

6 May 2016

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Our Purpose

Redbank State School will deliver a clear and focussed curriculum to improve student learning outcomes with clear expectations of academic performance and student behaviour.

Redbank Anzac Day

Around ANZAC Day, our students were involved in a number of services to commemorate this day. On Thursday, 21st of April, the Student Leaders, Miss Keizer and myself went to the School's ANZAC Service in Brisbane. On Friday 22nd of April, we held our service at the school with a number of special guests in attendance and on ANZAC Day itself a number of our students represented our school at the Service at the Redbank Memorial Park. I was very proud of our students who attended each of these events and would like to thank Miss Keizer for her work in organising each of these events for our school.

Parent Teacher Interviews

On behalf of the teaching staff, I would like to thank all of those parents/carers who took the time to arrange and attend our parent/teacher interviews. It is great to know that our families are genuinely concerned about the academic achievements of their children.

Student Attendance

Each family should by now have received a fridge magnet from the school which outlines the procedure for informing the school of student absences. I would encourage you to read the information carefully and follow the procedure as outlined. If you did not receive one of these fridge magnets please come into the office to collect one.

Remember: EVERY DAY COUNTS

NAPLAN

Next week is the annual NAPLAN testing. This is a test of students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 that is taken throughout Australia. The results are used to compare the progress of individual students and the school. Please ensure that your children are at school before 8:45am when the testing begins.

Tuesday 10 May: Language Conventions (grammar, punctuation and spelling) and Writing

Wednesday 11 May: Reading

Thursday 12 May: Numeracy

Monday 16 May: our catch up date for those students that missed any of the testing.

Attendance Trophy

Congratulations to 3/4LH who were awarded the Attendance Trophy in Week 2 with a 98% attendance rate and 6TK who were awarded the Attendance Trophy in Week 3 with a 95% attendance rate.

Absences

All student absences that are 'unexplained' will be followed up by a phone call to parents. Please contact the school to notify us of the reason why your child is absent. Parents can also send a note, email the school on absent@redbankss.eq.edu.au or call on 3381 4111. Parents will be contacted when we notice a high number of explained absences or early/late departures as it is important that children are at school every day.

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 weeks 4 and 5 is:** Showing responsible and respectful behaviour in the classroom. Teachers will explicitly teach language around respectful/responsible conversation responses to gain resolutions.

This means: using a calm, low pitched voice to converse with others; addressing the person by name; stating your concern/problem clearly and succinctly; listen respectfully.

***Redbank Raptors are safe, responsible and respectful learners when we show responsible and respectful behaviour in the classroom.**

These students were selected to pick from the prize box for being excellent Redbank Raptor Role Models: Charlie, Ella, DJ, Divine, Tyler, David, Victor, India, Kieran and Rhett.



P & C NEWS

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

Tuckshop: It's Showtime! To celebrate the Ipswich Show the tuckshop will be offering a show bag and special meal deal on **Thursday 12 May**. The cost is \$12 for the meal deal and a show bag OR \$7 for just a show bag. The show day special meal is a Dagwood Dog and a juice popper. Prep – year 3 students will have their meal at 11:20am and year 4-6 students will have theirs at 1:30pm. We need all orders and money to be returned to either the office or the tuckshop by **Wednesday 11 May** for catering purposes.



Open: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Helpers are welcome.

Uniform Shop: Open on Mondays and Wednesdays between 8 – 9am in the Resource Centre kitchen. Shorts and skorts \$18, polo shirts \$30, bucket hats \$10.

Mother's Day Raffle: all tickets and money due back tomorrow morning **Thursday 5 May** for the raffle to be drawn.

The Mother's Day stall is continuing this week until Friday 6 May from 8:15 to 8:45 each morning. Come and buy a small gift for Mum or Grandma. All items will be under \$6.

Disco: A disco will be held at school on Friday 17 June from 5pm to 8 pm. Entry will be \$5.00 per student.

Next P & C Meeting: Monday 16 May 6pm. All welcome.

Parade Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards on parade recently: Louisa, Carmelo, Sami, Zane, Chloe, Kira, Rohith, Kareena, Thomas, Caitlin, Laila, Tina, Kierah and Dylan.

CENTRAL DISTRICTS CROSS COUNTRY

Several of our students were invited to compete in the Central Districts Cross Country held last Friday at Woodcrest State College. The best that one of our students placed for their age group was 9th! We also placed second overall in the 'C' Division schools! Our students all put in a great effort and the teachers who supervised on the day would like to congratulate everyone for their overall wonderful behaviour and support of the students who attended.



Mothers and Family High Tea

In recognition of Mother's Day we would like to invite mothers and family to school for a high tea: Friday 20 May at 1:00 pm in the Kitchen/Science room. Please come and join your child, enjoy a cuppa and a cupcake personally iced by your child just for you. Please advise the office if you will be attending and how many family members are coming with you by Thursday 12 May.



Q-Schools App and School Website

Did you know that you can access all relevant information, newsletters etc. via the Q-Schools app or our school website? The app is designed to integrate with our school website www.redbanks.eq.edu.au

All content published on the website is automatically updated with the latest news, events, photo gallery and newsletters. Emergency announcements and push notifications, such as information about natural disasters and school closures can be published by the department.

All Queensland schools are searchable via the app.

Compatible with the following devices: Android, Apple and Windows.

Check it out and avail yourself of important information in the palm of your hand.

HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

We have had a couple of cases reported at our school at the moment. Here are some facts:

Hand, foot and mouse disease is a mild viral illness which is common in children. It causes blisters on the hands, feet and in the mouth and often in the nappy area. It is generally mild and can last seven to ten days. HFMD is more common during warmer weather and tends to spread easily between children. There is no connection between this disease and the foot and mouth disease that affects some cattle and some other animals. Diagnosis is made by a doctor and there is no specific treatment. Infection is spread by direct contact with bodily fluids from coughing, sneezing or the blisters. The skin blisters are infectious until they become crusty and there is no fluid in the blisters. Good personal hygiene is important to prevent the spread. People develop symptoms between three to seven days after being infected. Symptoms can include: high temperature, sore throat, small blister like lesions, tiredness.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE



Gardening Club-Tuesday, 7.30-8.30am

We have been thankful for the rain and prior to that, Mr Gilby watering the gardens. It has helped to keep our little seedlings alive. This week, Isabella potted our four new strawberry plants, after Jordan and Casey put the potting mix in the pots for them. Rhett picked many snow peas this week for Munch & Crunch. We are watching our pineapple develop. Our carrot seeds, that we planted last week, have not appeared above the ground yet.

4HM NEWS

We have been busy with our Science experiments this week. We are trying to ascertain the best growing mediums for seeds. The mediums we are testing are- potting mix; sand; gravel and cotton wool. We have predicted, from our prior knowledge, that the seeds will grow best in potting mix; followed by cotton wool; sand then gravel. We'll see!

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.

Glee Club: Each Wednesday at second break, 1:00 to 1:30 pm in 3JM room. Children from Prep to 6 are able to attend.

Wednesday afternoon: Homework Club from 2:45 – 3:30 for years P - 6.

There is no homework club in the first week and the last week of each term.

Student Absences

It is an Education Queensland expectation to inform the school if your child is going to be away. Please phone the office on 3381 4111.

1. Provide your child's name and class
2. Reason for their absence
3. Expected duration – how long?
4. Or send an email to absent@redbankss.eq.edu.au

If your child is absent for longer than three days, please provide a doctor's certificate or note to the class teacher.

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for education costs. To find out more call or SMS 1300 610 355 or email saverplus@bsl.org.au

SCHOOL KIDS BONUS IS ENDING JULY 2016

Do you have a child starting High School next year?

Prepare now to relieve 2017 back to school stress!

Would you like \$500 to help pay for school uniforms, books, sporting fees and equipment, music lessons, camps and excursions, or even a laptop? The Saver Plus, 10-month program can match your savings for education costs dollar for dollar, up to \$500. Wouldn't it be great to take control of your financial situation and learn new skills on how to budget and save? Allow me to introduce you to the **Saver Plus Program**

To be eligible you need to:

- have a Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card
- have a child at school now or starting next year, or be attending vocational education yourself
- have some form of household income from work, for example your partner or yourself may have part time, casual, full time or seasonal employment, can also be child minding, ironing or mowing a lawn
- have not received matched funds from completing Saver Plus already

For further information, please contact:

Michelle Trevino, Saver Plus Coordinator Ipswich

SMS your name to – 0466474584

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is funded by the Australian Government

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

29 April to 3 June	After school sport program on Friday Soccer
9 May to 6 June	After school sport program on Friday Touch
Tues 3 to Fri 6 May	Mother's Day Stall 8:15 – 8:45 am
Sunday 8 May	Mothers' Day
Wed 11 & Thurs 12 May	NAPLAN
Thursday 12 May	Showbag and special meal deal at tuckshop
Friday 13 May	Ipswich Show Public Holiday
Friday 20 May	Mothers and Family High Tea 1pm Please RSVP

