic book series, developed by the Department of Education.

NRL star Sam Thaiday plays Sam the Dog, with a cameo appearance by Johnathan Thurston, plus former Queensland Firebirds netballer Beryl Friday.

Research shows that school attendance leads to positive student outcomes, and can help children to build social and emotional skills.

Head to the [Every day counts website](#).

### Does your child require medication during school hours?

If your child requires medication while at school, please visit the school's office to obtain relevant authorisation forms.

You will also need to provide prescription-labelled medication in the original packaging with clear directions for its use.

Find out more at the [Department of Education website](#).

### 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 1 and 2 is:** Safe, responsible and respectful every day at school.

Safe: everyone needs to feel safe; everyone follows the school rules.

Responsible: I choose my own behaviour; we look after our school and equipment.

Respectful: I use appropriate and polite language to everyone; I follow instructions given by

adults.

**\*Redbank Raptors are safe, responsible and respectful every day at school.**

**Did you know?** ... Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is implemented to improve the learning and wellbeing of all students in all school settings.



## P & C NEWS

**President- Michelle Bell**

**Vice President- Clem Knight**

**Secretary- Vacant**

**Assistant Secretary- Angela Perry**

**Treasurer- Vacant**

**Tuckshop Convenor- Vacant**

**The next meeting for the P&C will be held on Tuesday 20 February 2018 at 1:30pm. All parents and caregivers are invited to attend.**

**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 send a letter of interest to the school office. This role is a volunteer position only, not a paid position.

**School Uniform News:** As from the end of 2017, our school uniforms will be 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:** We supply a container of fresh fruit and vegetables to each class every day as a mid-morning snack. **We need your help** to cut up this fruit and vegetables. 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.

**Annual General Meeting Notice:** The AGM for the P&C will be held on Tuesday 20 March at 1:30pm. 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!*

### Library News

The first book club order has now been sent home to families. Items from Issue One can be ordered via the book club LOOP order screen on the Scholastic Australia website. When orders are placed, the school receives reward points to purchase books for our library. Parents and caregivers may also send their order with the money to school and we will place the order for you. Orders for issue one must be returned to school by Wednesday 7 February. Books will be sent to the school about one week after the order is placed.

### AFL : After School Sport

Miss Gardner is currently running AFL sessions after school on Mondays from 3-4pm for the next 4 weeks. Forms were sent home recently to students in years 4 to 6. Limited places are available.

**Session 1: Monday 29 January. Session 2: Monday 5 February. Session 3: Monday 12 February. Session 4: Monday 19 February.**

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

## Redbank State School Clubs for Kids

A big welcome to Redbank SS and welcome back to all. Below you'll find information about our enrichment clubs for term 1. All clubs will start in week 2, except for the Savvy Scientists. We'll inform you of the start date as soon as we can.

**Reading Ranch** – 8:00am till 8:25am, every Tuesday morning before school at the library.

No need to sign up, fill out a form or wait for an invitation. This club is open to all. Just pop in whenever you feel like it. You can read books to yourself, to others or listen to books being read to you. Parents and toddlers are most welcome. This club will run all term.

**Garden Gurus** – 7:30am till 8:25am, every Wednesday morning behind the computer room.

This club is open to students from grades 2 to 6. A signed parent permission form is a MUST! Forms are available from the office and can be returned there or directly to Mrs. MacPherson in the library. Garden Gurus grow some of the fruit and vegetables for our Munch and Crunch program. It is an expectation and a requirement of this club that when you join, you will attend for the whole term. Parents and grandparents are most welcome.

**Maths Movers** – 7:45am till 8:25am, every Tuesday morning before school in the computer lab.

This term, this club is open to students from grades 3 to 6 on an invitation basis only! A signed parent permission form is a MUST! Invitations to join this club with a parent permission form will be sent out in week 1. These forms can either be returned to the office or directly to Mrs. MacPherson in the library. It is an expectation and a requirement that when you join, you will attend for the whole term. This club will run for 6 weeks.

**Savvy Scientists** – 7:30am till 8:25am, every Thursday morning before school in the computer lab.

This term, this club is open to students from grades 3 to 6 on an invitation basis only! A signed parent permission form is a MUST! Invitations to join this club with a parent permission form will be sent out once dates are known. These forms can either be returned to the office or directly to Mrs. MacPherson in the library. It is an expectation and a requirement that when you join, you will attend for the whole term.

**Learning Club**- At this point in time, there is no Homework Help. Redbank SS and The Smith Family are working towards implementing a Learning Club

that will start in term 2, on one afternoon, after school per week.

Until next time,

Mrs Elisabeth MacPherson,

STLaN (Support Teacher, Literacy and Numeracy)

## **Construction Finished**

Our new outdoor learning area between B Block and the Resource Centre is now finished and the classes have begun to use this area. It will make a great new addition to our school.



## **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 February	P&C Meeting 1:30pm
Tuesday 20 March	P&C Annual General Meeting 1:30pm
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**

Saver Plus is a free financial education program that assists lower income families to save for education costs by matching participants' savings dollar for dollar, up to \$500, and helping them build financial skills, knowledge and confidence. Since the program started in 2003 more than 32,000 Australians have benefitted. For more information, please see the attached flyer.

