3 November 2015

FEATURE HEADLINE: FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 4 is always a time to celebrate our students achievements and say farewell to our Year 12 students. Tonight our proud parents and staff will witness many students receive recognition for academic, vocational, and cultural excellence at our Annual Awards Night. Congratulations in advance to all of our award winners; I hope that all parents and families enjoy their children’s recognition and accomplishments.

WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY

Last Friday (30 October) we celebrated World Teachers’ Day. It is a day set aside to reflect on the difference that having access to education brings to society. We are indeed fortunate in Australia to have access to an education system that embraces multiple pathways for our young people to gain knowledge, skills, social and civic awareness. At Redbank Plains State High School we are blessed to have dedicated staff who take pride in their work; we thank all of our teachers.

ATTENDANCE

If you have been a regular reader of our school newsletter, you will have noticed that we always take the opportunity to talk about attendance and the importance of being at school every lesson every day. We have had a real focus on improving attendance this year but we want to do better. We need your help as parents to improve attendance. We need you to ensure that you put in place structures that ensure maximum attendance for your student. All the research tells us that the more time spent with their teacher the better they will achieve academically and that is what we all want. Near the end of the term students traditionally tell their parents that they do not need to attend as we are doing no work. Please do not believe this and ensure they attend each day. In 2015 we have set minimum attendance targets that must be met before students will be permitted to attend extra-curricular events such as school camps and formals.

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING IN 2016

We are currently in the process of finalising the timetable and classes for 2016. As you would appreciate this is a difficult and complex task. To ensure that we arrive at the best possible result for all students it is important that we have accurate information.

Please notify the student office as soon as possible if your student is not returning in 2016.

RELEASE OF YEAR 12 RESULTS

The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) will release student QCEs, OPs and Senior Statements through student learning accounts on the Student Connect website, https://studentconnect.qcaa.qld.edu.au from 9am on Saturday, 19 December 2015.

Students must know their Learner Unique Identifier (LUI) and password to log in and check their results.
If Students wish to access their results they must activate their learning account before leaving school. If you are having problems doing this please come and see Mrs Butler in the Office before Friday, 13 November.

Senior Education profiles will then be mailed out by the QCAA from Monday, 21 December.

QCS students will be able to access their QCS grades through student connect on Wednesday, 18 November.

**REFURBISHMENT OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS BLOCKS**

Our school has been successful in being selected to have two blocks remodelled and refurbished. At present, we are working through the tender process with the project managers and the plan is for the work to be undertaken during the Christmas break. Both blocks will be completely refurbished with a number of design changes and upgrades. School staff have put a great deal of time and effort in designing plans that will benefit the learning conditions of our students. This will be a wonderful way to commence the 2016 school year, and we very much look forward to the project being completed.

**BE RESPECTFUL; UNIFORM**

All our language and processes originate from our REAL policy and our behaviour matrix has been shaped around these four expectations. Being respectful is one of our values; wearing the school uniform correctly is part of being respectful at Redbank Plains State High School.

Our school’s image and reputation are first determined by how our students look and then how they act. Our strict enforcement of the uniform code means that the first impression people get of our school, and of your students, is extremely positive. This positive regard is important for our students as they transition into the workforce.

I would like to reinforce that students need to be aware of how they represent themselves while wearing our school uniform and from school. It is important that all students comply with road rules and basic road safety principles while travelling to and from school. We have many students who walk to the local shops in the afternoon and cross busy main roads. There are designated crossings at the lights and at all intersections that must be used by our students for their safety.

**Michael West**  
Principal

**COMING EVENTS**

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**UPDATE YOUR DETAILS**

From time to time family circumstances change, for example, custody issues, addresses, new phone number/s 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.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORMS**

Students in Health and Physical Education, Physical Education or Recreation Studies (HPE, PED or RST) classes are required to wear their PE uniform on the days they have these classes. Students are able to perform to a higher level and are less restricted if they are wearing their physical education uniform while engaging in activity. Formal uniforms are not designed to withstand the rigour of activity and may be prone to damage. While there is no requirement to change following the lesson(s), this is often something many students like to do, to be more comfortable for the remainder of their day.

Recently the school purchased new senior PE uniforms. The expectation is that by the end of Semester 2, all students in Years 10 and 11 must attend in this uniform. The Year 12 students are able to continue wearing the current PE uniform or have the option to buy the new uniform if they desire. Students who already have the Sports Development Uniform can wear this uniform.

Families who may be experiencing financial hardship should call to make an appointment with the HOD HPE to discuss the issue.

**Jamie Ramm**  
HOD Health and Physical Education
YEAR 7 CAMP

This is a reminder that the Year 7 camp is occurring on the last week of school from Monday, 7 to Wednesday, 9 December. All forms and final payments are due by Wednesday, 24 November to be paid at the student office.

If you are planning on using Centrelink or any other payment plans please notify the student office that you intend to do so before these dates. There will be a list of what to bring handed out to students this week. We are looking forward to having a great time and to celebrate a successful year.

Kate George
Yr. 7 Coordinator JSS
Humanities/English

REDBANK PLAINS SHS 2015 SPORTS AWARDS

On Tuesday, 20 October we held our annual sports awards assembly acknowledging the achievements of our athletes for the 2015 year. This year saw the second season of the sporting district Yagera, where we won four premierships in the summer season with a further seven in the winter season.

In relation to the three big carnivals, Redbank Plains State High School won the Yagera District Cross-Country and for the second year running the Yagera District Athletics while we finished 2nd in swimming. We had 23 students represent Met West across a range of sports with Hinckley, Jazzaley and Samuel representing Qld in volleyball and softball respectively.

Closer to home our school house champion was Draco Dragons who won the swimming and cross-country carnivals with eagles winning the athletics. Well done and congratulations to all of our athletes for a fantastic year and we look forward to doing even better in 2016.

Gavin Chant
Sports Coordinator

COMMUNITY TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Work Skills have secured trade recognition funding whereby people working in the automotive industry that may have many years of experience but do not hold the relevant nationally recognised qualification can have their knowledge and skills recognised through an RPL (recognition of prior learning) process and training and assessment of gap units of competency. This is a very time and cost effective way of obtaining the qualification and something our school community may be able to take advantage of. The cost usually ranges in the vicinity of $50 - $150.

To take advantage of the trade recognition program, participants must meet the following criteria:

- be a permanent resident of Australia living in Qld
- be an Australian citizen living in Qld or
- Certificate III in Automotive Underbody Technology
- Certificate III in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology
- Certificate III in Heavy Commercial Vehicle Mechanical Technology
- Certificate III in Automotive Body Repair Technology
- Certificate III in Automotive Refinishing Technology

For further information contact Mike Winton, Co-ordinator, Choices not Chances Program, Redbank Plains State High School on 0422 318 392 or email mwint53@eq.edu.au.

Mike Winton
Co-ordinator
Choices not Chances Program

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Uniform orders for Year 7, 8 and 9 Students will be delivered on the 04/11/2015.

Get in early and buy at today’s prices as there will be a price rise on the 16/11/2015.

Sue Prior
Uniform Shop

YEAR 11 LEADERSHIP CAMP

Over 40 of our Year 11 students recently spent three days enjoying the quiet surrounds of Luther Heights at Coolum for our annual Leadership Camp. The camp was an opportunity for students to reflect on their own leadership qualities and learn new ways to conquer their fears.

As part of the camp students were asked to participate in a series of trust activities and physical challenges that required them to work together and break down their own barriers. Some of these included a simulated rescue activity, a leap of faith and a flying fox. Of course no trip to Coolum is complete without going to the beach.

Often up before sunrise, the students made the most of every minute at Luther Heights. It was great to see the students support each other in overcoming some very real fears and have a look at some of the school leaders for 2016.
**QATSIF SCHOLARSHIP**

The Year 12 Indigenous students graduated from their QATSIF scholarship at the University of Queensland with approximately another 100 indigenous students from around SEQ.

In other news ten Indigenous students from the Year 12 cohort visited the Brisbane Broncos, for a day trip. The students did a workshop on “What’s your state of mind”; Brisbane Broncos winger Darius Boyd gave an honest account of his struggle with depression while being a professional footballer, the boys enjoyed their talk with him and Josh Maguire.

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**Mel Malcomson**  
**Junior Secondary School**  
**English/ Humanities Teacher**

**Deans’ Report**

WEEK 5: Student focus is I persist and strive to achieve excellence
WEEK 6: Student focus is I achieve 100% attendance

At Redbank Plains State High School staff commends students for positive interactions, behaviours or achievements via our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) program. Students are recognised for displaying REAL behaviours (Respect, Excel, Attend, Learn). Opportunities for gaining a positive referral can stem from consistently being on time to classes through to participation in a school community event. At the end of each week we share and celebrate the positive achievements of each of our year levels.

Featured below are the total number of positive behaviour referrals obtained in each year level cohort for Weeks 2 and 3:

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Each week a random draw also identifies four students – from the names of all students who received positive referrals in the week – who are our Random Roar Recipients. These students receive a complimentary pizza voucher from the local Eagle Boys at Redbank Plains – thank you Eagle Boys!

Congratulations to our winning students for Weeks 2 and 3:

Week 2: Chelsea 9A, Ethan 8X, Alex 10J and Asi 10I
Week 3: Evvie 9L, James 7K, Prezley 10Y and Fiona 12G

Please remember to wear your uniform with pride!

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