**Principal’s Report:**

**O.O.S.H.:**
The Red Cliffs Primary School Out Of School Hours care program operates every day after school from 3.15-6.00pm. All primary school students are able to attend. Our O.O.S.H. program provides the students with a healthy afternoon snack, supervised homework and a huge variety of fun activities. Full cost to participate - after government subsidies – is only $7.50 per day. This fee reduces even more for Health Care Card holders etc. Please contact the Co-ordinator, Liz Marsh - Ph: 0409 992 246 for further information or to make a booking.

**Student Banking:**
Students from Prep-grade 6 are encouraged to participate in the Commonwealth Bank “Dollarmites” program. Student banking is conducted every Wednesday. Students who participate in student banking over the next 3 weeks will automatically go into a special raffle for some Dollarmite rewards.

**I.N.O.K.T.B.A.:**
Regular school attendance is essential if students are to achieve expected educational progress and maintain normal social development. At Red Cliffs Primary School we encourage and reward good attendance. Our aim is for all students to achieve 100% attendance. Students with outstanding attendance (96% or better) for Semester 1 will be invited to a free pizza lunch early in Term 3. Students with 96% attendance (8 days absence) or better for the entire school year will be invited to a free visit to the Water Slide in December. It is important students see that their parents value coming to school every day. Excuses like celebrating a child’s birthday or entertaining visiting relatives are not valid reasons for missing school.

**Book Club:**
Parents and students are reminded the first issue of Book Club closes this Friday. Please send your clearly named order form and cash to school in an envelope.

**Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund:**
Parents who are holders of Health Care Cards or Pensioner Concession Cards may now apply to receive the $125 CSEF which is paid directly to the school. This is an annual payment to be used towards camps/sports and excursions. Application forms are available from the office. I encourage all eligible parents to apply.

**School Materials Charge:**
The 2017 School Materials Charge is **$130 per student**. This charge helps to pay for consumables such as pencils, pens and photocopying. It also pays for all local excursions and visiting performances. All parents are asked to pay the School Materials Charge by the end of Term 1. Parents wishing to pay the School Materials Charge by monthly or term instalments are asked to contact the office.

**Have a great week!**
Rod Beer
Principal
Parents’ Club News:
Parents club will again be conducting a Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser towards the end of this term. Please keep a look out for order forms in the newsletter.

What’s Happening in Science?
Prep & P/1 - “Living Things” - plants and animals - what do they all need?
1/2 & 2J - “Plants Grow Too” - relate to children’s growth. Children plant a seed - what will it need to grow?
3/4 - “Domestication of animals”. Why did it happen? Classification - wild, tame or farm. The place of zoos?

Maths Quiz Wiz:
Congratulations to Brodie Millhouse—our first Maths Quiz Wiz for 2017!

This Week’s Birthdays……
Benjamin Sharp 8 Wednesday 15th February
Joshua Knight 5 Thursday 16th February
Angel Tree 5 Sunday 19th February
Brocklyn Munro 9 Sunday 19th February

Great Behaviour in the Yard:
Congratulations to Talun Ison (gr.6), Ebony Hocking (gr.4) and Bonnie Perkins (gr.2) for their Great Behaviour in the Yard this week. Enjoy those free Great Australian Ice Creams kids.
**Hook into Hockey:**
Hook into Hockey is a beginners program for children aged between 5 and 12. It is designed to give children the basic skills needed to play hockey in a junior division. There are two programs running on Wednesday and one on Saturday. Mrs Johnson will be coaching on Saturdays. The 8 week program begins on Wednesday, February 22nd at 6pm or Saturday, February 25th at 9am. Both programs are run at the Sunraysia Hockey Turf, Aerodrome Ovals. The program costs $85 and includes a hockey bag, stick, shirt, shin guards and a ball. If you are interested in joining please contact Jodie Morvell on 0409835470 or email jmorvell@bigpond.com

**R.C.J.F.N.C. — TRAINING DATES AND TIMES FOR JUNIORS**

Football -
U 12 & U 10 – Training starts Thursday 30th March from 4.30pm
U14 & U13 – Training starts Tuesday 7th March from 4.30pm
Contact Football Coordinator Marc Nulty 0407841618

Netball Tryouts -
Under 11’s – sign-up sheet available on the Try Out days listed below or contact Kirsty to put your child’s name down.
Tuesday 28th February - U 13s from 4.15pm,
Wednesday 1st March - U 13s from 4.15pm
Contact Netball Coordinator Kirsty Southgate 0439687347

**Help:**
A kind parent/grandparent is wanted to assist with collecting a prep aged child from a local house in Red Cliffs and then walking or driving him to school each day. Please contact the office if you think you might be able to help out.

GIRL GUIDES have resumed meetings for 2017 and have vacancies for girls aged 5 – 18 years. Guiding offers activities designed to meet personal challenges, to learn team building and leadership skills, and to make new friends. For more information of units in your area contact Region Manager Narelle Tomlinson.
What’s been happening in 3/4 B?

This week we started our first rotations!
This year we have Technology, Health, Humanities, Art and Science.

In **Technology** we have been learning how to stay safe online.

In **Health** we have been discussing our personal identities.

In **Science** we have been exploring different animals.

In **Art** we started learning how to paint foliage.

**We have had a wonderful start to the year!**