PROFILING THE EXCELLENT PROGRAMS AVAILABLE AT REDLYNCH

Over the coming months I will be profiling a range of exciting and innovative programs that are unique to Redlynch State College. The first being our Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation. Redlynch State College is recognised across the State for its innovation in offering this exciting adventure package for Years 7 to 12 students.

Senior students complete a Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation in partnership with Tropical North Queensland TAFE. The program provides the learner with the practical skills and knowledge to work as a tour guide or hospitality worker in the outdoor recreation/tourism industry. It provides positive personal growth experiences that help students develop beneficial character traits.

Students learn to navigate bushwalking in tracked/untracked areas, demonstrate simple abseiling, develop mountain biking, climbing and canoeing skills, demonstrate white-water rescues and respond to emergency situations.

Special recognition must be given to Deanne Morrow for her commitment, enthusiasm and innovation in developing and implementing such a comprehensive program that has received rave reviews from the students involved. We also welcome Sam Johnson to the outdoor rec team. He comes with a wealth of experience and specialised skills in the field.

YEAR 12 LEADERSHIP CAMP

Our Year 12 students attended the very first Redlynch State College Year 12 Leadership Camp in preparation for the key role ahead of them as College leaders. Undara was the destination and exploring personal characteristics and team behaviours were the focus.
YEA 12 LEADERSHIP CAMP CONTINUED

Congratulations to all the students on their efforts over the 3 days, it was a pleasure to work with such inspiring and committed students and I look forward to the next 9 months. I must thank the camp staff, especially Jan Wedmaier and Denise Bewert for their co-ordination of the program.

More on the camp further in the newsletter.

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF FOR 2013

Now that the staffing resources have been finalised I would like to welcome the new staff to Redlynch State College. It is a pleasure to have both Arlene Lewis and Pru Pyers return after leave to support the English and SOSE faculties.

New additions to the Year 7 to 12 campus are Brendon McAlister (Maths), Anne More (Maths), Andy Stocks (Science and Marine), Kylie-Anne Child (English), Kate Hall (English), Ian Shotton (H & PE), Colleen Ahern (French and Higher Order Thinking), Brett Mesner (Maths), Simone Pitt (English) and Stephanie Webber (Art).

Joining us on the Prep to Year 6 Campus we welcome Jodie Hogan (Year 1), Donna Jentz (Year 3), Adam Prociv (Prep), Sharon Sigley (year 6) and Nancy Johnstone (Year 2). We also welcome Lynton McKay back to the Primary Campus.

Due to the large number of students in our Special Education Unit we have introduced a workforce reform to include an additional Head of Special Education to focus on the Prep to Year 6 Campus. I congratulate Kath Bunney on successfully being appointed to this role. Kath comes to us with a strong depth of knowledge in special education and will be a great asset to the team. Also Janelle Meek joins the team with Kath.

As the College grows, so do the leadership positions. I would like to congratulate Tanya Ballantyne on gaining the Head of SOSE position and Felicity McLeod for the Head of Visual Arts position.

Tony Fuller
Principal

COLLEGE EXPECTATIONS

(COLLEGE POLICY LOCATED IN DIARIES)

LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS / EARLY DEPARTURES

No student will be permitted to leave the school grounds at lunch breaks, or at any other time before school finishes, except in an emergency or for special reasons explained by the parent.

Students leaving early MUST have a note clearly explaining what time they are leaving and the reason for their early departure from the College. The College requires specific information if a student is required to sign him/herself out.

Parents/carers needing to collect students from school early are required to:

• Give your child a note in the morning advising the collection time and reason for departure
• Report to Student Services to collect and sign your child out. If a person other than the parent/caregiver is to collect a student early from school, they will require a note from you stating the name of this person
• Due to our duty of care responsibilities, we decline requests to allow students to leave our care to make their own way home unsupervised by an adult during class time. However, if you require your child to sign him/herself out this must be specified in the note giving the time and reason for departure
• Students are required to catch the school bus services where provided. No permission will be given to leave early to catch public bus services if a school run operates

Maurice Andrejic, Deputy Principal

P-6 SPORTS

SWIMMING

Year 2 and 3 swimming is awesome. The students are having fun, staying cool and learning how to swim and survive. Thanks to parents who have been coming along and helping out. We still need more parent helpers, so if you can assist please see your child’s class teacher. A big thank you to Amanda Ward who has been helping at the pool all day.

2013 SPORTS HOUSE CAPTAINS

Congratulations to all students who nominated as a sport house captain. Well done for preparing a speech and then delivering it in front of your peers. The quality of students who nominated was outstanding.

Falls Captain -Boys, Lachlan, Girls, Tianu, Vice Captain Boys - Ben, Girls - Billie
Torrents Captain Boys - Bryce, Girls - Leah, VC Boys - Tahi, Girls - Harmony
Cascades Captain Boys - Lachie, Girls - Madelyn, VC Boys - Wraithe, Girls - Juneeka
Rapids Captain Boys - Calum, Girls - Emma, VC Boys - Brayden, Girls - Stephanie

Pictured below are our 2013 Sports House Captains
(Tahi - absent)

BARRON RIVER SPORT CALENDAR

Barron River sport is generally for 11 and 12 year old students. Some 10 year olds are invited depending on body size and skill level. Track and Field and Cross Country is for 10, 11 and 12 year olds. Students who are turning 13 this year are not eligible to participate. They must compete at TCN. Students who want to try out for Barron River teams need to get a letter of invite from Miss Velonias (7-12 Campus) or Mr Vearing (P-6 Campus). This letter gives more information regarding trials.

All trials start at 3:30.

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Andrew Vearing (P-6 PE teacher)
FINANCE NEWS

Welcome back everyone. I would like to thank all those families that have returned their “blue” form – Student Resource Scheme Participation Agreement Form. To those families that haven’t you would please do so as a matter of urgency. The completion of this form is vital for the participation in our Student Resource Scheme. If you have not received your SRS package, please visit our website at: www.redlynchsc.eq.edu.au or contact the Payment Room at the following email address: FINANCE@redlynchsc.eq.edu.au and a package will be forwarded to you.

Payment Office Staff Members are:
Max (Maxine) WIENERT, Business Services Manager – Finance
Cheryl KELLY, Accounts Receivable Officer
Beth RAMSAY, Accounts Receivable Officer

CONTACT WITH THE PAYMENT OFFICE

Due to finance office staff serving at the payment window we may not be able to answer your phone enquiries straight away. You are welcome to leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible. Alternatively, you can email us at: FINANCE@redlynchsc.eq.edu.au

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN FEBRUARY:

BPAY – BPAY is NO LONGER a method of payment available at Redlynch State College. The alternative options available after this date are as follows:
Internet Banking – direct payments into Redlynch State College bank account. For the school’s bank details, please email FINANCE@redlynchsc.eq.edu.au
Payment Window (7-12 Campus) – open Monday to Friday from 8.15 am to 9.30 am and again at 2.30pm to 3.30 pm.

Credit Card – complete your credit card details on the invoice and forward to the payment window for processing. Redlynch State College does not accept credit card payment over the telephone.

SUBJECT ELECTIVES FOR YEARS 7-12
will be invoiced from Monday 18th February. Invoices will be posted to parents.

STATEMENTS
will be mailed home as of Monday 25th February. If you have recently changed your address, could you please notify the office as soon as possible.

LANGUAGES (LOTE) NEWS

Minasan yookoso! Welcome back! Please encourage your child/ children to keep you up to date with what they have been learning in LOTE lessons.

I went to the National Symposium for Japanese Language Education in Melbourne on 1st and 2nd November 2012. We were informed that the Australian Curriculum: Key Learning Area Japanese language will be completed in 2013. Also, the Australian Government released the Asian Century White Paper. The White Paper proposes the teaching priority of Asian languages (including Japanese) in every school across Australia, from primary school through to the end of high school.

Congratulations to Redlynch State College students who are already doing an excellent language study in Japanese. We will encourage them to continue to study Japanese until the end of high school so they can take advantage of it for their future.

Almost 20 universities across Australia, including UQ, QUT, Griffith and JCU have introduced the Languages Bonus Schemes. This system enables successful language learners to have a better chance to be accepted into those University courses they would like to enter.
The 2013 Year 12 camp was held at Undara on the 13th, 14th and 15th February. 84 keen and enthusiastic students were out of bed early and on the buses by 7.30am. We had quick stops at Mareeba Heritage Park, Millstream Falls and a paddle at Innot Hot Springs before arriving at Undara for lunch. Our first activity was to climb the volcano in alphabetical order, thinking forward to graduation at the end of the year and then to walk around the rim.

Later back at camp, we worked through a variety of activities to get to know each other better. One of the favourite games was one from "Survivor" where one student had to direct another around obstacles to collect objects, lots of yelling and lots of fun. On Thursday we set off on a hike which really turned out to be a stroll through the bush. Lots more activities and then the highlight of the camp, the “Garbage Bag Formal”, showing off the dances learnt in preparation for the real formal in November.

One of the most important activities was to look closely at the pledge that all students will make at the Induction Ceremony and look at the significance of this.

Overall, the camp was a huge success, despite the long bus trip. However the long trip gave us the opportunity to sit with people we didn’t know and to make new friends. The Year 12 students are all looking forward now to an action packed year with a real focus on high achievement.
Queensland Health Vaccination Program

Vaccination Dates for Years 8 and 10 students are as follows

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All students have been given Vaccination Forms – spares can be collected from the office. Catch up days will be provided for students who miss any of the Vaccination days.

### MINDUP CURRICULUM

On Saturday five staff members from the Primary Campus travelled to Tolga State School on the Atherton Tableland to attend a workshop with Mr Graham Watts M.A., Program Director of the Hawn Foundation UK. MindUP’s principles and strategies can be implemented in every area of our curriculum, including social and emotional learning. Emotional wellbeing enhances higher order thinking skills, improves memory capacity and leads to greater academic success. Watch for more on MindUP!

Mrs Gail Carroll, Classroom Teacher

### AN UNEXPECTED VISITOR

Last week the P-6 Campus had a visit from a rather large scrub python. The admin team was seen “herding” this quite beautiful reptile to a safe place, assisted by Mr Dean who captured our friend and safely secured her in a bag. Our local snake relocator arrived and moved her to a less populated area of the valley.

### PARENTING PROGRAMS

One of our goals this year is to identify and promote a range of parent programs that may be of interest to the Redlynch School community. Below is one being delivered by Uniting Care Community on Bullying. Topics include:

- What is bullying?
- Signs of bullying
- Myths about bullying
- How did this happen?
- Your feelings as a parent
- How not to react
- How to address bullying
- How to work with the school around bullying

To enrol or enquire, please contact: Uniting Care Community Family support Ph: 4032 6800. Bookings essential.

Queensland Health employs School Based Youth Health Nurses (SBYHN) who work in secondary schools across Queensland, including Schools of Distance Education. These nurses focus on preventative health for young people and provide:

- a confidential health service
- health information to students, teachers and the school community
- intervention and links to other services as required.

SBYHNs are not employed to administer medications, deliver health procedures or provide routine first aid. Queensland state schools offer these services via other staff members.

### Year 7 secondary school students and their access to the SBYHN program

From 2015, Year 7 will become the first year of high school in Queensland. To prepare for this move, up to 20 state schools will pilot Year 7 in a secondary environment before 2015. In accordance with the SBYHN program management guidelines and Memorandum of Understanding, this service is accessible by all students in a secondary setting.

### How the SBYHN can support your teenager

#### Confidential Student Appointments

Your teenager can make an appointment with the SBYHN to discuss any questions they have about their health. These appointments are confidential, and the nurse will not share any information without the student’s consent unless there is a risk to the student’s health in not sharing this information with others.

In most cases, it is best for young people to talk to their parents about health and wellbeing issues. The SBYHN can support young people to do this.

Generally the law recognises that young people (usually over the age of 12 years) have the right to self-determine access to a health service. The SBYHN will assess if the young person has a sufficient level of maturity and understanding regarding the issues and the health services proposed. Where the SBYHN assesses that the young person does not have sufficient levels of maturity and understanding, the SBYHN will seek consent from the young person’s parent.

### Other Nursing Services in Queensland state schools

In addition to the SBYHN program, Education Queensland employs Registered Nurses (RGNs) to work in state primary and secondary schools, to assist school personnel to safely manage the health needs of students with verified disabilities and specialised health needs, supporting their participation in an educational program.

For further information - Contact the school administration for further information on the SBYHN program and other health services available to the school to support students’ health and wellbeing.
WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN PROMOTION
Last year our school once again took part in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Promotion. Thanks to the wonderful support from the families within our college we received over fifty boxes of resources, educational equipment and toys for the students this year. The students will be able to use all the new science equipment, maths resources, drawing tools, beads, balls, cricket sets, tents and many other wonderful items as part of their learning experience at our school. Thank you to those families who helped support this fundraising venture and we will be running the Woolworths Promotion again later this year.

(Some of our children at OSHC enjoying the new resources)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE P&C ASSOCIATION
Our Annual General Meeting for 2013 will be held on Tuesday 12th March at 6.30pm in the Library on the 7-12 Campus.

Nominations for this year’s Executive Committee are to be seconded and forwarded in writing to the Secretary, Liz Reichardt, prior to 08th March 2013. They can either be emailed to Liz at ereic6@eq.edu.au, or posted to PO Box 326, Cairns. Nomination forms can be obtained by emailing the P & C Operations Manager at rscpandc@gmail.com, or ringing her on (07)40399237.

Positions that will be elected at the Annual General Meeting for this year are:
- President
- Vice President (x2)
- Treasurer
- Secretary—Minutes
- Secretary—Correspondence

You don’t need to become a member of the Executive Committee to join the P & C Association—you can simply come along to meetings and hear what is happening and meet some new people and have a few laughs.

We hope to see you there.

BOOKCLUB—Bookclub Orders are due back in to the payments window by Monday 25th February 2013. Please ensure your child’s name is on the order, the order has been filled out correctly and any money/payment details are in a named, sealed envelope. If anyone would like to help volunteer this year with our Bookclub fundraising, please contact Angela Greening on (07)40390981.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS!
Watch out for further information on our upcoming events—our Monster Raffle, the Entertainment Book Fundraiser and our wonderful Mother’s Day Stall.

CAREERS AND EDUCATION EXPO 2013
Contact us at www.bla.org.au

TUESDAY APRIL 23, 2013
Times: 9.00 pm to 2.00 pm – School Visits (parents welcome)
9:00am to 4:00 pm – Open to the Public, Parents and Families

Venue: Fred Moule Exhibition Centre, Cairns Showgrounds
Entry via Scott Street, Cairns

Contact: Adriana Braid mobile 0417 444 179 fax 4038 3322 email info@bla.org.au