**Principal’s Notebook**

**REDLYNCH COMMUNITY MARKETS**

What a big fortnight for the hard working team of P&C members! I must pass on my congratulations as they continue taking community engagement to the highest level. Their latest initiative of establishing a community market for the people of Cairns and in particular the people of Redlynch has been an enormous challenge. I only have praise for Jodie Ferrero the co-ordinator and Janet McIntyre, our P&C operations officer, for their very professional approach. I am certain the markets will grow from strength to strength over the coming 12 months.

**QUEENSLAND CORE SKILLS TEST (QCS)**

Last week Redlynch State College had 52 out of a total of 108 Year 12 students sit for the Queensland Core Skills Test. Having close to 50% participation is a good reflection of the academic strength of the school. They were asked to respond to a variety of stimulus materials, such as prose passages, poetry, graphs, tables, maps, mathematical and scientific data, cartoons and artistic works. Preparation for the test has been extensive over the past 12 months as this is an important part of the process so all students know how to handle the types of items on the test. Preparation was topped off with the hospitality team putting on a breakfast both days of the test to help calm those last minute nerves.

The QCS Test contributes information for the calculation of Overall Positions (OPs) and Field Positions (FPs), which are used to rank students for tertiary entrance. A student’s individual QCS Test result is not used on its own in the calculation of their OP — instead, group results are used as part of the statistical scaling processes. A student’s individual result on the QCS Test (from A to E) is reported on the student’s Senior Statement or Statement of Results. Each year the QCS Test consists of 4 papers — a Writing Task (of 600 words), a Short Response paper and two Multiple Choice papers. The results achieved for each of the 4 test papers are combined into one grade, ranging from A (the highest grade) to E (the lowest).

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - Term 3 finishes on Friday, 21st September. Students return Monday, 8th October for the commencement of Term 4.**

Tony Fuller, College Principal

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Prep Exc - Peter Rabbit - Thurs, 13th September, Cairns Civic Theatre
- P-6 Disco, Thursday, 13th September
- Grandparents Day, Friday, 14th September
- Prep Information sessions - Wednesday, 10th October at 2pm and 7pm
- Year 6 into 7 Parent Information evening and College tour, Wednesday, 17th October 7pm.

**Grandparents’ Day, Friday, 14th September**

We would like to invite all families who have grandparents in the College to a special day in our calendar year - the 2012 Grandparents’ Day. It is a day to celebrate the wonderful work and role grandparents have in the lives of young people.

As in previous years, Grandparents are invited to come to a school parade on the P-6 Campus at 9:05am in the tuckshop area. They then move off into school classrooms for about an hour. Morning tea is then shared with grandparents and parents at 10:30am. Children have a grandparent attending are invited to come down to the tuckshop area for morning tea at 11:00am. Could children who invite their grandparents, please bring a plate for morning tea. See you all on the 14th September.

Mr Rob Hanlon, Associate Principal P-6

**Phone 24 hours a day to advise the reason why your student will be or was late/absent from school on: 4039 9294**
Congratulations to Jaymie Houtman (L) and Phoebe Allison (R), two talented Redlynch State College Drama students who both received scholarships to attend the prestigious National Institute of Dramatic Arts (NIDA) September holiday program.

Both girls won a place out of 6 opportunities for drama students from around Cairns and the far northern QLD region. They were selected by a Far North QLD panel of judges based on their experiences in Drama as well as their Drama teacher’s references.

Thanks to Ms Rafferty for her reference as well as to Ms Connor for helping with Jaymie’s application.

We are sure both girls will have a wonderful experience, working with such highly acclaimed industry professionals.

Mrs Belinda Riles, Arts HOD

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6D RAISES FUNDS FOR RSPCA

Our class 6D decided to participate in the RSPCA cupcake day. Our teacher, Mrs Collis and some of our students baked lots of ‘pupcakes’ to raise money for all creatures great and small.

We also held a cupcake competition in our class. Our class raised a total of $524.20 for the RSPCA. $234.20 was raised from donations for our cupcakes, and $290 was made from direct donations to our RSPCA website page. This was from parents and friends of 6D.

Great job 6D!!!

Sascha Higginson (P-6 Secretary).

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TALENTED DRAMA STUDENTS

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Redlynch State College will be producing another fantastic and unique yearbook this year. This production is a combined effort from Senior Students, Teachers, Teacher Aides and Classes!

We are going back to the original version of one book for the whole College from Prep through to Year 12 to capture a few of the College’s milestones, showcase our fabulous programmes on offer and provide a lasting memory of your student days at Redlynch.

In addition, the 2012 Yearbook will contain all the official Student school photos of each year level, from Prep-Year 12; random photos of the year’s events, artwork, special awards, sports days, excursions, cross country, school shows, discos and all group photos of those years, Music, Sports, College Leaders, etc.

Creating a school yearbook is a rewarding experience for students and staff alike. The opportunity to create a lasting memory for everyone at the school is something that students and teachers will carry with them for a lifetime.

However, there is no point us going to this effort if no-one buys them.........So, we are hoping you will pre-order your yearbook early ready for the end of the year. Order forms will be distributed to students via their classroom. The yearbooks will be distributed as they arrive to those who have pre-ordered.

Get in early so you don’t miss out. They cost a lot to produce so we can only order a limited number, you would hate to miss out!

The price for the yearbook is: $30.00. Previous Year Books also available at a BIG discount price of $10.00. Get them now before they sell out. Once gone they will be collectors items.......

Please fill out the order form and send in your payment or payment details to the finance office. All orders and payments are due by 21st September.

Online orders also available through Flexischools at www.flexischools.com.au.
A reminder to parents/carers to notify the school about your child’s health

Redlynch State College is committed to supporting students’ health and wellbeing. We would appreciate parents/carers providing the school with any relevant health information that is required to support the student at school. This information is also collected at enrolment but needs to be updated regularly, or if a new health condition develops.

Information about medically diagnosed conditions such as allergies, asthma, diabetes and epilepsy and other health conditions that may require school staff to provide support to students, including administering medication and performing health procedures, should be provided to the school. Additionally, any health need that may impact on school activities such as sports, outings (including camps) should also be discussed with the school.

Information should be provided in writing, and any specific health plans (only to be completed and signed by the medical practitioner) should be included. Please contact the school to discuss any specific requirements.

Please inform the school office staff of any changes to contact details or the contact details of the people nominated as emergency contacts.

Thank you for your assistance in this regard. All information is kept confidential and only disclosed to the relevant staff required to support your child.

For any enquiries, please contact the school office on telephone 07 4039 9222.

FINANCE NEWS

All families should have received a statement in the mail last week. The statements were initiated last Wednesday so there may be a cross over between payments. If you have any queries, you can either email finance at finance@redlynchsc.eq.edu.au or telephone the College office on 4039 9222.

P-6 DISCO

WHEN: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
TIMES: P-3 6.00 – 7.00PM
        4-6 7.00 – 9.00PM
WHERE: LARGE UNDERCOVER AREA
THEMES: P-3 PIRATES & PRINCESSES
        4-6 GLOW IN THE DARK HORROR
COST: $2 ENTRY FEE
ON SALE: DRINKS, SNACK FOODS AND PIZZA
PRIZES: BEST DRESSED, DANCERS, GAMES

SPOTLIGHT ON A SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIP

Gaining a School Based Traineeship is a great way to enter into the workforce which can lead into a full-time Apprenticeship. Jayden McLean is the latest Redlynch State College student to follow this pathway with his recent signing up to complete a Certificate III in Mechanics with Carline Mufflers & Mechanics.

Jayden’s commitment will see him undertaking training in all aspects of the Mechanics Trade in all cars, trucks, off road, industrial vehicles including brakes, suspension and air-conditioning in a full servicing workshop. Jayden will be combining his Certificate III in Mechanics with his academic subjects to complete his Queensland Certificate of Education.

To gain further information about entering the trades through a School Based Traineeship, Apprenticeship or through alternate pathways through TAFESEC, SchoolTech or MarineTech, see Mr Forgie.

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From the President’s Desk ….

What an auspicious start. The inaugural Redlynch Community Market was a resounding success by any standard. There was just the right ratio of buyers to sellers and there were plenty of sellers. We had a wide variety of product. Students, teachers and families were involved. There was plenty of trash & treasure, with lots of room to grow. Chris McKenna had us wired for sound. Brian Smith had all the spaces delineated. Trish Holland opened the café and catering facility. Liz Reichardt had breakfast happening with the bacon competing with strawberries in the fruit and vege stall for ‘nose honours’. We rarely had more than thirty seconds between fruit and vege customers. We even had buskers.

So, congratulations to our Market Co-Ordinator, Jodie Ferrero, our Operations Manager, Janet McIntyre and our Secretary, Liz Reichardt, who saved the day with a delicious breakfast offering. I have not seen a more thoroughly organised ‘first market’ in forty-five years. A very special thanks to our Cairns Regional Councillor, Linda Cooper. Linda has been with us from the start, attending P&C meetings, spending hours helping Jodie weave through Council issues, organising and giving radio interviews and bringing Channel 7 to the college the week before. We could not have paid for that publicity.

The rolling debrief which commenced before the day was done and has continued daily since, includes heaps of ideas for improvement. Now that we’ve confirmed that this is the right time, place and people to produce the best community market in Cairns, we can start to build. But please, don’t wait to see what evolves. Jump in. There’s plenty of room. It is a big campus. Have your own stall. Volunteer for an hour or two, or help in some of the lead-up. It is all rewarding. This is what community is about and it is good for our children to see. It is especially good that it happens on our campus.

As if this wasn’t enough of a win for the P&C, our Trivia Night on Saturday was the best yet. I have missed Trivia Night every year until last Saturday and am now sorry that I have missed all the action. The ‘70’s theme was a gas, with bell bottoms, peace symbols, long hair, androgynous hippies, platform shoes, glam rock halters and rayon wrap dresses. Maurice Andrejic, as MC, kept the pace moving, Lesley Maykin and Jenni Hall kept score and Rachel Findlater kept the bar service up to standard. Our College cleaning staff took top honours, winning for the second year in a row. All up, it was a great evening though it was a bit tiring for those on double duty with the market Sunday. It was well worth the effort, with around $2,200 earned on the night.

Seeing how much fun was had by all and what a great community social evening this is, I feel we should make a big effort to fill the hall next year. Peter McGuane, CEO of Springbrook and our biggest supporter, attended from Indooroopilly on the night to draw the Monster Raffle. Springbrook has supported our Monster Raffle for three years and it was a pleasure to finally meet him. Lily Maguire from Grade 5 won the Monster Raffle 1st prize.

We have some extraordinary staff, teachers, administrators and parents at our College who dedicate a lot of otherwise ‘free’ time to our extracurricular endeavours. Let’s not burn them out. This is what makes our school a community. If every parent can do just one thing at the College over the course of the year, it will spread the load, enabling us to do even more for our students and community. Just contact Janet McIntyre on the 7-12 campus. There is no obligation. You will simply be in the email loop when we need help.

All the best!

Chris Gloor, P&C President

Lily Maguire receiving her first prize in our Monster Raffle Draw
The P & C Association recently held their annual Trivia Night and what a great night it was! The theme was the 70’s and out came the flares, the florals, the pastels and anything else you could imagine! We were very lucky to have Wedrat Chartered Accountants sponsor the event and Peter McGuane from Springbrook was on hand to draw our Monster Raffle. Special thanks must go to Maurice Andrejic, our MC, Rachel Findlater, our bar-lady and Jenni Hall, who was the mastermind behind all the questions!
What a fabulous day it was for Father’s Day. Beautiful weather, fun activities and happy faces. Some of the activities included: putt putt golf, water play, soccer, construction, shaving dad’s face with paddle pop sticks, portraits and much more.

Dads also shared yummy afternoon tea with their child.

Well done everyone and thank you Dads for helping us celebrate your special day. Take a look at these pics.

Thanks from the Prep team.
Congratulations to Cheyenne Connell and Mikayla Hillyard (Year 12) for winning awards at the 2012 ENERGY Art Exhibition which was launched at the Tanks Art Centre on Friday evening, the 31st of August.

The Far North Queensland ENERGY Art Exhibition is an annual showcase of Visual Arts, produced by schools across the region. ENERGY has gained a strong reputation for its collection of diverse and exciting works, reflecting a professionalism and maturity well beyond the age of the students who exhibit. This year’s exhibition features a range of artworks, from the best young and emerging artists of our region, including paintings, drawings, photography, installations and other media.

With over 300 North QLD entries, Mikayla’s art piece “Judging Me” won an Ergon Energy Encouragement Award and Cheyenne’s piece, “Fragility” won the CELL Artspace Award as well as The Creative Generation Regional Encouragement Award. Cheyenne also won for herself and the school $250 worth of art supplies.

Lookout for Cheyenne as she was photographed with local parliament member Mr Michael Trout for the Cairns Post and, if you would like to view these award winning pieces, along with other talented works from RSC Visual Arts students, get yourself along to The Tanks Art Centre, at Edge Hill, Tank 4, between 9.30AM – 4.30pm weekdays until the 5th of October. It is part of Carnival on Collins and entry is free. You won’t be disappointed as it is an eye-opening and heart-warming insight into the thoughts and inspirations of the youth of Far North Queensland.

Mrs Riles, Arts HOD
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