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P-6 College Captains and Vice Captains: Blair Bloustein (vc), Colt Remin (c), Teeya Ryan (c), Dana Zulueta (vc)

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School Leaders making their pledge

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UPCOMING EVENTS

The P&C Annual General Meeting - Tues 11th March.
Parent Workshop - ‘MindUp’ Brain Focused Strategies, Tues, 11th March 2pm-3pm and 5.30pm-6.30pm P-6 Campus
Obstathon, 27th March P-6 Campus
P-6 Cross Country, 3rd April
Cairns Autism Group - Parent Info Day, 22nd March 1pm-4pm, 7-12 campus
Online Safety and Cyberbullying Info session, 30th April, 6.30pm Snr Campus Auditorium

Phone 24 hours a day to advise the reason why your student will be or was late/absent from school on: 4039 9294
In December 2013 15 Redlynch students participated in a World Challenge trip to Namibia and Botswana. Students worked together for two years to plan, develop and fundraise for their three week journey. The adventure began on the 30th November at Cairns airport. Sunny skies and teary eyes were visible as parents said their final farewells as students began their long two day journey across the Indian Ocean. Upon arrival students were under pressure to prepare for their five day journey down the Limpopo River. Simple tasks such as grocery shopping for supplies was a tremendous effort for students and staff. Each component of this amazing adventure required students to think logically, organise ahead and always plan for the best. Each day brought new challenges to overcome, new mountains to climb and fresh water to find. By the second week students had acclimatised to the new way of life in Africa and began to develop new relationships with local guides and tradespeople. For many, the highlight seemed to come when movement north in Botswana took place, where there was regular sightings of elephants and giraffes running through campsites and hippos grunting whilst sitting in Mokoro (Canoes). Further challenges were overcome as we crossed the Namibian border and began our project phase. Five days were spent working hard to improve a local school just outside of Usokos. Each day students worked diligently by painting, sanding, cleaning and welding. Towards the end of our journey students were able to interact with locals in Swakapound and Windahoek. Fun was had whilst sand-boarding and eating strange and exotic foods. As backpacks became full with presents for home and the anticipation of seeing loved ones set-in students began the long two day journey back to Cairns. Plans of designing the next World challenge trip in 2015 has already begun. If you have any interest in participating please contact the College and let’s get the adventure happening. Finally, a big thank you to Danielle Beven, Deanne Morrow and Sam Johnson for all their hard work and time away from loved ones.

**WHITE WATER RAFTING -** This year some exciting things are happening in the Outdoor Education department. We are currently developing our School of Excellence Program by incorporating new equipment and specializing in White Water Rafting. We are currently working towards obtaining specific financial support through sponsorship to expand the program. We presently have a group of Year 11 students who are striving to represent our school and our district later in the year at the National Rafting Trials on the Barron River. These trials will be held on the 12th and 13th of April. Please come along and support our teams. There are two teams participating. They are the boys team comprising Mitchell, Jayden, Joel and Chad and the girls team made up of Lucy, Carina, Alice and Emma. Each team has been training for the past six months and holds high hopes of winning and representing Australia in Brazil in August. These teams have received generous donations from Remote Build Queensland, Adventure Equipment Cairns, Izer Marine, Raging Thunder and Super Global Services to help them achieve their goals. Each team still requires more support from the local and broader community. Please contact Sam Johnson (sjohn662@eq.edu.au) or Jane Hurley (jhurl23@eq.edu.au) should you wish to help out in any way.

Sam Johnson

**ULTIMATE EXPERIENCES FOR OUR LUCKY STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE PROGRAM FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION ......**

**2013 WORLD CHALLENGE**
This week sees the start of the Camping program at Redlynch. Students in Year 4 classes will attend Duradgee Environmental Centre. Good luck with the weather to all our happy campers. The College camp program has always been an integral part of our philosophy here at Redlynch. The students gain many lifelong experiences engaging in team skills, resilience activities as well as learning to cope without family to look after them. The most amazing thing they learn about is our wonderful environment here in the wet tropics.

Congratulations to students in Years 1 to 6 who received their class captain and vice-captain badges and certificates on parade last week. Class captain and vice-captain is one of the many opportunities that students at Redlynch have to develop leadership skills. Our Student Council Executive is also going to Holloways Beach Environmental Education Centre later this week to attend a leadership camp with other school leaders from around the district. Our P-6 student leaders take an active role across the College and were also recognised at the Senior Leaders Induction on the 7-12 Campus recently. In Years 1 to 3 class captains and vice-captains are elected for a term, giving leadership opportunities to a wider range of students.

Our next Parent Workshop is on Tuesday 11th March, titled ‘Mindup’. Brain focused activities for Learning and Living. What we can do as parents and educators to help our children cope better in this busy world. Times are 2-3pm and 5:30-6:30pm in the P-6 Library. Have a great month from P-6 Admin team.

Rob Hanlon, Associate Principal, Junior Campus

On Thursday 20th February four Redlynch students attended the ILT conference regarding the Australian Constitution and the consideration of a ‘Bill of Rights’ for all Australians. Over 12 high schools attended the Barlow Park conference. During many school breaks several RSC students researched and wrote a speech confirming the importance of a future ‘Bill of Rights’ for all Australians. Mereki was the first speaker at the conference and she did a fantastic job. The Redlynch students who attended the conference were: Mereki, Justice, Baedan and Akheem.

Many guest speakers spoke about the history of the Australian Constitution, successful referendums, statutory and legal laws that have shaped the Australian way of life. All ILT students expressed a profound awareness of the importance of voting and that responsible voting creates positive change for our families and friends. Voting for a parliamentarian who edifies freedom of choice and equity can only create a positive future and fairness in our community.

Rod Peckham
Redlynch State College’s 7-12 Swimming Carnival was held last Tuesday at Smithfield pool. What a fantastic day. It was great to see all students dressed up in their house colours and getting in the spirit of the day. Students had the opportunity to swim in races for age champion as well as participation races gaining valuable points for their house.

It was wonderful to see all students getting involved in the events and cheering their house on. At the end of the day Age Champions were awarded to the students gaining the most points throughout the day in their particular age group.

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded age champion:

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At the end of the day it was time to announce the champion house and to see who would get their name engraved on the swimming carnival shield in 2014.

In 4th place with 323 points was Torrents.
In 3rd place with 757 points was Falls.
In 2nd place with 999 points was Cascades.
In 1st place with 1161 points was Rapids.

Zearne and Glen, Rapids house captains, were presented with the P & C Interhouse Swimming Carnival Shield.

The swimming carnival can’t be run without the help of a whole team of people. Thanks to all the staff who helped out with jobs on the day. Finally, thanks to all the students of Redlynch State College. Your excellent behaviour and participation on carnival day is something to be very proud of.
The Falls’ supporters were out in force.

The Green Machine supporters

Mikayla and Maddie were having a ball.

A swimmer contemplates the race ahead.

CARNIVAL
On Monday, 10th February, Year 12 students departed for their leadership and team building camp at Tinaroo Active Recreation Centre. This is the fourth group of Year 12 students who will graduate from Redlynch State College. The students were capably led and supervised by Mrs Wedmaier, a Year 12 Co-ordinator. Other college teachers provided instruction for the numerous activities programmed for this camp.

After the formalities upon arrival at the Tinaroo facilities, students were grouped to commence the various organised team building and leadership activities. Without the influence of electronic devices, it was awesome to see the communication and physical interaction between student colleagues over the three days of this camp. Activities such as canoeing and low ropes required individual mental alertness and strategies plus the co-operation and dependency between team members. It was the non-athletic tasks where new or firm friendship bonds were cemented as the Year 12 students formulated their senior year pledge, learnt dance steps for their November formal or mingled during free-time. A games night and garbage bag ball (with awards to the best dressed male and female costume) added amusement to the two nights of well-deserved relaxation following the full-on daily camp agenda. Early morning walks provided an opportunity for self-reflection, appreciation of nature or the best chance to hang with mates whilst preparing for the challenges of the day. Some students found the 6.00am start a challenge in functioning without their morning coffee.

College Principal, Mr Fuller and Associate Principal Mr Wilson visited the Year 12 students at Tinaroo. Aspects of senior level responsibilities and expectations were addressed and an emphasis on individual application to tasks as the means to reach full potential achievements in this final year of high school was highlighted. A definite reality check plus a view to the future was registered by every camp attendee. Weary, yet energised and empowered by our team building and leadership Tinaroo Camp, we travelled back to the College, the fourth senior year college cohort on the tracks to success with new found friends and memories to treasure forever.

Jade-O, Yr 12

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ATTENTION: Haul Trucks

Cairns Regional Council has advised that reconstruction of the first 900m northern section of the Machans Beach seawall will start soon. Rock hauling is due to start mid-March and onsite reconstruction works are programmed to start on 3rd April.

I ask families to be aware of the extra pressure on traffic conditions and demonstrate caution around heavily loaded trucks travelling from the Redlynch Quarry to Machans Beach. This message will be reinforced on assembly with all students.
**P-6 SPORTS NEWS**

**BARRON RIVER SCHOOL SPORT IS A 12 YEARS AND UNDER COMPETITION**

Barron River Sport is for students who are born in 2002 (12 or turning 12 this year) and 2003 (11 or turning 11 this year) and for exceptional students born in 2004.

- **AFL:** Monday, 10th March 3:30pm-4:30pm Redlynch State College P-6 oval.
- **RUGBY LEAGUE:** Thursday, 6th and 13th March at 3:30pm-5:00pm Yorkeys Knob State School.
- **NETBALL:** Friday, 7th March at Smithfield State High School 3:30pm-4:30pm.
- **BASKETBALL:** Boys and girls Tuesday, 18th and 25th March. St Andrews Catholic College. 3:30pm-4:30pm.

**HOCKEY:** Boys and girls Thursday 20th and 27th March at Cairns Hockey Assoc 4:30pm -5:30pm.

**TENNIS:** Boys and girls Wednesday 2nd April Redlynch Tennis Club Rocks Road 3:30pm -4:30pm.

Students on the P-6 campus need to look on the Specialist staffroom window and see Mr Vearing for a note. 7-12 students need to see Miss Veloniias for a note.

Other sports are after the holidays and will be published in the next newsletter.

**P-6 CROSS COUNTRY THURSDAY 3RD APRIL**

Students are training in their classes for this event. There will be Cross Country training each Tuesday and Thursday morning 8:30am–8:45pm for the rest of the term for students who are interested.

Students in Years Prep – Year 3 are participating in ball control and catching and passing skills and students in Years 4-6 are playing Team/Departmental football.

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I encourage all families to have a similar approach around their own homes in an endeavour to keep the Redlynch Community safe from the debilitating fever.

Tony Fuller, Principal

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**ONLINE SAFETY AND CYBERBULLYING**

**THIS IS AN EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED – IT WILL CHANGE YOUR THINKING**

Delivered by an international keynote speaker on the topic of digital compliance and internet safety. You will be presented with engaging and powerful information in a way that will bring to life possible online dangers and responsibilities which are a part of our child’s digital world. Strategies of protection and prevention will empower you to reduce online risks within your home. You will be amazed how simple this can be.

WHERE: Redlynch State College Senior Campus Auditorium
WHEN: April 30, 2014
TIME: 6.30pm
RSVP to School Based Youth Health Nurse csche58@eq.edu.au

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