17 June 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents / caregivers,

The semester is rapidly drawing to its peak. The students and staff have been very busy working towards their end of semester assessments.

Band Fanfare Successes

The students in our school bands have also been very busy performing and showering themselves and our instrumental music program with glory. Our Concert and Stage Bands, along with our Drumline Ensemble competed in Fanfare last week with all three bands coming away with Gold Medals. This is a first for the school and extremely encouraging as the bands are predominantly students in Years 8, 9 and 10. This is very encouraging for the future of music in the school and the Stage Band that performed at Redbank Plaza during Education Week was very well received and drew many compliments from the audience.

Our Drumline students also showcased their talents at the recent Qld Secondary Principals Conference at the Hilton in Brisbane. The students opened proceedings on the Friday morning with a tremendous performance that ensured all conference delegates were very impressed with their musical skills and volume. All delegates were well awake following this performance.

School Open Day July 23

With the arrival of two new cohorts of students into our high school in 2015, we need to provide nearly 550 families with an opportunity to learn more about the school and therefore have decided to run the school Open Day over the afternoon of July 23, starting at 3.30 pm and running to 6.30pm.

To enable the school to set up the displays, students will be dismissed at 1.00pm. The students will need to make alternative arrangements to get home as the school buses will be running at their normal times. Some students may be involved in the set up and preparation of the displays and they will be required to remain at school.

We would like to invite parents and family members to join us and gain a better understanding and appreciation of the opportunities students are provided with here at Redbank Plains State High School.

Block Exams

The senior students will be undertaking block exams this week in selected subjects. The students in years 11 and 12 are required to attend school only for their exams or for scheduled sessions where they are completing assessment requirements for identified subjects.

Any student who misses an exam must have a Medical Certificate. This must be provided to their teacher on return. They must also arrange an alternative time to complete the missed assessment piece. Students who fail to comply will risk losing credit for this semester in the subject and jeopardise their QCE eligibility.

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.

FREE APP RECOMMENDATION

DRAGON DICTATION

(Speech to Text)

This app converts speech into written text. The user first taps the screen and then speaks out loud. Next you tap the screen again and the spoken text appears on the screen as written text.

The app does not get every word perfectly correct, e.g. love instead of lava (Year 8 Science), but it is a very useful starting point for students to use as a pre-writing tool.

This is very useful for writing assignments or homework answers when spelling is not their strongest point. Speech must be clear and the app needs Wi-Fi/internet to work as the voice recognition software is not stored on your device.

It can also be used for compiling notes and reminders without having to type them in. As well, there is an export capability to email and other social media.

http://www.nuancemobilelife.com/apps/dragon-dictation/

YEAR 11/12 QCS PRACTICE

On Tuesday, 24 and Wednesday, 25 June 2014 there will be a QCS Practice. In Year 11 this will be all Pathway A (OP) and Pathway B (Selection Ranking) students. In Year 12 this will be all Pathway A (OP) students plus any other Pathway B students who have identified that they wish to take the test in September to Mrs Watterson, HOD Senior Schooling. It is vital that the students attend this over and above any other commitments.

YEAR 11/12 CERTIFICATE COURSE CATCH UPS

On Tuesday, 24 and Wednesday, 25 June 2014 identified students not required to do the QCS practice MUST attend school to catch up on the work within their Vocational Education and Training (VET) certificate courses. These students will receive a letter from their teachers instructing them to be at school on these days.

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; please note we are now enrolling. Please collect an enrolment pack from your student’s present school or the school office at Redbank Plains State High School.

Appointments information below:

2015 Enrolment dates and times for Year 7/8

All students commencing Year 7 or 8 in 2015 must attend an enrolment session with their parent/carer. Students who are enrolled during Term 2 and 3, 2014 will receive a $10.00 discount on the Resource Hire Scheme fee.
Term 2 and 3 dates times are as follows; please phone the school office on 3432 1222 to book your session:

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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/carers 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

**AFTER SCHOOL COOKING CLASSES FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 8 TO 10**

A group of 14 Redbank students answered yes to the following question “Do you like to get handy in the kitchen, try new recipes, and create delicious meals?” Then come along each week on a Tuesday afternoon to the Need for Feed program and test your skills and knowledge and be a Junior Masterchef in the making!

The popular Diabetes Queensland school cooking program Need for Feed is in full swing at Redbank Plains State High School. Kids all across Queensland are participating in this hands-on program.

The program includes lots of cooking from stir fry to curries, cakes and fruit bakes. The students are mastering skills in food preparation, what to eat to stay healthy and how to make plenty of quick easy recipes from scratch that taste delicious!

All participants have received a Need for Feed program booklet and an apron for participating in the program.

The after school program commenced in late April and has been running within the school Home Economics room. The program runs for 8 weeks, one session per week and concludes in week 9.

**OPEN DAY – VARIATION TO SCHOOL ROUTINE**

Next term we will be holding our School Open Day on Wednesday, 23 July from 3:30pm – 6:00pm.

The Open Day will provide the opportunity for you and your family to come into our school and visit various displays and sessions run by each of our Department areas. It is an excellent opportunity for you to gain an understanding of the wide-range of options available to your student from both a curricular and extra-curricular perspective.

We will also be inviting parents and students from our affiliate primary school network to come along and give them a good feel for what life at their local state high school is all about.

This is particularly important as 2015 sees the arrival of Year 7 students into high school for the first time in Queensland’s history. This will see over 550 students starting high school next year as year 7’s and year 8’s. Significant work has been undertaken to ensure this transition into high school is as smooth as it can be for this group of students.

In order to accommodate this year’s Open Day there will be a variation to our normal school routine.

Students will be sent home at 1:00pm on Wednesday, 23 July in order for the school staff and nominated student representatives to set up all displays.

We are asking that plans be made now to accommodate this change of school routine.

Variation to school routine for Open Day

Date: Wednesday, 23 July

Time:

Students will be dismissed at 1:00pm

Students will need to find their own way home at 1:00pm

Students who are unable to find alternative transport home at 1:00pm will be supervised by staff until 3:00pm. We would like to thank you in advance for accommodating this change of school routine and hope to see the majority of our parent community come along to our Open Day.

A program of events and activities will be distributed to students at the beginning of Term 3. We look forward to catching up with many of you on Open Day.

**BREAKFAST IS BACK**

At the end of last Term due to a small fire we regrettably had to stop the service of the breakfast program.

Thanks now to some generously kind donations from the Kruger Baptist church and sponsorship from the Goodna RSL service club and with the repairs to the kitchen nearly complete it is with excitement that we look forward to bringing the breakfast back in the coming weeks.
When Breakfast returns it will run from Tuesday to Friday 7.40am - 8.40am in the CRC kitchen. Breakfast will include a variety of cereal, toast and some fruit. Look forward to seeing you there soon.

*Kevin Young*
*Chaplain*