3 February 2016

PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Welcome back to Redbank State School for 2016. As this is my first newsletter at Redbank State School I would like to thank all those people who have made me feel so welcome. In the short time that I have been here, I have been impressed with the commitment and dedication of the staff and the enthusiasm of the students. I am really looking forward to working with the school community to continue the wonderful work happening in our school.

This year we welcome a number of new families to our school. We hope that you enjoy your time here as much as we do!

Unfortunately this Friday will be the last day we have the pleasure of working with our Chaplain Hayden who has been appointed as Chaplain to another school. We would like to thank Hayden for the work he has done in the time he has been at Redbank State School and wish him all the best for the future.

Each year, our final staffing numbers are determined by our actual enrolments on Day 8 (Friday 5 Feb). We would like to welcome a number of new staff to our team for 2016.

Our current staffing model is as follows:
Prep – Mrs Julie Mayers (Mon-Thurs)/ Mrs Sonya Simmonds (Fri)
1 KT - Miss Katrina Turner
1/2 KG - Miss Katherine Gardner
2 TC - Miss Teesha Crane (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)/ Mrs Janette Mills (Wed)
3 JM - Mrs Julie Morgan
3/4 LH – Mrs Leanne Harvey
4 HM - Mrs Heather Mansfield
5 RH - Ms Rebecca Hughes
5/6 AW – Miss Alison Ward
6 TK - Ms Tara Keizer
Technology/Health – Mrs Gemma Chase
Technology/Health – Mrs Lee-Ann Olh
HOC/Data Coach/Library - Mrs Kate Stansfield
STLAN - Mrs Elisabeth MacPherson
EALD Teacher - Mrs Siu-Ling Chan
Speech Language Pathologist - Mrs Renee Nolles
Guidance Officer (Tues/Wed) - Mrs Livy Escobar-Lang
Master Teacher/Students with Disability Teacher - Mrs Beth McIntosh
PE - Mr Alan Dunlop

Our Administration Officer is Ms Linda Harvey.
Mrs Maree Chalk also assists in the office.

Our Teacher Aides are
Mrs Maree Chalk  Mrs Tanya Faleao
Mrs Kayleen Chrzescijanski  Mrs Kayla Gibbs
Mrs Julie Mann  Mrs Vicki Todd
Mrs Susanne Russell  Mrs Trudy Perry
Mrs Makerita Skidmore
Mrs Denice Orton
Mrs Melissa Overton
Ms Rebecca Pedersen
Mrs Renee Woodward

Our Cleaners are
Mrs Helen Gilby
Mr Lance Gilby
Mrs Myra Danilo
Our Groundsman is Mr Marco Leon

Our School Expectations: Redbank State School operates under 3 Expectations. These are Safe, Responsible, Respectful. The staff and students work very hard to demonstrate these expectations on a daily basis and I would ask that parents and the wider school community support us by meeting these expectations when interacting within our school community.

While these expectations are self-explanatory, if you are not sure what is meant by any of them, please ask the students as they are able to very clearly explain what they mean.

If we all live and breathe these expectations as a school community we will be able to ensure that we are providing the best possible learning environment for our children.

Missing Property: Unfortunately last Friday a scooter belonging to one of our younger students was taken from the bike racks at the school. It is disappointing to think that somebody would take property that does not belong to them especially if that person is a member of our school community. If you have any information regarding the disappearance of this scooter, could you please contact me at the school so that it can be returned to it’s rightful owner.

School hours
First bell – 8:30am
School starts – 8:45am
When children arrive at school they are required to sit quietly on the seats under B block
School finishes – 2:45pm

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 is: Movement / transitions around the school concrete. Things to remember: walking when on the concrete/stairs/pathways/play areas to the classroom; walking at a calm pace; keeping to the left; looking out for people around us; being aware of ourselves and others near corners of buildings; movement from playing areas to line up areas; transitioning around the school.

It is important to walk on the concrete so that everyone is safe and able to move around the school in an orderly manner.

*Redbank Raptors are safe, responsible and respectful learners when we move safely on the school concrete.*

P & C NEWS

President- Lisa McKernan
Vice President- Clem Knight
Secretary- Meredith McCallion
Treasurer- Declan McCallion
Uniform Shop Convener: Ann Fouracre

P and C Meeting: The next P & C meeting will be held on Monday 15 February 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! Remember the Annual General Meeting will be held in March, are you willing to help out and be on the committee?

We would like to welcome everyone back for 2016 and invite our new families to become involved in our school. Come to our meetings, help out in the tuckshop, help cut up fruit and vegetables for our Munch N Crunch program, or see Craig Pearen (our Principal) for any other ways you can become involved with the classes. Many hands make light work!

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 new tuckshop menu is attached to this newsletter or available from the tuckshop or the office.

Munch N Crunch Program: This program is funded by the Goodna RSL Club. We provide a container of fruit and vegetables each day to each class as a mid-morning snack. 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. Please come in and see Ann.

SCHOOL HATS
Thank you to the students who are wearing a broad brimmed hat in the playground. As part of our Sun Safe Policy, all students must wear a broad brimmed hat during outdoor lessons and at lunch time play. Hats are available for purchase from the tuckshop Mon, Wed and Fri or from the Uniform Shop on Mon and Wed 8-9 am. These hats are $10 each. Thank you for your support.

LIBRARY NEWS
Welcome back to the library for 2016!
Library borrowing has begun.

Thursday – PJM, 6TK, 5RH.
Friday – 5/6AW, 3JM, 2TC, 1/2KG, 3/4LH, 1KT, 4HM.

Please make sure your child has a library bag and remembers to return their library books each week. Thank you to Mrs Patterson for once again this year, supplying the library with some fantastic library bags.

Check the notice board outside the library for what is on each week.

Our first Book Club order forms have gone home and are due back Friday 12 February. Remember, ordering books from book club gets us free books for the library.

Thanks, Mrs Stansfield
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 starts on Wednesday 10 February 2016 and will end on Wednesday 16 March.

Gardening Club in 2016
Gardening Club will start next Tuesday 9th February at 7.30 am - 8.30am. This week, I will talk to students in all classes except Prep, about the Gardening Club. I will give any interested children, permission forms to take home. Students must have this form signed by a parent and then bought back to school before children will be allowed to join.

Over the holidays, two pineapples ripened! They are sweet and delicious.

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.

PARKING AROUND OUR SCHOOL
Parking is very limited around our school, we ask that parents park: opposite the front of the school, down near the Prep building or park in Law Street for the morning drop offs and afternoon pick ups. Church Street is strictly controlled by Ipswich City Council with a ‘parking camera’ at the top of the cul-de-sac and vehicles are regularly fined for parking incorrectly. Parking incorrectly in Church Street blocks the residents from leaving their properties. Please be mindful and respectful of our neighbours as they live here too!

DO NOT ENTER THE STAFF CARPARK TO DROP OFF OR PICK UP YOUR CHILDREN. BECAUSE THIS IS A NO PEDESTRIAN ZONE, IT CAN BE DANGEROUS FOR OUR STUDENTS TO BE IN THIS AREA.

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

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COMMUNITY NEWS
Loading Zones – Drop off/Pick Up areas
The success of loading zones requires cooperation from all motorists using it to ensure quick movement of vehicles through the area.

Please observe any time frames on the sign (see example) and only stay in the area for as long as it takes to get the children in to or out of the car within a two minute timeframe. The driver must not park the car in these signed areas and go into the school with the children or to pick up their children.

This area is designed to keep the vehicles moving. It is there for the convenience of ALL motorists.

Road Safety is Everyone’s Responsibility. If you would like more information on this or any other road/child/bike safety or other transport issue, please phone your local Road Safety Office on 1300 360 135.
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