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State High School  
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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students

### Interim Reports

Term 1 is almost over. Students are currently engaged in revision and assessment, either completing assignments or undertaking exams. Interim reports will be emailed or posted to families in the last week of the Term 1. Reports will indicate an A – E grade in achievement, effort and behaviour. Parent Teacher interviews are scheduled for early in May and bookings will open in mid-April. More information with specific dates and booking instructions will be announced in early Term 2. I urge all parents to book an interview with your student's teacher to discuss his/her progress.

### Appointments with Staff at School

There may be occasions on which you wish to speak with specific staff members about aspects of your student's education. To ensure that staff are available and prepared for the conversation, please make an appointment through reception and outline the nature of your concern or query. If you are unable to attend, it would be greatly appreciated if you inform the school and/or reschedule the appointment. All visitors must sign in at reception before attending their appointment.

### Student Attendance

During Term 1 our whole school attendance has reached at least 90% for most weeks. Congratulations to the Year 7s whose attendance is consistently above 90%. Regular

attendance is a crucial factor in your student's educational success and builds positive workforce habits for the future. If your student is unable to attend, please contact the school to explain the absence.

### Student Achievements and Events

Some of our school leaders are visiting interesting places in Ipswich City and lunching with Councillor Ireland this week. I'm sure they will enjoy and learn much from the experience.

Congratulations to those students who have been selected to compete in the Met West State Championships. One of our talented Year 10 students will compete in the Open Boys Softball team in April and two of our Year 9 girls will compete in the volleyball championships in Toowoomba. Best wishes to them all.

Parent support is a vital contributor to student achievement. Thank-you for the support you have given your student and our teachers over the Term. Ensuring that students attend regularly: they are ready to learn with their resources and value and engage in learning will assist them to achieve at their potential and reach their goals.

Regards

**Margaret Kerswell**  
**Principal**

## COMING EVENTS

| March |                              |
|-------|------------------------------|
| 21    | Newsletter Distributed       |
| 22    | Year 7 Vaccinations 9am      |
| 28-29 | QCS Practice for 11/12       |
| 31    | End of School Term           |
| April |                              |
| 2     | Newsletter Distributed       |
| 17    | Easter Monday Public Holiday |
| 23    | Newsletter Distributed       |
| 25    | Anzac Day Public Holiday     |
| May   |                              |
| 2     | Newsletter Distributed       |
| 23    | Newsletter Distributed       |

## 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.

## THE NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolling out across Queensland using local government area boundaries. It will commence in the Ipswich area on 1 July 2017.

You can search by postcode to find out when the NDIS will roll out in your area.

The first step to becoming an NDIS participant is completing an access request.

People who receive disability support services through the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (DCCSDS) will be contacted by the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) to start this process.

People who aren't receiving disability support services through DCCSDS may still be eligible to receive support through the NDIS. The NDIS access checklist is available online. If you think you or your child may be eligible you are encouraged to call

the NDIA Hotline on 1800 800 110 to start the access request process.

Once an access request is submitted you will be kept informed about its progress and the next steps in the process. Frequently asked questions about accessing the NDIS are now available.

If you have any questions about the NDIS call 1800 800 110.

- For people with hearing or speech loss: TTY 1800 555 677, Speak and listen 1800 555 727
- For people who need help with English TIS 131 450

**Margaret Kerswell**  
**Principal**

## SPORTS NEWS

After winning the Yagera Champion School in 2015 and 2016 expectations are running high for a repeat effort in 2017. The Yagera Summer Season got under way in week 5 against Woodcrest. Good luck to all the students for the season. Results thus far:

### Round 1 v Woodcrest

| Sport                     | Result  |         |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|
| Open Girls Touch          | Win     | 13 – 0  |
| Year 9/10 Girls Touch     | NO GAME | NO GAME |
| Year 7/8 Girls Touch      | Win     | 7 – 5   |
| Year 7/8 Girls Basketball | Lost    | 14 – 47 |
| Open Boys Touch           | NO GAME | NO GAME |
| Year 9/10 Boys Touch      | NO GAME | NO GAME |
| Year 7/8 Boys Touch       | Win     | 11 - 4  |
| Open Boys Volleyball      | Win     | 2 - 0   |
| Year 9/10 Boys Volleyball | Win     | 2 – 0   |
| Year 7/8 Boys Volleyball  | Lost    | 1 - 2   |
| Year 7/8 Boys Basketball  | Lost    | 24-29   |

### Round 2 v Springfield Central

| Year Sport                | Result |         |
|---------------------------|--------|---------|
| Open Girls Touch          | Loss   | 1 – 4   |
| Year 9/10 Girls Touch     | Loss   | 1 – 3   |
| Year 7/8 Girls Touch      | Loss   | 1 – 10  |
| Year 7/8 Girls Basketball | Win    | 43 – 15 |
| Open Boys Touch           | Draw   | 3 – 3   |
| Year 9/10 Boys Touch      | Loss   | 4 – 5   |
| Year 7/8 Boys Touch       | Loss   | 5 - 7   |

| Year Sport                | Result  |         |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|
| Open Boys Volleyball      | Win     | 2 - 0   |
| Year 9/10 Boys Volleyball | No Game | No Game |
| Year 7/8 Boys Volleyball  | No Game | No Game |
| Year 7/8 Boys Basketball  | Lost    | 26 - 45 |

## YAGERA DISTRICT SPORT

### Summer Season Draw 2017

The first named team is girls at home and boys away.

Finals: Semi-Final 2 vs 3, winner advances to the grand-final to play top of the ladder team. Semi-finals played at home ground of the school that comes second. Finals where possible played at central venue or at home venue of the team that came first.

If a school cannot field a team in the age group for a sport; the opposing school has a BYE for that team. Teams for each school MUST be decided at the beginning of the season by the set date.

#### Week 1 – 21/02/17

Woodcrest Vs. Redbank

Glenala Vs. Forest Lake

Springfield Vs. Bellbird Park

#### Week 3 – 07/03/17

Forest Lake Vs. Redbank

Woodcrest Vs. Springfield

Glenala Vs. Bellbird Park

#### Week 5 – 21/03/17

Redbank Vs. Glenala

Springfield Vs. Forest Lake

Woodcrest Vs. Bellbird Park

#### Week 7 – THURSDAY - 20/04/17

Grand final: 1 Vs Winner of Semi-Final

#### Week 2 – 28/02/17

Redbank Vs. Springfield

Glenala Vs. Woodcrest

Forest Lake Vs. Bellbird Park

#### Week 4 – 14/03/17

Glenala Vs. Springfield

Woodcrest Vs. Forest Lake

Redbank Vs. Bellbird Park

#### Week 6 – 28/03/17

Semi-final: 2 Vs 3

Sports and coaches for the summer season are as follows:

| SPORT      | AGE GROUP       | AFTERNOON | COACH                |
|------------|-----------------|-----------|----------------------|
| BASKETBALL | Year 7/8 BOYS   | Tuesday   | Mr Williams          |
| TOUCH      | OPEN BOYS       | Tuesday   | Mr Faulkner          |
|            | Year 9/10 BOYS  | Tuesday   | Mr Stone             |
|            | Year 7/8 BOYS   | Tuesday   | Ms Anderson          |
| VOLLEYBALL | OPEN BOYS       | Tuesday   | Mr Kelk              |
|            | Year 9/10 BOYS  | Tuesday   | Mr Chant             |
|            | Year 7/8 BOYS   | Tuesday   | Mr Collins           |
| BASKETBALL | Year 7/8 GIRLS  | Tuesday   | Ms Rizvanovic        |
| TOUCH      | OPEN GIRLS      | Tuesday   | Ms Doyle / Ms Brooks |
|            | Year 9/10 GIRLS | Tuesday   | Mr Nicholls          |
|            | Year 7/8 GIRLS  | Tuesday   | Ms Smith             |

## SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The whole school swimming carnival was held on 1 February this year at Corinda Pool. The points for our annual carnival were as follows:

**1st** - Scorpius Scorpions 1189

**2nd** - Draco Dragons 954

**3rd** - Taurus Bulls 749

**4th** - Aquila Eagles 736

### Congratulations to Scorpius Scorpions!!!

School Swimming Age Champions were as follows:

| Age      | Boys    | Girls     |
|----------|---------|-----------|
| 12 Years | Sam     | Amy       |
| 13 Years | Joel    | Nil       |
| 14 Years | Calab   | Elsie     |
| 15 Years | Wylen   | Alice     |
| 16 Years | Ben     | Madeleine |
| Open     | Anyieth | Janaya    |

## District Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday, 7 February the District Swimming Carnival was held at Jindalee Pool. Many competitors swam numerous events one after the other gaining Redbank some vital points. Overall we finished 3rd with one Age Champion:

**Madeleine** – 16 Years Girls

Congratulations and well done to Redbank for an awesome effort!!!

## Redbank Plains SHS – Living Legends

Congratulations to the following for being selected in a Met West team:

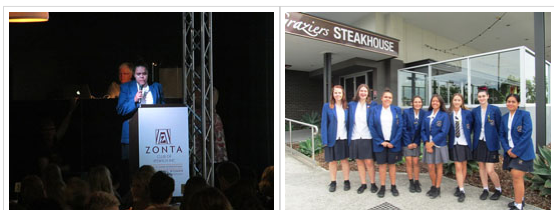
- **Maddison** – 13-19 Years Girls Softball
- **Josh** – 13-19 Years Boys Softball
- **Sam** – 13-19 Years Boys Softball
- **Radellene** – 12-15 Years Girls Volleyball
- **Sharice** – 12-15 Years Girls Volleyball
- **Moses** – 12-15 Years Boys Volleyball

**Gavin Chant**  
**Sports Coordinator**

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST

Eight Students from Redbank Plains SHS attended the International Women's Day 2017 breakfast organised by the Zonta Club of Ipswich. The theme this year is "Empower a woman, Empower a nation." This aims to build awareness of the obstacles women face globally and to highlight how women's empowerment translates into stronger nations, economies and safer communities.

Jessica, Cinthia, Abbey, Taylya, Lahlea, Samantha, Samah and Keely listened to guest speaker Neroli Holmes Deputy Commissioner, Anti-Discrimination Commission of Queensland talk about unconscious bias and where it has come from. Latika was invited to deliver the acknowledgement of Country. Ms Tracey Doyle - Year 11 Coordinator and I attended this event with the students.



**Belinda Walker**  
**Deputy Principal**

## MARCH IS EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH

Epilepsy is a common neurological condition affecting 1-2% of the population. Although it is more likely to be diagnosed in childhood or senior years, it is not confined to any age group, sex, or race and can be diagnosed at any age.

Epilepsy is a tendency to have recurring seizures. There are many different types of seizures but they are always due to abnormal electrical activity somewhere in the brain. Many people will have one seizure at some stage in their lives, but this is not necessarily epilepsy because there is a low risk of recurrence. Many children with epilepsy will eventually 'grow out of it' by the time they reach adulthood. For some people, the tendency to recurrent seizures may be a lifelong predisposition.

Epilepsy is one of the oldest conditions known and is described in ancient literature thousands of years ago – including the Bible. In ancient times, seizures were attributed to many causes and influences which we now know are entirely incorrect. Modern scientific research of the brain in epilepsy tells us that seizures are simply the symptoms of an abnormality of the electrical connections in the brain.

Many people over the lifespan using medication and a healthy lifestyle become seizure free, living a well-rounded and full life.

There are many people in our community who may have experienced a seizure and some who have these in an ongoing manner, the month of March aims to raise our awareness of this condition.

A time to understand that first aid for this; as in many other health situations, is simple yet effective.

*Information gathered from;* [www.epilepsyqueensland.com.au](http://www.epilepsyqueensland.com.au) ,  
<http://www.epilepsy.org.au/>

**Nicole Macqueen**  
**School Based Youth Health Nurse.**

## CHANGES TO FORMAT OF NAPLAN NUMERACY TESTS

This year, Years 7 and 9 students will be required to sit a single numeracy paper in one 60 minute sitting. It is comprised of two parts:

- Part A (Calculator test) Duration is 50 minutes
- Part B (Non-Calculator test) Duration is 10 minutes

The number of items for the numeracy test has been reduced from 64 to 48. This brings the number of items into alignment with the reading tests. The numeracy tests will continue to cover all sub-domains of numeracy (including number and algebra; measurement and geometry; and statistics and probability), allowing students to demonstrate performance across a range of numeracy skills. The reduction of items will not affect the reliability or validity of the tests.



Students will require a calculator, pencil and eraser for the numeracy test.

The table below outlines when the Years 7 and 9 students are scheduled to complete the NAPLAN tests this year.

|                                      |                         |                          |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Tuesday, May 9                       | Wednesday,<br>May 10    | Thursday, May<br>11      |
| Language conventions<br>(45 minutes) | Reading (65<br>minutes) | Numeracy (60<br>minutes) |
| Writing (40 minutes)                 |                         |                          |

The following website provides further information for parents and carers regarding the NAPLAN tests:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/docs/default-source/default-document-library/naplan-2017-information-brochure-for-parents-and-carers.pdf?sfvrsn=2>

**Tammy Muckert**  
**HOD Curriculum (Numeracy)**

## ARE YOU A PARENT OF A CHILD WITH TYPE 1 DIABETES?

Every day thousands of Australian children suffer the effects of type 1 Diabetes and families struggle with illness management and children's behavioural and emotional adjustment.

Positive Parenting for Healthy Living is an adaptation of the successful Triple P - Positive Parenting Program, offering practical ideas and support for parents of children with type 1 diabetes. This innovative group program is designed to help parents manage their child's illness, assist children in coping with their illness and emotions, and prevent and manage difficult child behaviour.

Over the next few months and for a limited time only, parents of 2-10 year old children with type 1 diabetes are able to access Positive Parenting for Healthy Living Triple P free of charge as part of a University of Queensland research project. Contact Dr Amy Mitchell on (07) 3346 1202 or email [diabetes.healthyliving@uq.edu.au](mailto:diabetes.healthyliving@uq.edu.au) or visit the link below for more information.

<https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/t1diabetes>

## ATTENDANCE

How long would a person last in the workforce if he or she were to take 18 days a year off in "sickies?" Not long, that's for sure.

There are students who have been absent for 18 and more days so far this year, which is totally unacceptable and not giving the student a bright future. If you are allowing your student to take a day off for their birthday, family outings, going shopping, and looking after siblings (many more reasons) when it is not for legitimate illnesses, it will severely impact on your student's education progress. Building a stable platform for students to launch from into life and careers is what we are aiming for. Let's not jeopardize this with unnecessary absences.

Here at school there are great support staffs in place to help your student with absenteeism. You can make an appointment at any time 3432 1222, to speak with the Liaison Officers (African, Indigenous, Pacific Islander, and Community), year

level coordinator, guidance officers and your student's Deputy Principal.

With support from the student's family and school community we can make a difference to your child's future. Let's all work together to encourage your student to BE AT SCHOOL ALL DAY EVERY DAY!

Thank you to parents/care givers who continue to advise the school for reasons of absences for their student.

Student Absences: If students are absent of late please telephone student:

Absentee Line 34321209 or SMS 0428861826 and provide:

Your name and relation to student  
Student's full name  
Year level  
Date of absence  
Reason for absence  
Contact number

**Lucy Salanoa**  
**Community Liaison Officer**

## STUDENT ID CARD UPDATE

Later this week students will be given an envelope to take home which will have the Student Details form in it to be checked by their parent/s or caregiver. Parent/s or caregiver are to check the details and to change any details not correct for example, emails, phone numbers, address, occupation (if now unemployed please indicate as this influences the school funding).

The form must be signed by their parent/s or caregiver at the bottom of the form whether there are changes or not. This form is then to be returned by the student to their Access Teacher ASAP who will give it to Student Office. The Student ID Card will then be given to the Access teacher to pass onto the student.

The school would like to encourage the quick return of these forms so the students receive their Student Cards.

**Belinda Walker**  
**Deputy Principal**

## COOKING CLASSES FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 7 TO 10

We are excited to announce that the popular Diabetes Queensland school cooking program Need for Feed is coming to our school! Kids all across Queensland are participating in this hands-on program and it is now available for up to 15-20 lucky students' in Years 7 to 10.

This 'hands-on' approach to cooking will expose students to a variety of dishes, basic skills involved in preparing and cooking meals from scratch and will improve student awareness with healthy eating. The program will be run outside of school hours with the guidance of qualified staff, making the cooking experience both safe and enjoyable.

All participants will receive a Need for Feed manual for participating in the program. A small fee of \$30 in total will be charged for participation in the cooking program that can be paid to the school.

The program will commence on Tuesday, 4 April at 3.15pm and will be run within the school home economics room. The program will run for 8 weeks, with one session per week.

As there are only 15-20 spots available please see Carolyn Holt to register, but hurry, spots WILL fill fast!

This program is funded by the Queensland Government.



**Carolyn Holt**  
**Teacher**

## DEANS' REPORT

**Student focus this week is.... I fully engage in classroom activities through positive interaction**

**Student focus for week 8 is....I attend 100%**

In connection with our student focus: ***I fully engage in classroom activities through positive interaction*** – it is a great time to remind students to complete all work to the best of their ability while being respectful of the staff and students in the classroom. Students need to adhere to the REAL expectations at all times during classroom activities. A student demonstrates this by having respect for the teacher, the learning of other students and following direction the first time. Positive interactions will occur when a student persists and strives to achieve excellence by completing all classroom, homework and assessment tasks to the best of their ability. A student will need to be punctual to all classes and be organised with all the required materials, but most importantly, be responsible for their own learning.

A reminder for Years 10, 11 and 12 students, they must be wearing the senior school polo shirt with the yellow collar for Health and Physical Education lessons and the white senior shirt and school skirt/shorts. No student in these years should be wearing the junior polo shirt with the blue collar. A white shirt may be worn under these shirts, but it must not be visible e.g. short sleeves and tucked in. Failure to comply with these rules will result in further consequences. Students are not to mix their senior/sports uniforms, and should be in their full formal uniform or their full sports uniform.

We would also like to take the opportunity to remind you that black lace-up leather shoes/joggers are the only acceptable

shoe to be worn by students at Redbank Plains SHS. Students who do not comply with this policy will be issued appropriate consequences.

Summer has left us behind, and we are nearing the end of Term 1. Now is the time to start organising a winter uniform for the colder months. A reminder to parents/guardian, that the only jumper/jacket that can be worn at Redbank Plains SHS is a school jumper/jacket that can be purchased through the uniform shop. Notes will not be accepted for non-school jumpers and consequences will be issued for students who continually fail to follow the school rules.

Featured below is data around **positive behaviour referrals across all cohorts for Weeks 5 and 6 this Term:**

| Year         | Positive Behaviour Referrals |        |
|--------------|------------------------------|--------|
|              | Week 5                       | Week 6 |
| 7            | 178                          | 136    |
| 8            | 123                          | 163    |
| 9            | 155                          | 111    |
| 10           | 128                          | 80     |
| 11           | 115                          | 123    |
| 12           | 136                          | 224    |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | 835                          | 837    |

**Random Roar Recipients for Weeks 5 and 6**

**Congratulations to:**

**WEEK 5:** Sean – 11C, Myia – 12F, Caitlin – 9S and Amelia – 7G

**WEEK 6:** Kara-Anne – 12F, Cameron –10I, Sam – 8S and Callum –7S

Remember queries around behaviour processes, can be directed to the appropriate Dean. Have a great week!

**Years 7/8 Dean**

**Megan**

**Armbruster**

**Years 9/10**

**Dean**

**Natalie**

**Petersen**

**Years 11/12**

**Dean**

**Tanya Webber**

## BOOK CLUB COMES TO REDBANK PLAINS SHS

One of our key priorities in 2017 is to improve the reading and writing skills of our students. Our goal is to prepare them to meet the literacy demands of the 21st century through an intensive focus on reading.

One of the ways we hope to encourage reading at home is through the introduction of the Scholastic Book Club program. Students in Grades 7 and 8 will have the opportunity to participate in Book Club this year. We know many families are familiar with Book Club but for those who are less familiar, Book Club is:

- An ongoing program, with an issue provided roughly every six weeks.
- A reward program, in that every book purchased by families allows the school to earn free resources for our library and classrooms.
- A way to encourage students to choose books they are interested in. Please note the following information outlining how Book Club will be managed at Redbank Plains SHS.
- All orders must be pre-paid online or credit card details entered on the order form provided at the back of the brochure.
- No cash or cheques can be accepted.
- The Book Club LOOP platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your student's order is submitted directly to school and the books will be delivered to class. You can place orders at the Scholastic Website or using the LOOP App, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.
- Enquiries are to be emailed to our Book Club Coordinator:



**Cate ABSOLON**  
**Teacher Librarian (Part Time)**

<http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP>

**Lynette Smith: [lsmit986@eq.edu.au](mailto:lsmit986@eq.edu.au)**

## LIBRARY NEWS

We are very excited about our new initiative and hope that families embrace this opportunity.

Our Year 8 Science students have been studying Rocks in class and to support their assignment work the Library has batched up a collection of book resources for referencing and borrowing, made a display for students to view, and loaned out the tablets before school and during Major and Minor Breaks for them to complete the set task of creating a poster.



A project this month which staff have been working on was to design and create customised Spine Label Stickers for our Fiction books aligned with the Genres held in our collection at Redbank Plains SHS. Stories have been catalogued into Animal, Romance, Humour, Horror, Adventure and Mystery, Science fiction and Fantasy, Relationships, War and History or Sport.

So now students can browse the shelves using this section layout to help discover a certain type of book to read.