22 May 2018

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Principal’s Welcome

It was great to see so many caregivers in attendance at the first Parent/Teacher interviews of the year, discussing the educational progress of their students at Redbank Plains State High School. Most students have made a good start to 2018 and their parents can be proud of their results.

On Wednesday, 30 May the school will host the official opening of the Infinity STEM Centre with invitations extended to local politicians and the leaders of our feeder primary schools. Throughout 2018 the school has been upgrading the school’s IT network to enable the implementation of a Bring Your Own Device program in 2019. Under this program, students who purchase a device through the school portal, will be able to access the school wireless network and do all their schoolwork; at home and school, on a single electronic device. I would like to thank the school ICT Team led by Ms Chris Taege for their outstanding work in preparing the school infrastructure for this exciting development.

Finally, I would like to thank Deputy Principal Diana Furlan and her team for preparing the students for the NAPLAN tests. HOD: Literacy - Julie Finlayson, HOD: Numeracy - Tammy Muckert and HOD: Junior Secondary - Scott Pearse have worked with classroom teachers to implement the Australian Curriculum with fidelity, which is the best preparation students can receive. Students are also well rehearsed in strategies for test taking, which is a great preparation for the rigors of Senior Secondary academic courses as well.

Finally, with the chills of winter coming, parents should check that their student’s jumper fits and that it is clearly marked with their name. Many jumpers are left around the school after breaks or P.E and it is impossible to get them back to their owner without a nametag.

Your partner in education

Tom Beck
Principal

COMING EVENTS

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UPCOMING CAREER EVENTS

2018 Annual Tertiary Studies Expo

FREE Admission! 21/07/2018 to 22/07/2018 held at the Brisbane Showgrounds. The Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO) Brisbane is Australia’s largest tertiary studies expo. This event offers a unique opportunity for anyone interested in starting, changing or upgrading their career and features many local,
Hi Redbank Plains SHS Students, families and staff

Here at Redbank Plains State High School we are very fortunate to be able to run a Breakfast Club every morning from 7:45am until 8:35am, the Breakfast Club is run by myself, the school Chaplain and some very capable student volunteers. We provide students with toast and cereal, as well as fruit, cordial and Milo. We are able to provide this wonderful service due to the generosity of various sponsors.

Our major sponsor is the YMCA, each week they provide us with unlimited amounts of Tip Top wholemeal bread and fruit bread, Paul’s fresh milk, Devondale long-life milk, Vita Brits, fruit and margarine. On top of that, the YMCA has also secured a generous sponsorship for our Breakfast Club from the Commonwealth Bank Staff Community Fund, this will provide us with other yummy and nutritional items such as vegemite, jam, honey, milo and more cereals.

Redbank Plains SHS also receives sponsorship for the Breakfast Club from two other sources, Kelloggs and the Goodna RSL Club. As part of the Kelloggs Breakfast Buddies program, Kelloggs provide us with cartons of Cornflakes, Rice Bubbles and Sultana Bran at no cost to us when we need it. Goodna RSL Club very kindly provide us with a $200 donation once a month which is used to buy items when we are running low or to purchase fruit and cordial.

A healthy and nutritious breakfast is an important way to start the day, it fuels the body and improves concentration and this can lead to better academic outcomes for students. If, like me, you are running short of time in the mornings then I encourage you to visit us at Breakfast Club for a quick and healthy breakfast to fuel up for the day ahead.

On behalf of our school community I would like to extend a huge thank you to our generous sponsors, the YMCA, the Commonwealth Bank Staff Community Fund, Kelloggs and Goodna RSL Club, for providing us with everything we need to prepare a wonderful breakfast for our students each and every day. I would also like to thank the student volunteers for giving up their time each morning to serve everyone with a smile and a happy face.

Have a great week!

Chappy Tegan
Below is the Welcome Page where you can choose a product offered online for research in the Student section there is a search bar to enter in a Topic search, a Browse by Topic and Maps and Atlases option.

Our Library Staff are skilled in many ways as seen in this photo from Major Break with Mrs Gehrmann sitting with students in an impromptu Knitting/Tutoring session. Mrs Rafton very generously donated a free council Banksia which is now blooming marvellously in the Library Courtyard.

Harmony Day Display was up in the library as an opportunity for students to quietly reflect on living in a multicultural society after the high energy performances on Assembly.

Finally for this month’s news students are reminded to look and borrow some of the new fiction and non-fiction books from the library.

**USQ VISIT**

On Tuesday, 16 May, 33 of our Year 12 students attended an Experience Day at USQ Springfield. Robyn Evans spoke to the students about USQ and how it is different to other universities. She said “Everyone at USQ counts. Everyone is important.” Students are able to study on campus, online, part-time and full-time. USQ has 3 campuses - Springfield, Ipswich and Toowoomba and offers 107 different degree programs.

Four students indicated that they would be the first in their family to attend university. Of the group 12 students attended the session on law, 10 students went to education, 5 students to Business/IT, 5 students attended engineering and 1 student went to the session on creative arts and media. The Business/IT students - Albert, Jezebel, Juanita, Amelia and Cornelia participated in a variety of group activities based on designing a theme park discussing the product, image, branding, marketing and advertising. Students were exceptional. Ms Naomi Dowden, Mrs Lucy Salanoa and myself attended the day with the students.

Belinda Walker
Year 12 Deputy Principal
Each year to celebrate the end of 12 years of schooling we organise and run a Senior Formal as well as offer a Mystery Tour (party safe alternative run after the formal).

This year the formal will be held at Rydges, Southbank and cost $130. The Mystery Tour will run directly after the formal and we will be visiting a number of undisclosed venues, it will cost $75.

Please note that as soon as the final prices are set a letter will go home with students.

Since the beginning of Year 10, students were advised that all students would be required to meet an eligibility criteria to participate in extracurricular events that the school offers – in particular the Formal and Mystery Tour. This the same criteria that has been adopted over the past few years.

The criteria is as follows:

1. All students must have 90% attendance (this has reduced from 93%). This attendance included time at school as well as at school approved events (like excursions, TAFE courses etc). Students who are absent due to sickness are required to have a medical certificate – this can be in the form of an official doctor’s certificate or appointment cards (for things like the dentist, physio etc). We also accept absences for attendance to a funeral (providing that students supply either the funeral notice or order of service).

2. All outstanding school fees must be paid in full, before payment for the formal or mystery tour will be accepted by the student office. Statements have been emailed to families outlining outstanding fees – I have also been visiting access classes and talking with students about how much is outstanding on their account.

Invitations to the Formal will be given to students who meet the attendance criteria by the end of September and students will have until the Friday, 26 October to finalise their account and make payment for the Formal and/or Mystery Tour. Please be advised that this date cannot be extended as final numbers at due to the venue.

Please contact the Student Office if you wish to make payments on your account, or Belinda Walker (Year 12 DP)/ Tracey Doyle (Year 12 Coordinator) with any other enquiry.

BOOMERANG BAGS’ INITIATIVE

Redbank Plains Community:

We need your help!

Year 8 Home Economics classes are currently making Boomerang Bags and we need second hand fabric to construct them. If any families have second hand fabric that they could donate for students to work with, please deliver them to our main reception.

Year 12 students have been working with Mrs Holmes to make example Boomerang bags and screen print pockets to assist the Year 8s in their project. The bags made by the Year 12s will be donated to the Redbank Plains Town Square.

More about the ‘Boomerang Bags’ Initiative:

Boomerang Bags works to reduce the use of plastic bags by engaging local communities in the making of Boomerang Bags – community made, using recycled materials. Boomerang Bags provide a free, fun, sustainable alternative to plastic bags.

By getting involved, students are participating in a global movement, celebrating a grassroots initiative focusing on community building and sustainability.

If you have any questions, please direct them to Mrs Carolyn Holt on cholt3@eq.edu.au or the school number 3432 1222.

PLATTERS ON WILLOW HIT THE BIG TIME!

On Friday, 23 March 2018, our amazing “Platters on Willow” staff attended a once in a lifetime opportunity to cater at the Sofitel Gold Coast Broadbeach, for the opening of the Chern’ee Sutton Art Exhibition entitled CainaPututIlyaWartanganha (Long Ago, Today, Tomorrow). The exhibition showcased over 30 pieces on display in the hotel throughout the duration of the Commonwealth Games. The works feature the vibrant colours and 3D world of Sutton’s unique style, which celebrates Indigenous culture through stories, dance and art.

Mrs Kara Pulou, “Platters on Willow” coordinator, who was in charge of the catering for the night, said, “To work in a 5 star hotel and industrial kitchen was just fantastic.” A bit overwhelmed with the function to begin with, Mrs Pulou calmed her and her zealous colleagues, Ms Stephanie Holmes, Ms Tamara Hunter and Ms Firoza Jeevaji, saying, “We’ve got this!” Well, they certainly did, with positive reactions from customers saying that they absolutely loved the food. For the first time, they cooked crocodile ribs because the crocodile tail fillets that Mrs Pulou usually cooks with had run out due to the cyclones up North. These were a huge hit with the guests, as they constantly had to restock the food all night. “We worked our guts out and were running at full speed for the entire service,” Kara said.

Overall, it was a great professional development opportunity for all four staff of Redbank Plains SHS and Mrs Pulou was exuberant to have professional conversations about native ingredients with the young Scottish Head Chef of the Sofitel. The Sofitel have a strong focus on Indigenous culture, employing Indigenous people, displaying Indigenous works and serving Indigenous themed food. So the opportunity to share and gain new knowledge was one “Platters on Willow,” who
also focus on Indigenous Inspired Finger Food, did not want to miss!

It was great exposure for the “Platters on Willow” team as they were able to display their professional service to guests such as the Commonwealth Games Executive, the Gold Coast Council and Indigenous Program Manager for the QLD Tourism Industry Council, Rhonda Appo. Mrs Pulou said that she received about 4 phone calls after the event, wanting to book.

Art Teachers Miss Alex Clark and Mrs Jayne Hanby even took advantage of the opportunity to attend the event and check out the amazing Chern’ee Sutton’s artwork on display.

Whilst this event was catered by staff only, the appreciative Home Economics and Hospitality teachers said they were truly grateful for the hard work students had put in prior to the event, helping to prepare platters. Kara proudly told guests, “our students prepared the food for the event and they would normally be serving too.”

If you have any enquiries about “Platters on Willow” and catering for events, please contact:

Mrs Kara Pulou
Platters on Willow Coordinator
E: plattersonwillow@redbplaishs.eq.edu.au

Hannah Douglas
Community Relations Officer

University of Southern Queensland performance for Year 10s - “Once in Verona”

Recently all Year 10 students had the opportunity to see “Once in Verona”, an adaptation of “Romeo and Juliet”, Shakespeare’s most famous story of love and loss.

“Once in Verona”, performed by actors from the University of Southern Queensland (USQ), featured all the characters from the original play and was a summary of the story and main events in the original text.

The play used traditional and modern story-telling techniques to entertain and engage the teenage audience. Students can often find it challenging to understand the Shakespearean language and the social and cultural environment of Verona, where the play was set, so we hope that viewing the performance will help students to approach their study of “Romeo and Juliet” on a positive note.

When asked to describe the production, students said they found it: thrilling, humorous, energetic, intriguing, amazing, enjoyable, creative, powerful and professional!

Marianne Watterson
HOD English

CERTIFICATE COURSES IN RETAIL SERVICES KEEP BUSY

Years 10, 11 and 12 students who are completing their Certificate I and Certificate II in Retail Services have been busy! Earlier in the year, they conducted an Easter Bake Sale and an ANZAC Day Biscuit Sale, both very successful ventures.

Recently, students created, decorated and sold gifts at the Mother’s Day Stall. Students were allocated “shifts” on the stalls, with Year 12s helping younger students with the sale of products and interacting with customers. Congratulations to all the students involved, on a well-executed stall. We hope all the mothers enjoyed their day and special gifts.

A huge thank you must also go to the Retail Services Coordinator, Mrs Keepa, for her ongoing dedication and effort in providing the Retail Certificate students with meaningful opportunities to apply their knowledge and understanding of the course.

Hannah Douglas
Community Relations Officer