FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents, care-givers and students

Term 2 has started with a flurry of activity and excitement here at school.

National Boxing success

Over the holidays, two students from our school travelled to Perth to compete in the National Under age boxing titles. Both boys returned as Gold Medalists in their divisions which was an outstanding achievement. Ethan Law, Year 8, has been boxing for 18 months and travels to Caboolture 4 times a week to train. Sean Mumford, Year 9, has been boxing for 2 ½ years and trains at a Gym at The Valley in Brisbane. Both boys are very humble about their achievement and are thinking about the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast in 2018 as a goal to strive towards.

State Carnival success

Many of our senior students recently participated in the Qld Secondary Schools Open Boys Rugby Union State Titles. Coached by one of our Maths teachers Mr Masinawa and managed by one of the HPE staff, Mr Turner. The boys performed exceptionally well just losing the grand final to end up 2nd. This is the best result in 14 years for Open Boys Met West Rugby Union.

Tremaine S. also represented Met West in the Under 15 Boys Rugby League state championships at the weekend where he was a member of the successful Gold Medal winning team. Well done to Tremaine and his team.

Marching Band Success

Our school marching band has been very busy practicing new numbers over the past couple of weeks. They have been very involved in ANZAC Day ceremonies in the local area recently and then went straight into rehearsals for the Ipswich Festival Parade on Saturday. Clearly their efforts and practice have paid off with them taking out the “Best School Band” award from the festival. Well done to all the students and staff involved in this performance.

Anzac Day

The school hosted our annual commemoration ceremony for ANZAC Day this year on the first day of term. It was an excellent parade and the students performing did so to a very high standard. The students were very respectful of the guests who attended and shared some of their experiences from the war.

Many students were also present at the Dawn service at Springfield where our student leaders spoke during the ceremony and laid a wreath on behalf of the school. It was a very early 5am start but I was very proud to see 30 students there in uniform representing the student body in our community. Thanks also to Mrs Walker and Mrs Webber for organising and providing breakfast for the students following the ceremony.

Behaviour Audit

Last week the school had an auditor from EQ come into the school to perform a Behaviour Audit. This process reviews all our policies, processes and practices around how we support students within the school community. This process involved the auditor meeting with the executive team, administration staff, students and teachers to examine all our processes. The great news from this is that the school received an excellent report. This is a great validation of the work done by many people over the past 3 years to create excellent systems and structures to support 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.

2014 SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY ANZAC DAWN SERVICE

At 5.15am on Friday, 25 April 18 students were at the Springfield Community Anzac Service, to march with a crowd of over 2000 people. The students who attended were Linda M, John P, Rikihana H, Machiek P, Matty T, Maddison F, Xanthia W, Sofia G, Courtney M, Alannah C, Cecilia M, Tianna B, Brett F, Ryan G, Jessica G, Emily H, Olivia M, and Alana D.

Amongst others marching were Mr Paulger, Mrs Webber and Mrs Walker; with Mr Backwell was also in attendance. Professor Marie Kavanagh from USQ welcomed everyone and Bernie Ripoll MP, Jo-Ann Miller MP and Councillor David Morrison all addressed the gathering.

Linda and John completed a reading at the service and Rikihana and Machiek laid the wreath. Students were also invited to lay a cross which they had been given. Other students, Cody W, Joe B and Ty W where also part of the formal proceedings of the service as cadets.

Belinda Walker
Deputy Principal

A group of our Indigenous, African and Pacifika students attended Harmony Day at Redbank State School in the last week of last term.

Redbank State School is our very friendly feeder school that they enjoyed the performances and cultural diversity on show from our school. Thank you to all the students for your commitment in performing and showcasing your culture. Thank you to Ms Uhlmann, Mr Pearse and Ms Salanoa for being part of this wonderful morning.

Sam Conway
Community Education Counsellor

NEWS FROM THE ARTS DEPARTMENT

We have had a very busy couple of weeks in the Arts Department. Last week our Concert and Marching Band students were involved in as many as five ANZAC Day services – our own school service, Redbank Plains State School’s service and the Redbank Plains, Redbank and Springfield community services on ANZAC Day. It was a mammoth effort by our students and staff and one which showed our community that our students care, both in the way they supported our wider community and also in the way they wore their school, band or service uniforms proudly. Well done to all those involved.

On a lighter note, by the time you read this, our Marching Band will have performed in the Ipswich Festival Street Parade, which was last Saturday, 3rd May. Watch this space in the next newsletter for the write up and photos.

Thank you to the band parents who have been just as busy playing taxi drivers, getting students to and from extra rehearsals for both ANZAC Day and the Ipswich Festival. We really appreciate the effort put in by families to ensure students are at rehearsal on time ready to give their best.

Our Visual Arts students have also contributed to the Ipswich Festival. If you’re driving down Brisbane Street, Ipswich this week, make a point of stopping to view our entry in the Unmasked Competition. There are many 1.5m high masks on display outside St Paul’s Anglican Church at the top of town. Schools have designed and painted their masks to reflect...
The Redbank Plains SHS Dance Troupe has been working hard since the beginning of the year with Miss Craig and Miss Miles in readiness for the eisteddfod season. On Wednesday night 30 May, our Dance Troupe performed in the Ipswich combined Teachers’ Dance Eisteddfod. They received a Highly Commended for their performance, so a big congratulations! We will look forward to seeing this performance on an assembly in the near future, or perhaps on Open Day. Thank you Dance Troupe parents for your continued support with ensuring your students are picked up promptly after rehearsals and performances.

Don’t forget to check out our Twitter or Facebook accounts for your quick fix of Arts news and photos.

**Nicolee Clarkson**  
*Head of Department – The Arts*

**REDBANK PLAINS SHS RUGBY LEAGUE PROGRAM**

This week saw a massive day in the advancement of Redbank Plains State High School Rugby League Program. I am sure you are well aware that our Rugby League Development Officer is Mark Beaumont. Mark is the Queensland Recruitment Officer for the Canberra Raiders and has been working with the school since 2013. In a move which reinforces our school’s relationship with Canberra, Mark has seen fit to contract a Year 9 student, Mike Sau to a Raiders scholarship. This deal will see the Raiders pay the school fees for Mike until he finishes Year 12 at Redbank Plains SHS.

The Raiders will also pay any fees involved with Mike’s junior representative duties. They will also develop him as a rugby league player by flying him to Canberra to work with their high performance staff when he is a little older. This is just reward for a young man who epitomises the values we aim to promote in our Rugby League Development Program (hard work, dedication and commitment). Congratulations Mike!
Good luck to all our GenR8 participants as they enter the workforce.

Congratulations Telesia on the successful completion of your Certificate III in Retail at Cosmetics Plus.

Amy Luxton  
Senior Studies

FACEBOOK SAFETY FROM BULLYING

For some people face book can be confusing to navigate and left completely to other people. However with society becoming more computer savvy, much of our communication is being done on sites like Facebook, Twitter, MySpace, and Instagram etc. It is really important for parents, carers, guardians and the users themselves to understand the rules and regulations to keep yourself and your children safe. There are official guidelines, rules and regulations that you may not be aware of. These can include but are not limited to;

1. While debating and healthy discussions are fine, the admin will not tolerate rudeness, profanity, insulting and defamatory posts, personal attacks or purposeless inflammatory comments.
2. Spamming is strictly not allowed. Facebook has spam filters for multiple identical posts.
3. You are solely responsible for your own prestige and reputation. Think before you post. Think before you reply. Your words determine who you are.
4. Kindly observe ethical behaviour when posting. Any post that would dwindle and put the reputation of this group at risk will be deleted. The deletion will serve as a warning and violators will be banned the next time.
5. Discussions of political nature, political groups, and political activities that may impact or affect Public Safety, National Security and Insurgency are likewise not allowed.

There are many online supports such as www.cybersmart.gov.au