FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents, caregivers, students and community members

Welcome back to 2015, a year when history is made at Redbank Plains State High School as Year 7 students join us for their secondary education. I am very excited about what this year offers our students and community and look forward to everyone sharing in our successes.

Record Enrolments

This is also significant for our community with our 2015 enrolment reaching an all-time high of 1750 students. This is a tremendous show of faith from our local community in our high school and the work we have done over the past 4 years. This year we have welcomed 336 Year 7 students and 227 Year 8’s. These students engaged in an enjoyable Induction program during the first week of school, very capably run by our trained buddies from years 10, 11 and 12. I would like to thank these students and the two year coordinators, Miss George (Year 7) and Mrs Schuring (Year 8) and the two Junior Secondary School Heads of Department Mr Pearse and Mrs Wellings.

School Choir sings at Ipswich’s Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony

Our students were out representing their school this year before school had even started for the year. The Mayor invited the Polynesian Boys Choir to sing the National Anthem and a number of other songs at the Ipswich Civic Centre for the Australia Day Citizenship ceremony. The boys did an amazing job also singing African, Indigenous and contemporary Australian songs in their set. Congratulations to the boys who represented the school with pride. They received tremendous feedback from the people there on the evening complimenting them for their wonderful singing.

Enrolment Management Plan

The significant growth we have experienced has seen the Education Department impose an Enrolment Management Plan on our school. This means that only students who live in our defined catchment are able to enrol at our school. This is another sign of our success in that we are retaining a far greater percentage of our catchment enrolment and the parents and students are choosing us to provide them with their education.

Our Brand and logos Explained

In 2012, the school released a new school logo. This logo was designed to represent the new revitalised Redbank Plains State High School. The logo was designed as a stylized world globe with 3 shooting stars blazing across it.

The reference to the world is so students realise that they can do anything they put their minds to, anywhere in the world. There are no boundaries if they choose to commit all their efforts to their goals. The shooting stars are to inspire and challenge the students to aim high and reach for the stars in their schooling and future endeavours.
In 2013, the school became a School Wide Positive Behaviour Support school (SWPBS). The planning and development processes that were undertaken involved broad consultation with students, staff, parents and community to develop a core set of values and beliefs. These beliefs and values are framed in what we refer to as the “REAL”, Respect, Excel, Attend and Learn. All our language, policies and processes originate from the REAL and our behaviour matrix development has been shaped around these four expectations. These matrices have been developed for students, school staff and parents and community members.

The school mascot, Leo the Lion, has been incorporated into the school logo with the inclusion of the REAL logo. This logo is displayed everywhere in the school and the students know we have a REAL theme every week that is outlined on assembly and REAL lessons delivered to all students every week.

From 2015, Redbank Plains State High School representative groups will be known as the “Redbank Plains All Stars”. Again you can see that the school logo outline has been retained, as has Leo the Lion, now built into this logo. The school has decided that astronomy figures and names will determine the names of the mascot and the new sports houses (see below) that have been launched this week. Again a taskforce of staff have worked on the development and design of these new houses and their respective designs. I would like to acknowledge the work of Ms Seeto, Mr Ramm, Mr Pearse, Mrs Webber and Miss Johnson in the design of these new logos and the competition structures to be introduced in 2015. This is a great piece of work that progresses the alignment of all our artefacts.

Interhouse Swimming Carnival
The students and the house captains had their first competition for the year with the Annual Interhouse Swimming Carnival held at Bundamba Swimming Pool. This event was a great success with many swimmers and many helpers making a great day of it. Congratulations to the Draco Dragons who were the successful house on the day.

Thanks to Mr Chant and the other staff who ensured this day was successful and a great start to the year’s interschool competition.

It was also very pleasing to gain feedback from one of the bus drivers who took the students to and from the pool but who also does our interschool runs. He was glowing in his praise of the behaviour and good manners of the students from Redbank Plains State High School while travelling on his bus. We also had two parents compliment the student leaders of the day of the carnival and the buddies for their work in the induction program for the new students this year.

Regards

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COMING EVENTS

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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.

SENIOR STUDY ROOM
For those of you that don’t know, the Senior Study Room operates a small clothing bank of uniforms for students. We are able assist new or returning students who may require various items of school uniform. In the past, Year 12 students who have graduated, have kindly donated shirts, shorts, ties, tracksuits, jumpers and shoes to us, so that we may continue to support students.

If you are in a position to donate anything to the Senior Study Room clothing bank for 2015, it would be gratefully accepted. Please leave your items at the Student Office, Reception or send them along with a current student to the Senior Study Room.

Amy Luxton
Andrew Stratton
Senior Study Room

SENIOR SCHOOLING NEWSLETTER
It is a new year and we are off to a flying start. No sooner has the term started we have been busy in the Senior Schooling Department. The following is just a few of the things that have happened since school has started:

School Based Traineeships
Carrying over from last year we have nine students continuing their traineeships with local employers. The traineeships range from hospitality to warehousing and logistics. Our students continue to work hard and complete their hours for their
quality. This year we have a few more students starting new traineeships.

Westech

12 students from Redbank Plains State High School started their courses at Westech Trade Centre at Woodcrest College. We have four students that are enrolled in Cert II in Automotive. Another three are in the Cert 1 in Construction and five students are enrolled in Cert I in Engineering. These students will be out one day a week until Term 3 when they complete their course.

Traineeship with Ipswich Hospital

Late last year one student from Redbank was offered a Traineeship with Ipswich Hospital. These traineeships attract a high number of applications for a few spots and we have been fortunate to have one of our students succeed in being offered one of the traineeships.

Phoenix Development Group

Formerly known as Eastern Food Alliance they now operate under the name Phoenix Development Group. This year they have provided 13 places for our students to do a Cert III in Warehousing Operations. Recently they announced further possibilities for Year 11s this year to join them on more traineeship. Students will be informed when the next intake is ready.

Senior Study Room

COMMUNITY INFORMATION EVENING

Strategix Training Group, in conjunction with the Choices not Chances Program, Redbank Plains State High School, is proud to offer the community an opportunity to engage in the following training:

- Certificate III in Driving Operations including HR Licence*
- Certificate III in Logistics including Forklift Licence*
- Many other courses are available
  *Eligibility criteria apply

All courses are to be held in our local area. An information session is to be held:

- **Date:** 17 February 2015
- **Place:** ‘C’ Block, Redbank Plains State High School
- **Time:** 5.00pm – Free Sausage Sizzle
- 6.00pm – Information Session

Further information contact: Mike Winton - 0422 318 392 or mwint53@eq.edu.au

GenR8 – 2015

GenR8 is an award winning school to work transition program for Year 12 students wanting to enter the Transport and Logistics and Supply Chain Industry.

The program was piloted at Redbank Plains State High School in 2012 and now over 100 students from this school have participated in the program. Many Redbank Plains SHS students now have successful careers in the industry thanks to the GenR8 Program.

Since the humble beginnings in 2012 at our school, over 30 schools, state wide, offer the GenR8 Program 27 students from Redbank Plains SHS begin their training on Tuesday, 10 February 2015. They will complete a Certificate II in Logistics before commencing a one day a week work placement over 20 weeks. Allied Pickfords, TNT, Young Guns Container Crews and KS Eaters Transport partner with Redbank Plains State High School to deliver the onsite training.

Steel-capped footwear is a requirement for many of our industry partners. We are seeking your help. If you have any unwanted steel-capped footwear at home, we would appreciate hearing from you.

Thank you in anticipation.

Mike Winton
Coordinator, Choices not Chances Program / GenR8

SCHOOL BASED YOUTH HEALTH NURSE

My Name is Deb McCormack, and I am the School Based Youth Health Nurse for Redbank Plains State High School.

I am employed by Queensland Health to work at Redbank Plains State High School, and have done so for 18 months on a part time basis, job sharing the position. From January 2015, I will cover the role alone, and will be available for 7 days over a fortnight period.

Our role has no treatment focus, but is designed to deliver an accessible, confidential health service to students. In most cases, it is best for young people to talk to their parents/carers about health and wellbeing issues and this is something that I can support and encourage the young person in doing.

The emphasis of our work is based on preventative health promotion messages and harm minimisation for less desirable activities, in a manner that is user friendly for Teenagers. I can also help in connecting people to other internal and external support services, who may be better places to meet the needs of our young people.

I see students on a one to one basis, and also in groups in classes or to a whole school basis.

Our service primarily meets the needs of the young people at school, but I am also available to offer health and wellbeing information to the wider school community as appropriate.

If Students would like to see a School Nurse we are a voluntary drop in service, and the days of availability in school is displayed in our office window. If I am busy at the time, I will make an appointment for you, as quickly as able. The Nurse’s office can be found on the outside of B Block facing the oval.

I am very much looking forward to working with the students at Redbank Plains State High School once again, and hope to assist the young people to optimise positive health outcomes for their future lives.

Deb McCormack
School Based Youth Health Nurse
UNIFORM SHOP
Uniform shop hours are now 8.00am – 11.15am to 12.45pm – 3.30pm daily.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
School Photo Day is fast approaching.
Please click on the link for more information: