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.

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? www.redbankss.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.
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.

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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.

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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!

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OUR CLUBS
Each week the students can participate in a number of clubs.