‘ADOPT A COP’ CEREMONY

Last month we had the pleasure of inducting 2 officers into the ‘Adopt a Cop’ program at Redlynch State College. This formal induction involved the swearing in of Senior Constable Sean MacRae and Constable Wendy MacRae into the positions. It was an honour to have Inspector James Coate conduct the ceremony before all the Prep to Year 6 students and staff.

It is so important to have a positive connection with the Police Department and Sean and Wendy’s role in supporting teachers in educating what is right and wrong will be invaluable. Both Wendy and Sean have always had a strong connection with the College as all 4 of their children attend Redlynch State College and they are quite often seen around the school grounds getting involved in the activities. I formally welcome them to our school community and look forward to further strengthening the relationship.

FANFARE SUCCESS

On Sunday, 25th May, Redlynch State College competed in the regional Fanfare competition. This event attracts musical groups from around the region to compete for gold, silver and bronze recognition. This year we entered the Strings Orchestra, Concert Band and Stage Band divisions for both the junior and senior levels. It is with great pride that I announce the Senior Strings Orchestra as gold medal winners and the Senior Stage and Concert Bands as silver medal winners. This is the best result ever for Redlynch and is just reward for the hard work our instrumental music students have put into practising for these groups and the endless hours our instrumental teachers have spent mentoring them. Congratulations to Kirsty Rankine, Kelly Perger and Matthew Coxon for their outstanding commitment to our students. It is so pleasing to see the growth in our music program and the depth that is starting to occur in both the Junior and Senior divisions.

AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOUR WILL NOT BE TOLERATED

Occasionally poor decisions are displayed by students in resorting to aggressive behaviours to resolve their differences. I remind students and families that severe consequences will result if these behaviours occur. I will not hesitate to enforce a 10 day suspension for extreme aggression and, if an individual fails to learn from their mistakes and repeats their behaviour, they will face a possible exclusion from Redlynch State College. Such behaviour is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. It is also my expectation that any students proven to be fuelling a possible altercation will also face suspension.
STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME
The student resource scheme is an important component to providing a broad and modern education for Redlynch students. To enable the funds to be spent on resources for the year of collection, it is important that payments are finalised by the end of this semester. If a payment plan has already been negotiated then those timelines are set. Statements to families are produced and forwarded to families on a monthly basis. If a plan is not in place and payments have not yet been finalised then the Finance staff will be making phone contact in the next 4 weeks to negotiate a payment plan. Financial difficulties can always be taken into consideration and require an interview with me to arrange a plan of support. For the benefit of all students I strongly recommend all families commit to the scheme.

A REMINDER TO PARENTS/CARERS TO NOTIFY THE SCHOOL ABOUT YOUR CHILD’S HEALTH.

I encourage you to read the reminder included with this newsletter on keeping health details up to date on our school records. It is also a requirement that all emergency health plans for anaphylaxis and asthma have to be updated each year and a copy supplied to us for sick bay records. Please also ensure you contact the school and advise any changes to your contact details.

COLLEGE MARKETING STRATEGY
A lot of work has been completed over the past 2 years to promote the College as a leading educational institute in Far North Queensland. One of the 2014 strategic initiatives is to review the current marketing strategy and develop an action plan for the next 4 years. It would be ideal to have parent and community representation on the review committee hence I encourage anyone interested to contact me via email with an expression of interest for that working group. (the.principal@redlynchsc.eq.edu.au)

REPRESENTATION DREAMS IN KENDO CHAMPIONSHIPS
A new addition to our Languages department this year, Japanese teacher, Ms Dwyer, has an interesting sporting hobby that is potentially turning into a professional sporting commitment in the sport of Kendo. Kendo was born in Japan and is a style of oriental sword fighting developed by highly disciplined Samurai warriors in Shogunate Japan. Kendo is practised in over 46 countries around the world. Since the first World Kendo Championships (WKC) in 1970, Australia has fielded a team in every WKC to date. In 2015, Australia will be sending its best male and female Kendo athletes to the WKC, to be held in the origin country of Kendo itself, Japan. This highly accomplished event will take place in the most famous Kendo stadium there is - the Nippon Budokan.

Ms Dwyer and her Cairns-based teammate Alexandra Paukovits have been training hard all year with their sights set on the Australian Kendo Women’s Team in the lead up to team selections in Melbourne in September. Making the team itself is very difficult. There are three-monthly compulsory squad trainings to be attended, as well as home-run trainings here in Cairns once a month. The next training will be held in September in Adelaide and so the ladies are selling custom-made handbands to help raise money to get them there. For $5.00, a buyer will receive a band and raffle ticket for a $500 hand-made glass sculpture made by local, world-renowned glass blower Mr. Raymond Mifsud, who very kindly donated his sculpture to their cause. Let’s get behind these local ladies and help send them to the World Kendo Championships next year!

Mr Tony Fuller, Principal

EXCERPT FROM AN ARTICLE BY JADE-O CLARKE

The grey skies above the assembled guest speakers, staff and students for the commemorative remembrance of ANZAC day, did not darken the respectful mood of the ceremony attendees. On Thursday, 24th April guests, staff and students gathered in recognition of the 99th anniversary of the initial 1915 action. The first joint military action by Australian and New Zealand forces in WWI at ANZAC Cove, Gallipoli.

The commemoration ceremony commenced with the College Principal, Mr Fuller’s welcome speech. The College Student Captains educated and reminded the assembly of the Anzac tradition and the origin of the acronym ANZAC. The Performance Choir’s rendition of ‘Lest We Forget’ contributed an emotive aspect to the traditional ceremony. The guest speaker for this remembrance was HMAS Cairns Chief Petty Officer, Andrew Laundon. The inspirational speech told of the sacrifices the soldiers of 1915 made for the security and freedom of our nation. College Vice Captains represented the Air Force Cadets and read the ‘ANZAC Day’ poem written by D. Hunter. The traditional ODE ‘Lawrence Binyon’s Poem for the Fallen’ was followed by the chilling Last Post. As always, the one minute silence enabled private contemplation and individual gratitude to be a personal honouring of the memory of the ANZACs. The commemoration finished with the Australian National Anthem.

Excerpt from an article by Jade-O Clarke
WALK TO SCHOOL FRIDAYS
Everyone is welcome to join us on Fridays for some fun and fitness while walking to school. We leave from the Redlynch Shopping Centre (under the sign). Be there at 7.50am for an 8am start. Bring along all your family so you can exercise together!!

For more information ring: Sharon Ahlberg
STLN – Primary Campus

P-6 SPORTS NEWS

BARRON RIVER CROSS COUNTRY
Redlynch State College finished 2nd in the Barron River Cross Country that was held on 9th May at St Andrew’s Catholic College. Congratulations to all students who trained hard leading up to the event and participated. They should be really proud of their efforts.

Well done to Ladbroke 2nd, Tianna 3rd, Aidan 1st and Harry 2nd who were all selected in the Barron River team to compete at the Peninsula Championships on 23rd May.

THANK YOU BORAL CONSTRUCTION AND CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS AUSTRALIA
The Redlynch State College Environmental Club would like to thank Boral Construction Materials for their very generous donation of $600 towards our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. This is the second year in a row that Boral has so kindly supported our school. I would like to extend a very special thanks to Ms Elke Stapf, Boral’s Stakeholder Manager who organised this for us. Ms Stapf also organised for Conservation Volunteers Australia led by Dr Alice Crabtree to begin stage one of our new vegetable gardens outside the Year 3 and Prep Blocks.

Mrs Irna Spigariol, Environmental Co-ordinator

SUPPORTING OUR FARMERS
DONATE HERE

Students and parents dig deep to support Australian farmers!

Students putting their energy and time into raising funds for Australian Farmers. Thanks to those students who donated their pocket money.

From 28th April–2nd May the P-6 Student Council held an awareness raising and fundraising campaign to educate students about the plight of Australian farmers due to the severe drought affecting a large percentage of the country.

A volunteer group of students created a multimedia presentation for all parades from Years Prep-6 that highlighted the devastating conditions on farms for livestock and crops. They also manned donation stalls during the week in the mornings and afternoons and organised a free dress day to raise the much need funds.

The Buy-A-Bale organisation uses the funds raised to purchase not only hay for livestock but also diesel fuel to transport the hay. They also distribute gift cards to farmers so that they can purchase other much needed supplies.

The Student Council would like to thank all those who donated money or supported in any way. Your contribution helped to raise a total of $1,124.15. A fantastic result!

BRAYDEN - A FINALIST IN THE WET TROPICS POSTER COMPETITION

Year 5 students were involved in an art project to design a poster to be displayed at the recent Australian Tourism Exchange week.

The students had to design a poster which persuades tourists to visit our region due to its fine fauna and flora and/or promote the wonderful attractions we have available in Far North Queensland.

Brayden became a finalist and received a certificate and family pass to Green Island. Congratulations Brayden and congratulations to all students who participated in this activity.

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COLLEGE NEWS
A Gold Award for Redlynch State College’s Senior String Orchestra.
The bi-annual Far North Queensland Regional Finals of FANFARE 2014 – a festival for state school bands and orchestras was held at Croswell Hall on Sunday, 25th May and bestowed further awards to the College’s additional four ensembles.

Instrumental music students from Years 5 to 12 and their teacher conductors showcased their achievements and musical excellence through their Fanfare performances. Professional musician and adjudicator, Mick Morgan, provided positive and constructive feedback to each ensemble.

The Redlynch State College Junior Concert Band received a Bronze Award. Teacher Kirsty Rankine conducted the band for their performance of Bandroom Boogie, Dr. Rock, When The Saints Go Marching In and We Will Rock You.

Jai Ho, a Bollywood inspired piece, commenced the performance of the Senior Concert Band. Pegasus (Wings of Majesty) and El Toro demonstrated the versatility of this ensemble and their efforts gained a Silver Award.

Students from Years 5 and 6 formed the Junior Strings Orchestra which was conducted by their teacher Mr Coxon. Their Bronze Award was well deserved after performing Big Ben Boogie and Jumping Jelly Beans - a display of string instrument agility. Fancy Fiddles completed their set.

Mr Kelly Perger facilitated the College’s Stage Band to a Silver Award. The three jazz genres exhibited by this troupe presented convincing instrumental competence. Caravan, Skyfall and Flash Point were the compositions presented. Singer Leonella, Trumpet soloist Nick and Saxophonist Joe charmed the audience and elevated the band’s commendable Silver achievements.

The event was owned by the Redlynch State College Senior Strings Orchestra. This ensemble was adjudicated as ‘being musical’. The choice of melodies, arrangements and suitability of the score to instrument numbers attained a glowing accolade from the festival adjudicator. Mr Coxon, as the conductor, steered the orchestra to a masterful presentation of delightful entertainment. Fiddles On Fire portrayed an American fiddle piece. Sinfonia in D showcased the classics. The audience was transported to the Japanese Cherry Blossom celebrations as they listened to Spring Breezes. The majesty of a movie soundtrack was sensed by the performance of Battle At The Great Wall - a composition by Queensland String teacher Stephen Chin.

Congratulations to all instrumental music students for their participation in the festival of FANFARE 2014 and the awards received. Absolute gratitude to the instrumental teachers Miss Kirsty Rankine, Mr Matthew Coxon and Mr Kelly Perger who educate and give of their external time for the ability of the ensembles to attend an event such as FANFARE. A sincere thank you to the parents and guardians of the competitors because, without their encouragement and support of a student’s participation in the instrumental music program, these results for Redlynch State College would not have been possible.
Under 8's Day

Rain doesn't Dampen

Under 8’s Day

Unseasonal rain was no dampener to our annual Under 8’s festivities. Plan B saw the emergency services moved into the undercover areas and other activities shuffled around the basketball court. These venues were quickly transformed into a carnival of events for our Prep to Year 2 students. Students participated in a range of activities on the morning including making fairy bread, kite making, edible jewellery making, play dough and a myriad of other fantastic activities. A number of organisations and people should be congratulated on contributing to the success of the day - our emergency services were represented with our police, fire and rescue service and ambulance all turning out with sirens blaring and lights flashing. Bunnings “Sustainability Team” did a great job keeping the students entertained planting seedlings, bowling and playing cricket. 51st Battalion came dressed in full fatigues and were kept busy conducting horse races. They gave away medals and replica battle ships. Our fantastic senior arts department was also a real hit with huge queues for face painting. Mr Hanlon and the senior catering students did a great job cooking and selling sausages and ice blocks. Who needed the sun shining when the smiles on the children’s faces were enough to brighten the day?

A big thank you goes to all those who contributed to making the morning such a great success.

Hype DC’s ‘Sole Swap’ - Students around Cairns have been showing their support for those in need by participating in Hype DC’s ‘Sole Swap’. The promotion involves donating a pair of wearable shoes and in return receiving a $20 discount off any pair of shoes in the Cairns Central store. All proceeds will be given to kids and carers in Kenya, Africa. Last year the store succeeded in accumulating over 300 pairs of shoes for those in need, and hopes to beat that this year. Donations can still be made at Cairns Central until the 18th of July; just bring in a pair of second-hand shoes to receive your $20 discount and help kids in need. 

Olivia, 11A
**REDLYNCH ART STUDIOS**

Our Year 11 Art students were most fortunate to have two local fibre artists, Bonnie Alison and Pam Kusabs, members of the Saltwater Creek Basketry Group, come to their class and conduct a random weave workshop.

The students were both delighted and, at times, a little frustrated as they undertook basket weaving with enthusiasm. Focusing on a random weaving technique, fibre artists Bonnie Alison and Pam Kusabs expertly taught and assisted the students in constructing art objects which communicated their ideas. Although the process seemed manageable the students quickly worked out that they needed to relax and persevere to manipulate natural materials into a free form vessel. Each student produced a natural fibre random weave vessel of their own, which will become part of their experimental folio for the unit of work that they are currently undertaking, Vessel – Environment.

**A MEMORABLE SENIOR GEOGRAPHY EXCURSION**

The Year 11 Geography class went on an excursion on the 19th May. The day focussed on the Barron River Catchment and Freshwater Creek in particular. This was our first lot of fieldwork for the 2 year course. The day started well with a run out to Crystal Cascades then to Redlynch Valley. From there we headed up to Copperlode Dam to see where our water for Cairns comes from and to have our picnic. We had a quick walk down to the dam and then the rain started.

From here on it got interesting. One of the students was picked up to go to TCN and made it down the road, however, when we headed off in the bus down the mountain some 10 to 15 min later we came across a large tree blocking the way. The council was called and eventually the path was cleared. In the meantime we amused ourselves by reading, singing, watching movies, taking selfies, eating and much more. Once down the mountain we did some of the fastest fieldwork ever with Maddie and Joel happily jumping in the water for depth measurements and water samples. We missed out on the last stop for the field work, but it was certainly an excursion to be remembered. We had fun and learned something new and that was the aim of the day.

**INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN SCIENCE OR ENGINEERING?**

A number of opportunities are available for Year 9-12 students over the June/July holiday period to experience these careers. Further information about these hands-on experiences can be collected from Science teachers or by visiting the organisations website.

**ENGINEERING LINK**

The Engineering Link Project is a two or three day workshop for Year 11 or 12 Physics, Chemistry and/or Mathematics students who are looking for an exciting career option that will use what they are learning in class. Students will work with practicing engineers and experience activities that increase their choices and knowledge about future career paths.

Where: James Cook University, Cairns, Nth Qld.
When: Thursday 17—Friday 18 July 2014 Each day commences at 9am and concludes at 4.30pm.
Cost: $77 (course, materials, lunches) Who: Available to Year 11 & 12 students who’s study includes a minimum of Mathematics B.

**THE CONOCOPHILLIPS SCIENCE EXPERIENCE**

The ConocoPhillips Science Experience is a 3 day hands-on science program for current Year 9 and 10 students. The program includes activities in laboratories that use your forensic investigative skills, engineering know-how, and dissection abilities, short interactive lectures and visits to scientific sites.

Where: James Cook University, Cairns When: 1st -3rd July
Cost: $115 Who: Year 9 or 10 students
More Details: www.scienceexperience.com.au
MOTHER’S DAY STALL -  Our Annual Mother’s Day Stall was held on Thursday, 8th May and once again, we saw hundreds of smiling faces as the students picked out special gifts for their Mums and Nanas. We would not be able to run these stalls without the help of our wonderful volunteers and we’d like to say a huge thanks to Katrina, Melissa, Bianca, Kathy, Paul, Virginia, Nicole, Trudy, Tamzin, Amanda, Myer, Bree, Trudy, Char, Renae, Matina, Katie, Kylie, Charlene and Ann. We hope that we haven’t forgotten any names, as there were lots of people that popped in to help, so apologies if we missed adding your name to the above list. A special thanks must go to Katrina who made over four hundred bows to go on our gifts and dedicated many hours ensuring that the gifts looked just right on the day. Thanks also to the College staff who helped us organise the event, especially the teachers, Drew, Brian and Ailsa Connor. We are always open to suggestions as to how we can improve our stalls to keep everyone happy and would love to hear your ideas and thoughts. If you are keen to help at future stalls, especially our Father’s Day Stall coming up in September, then please feel free to give Cassie a call on 0409877111, so we can arrange a time to get together.

P6 TUCKSHOP UPGRADE
We recently submitted our application for the first stage of the Smart Schools Subsidy Scheme, and hope to hear back that we’ve been successful in getting through to the second stage, sometime in June. If we are able to get this grant, it would mean that the long awaited renovations/upgrade to the Tuckshop on the Primary Campus would go ahead in December 2015. And judging by the photo of the kitchen cupboards falling off, the renovations can’t happen soon enough!

OSHC—VACATION CARE PROGRAMME
Our June/July School Holidays Vacation Care Programme will be out soon and as usual it will be filled with loads of fun activities, excursions, games and so much more. Bookings will be open from the end of May and spaces will fill up fast, so make sure you complete your enrolment forms now! For further information, contact Tegan at OSHC on (07)40390267 or by email at redlynchcollegeoshc@gmail.com.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW FACEBOOK PAGE!!!!
Find us at :
‘Redlynch State College P & C Association’.
Please like the page and share it with your friends to help us get the message across.
We’ll be putting information and news on the page so make sure you check it regularly.
Feel free to post any comments or suggestions on it!

MONSTER RAFFLE 2014
A huge thank you to all those families who supported our Monster Raffle this year. It was really pleasing to see three out of the four prizes going to families in the school. We have also drawn the Booksellers prizes and these have been given out on parades to the students. We raised around $3000.00 from the raffle, which is a great effort, so thanks to everyone.

FAMILY FESTIVAL
In 2013, the Year 10 Practical Arts Students produced some Tie-Dye Bags to sell at our Family Festival. There were some left over and so the good people at Real Food Network have kindly purchased these from the students with the funds raised coming back to the College. It is great to see the collaboration between our students and the wider community—that is what Redlynch State College is all about!
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