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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.

Staff Changes
Mrs Stansfield will be leaving us next week to take up a position as a Literacy Coach at Moorooka State School. We would like to congratulate Mrs Stansfield on attaining this position and wish her all the best in her new role. Mrs Stansfield will be greatly missed by our school and we thank her for all that she has done for us over a number of years.

Student Attendance
Thank you to all parents/caregivers who regularly call the school to inform us of your child’s absence. This makes our record keeping much easier. Contact us on 3381 4111 or email 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.

In the case of an unexplained absence for your child, we will regularly send home a letter with the unexplained absence dates listed. Please complete this and send it back to school for us to update the reason for non-attendance.
If your child shows any reluctance in attending school, you may like to try some of the following strategies:

- Give a clear message to your child about the importance of attending school
- Develop regular bedtime habits to ensure they have plenty of sleep
- Make sure they have a healthy breakfast to fill them up
- Maintain positive conversations about school
- Model confidence
- Reward positive behaviours.

If you find that the problem persists, please discuss this with your child’s teacher so that we can find ways to support you and your family.

Toys at School
Could I please ask parents/caregivers to support us by reminding your children that they are not to bring toys from home to school. When students bring their own toys to school it can become troublesome with breakages and losses which takes up a lot of time and effort.
Students are able to borrow equipment at school for playtime, so there is no need for them to be bringing toys to school.

Attendance Trophy
Congratulations to 3/4LH who were awarded the Attendance Trophy in Week 4 with a 93% attendance rate and 5/6AW who were awarded the Attendance Trophy in Week 5 with a 96% attendance rate.

ABSENCES
All student absences that are ‘unexplained’ will be followed up by a phone call to parents/caregivers. Please contact the school to notify us of the reason why your child is absent. Parents/caregivers can either: send a note, email the school on absent@redbankss.eq.edu.au or call on 3381 4111. Parents/caregivers 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 6 and 7 is: Showing responsible, respectful and safe behaviours before, during and after school. The students will be taught how to wait in areas such as, under B Block, during class line up, the bus area, the office verandah, before school and after school.

*Redbank Raptors are safe, responsible and respectful learners while we wait in designated areas before, during and after school.

These students were selected to pick from the prize box for being excellent Redbank Raptor Role Models: Dakota, Havilah, Talia, Esmay, Glenhenry, Chloe, Journey, Jordan, Jayson, Stephen.

Redbank State School

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

Tuckshop: Open: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Helpers are welcome. The tuckshop will be closed for normal orders on Friday 24 June.

Athletics Carnival: Our school athletics carnival is on Thursday 23 and Friday 24 June. The tuckshop will be open with a limited menu and for a sausage sizzle only on both days. No normal orders will be taken on Friday due to it being the last day of term 2, this day will be ‘stocktake and cleaning day’ for the tuckshop workers.

Uniform Shop: Open on Mondays and Wednesdays between 8 – 9am in the Resource Centre kitchen.

Mother’s Day fundraising: Thank you to all of our wonderful families for supporting our recent fundraising efforts; we raised $220 for the raffle and $565 for the stall. The raffle winners were: E.Ward, A.Kahui, J.Kaye, K.Patterson, K.Douglass, S.Gill, P.Terry, R.Sherrington, J.Comrie, P.Watts, J.Plumb, L.Tuala.

School Disco: A disco will be held at school on Friday 17 June from 6pm to 8 pm for Redbank State School students only. Entry will be $5.00 per student. All students from Prep to year 6 are invited to attend. The tuckshop will be open with a limited menu for the evening. More information at a later date.

Next P & C Meeting: Monday 20 June 6pm. All welcome.

Parade Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards on parade recently:

- Brianna, Fraser, Cathy, Amarli, Glenhenry, Seth, Hayley, Taitoa, Minjarra, Kira, Summer, Shane.

UNDER 8’S DAY ACTIVITIES FOR 2016!

Come and join us for a celebration of Early Childhood Education. The fun activities will be followed at 11:00 a.m. by Simultaneous Story Time where the whole school will listen to the story ‘I Got This Hat’ by Jol and Kate Temple. When: Wednesday 25 May 9:00-11:10 a.m. Where: Redbank State School Who: All students in Prep to Year 3. Parents and younger siblings are welcome to come and enjoy the fun.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our annual sports athletics carnival will be held on Thursday 23 and Friday 24 June. Both days start at 9am. Thursday will be our running events: 60m, 80m, 100m and 200m sprints, sprint finals and relays. Friday will be our long distance and field events: 400m, 800m, long jump, shot put, ball games, and high jump. The juniors, 5yr olds (2011) to 8yr olds (2008) will go to other events such as vortex, fly-ball shot put, leap jump and novelty races instead of field events. Parents are welcome to attend both days. Please note that students compete in the year they were born eg: 2011 (5 yr olds). We aim to finish both days around 1pm. More information will be sent home in a flyer at a later date.

Science on Thursdays

In Science Club, I have been learning about all different types of salts and sugars and how fast they dissolve in water. Last term, we learned about temperatures. We used different types of cups. After measuring the temperature of the water, we measured the temperature of the cup. We found the water cooled at a reasonably constant rate regardless of the cup. What we are doing now is our own experiment on how much water a paper towel can absorb. We are using different types of paper towels used in the kitchen.

By Hadasah Fasi
Once upon a time, in the lovely, quiet house, there lived a girl, a little boy and a dog. The girl’s name was Alesha; the boy’s name was Mika and the dog’s name was Lucy. Alesha was friendly, polite and Mika was patient. Lucy was untrustworthy. They all woke up, got out of bed, except Lucy who liked staying in bed. Mika jumped on her bed and said “Wake up, Lucy.” She woke up when Alesha and Mika went up the hallway. Alesha said ‘Now that you are awake Lucy, just run outside.’ When she was running, Lucy found a dark place. She nearly went inside but just as she took one step, Mika and Alesha found her. Mika got her just before she ran off into the woods. Then Alesha said “This is the woods, Mika.” Mika looked at Alesha and Mika was holding on to Lucy. She ran off into the woods. Mika and Alesha ran after Lucy. Finally, they got her. Alesha had to hold onto Lucy so they went back home. When they got home, it was night time, so they went to bed and fell asleep.

By Chloe Fels
“Chloe has made a fantastic improvement in her writing!” Mrs Mansfield

Ipswich Festival – Parade of lights
We won the trophy for the Best School Entry again for 2016! Congratulations everyone for a great effort and the wonderful prize for our win was $500.

Visiting Author Mark Svendsen
We have been very lucky to have an author visit our school. Mark Svendsen has been speaking to the 6TK and 5RH classes. Mark has always been writing. He writes poetry for children and adults, young adult novels, novels for younger readers and picture books. He has also written libretti (for Elena Kats-Chernin’s two Rockhampton Symphonies) and plays, Right Where I Belong, and an adult novel titled, Tears of Glass. He also writes reviews for the Courier Mail newspaper and teaches creative writing to children around Australia.

The students have been very excited to have Mr Svendsen visit their classes. He has also donated several signed copies of some of his novels to our school. Thank you Mr Svendsen!