CHOIR OUT-PERFORMS ALL OTHER SCHOOLS AT THE EISTEDDFOD

Congratulations to our amazing choir on their outstanding performances at this year’s Eisteddfod. Full credit to the students for their enthusiasm, dedication to practice and setting the bar high. Special acknowledgement must be given to Ms Aine Rafferty for her inspirational leadership in preparing and conducting the group. Ms Rafferty has prepared the following report about the Performance Choir’s efforts.

Our 2014 Redlynch Performance Choir has been working very hard with many rehearsals being held in lunch times. The result of this hard work shows in their most recent achievements. On Wednesday 25th June, the last week of term 2, the Performance Choir competed in The Cairns Junior Eisteddfod. We entered 4 sections in total with each section having 8-10 other schools to compete against.

Our results were as follows:
- Novelty Chorus: 1st Place
- Unison Chorus: 1st Place
- Junior Chief Chorus: 2nd Place
- Folk Chorus: 2nd Place

In addition to these fabulous results, The Redlynch State College Performance Choir was awarded ‘Most Impressive Choral Performance’ of the whole Eisteddfod for both Primary and Secondary sections.

As you may know, members fo the choir audition every year to secure one of 50 positions offered and this year have been rehearsing early in the morning before classrooms are even open. These children are amazing in their efforts and the energy they give to do something they love. I am very proud of each and every member in the choir this year. A special thank you to Ms Ilga Lockey who accompanied us beautifully on piano and helped with supervision throughout the day. Thank you so much to the parents and caregivers who continually offer their support to ensure their child can be a part of something so positive. Thanks also to our teachers and admin staff who support the opportunities that performing can offer our students in helping them to be more confident and well-rounded children.

Well Done Performance Choir!

Ms Aine Rafferty

Our very talented Choir members guided to success by Ms Aine Rafferty
RYAN - AWARDED THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOC.

By Jade

While many of us spent the school holidays relaxing, Year 12 student Ryan, was having a whale of a time. An adventure of a lifetime commenced in week 10, Term 1. Ryan was on board the ‘Young Endeavour’ sailing from Newcastle to Brisbane.

The Young Endeavour is a square-rigged tall-ship vessel and youths aged 16 – 23 years are provided a unique, insightful and challenging exposure to life at sea. Under the Youth Endeavour Scheme, the young crew learn to sail this tall-ship. The scheme is a learning and development programme for individuals. Nine specially trained Royal Australian Naval officers and the 24 youth crew members (12 male and 12 females) embark on an 11 day voyage. The individuals gain increased self-awareness, develop teamwork and leadership skills and discover a strong sense of community responsibility whilst under the supervision and supportive guidance of these experienced naval professionals.

Ryan began his Young Endeavour journey on 30th March and the 11 day sail ended on 9th April. He won his berth on the VO4/14 adventure thanks to a raffle ticket purchased by his mum. Although apprehensive of what lay ahead on his voyage, Ryan had no time to waste on anxiety as the Young Endeavour Naval crew began orientation and safety instructions, once all lines were cast off and the ship had set sail. The new youth crew were divided into teams and these ‘watches’ remained till the voyage’s completion. The watches underwent intensive training plus a multitude of challenges and tasks in preparation for the ultimate scenario ‘Command of the Tall-ship’.

Having mastered the arduous 30m climb aloft to reach the top-sail on Day 1, through navigation and nautical terminology instruction, sail setting and knot tying, tacking drills to galley cooking; important functions required to sail the ship 24 hours a day; on the evening of Day 7, Ryan was announced as Watch Leader and was ready for this important role.

Day 8, Command Day and the youth crew took the helm. A storm at Morton Bay tested the young crew as they commanded the Young Endeavour which was now a tall-ship without motors in unpredictable winds and pelting rain. The storm underestimated the youth crew’s strength and competence. Ryan said the best moment of his voyage was commanding during this storm. Ryan instigated the action plan that controlled the sails required for the ship to manage the sudden storm. As Ryan made his ‘calls’ over the 20 hour ordeal his youth crew fought against the swells and 70 knot winds. The unforgiving winds and relentless rain did not prevent the youth crew from completing navigational challenges that continued into Day 9.

Between July and August, our students who left school in Years 10, 11 and prior to completing Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician’s Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate. Thank you for your support of the Early School Leavers survey in 2014. For more information visit www.education.qld.gov.au/ nextstep/ or telephone toll free on 1800 068 587.

POTENTIAL FOR LOCAL CASES OF MEASLES

There have been two recent cases of measles imported into Cairns from Papua New Guinea – one at a local school and one in the community. Tropical Health Services have asked that you be aware of the possibility of further secondary cases as the new school term begins. Secondary cases from the most recent local case could occur up until 19th July.

People with measles are infectious prior to the appearance of the rash (from 5 days before until 4 days after it appears), so there may be transmission before children develop typical symptoms. Any suspected cases should see their local Doctor and remain at home while waiting for appropriate test results.

EVERY DAY COUNTS, EVERY LESSON COUNTS

Thank you to all the families that have responded to our request for improving student attendance. If students are to reach their potential it is absolutely vital they attend every day. For our senior schooling students this is of the highest importance, as they only get one opportunity to achieve their exit results and position themselves for a successful future. As parents it is important that you monitor their assessment program and support students by ensuring they have quality study time and their assignments are prepared well in advance.

Mr Tony Fuller
Principal
CARLY NAZER - WINNER OF THE 2013 AUSTRALIAN VOCATIONAL STUDENT PRIZE

Each year the Australian Vocational Student Prize recognises the achievements of students who complete their senior secondary studies whilst undertaking a School Based Traineeship. There are plenty of entries each year from all over Australia, so it gives me great pleasure to announce that Carly Nazer has been awarded the 2013 Australian Vocational Student Prize and will receive a certificate and $2000.

Carly began her School Based Traineeship with LJ Hooker at Yorkeys Knob and soon demonstrated a great ability in working in the Real Estate sector. Over the year she completed her Cert III in Business Administration, was awarded Redlynch State College’s Trainee of the Year (sponsored by Skill360) and gained full-time employment in 2014 with LJ Hooker where she will go on to study for her Queensland Real Estate License. Carly has demonstrated that with a focused approach to her school studies and her application to creating and following her Pathway, she has achieved outstanding outcomes and has proved to her peers to be a wonderful role-model and given others inspiration to achieve their goals.

Carly Nazer has approached her schooling in much the same way that she approached her Training/Traineeship; with a quiet, confident and mature approach to achieving her goals. At Redlynch State College, Carly was a hard-working student, had a group of supportive friends, was well liked by teachers and trainers, and was indeed a role model within her peer group. Carly however was not brash about her successes and it was her quiet and methodical approach to anything she put her mind to, that got her achieving what she wanted. I wish I could say that Carly faced enormous challenges, hardships and barriers that she had to overcome - this would make far more exciting reading, however it was the small things; her attention to detail, her ability to strive for success and the quiet and purposeful way that she approached her work that has been the subtle inspiration to all who worked with her.

Luke Forgie - Pathways Coordinator – Redlynch State College

“Carly’s keen interest in joining our work environment was a factor in offering her a School Based Traineeship in Business Administration. Carly has always demonstrated a willingness to learn new skills and assist in the many areas of operation and with all members of staff. In a small office of 5 staff, she has been involved with all staff in daily operations and in diverse roles. Mature for her age, she has been helpful and eager to please; as a result we are pleased that a position has become available to offer Carly full-time employment. We look forward to her future contributions in our industry and day to day business.”

Sue Cooper - LJ Hooker - Yorkeys Knob

I came across an advertisement in the local paper for the position of Traineeship at the LJ Hooker in my local community of Yorkeys Knob. Having my heart set on leaving school, I applied for the position which resulted in a prompt invitation for an interview. I was nervous, self-conscious and completely unprepared for the journey that lay ahead of me. During the interview, I was given wise advice not to leave school, however was given the opportunity to gain some work experience in the office over my two-week school holidays. Little did I know, my future career was falling in place around me. After many conversations and meetings and with the help of Mr. Luke Forgie, my employer Susan Cooper and Club Training, I was lucky enough to be signed up for a school-based traineeship studying a Certificate III in Business Administration; which meant I could also achieve my Queensland Certificate of Education. My hard work and dedication within the LJ Hooker office has landed me with the offer of a full-time position in 2014. This will also encourage me to begin the study of my Queensland Real Estate License which will open many more opportunities for myself and my future career.

Carly Nazer – recipient of the 2013 Australian Vocational Student Prize

PREP PARENTS - POWERFUL PARTNERSHIPS

This week our Prep students prepare for their “100 days of Prep” celebrations and we would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the parents of our prep students for all the wonderful work you do in supporting your children in their foundation year of schooling. As Prep parents I know you will be thrilled, as we are, with the progress the children have made this year. This doesn’t just happen! Quality, high performing teaching teams, high expectations and a supportive learning environment all play a part in the children’s success. Partner this with active parent involvement and children achieve great things.

Now we are moving into the next hundred days in Prep and we would encourage and welcome you to continue this powerful partnership with your child’s learning.

Sam Molloy
Deputy Principal P-3
P-6 TRACK AND FIELD CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all students who participated in the P-6 Track & Field Carnival. It was a fantastic day and all students should be proud of their efforts. For the first time in Redlynch State College history Falls was the Champion house. Falls is the newest team to Redlynch State College and after winning the wooden spoon for so many years it was terrific to see them win in 2014. Falls celebrated long and hard. Well done.

Final scores: Falls 356, Rapids 310, Torrents 216, Cascades 178.

WAR CRY CHAMPIONS: Rapids.
MARCH PAST CHAMPIONS: Torrents
SPIRIT AWARD: Cascades.

AGE CHAMPIONS
9 Years boys: Bailey  9 Years girls: Ritz
10 Years boys: Ryan  10 Years girls: Brooke
11 Years boys: Eathan & Aidan
11 Years girls: Taryn
12 Years boys: Haney  12 Years girls: Jacinta

Students in 10,11 & 12 years who came in the top 4 in the 100m, and top 2 in all other events have been selected in the Redlynch State College team to compete at the Barron River Track & Field Carnival at St Andrews Catholic College on Friday, 1st August. Those students have received a note (there is a typing error on the note, the date is Friday 1st August not 3rd, my apologies) outlining what event/s they are in and when training is on. All students are expected to attend training and if possible do some training outside of school. When the program for the day has been finalised I will send it home with each of these students.
Congratulations to Zach from 6A, pictured above, who competed for Redlynch State College at the ANQ School/Allcomers in Townsville on the 7th and 8th June. He competed in 7 events over the 2 days:

- 100m - made to finals
- 200m - made to finals
- 400m - made to finals
- Triple Jump - 6.29m (first attempt at this event) 4th place
- 80m hurdles 76.2cm (first attempt at this height & distance) 4th place

He is only 144cm tall himself.

1500m walk 1st place in 9.48.92 minutes which was a personal best and took a minute off his time from October last year’s Summer Games in which he won 1st place. Fantastic effort Zach.

ATHLETICS NORTH QUEENSLAND (ANQ) SCHOOL/ALLCOMERS

Congratulations to the following students for being selected in Peninsula Sporting teams:

- Shaylee - Hockey, Rivar - Basketball, Aidan and Brooke - Cross Country, Ayden and Solomon - Touch Football. Good luck to all those students.

BIKE BUS - The Redlynch State College Bike bus happens every Wednesday. Route 1 leaves Redlynch State College bike racks at 7:45 am and travels down Michaelangelo Drive with pickups along the way arriving at the skate park near the Red Beret at 8:00am. Route 2 leaves from Loridan Drive Brinsmead (park) at 7:45am and travels along the footpath with pickups along the way arriving at the skate park near the Red Beret at 8:00am. We all ride back to Redlynch State College arriving around 8:30am. In the afternoon we depart around 3:05 and do it all again arriving at the skate park or Brinsmead around 3:30. All students and parents are welcome to attend. If it’s your first time please get a consent form from the P-6 Student Services. All students who participate in Bike bus receive a $1 voucher for some healthy food from the tuckshop.

FOWLERS CUP NETBALL FOR YEARS 6 & 7 AND TY WILLIAMS CUP FOR YEARS 4 & 5 - The Fowlers Cup and Ty Williams Cup are coming up soon. I will let students know what is happening in regards to these 2 events.

TERMINATED PE - This term in PE students will be participating in Soccer, AFL & Touch Football. Students are encouraged to wear their sports shirt on PE day. All students must have a hat. If your child cannot participate in PE please write a note explaining why.

If you would like more information regarding PE and sport please call me on 40399222 or email avera3@eq.edu.au.

Andrew Vearing P-6 PE Teacher

7-12 TRACK AND FIELD CARNIVAL

Last term we held our Year 7-12 Athletics Carnival. It was a fantastic carnival with students being involved in track, field and novelty events across the day. This year we themed the carnival TV & movie characters, and many celebrities made an appearance. Including Sponge Bob Square Pants, Wonder Woman, the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and Iron Man. A big thank you to the HPE staff for their organization of the carnival and running pre-event prior to the day. Thanks also to the tech crew and all staff for their help on the day. The P & C donated the $1000 made from the day to the sports dinner which will be held on 10th October. We would like to thank the P & C for their contribution.

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded age champions on the day:

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COLLEGE NEWS
NZ Ski Trip
An icy journey through the wardrobe to Narnia writes Jason.

The Ski Trip over the holidays can only be described as ‘sick as’ as the Kiwi’s occasionally exclaim. We departed Cairns to New Zealand on the Sunday in the last week of school Term 2. Many brilliant things happened on the Ski Trip but the obvious main event was snow sports. Every student and teacher began on the beginner slope with daily lessons from the ski school. Those of us who could stand up (not as easy as it sounds), move (also difficult), and stop without doing so with one’s own face could move on after the first or second day depending on their individual skill level to the Highway slope.

Two birthdays took place on the trip, first Elliot’s and then Nina’s. Both occasions involved cake and celebration. The staff at the lodge in Methven, where we were staying, brought out a cake with candles ablaze for Elliot’s birthday. We cheered and sang “Happy Birthday”. Once all the candles had been blown out and his wish made, the cake was swiftly taken from his grasp and rushed back to the kitchen. This caused great confusion and laughter. We later learnt that was only a prop cake and the real one was brought into the recreational room later in the night.

Two sports were available and will be again next year, namely snowboarding and skiing. Comparatively the skiers’ lessons were taken up mostly by trying their hardest not to fly down the mountain. The snowboarders however learnt the joys of getting icicles stuck to their posterior due to prolonged sitting and waiting. These lessons only took up an hour or two of the day but were essential for all the beginners to snow sports. Due to the mountain being closed on the Wednesday we all boarded a bus and went to Christchurch to shop and later jet boat.

Amongst many things bought in Christchurch were souvenirs and novelty weapons of mass hilarity. These weapons were purely for fun and were unable to cause any significant injuries however snow globes and paua shells are also on the Australian customs inspection list. Many, many dollars were spent that day due to remarkably cheap prices in the city of Christchurch.

On the off day we were able to attend the jet boating in a nearby river: awesome. The ride lasted about half an hour and the driver of the jet boat was clearly a professional. We came within inches of total destruction countless times but everyone on-board seemed to trust him fully. The driver stopped midway to inform us that just on top of the cliff we were beneath is where the introduction to Narnia scene was filmed which was understandable as our surroundings looked too surreal to be non-fictional.

Room allocation was segregated by gender, the boys with the awful rooms downstairs with useless heating and a sink to watch drip for entertainment and the girls’ rooms with a flat screen television in every room, a walk in bathroom, free tea, a kettle and stylish furnishings. We did all pay the same amount but that’s okay.

Next year around the same time Redlynch State College will have another ski trip and I do recommend it to anyone interested in travelling overseas and trying out new sports. Just don’t be Jack (Jack managed to have two near broken arms and a damaged knee, don’t ask how).
GREAT GREEN NEWS FROM GO GREENER

This year our school started trialling The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Project. Redlynch State College has appealed to the wider community to assist in providing materials both for the garden and the kitchen so that students can be immersed in this sustainable living program.

We were very fortunate last term to have edible gardens created outside the Prep and Year 3 block completed by volunteer parents at our Semester One Working Bee and Conservation Volunteers Australia – who were sponsored by Boral Materials.

Redlynch State College has been very fortunate to win a $1000 grant from Interface Go Greener Grants. The Environmental Club and Sustainability Committee would like to thank Mrs Sandra Nicholls for her fantastic application.

We will use the Go Greener Grant to supply lower primary classes with sets of gloves and shared sets of mini tools, a normal sized hoe, rake, spade, shovel, dutch hoe and watering cans. We would like to purchase punnets of seedlings, packets of seeds and a bag of suitable non-chemical, organic fertilising agent per year level.

If you would like to be involved in the program please contact Mrs Inma Spigariol 5C.

Parent Information Session

On Thursday 21st August you are invited to attend a Parent Information Session on 1, 2, 3 Magic. Effective discipline for children, presented by Denise Svane Far North QLD., Kids Matter Coordinator.

The session will be held in the Primary Library from 2pm until 3pm.

Come to the masquerade disco!

Where: Secondary Campus in the Multi Sports Centre
When: Wednesday, 30th July
Time: 6-9pm
Theme: Masquerade
Entry cost: $3.00 in mask, $3.50 without a mask
Food and drink: $2.00 for a can of soft drink OR a slice of pizza. $5.00 for a can of soft drink and two slices of pizza.

YEAR 12 FORMAL AND FINAL WEEK 2014 - It is at this point of the year that parents begin making plans to take time off to attend Formal and Graduation so here are the dates.

Monday 17th November: Sessions at the College
Tuesday 18th November: Formal (Students may purchase a ticket for themselves, their partner and four family members)
Wednesday 19th November: Fitzroy Island trip
Thursday 20th November: Sessions at the College
Friday 21st November: Graduation (All welcome)

Turning Over a New Leaf

On the 8th May Lisa O’Mara, the Coordinator of Treeforce, came to Redlynch State College Environmental Club to talk to students and teachers about what her job involves. Her current project is the rehabilitation of Rice’s Gully near Redlynch State College. Lisa was the first guest speaker at our College Environmental Club that meets every Thursday lunch time in the science lab. Lisa brought in a fascinating range of plants such as a fig and a lillipilli. “This small leaf lillipilli is one of the best for making jam,” said Lisa O’Mara. Lisa showed the students and teachers a few host plants of native butterfly and moth species. The students and teachers were told about ‘warning colours’, which include red, yellow and orange. This usually means that the plant or animal that has these colours on them are poisonous.

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SET Plan interviews for year 10’s will be held in week 4 (4th-8th August).
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