Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,

The past two weeks have seen the school hold 2 very important ceremonies in the Annual Calendar.

The Student Leaders Induction assembly saw all our elected leaders for 2014 officially presented with their badges by our special guests on the day. We were joined by Shayne Neumann, Federal Member for Blair, Jo-Ann Miller, State Member for Bundamba and Janet Pisasale, Mayoress of Ipswich. The leaders have been absolutely dynamic and heavily involved and progressing in the school since they assumed their roles at the end of last year.

It is very exciting to watch the young people of our community step into these roles with confidence and awareness. The future for our community and society is in very safe hands when we see the potential and apparent skills possessed by these students. It is also reassuring that these skills have been developed and fostered whilst they have been students in our high school.

Congratulations to:

School Captains: Jumayn and Rikihana
Vice Captains: John and Lindaa
Student Council: Shaddrach and Aterinaa
Sports Captains Aaron and Mattya
Cultural Prefects: Isaac, Piripi, Brianna and Machieka
Performing Arts: Marie, Kristie and Josha
Hospitality: Jess, Bryce and Cameron

Academic Awards Ceremony

The second major ceremony involved the 284 Academic Awards winners from Semester 2 in 2013. This twice yearly assembly celebrates the achievements of the students for their semester results in their subjects. Students must achieve 4 or more A or B ratings for the Academic grade in subject to qualify for these awards.

Five students also were awarded the Principal’s Medallion for straight A’s in every subject. This is a tremendous achievement and one they can be very proud of.

Year 8 Camp

Week 5 has seen 120 Year 8 students embark on the annual camp to Maroon Dam for 5 days. The students who chose to remain at school have also undertaken a modified experiences program for the week. More information and photos from the camp next newsletter!
Qld Core Skills (QCS) Test Preparation

The 7th Subject for seniors! Work is well underway with the students in Years 11 and 12 who are intending to sit the QCS test. This is an important test for all students on Pathway A and B so the school provides additional training and practice in the nature and types of the questions and how to interpret and answer them most effectively. This work is then reinforced through their subject areas also to provide them with the best preparation for this assessment in September for Year 12. This program is lead very capably and passionately by Miss Roberts, our Senior School StLaN.

NAPLAN Preparation

Students in Years 8 and 9 are also undertaking a weekly program aimed at preparing them for the NAPLAN test in May of Year 9. Again there are some specific skills that are taught and then reinforced through the context of their subject areas. While some people question the NAPLAN process, it is nation-wide testing that is used to make judgements around school programs. It is vital that every student who sits these tests is committed to performing at the best of their ability in each test. Parents and teachers need to be consistent in this message to our students.

Regards

Llew Paulger
Principal

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UPDATE YOUR DETAILS

From time to time family circumstances change, for example, custody issues, addresses, new phone numbers and emergency contacts. It is critical that the school has the correct information on students. The school will not release a student to someone who is not listed as a contact on our system. Please ensure your emergency contact details are correct.

Attached is a Change of Details Form, please complete and return to Student Office with accurate information if your circumstances have changed.

VISIT TO QLD PARLIAMENT HOUSE

Three of our indigenous students Rebecca, Shyler and Treavon recently attended the Constitutional Convention at Qld Parliament House where they learned about a Bill of rights!

The Students participated in a group discussion and debated whether it was constitutional, statutory, and argued against it. The students also visited the legislative chamber and participated in voting on these matters. It was a valuable learning experience for the students.

Students with RCC Lynn Chapman
In the legislative chamber

Students and picture of Uncle Eric Deeral, (Qld only Indigenous State Parliamentarian 1974-77) who beat 6 other candidates for his seat and current Parliament House Liaison Officer Brett Nutley.

Sam Conway
Community Education Counsellor

SENIOR SCHOOLING DEPARTMENT

Choices Not Chances

The Choices Not Chances co-ordinator, Mr Mike Winton, has done a wonderful job in developing the GenR8 program in our school and we wanted to share some successes, which is managed by the Department of Education, Training and Employment and operates state-wide. Due to the hard work of the DETE team leading the program and school staff, there are
now 180 students across Queensland enrolled in the Cert II in Logistics qualification.

Mr Winton was recently invited to go to Parent Information evenings at Runcorn and Warwick State High Schools to speak about how GenR8 operates and the benefits of the program that we have seen first-hand in our school. It started with 10 students who were successful in 2012 and 31 students in 2013, and we now have 34 students in Year 12 enrolled at Redbank Plains State High School.

**GenR8 Training**

This year’s group of GenR8 students have recently started their training with Michael (their MSIT trainer) here at school. These students will be completing a theory component and will do work experience in Term 2 and 3 towards the certificate, which will contribute towards their QCE at the end of Year 12. Students have been divided into two groups and their training dates for Term 1 will be:

- Group 1: 4, 13, 18 and 27 March
- Group 2: 6, 11, 21 and 25 March

**Engaging with Industry**

The GenR8 students have started to plan for their work experience. This week, Jace from Young Guns came out to school to speak to students who are considering placement in that business. He spoke to them about a number of issues including commitment, travel arrangements, and what it takes to be successful and the type of work Young Guns do.

**Funded Courses for the Community**

As part of the Community Moves initiative with Strategix Redbank Plains State High School have successfully enrolled parents and family members into a Cert II in Cleaning Operations. The course started this week and Mike Winton and Chris Lologa visited the participants on the course at Riverview Community Centre. It was great to see the eager parents and families who have taken advantage of this opportunity to up-skill and gain a FREE qualification.

Parents, families and friends of Redbank Plains State High School are welcome to enquire about the courses that are available at LOW or NO COST. If you are interested in future courses please contact Mike Winton or Chris Lologa on (07) 3432 1249 or Mob 0422 318 392.

**Senior Schooling Team**

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

The School Dental Service will be offering treatment to Students at Redbank Plains State High School in Years 8, 9 and 10 at the Goodna School Dental Clinic. Intent to Attend forms have been issued for completion and return.

We welcome children who have received a Child Dental Benefit Schedule letter. (CDBS)

Under CDBS each eligible child aged 2-17 years are able to access $1,000 of dental treatment over 2 years.

All dental treatment will be bulk billed for your convenience.

If eligible, please bring your Medicare card and CDBS letter to the initial appointment.