20 May 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents, care-givers and students,

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

**Discipline Audit Results – Rated ‘Outstanding’ across all 5 domains!**

Last newsletter, I mentioned briefly that the school had recently undergone an Education Qld process called a Discipline Audit. This process will happen in every Education Qld school by the end of this year. Over the past three years, the school has invested an enormous amount of time and effort into the preparation and implementation of School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS). This research-based approach to student leadership has been adopted across the whole school community and outlines the language we use and how we interact with one another.

This has been a transformational process for our school and has led to teaching and non-teaching staff focussing on the raising of standards in all facets of the school. This has been achieved by acknowledging and celebrating the students who are consistently doing the right thing.

The audit involves an experienced principal interviewing many staff members and students, reviewing our systems and processes and validating that “what we say we do is actually what we do in practice”.

At the end of the audit we were given a verbal report from the auditor. The results were that the school was rated “Outstanding” across all five domains of the audit report. The auditor also shared with us that our report was the highest he had awarded in over 50 State High Schools across the state. There are a couple of areas where we feel we still need to refine our practices but overall we were thrilled with, and very proud of, the result.

This is something our entire school community should be very proud of as this is an achievement delivered by every member of our school community. The commitment from the staff, students and families has enabled us to transform how we operate as a high school. This has also meant that learning is the main focus in the classroom. Well done everyone and keep this great work going.

**Junior Secondary School - Feeder School Connections**

Last week we hosted an afternoon tea for teachers and principals from our local feeder primary schools. This was an opportunity to talk to our year 6 and 7 teachers to explain what work the High School has been doing around getting ready for the 550 + students who will arrive into years 7 and 8 in 2015.

Later that evening, we had our first parent information evening for our Year 6 and 7 parents and this was very well attended by our local families. It was hosted by two of our Year 8 students, Evie and Crystal, who did a great job as MC’s on the night.

**State Carnival success**

Four more students represented our school as members of the Met West under 16 Volleyball team at the State Championships at Logan Metro last weekend. Hinckley, Arthur, Linda and Kelara all represented the school and region with pride. The boys narrowly lost the grand final to finish with a silver medal and the girls performed well, defeating some of the top teams over the weekend but finishing without medals. Congratulations to Hinckley who was again selected in the Qld team to compete in the Nationals in Adelaide in August.

Regards

*Llew Paulger*

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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.

“ARTIE SHOUT OUT”

At the recent “Artie Shout Out” we were told some very good news.

Redbank Plains State High School has the highest attendance percentage of 21 schools involved in the Artie program in the Brisbane region. It’s a wonderful achievement and congratulations to all students and parents.

Many thanks to Mr Paulger and our executive team leaders and also to our wonderful teaching staff, teacher aides, youth services team and support staff, and thanks also go to Mr Pearse and Ms Walker for supporting the Indigenous Programs.

Final thanks go to the Artie Crew, Ms Heck’s and their tutors.

Sam Conway
Community Education Counsellor

YEAR 8 GEOGRAPHY STUDENTS SKY HIGH ON THE GOLD COAST

On Friday, 2 May a group of our Year 8 Geography students went on an excursion to the Gold Coast. The students have been studying about coastal systems in class and were able to put their theory knowledge into action throughout the day.

The excursion started at the QLD/NSW boarder down at Coolangatta where students could identify the movement of sand across the coast line. From here the trip headed north to the famous Q1 Sky-point Observation Deck, students were able to take in the sweeping views of the entire coast line from the 80th floor. A quick stop on the way home gave students the opportunity to see the Southport sand pumping jetty.

Throughout the course of the day students did an outstanding job representing our school keeping the REAL mantra with them in their travels. It was a fantastic day out! Thanks to Ms Gibson and the Humanities team who made the trip possible!

Natalie Uhlmann
Community Relations Manager

YEAR 7 / 8 ENROLMENTS FOR 2015

If you have a son or daughter currently in Year 6 or 7 who is coming to Redbank Plains State High School in 2015; also note we are now enrolling. Please collect an enrolment pack from your local school or the school office at Redbank Plains State High School.

Appointments information below:

2015 Enrolment dates and times for Year 7 / 8

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Please ensure you have completed ALL PAPERWORK included in the enrolment pack prior to attending your appointment. COPIES of student birth certificate and parent/carer driver’s licence and Medicare card must also be provided. Please bring originals of these documents for sighting.

Please ensure you arrive to your appointment 5 - 10 minutes early. Late arrivals will not be able to join an enrolment session once it has started.

_Natalie Uhlmann_  
Community Relations Manager

**STUDENT DETAILS FORM**

Student detail forms have been sent home and they **MUST** be filled in and returned to Student Office for Students to obtain their ID cards. Can you also note that all medical details must be included on the form? **Please check that all information is correct on both sides of the form.**

**WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY**

World No Tobacco Day is being recognised again on May 31st 2015

Should you need support for yourself or someone else make a call to Quitline 13 78 48 or your Doctor about options available for support. It is never an easy step to take but to improve your health and lifestyle that first step is the most important.

If you need further information or guidance please don’t hesitate in speaking to the School Nurse.

_School Nurse_  
Justine Coulson

**Winter Uniform**

Our REAL expectation to wear full school uniform, including black, leather lace up shoes includes the wearing of school jumpers and track-pants in the cooler months.

School microfiber jackets and fleecy jackets are available at the uniform shop.

Students who wear a non-school jumper will be issued with a detention slip and will be required to complete a 15 minute detention on the day.

Notes from home will not be accepted for non-school jumpers. If your family is experiencing extreme financial hardship please make contact with the relevant Year Coordinator, Dean or Deputy Principal.

**Uniform Shop Hours**

Daily 8am – 9:30am

Payments can be made via credit card details over the phone if parents/caregivers are unable to attend the school to purchase school uniforms.

**Year Level Contacts**

Year 8 – Mr Backwell, Mrs Wellings or Mrs Furlan  
Year 9 – Mr Modra, Ms Johnson, Mr Hazzard  
Year 10 – Mr Stratton, Mr Verrankamp, Mrs Walker  
Year 11 – Ms White, Ms Johnson, Ms Kerswell  
Year 12 – Mrs Webber, Mr Verrankamp, Mrs Walker