RAFTING TEAMS ARE WORLD CLASS

The Rafting Teams have had an experience of a lifetime and achieved the ultimate goal of competing on the world stage. What an incredible journey from the humble beginnings of learning to raft in the senior Outdoor Recreation Program to jetting overseas to compete in the World Championships. Redlynch State College is so proud of both the boys and girls teams achieving well beyond our expectations. When I reflect on their journey I can understand how both teams have achieved so much. Their level of dedication to training has been second to none and certainly of the level of any national champion. Over 12 months of getting up before day break, heading up the gorge to shoot the rapids or off to the pool or gym to improve their strength and fitness, they have just been relentless in their preparation. Of course training 6 days a week can’t happen without the support and dedication from the families and full credit must be given to their commitment.

The girl’s team has stunned the world by taking out the R4 White Rafting World Championships. The team is made up of 4 girls from Redlynch State College- Alice, Carina, Emma, Lucy and Steph from Trinity Bay State High School. Overall, they finished ahead of the current European Champions Russia with Brazil gaining third place. What an unbelievable effort from the girls.

The boy’s team made up of Mitchell, Jayden, Chad and Joel were also outstanding in their performance gaining a fantastic 5th in the world championships, missing out on an overall medal by just 20 points. See Sam Johnson’s article in the centre spread for more detail.

World Champions - Emma, Carina, Steph, Lucy and Alice

Representing Australia (L-R) Jayden, Chad, Carina, Mitchell, Alice, Emma, Steph, Lucy and Joel
How incredible is it to be able to splash up on the big screen a live stream of one of their races in Brazil during our 2014 Redlynch State College Sports Awards Evening? The room was abuzz with excitement and pride for both team’s achievements.

Providing the motivation and direction for two teams to compete on the world stage is one thing but getting there would certainly have not been possible without the incredible support of the parent groups and local sponsors. Endless hours were invested in fund raising and approaching different organisations for support. So much has been learnt by the students, an experience that can’t be bought or gained in a normal classroom setting.

I would also like to thank and congratulate Sam Johnson, our Centre of Excellence Outdoor Recreation Teacher for his drive and initiative in getting the students involved in the sport and of course the Australian Rafting Federation for their ongoing support and coaching leading up to the championships. There will be more to follow on this amazing tale in the next newsletter.

**2014 SPORTS AWARDS EVENING**

It has certainly been a very busy couple of weeks with special events. Once again the sports dinner was a tremendous success and very capably led by the College House Captains. I congratulate the 2014 Sports Captains for both the Primary and Secondary Campuses for their high level of commitment and enthusiasm in promoting sport across the College. Special mention must go to Ms Cassie Velonias and Mrs Louise Harcourt for an excellent job in co-ordinating the evening.

Tony Fuller,
Principal

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**MRS SPIGARIOL WINS JCU TROPFUTURES AWARD**

Congratulations to Mrs Spigariol for winning the JCU Tropfutures award for 2014. Mrs Spigariol was awarded this for her contribution to Sustainable practices in school. Well done to all the teachers and students who are now incorporating their new learning at home and at school. Mrs Spigariol has made a huge impact with the assistance of Leon and Sophie from JCU, our volunteers who have been working here for the past few months. Well done.

Rob Hanlon, Associate Principal Junior School

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**WALK TO SCHOOL FRIDAY – FINISHED FOR 2014!!**

A big “thank you” to all the children, parents and staff who participated in our ‘Walk to School Friday’ program this year. The staff who helped out were Janelle Meeks, Donna Jentz, Anne McLeod, Vicky Koscielny, Michelle Thompson and the lovely Vicky and Anne-Marie from the tuckshop.

We have finished for this year but will start up again in Term 2, 2015.

I look forward to lots of children joining in again next year!!

Sharon Ahlberg

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**FUTURE STUDENTS ENJOY A ‘MORNING IN PREP’**

Local kindergartens and child care providers visited Redlynch State College for a ‘Morning in Prep’ transition excursion. Children who will be starting Prep in 2015 enjoyed the half day excursion, visiting Prep classrooms and getting a taste of Prep with their friends and kindergarten teacher. Activities included an obstacle course for gross motor development, phonemic awareness activities, reading and writing fun, craft with playdough and “finger gym” for fine motor development.

Samantha Molloy
Deputy Principal P-6
STUDENTS EXCEL IN BUSINESS AND MARKETING PLAN COMPS.
Recently Year 9 and Year 11 business students submitted entries to the regional Marketing Plan Competition (Year 9) and Business Plan Competition (Year 11).

The entries Redlynch State College contributed were of excellent standard. Shayla (Yr 11) sadly, did not place but the two Year 9 entries took out the first and second places (beating 18 other entries!). Congratulations to winners: Lachlan and Noel, who get to share the $300 cash prize and runners-up: Deki, Angela and Kiana who will each grab a share of the $200 prize for 2nd.

Kim Andres, Classroom Teacher

GYM PROGRAM
During the year some students in Special Education have had the opportunity to participate in a Gym Program with Mrs Harcourt’s Year 12 Certificate III in Fitness students. Each Year 12 student (personal trainers) developed an individual program for each of their ‘clients’ based on fitness goals. This introduced the students to the gym environment which will, in time, give them the confidence and skills to access this form of leisure pastime independently. Equipment such as rowing machines, exercise bikes and weight machines were used. Exercises such as sit-ups, push-ups, step-ups, free weights, running and walking were regularly included. Pre and post-fitness testing were administered and over the year the ‘clients’ achieved the goals set and their fitness levels significantly increased. These sessions quickly became a highlight of the week for the SWD students.

As the Year 12 students are coming to the end of their school career, Mrs Harcourt’s Year 11 students are taking on the task of personal trainers and will continue into 2015. All the students developed a strong rapport with each other and the experience has been invaluable for all involved.

Toni Bushi, Special Education Teacher

ENGLISH TEACHERS’ LITERARY COMP.
Congratulations to Sequoia Taylor in Year 10 who was successful in winning the ‘Eve Pownall’ award for poetry in this national competition. Sequoia travelled to Brisbane for the presentation ceremony on 15th October.

Fire and Ice by Sequoia
Winter kisses me gently when I’m warm in bed, Mother and Father are in the other room small whispers and peace fill my ears

Winter kisses me gently when I’m in my golden star coat, The other girls at school stare at me funny but I don’t mind.

Winter kisses me gently when I’m in the carriage out, Mother assures me that we are okay but I can’t seem to find Father.

Winter kisses me gently when we are lining up, Many people seem scared but I remain strong.

Winter bites my skin harshly as we stand on the parade grounds, Mother holds my hand tightly but I know that it’s her who’s more comforted.

Winter bites my skin harshly The men yell at us to line up for showers, Mother passed not long ago but it still feels like she’s here.

Winter bites my skin harshly I’m stripped in a small room with too many people, a terrible smell arises and I’m not sure I’ll make it

Winter kisses my body softly we are no longer one, it is shoved into fire burning and blistering.

Remembrance Day Commemoration Parade Tuesday November 11th 2014 Prep-Yr12 10:40am Junior Campus All welcome Poppies can be purchased from 27th October from Leadership Students on the 7-12 campus and can also be obtained from outside student services on the P-6 campus for $2 each Proceeds to our local RSL Sub-Branch

Thank-you for your support Miss Kalo DSTA
RAFTING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN BRAZIL - On 10th October 2014 our wonderful Redlynch Rafting teams competed in the world rafting championships in Brazil. Both teams represented our country with passion and determination. The first discipline required teams to compete in a timed sprint trial. The U19 girls gained a silver medal and our U19 boys gained a Bronze, outstanding results for both teams. In the Head to Head the girls U19 team gained a gold medal beating Russia, the boys performed well but placed fourth overall. In the slalom both teams demonstrated outstanding technical skills, the girls placed third (Bronze) and the boys 4th overall. In the downriver, the most demanding physically, the girls took a silver medal and the boys placed 5th. What an effort by both teams.

Overall placement, the U19 girls gained WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP status, with the boys finishing 5th overall. The school community is so proud of what they have accomplished and could not be prouder of our world class teams. Since arriving back in Cairns the boys team are excited about the possibility of competing in the R6 Man Competition in Indonesia next year.

In the coming weeks Redlynch State College will hold an information night, outlining the goals and aspirations of the next rafting teams. An information letter will be sent home soon. Again, an outstanding achievement and it could not have taken place without our amazing ARF coaches Darrel Davidson and Wagner Torres.

Sam Johnson, Redlynch State College
Outdoor Education Co-ordinator sjohn662@eq.edu.au
Once again it was the annual Redlynch Sports Award Night, which was held at the Pullman Cairns International Hotel and what a great night it was. According to Mark Wilson (Associate Principal) he stated, “That it was the best Awards Night that he attended,” and certainly that was the general consensus from all that were there on the night.

The guest speaker for the night was Glendon Woosup, a Year 12 student from Trinity Bay who is presently staying at AFL House. Glendon spoke about his journey from when he first started at AFL House as a junior and how with the help of staff he developed both academically and also built on his skills in Australian Rules Football. He is now a member of the Gold Coast Suns Development Squad and has plans to attend Bond University when he completes Year 12. Glendon delivered a motivational speech that inspired all in attendance of what one could achieve through hard work and dedication.

Many students received awards for their sporting achievements these included the Pierre De Courbetin Award for participation and commendable sporting behaviour which is decided by a panel in Brisbane, this was won by Kimberly Mais and was presented by Glendon Woosup. A number of other major sports awards were won by a number of students both from the Senior and Junior campus, they are listed as follows:

Junior Sportsman of the Year: Mathew
Junior Sportswoman of the Year: Enoler
Senior Sportsman of the Year: Kahlani
Senior Sportswoman of the Year: Chantelle
Year 4 Sports Award: Ritz
Year 5 Sports Award: Brooke
Year 6 Sports Award: Matthew
Junior Spirit of Sports Award: Ben
Sports Allrounder Awards: Ayden and Oakley
Futsal Award: Stephen

A number of our students achieved State level representation, they were Aiden, Matthew and Chantelle, along with these achievements numerous other students excelled in their various sports and were a credit to Redlynch College.

Many staff and students were involved in making the night the great success it was and it is with this commitment that no doubt we will see future Sports Awards Nights acknowledging and celebrating the sporting achievements of our students at Redlynch State College.

Brian Hayter
Physical Education Teacher Years 7-12

Mrs Cassie Velonias and Senior Sports Captains

Junior Sportsman of the Year, and Senior Sportswoman of the Year

Mr Fuller awarding the Sports Allrounder Awards

The Pierre De Courbetin Award was presented by Glendon Woosup (L) to Kimberly, Louise Harcourt, Teacher (R)
CHAMPION STUDENT ANGLER HEADS TO COSTA RICA

Morgan 9C, recently participated in the Cairns Bluewater Game Fishing Club Billfish Tournament at Fitzroy Island as one of a team of 4 anglers.

The team won Champion Overall Team with 16 Black Marlin over 3 days, of which Morgan caught 4! As well as being part of the Champion Overall Team and Champion Boat, she won Junior Champion Angler. As a result, in April 2015 she will head to Costa Rica, South America, in April 2015, to fish in the invitation only World Offshore Championships with her team. As far as we know at the moment, she is the ONLY junior angler from the 60 invited teams from around the world who will participate!

2014 will also see her fish in the Annual Ladies Ribbons Tournament in December whilst she progressively accrues points for each fish she tags, in the National Junior Tournament with the Game Fishing Association of Australia.

SPORT NEWS

FOWLERS CUP NETBALL CARNIVAL

On Friday 29th August, Redlynch State College sent two teams to the Fowlers Cup Netball Carnival.

Our No.1 team made it to the finals after finishing at the top of their pool. The girls tried their hardest with some great attack from Enoler and defense by Tianna but couldn’t withstand a determined St Thomas (Mareeba) team. They were runners up and it was a great effort by our girls.

Our No.2 team finished 4th in their pool after a mixed bag of wins, losses and draws but it was a great effort.

The No. 1 Redlynch State College Team

YEAR 4/5 TY WILLIAMS CUP CARNIVAL

All boys had a terrific day. Thanks to Ian Shotton, Danny Maher, Kevin Diefenbach and Russ for coaching the teams. Thanks to parents for supporting the teams. Seen above are some of the boys who played in the Ty Williams Cup Carnival

SENIOR GEOGRAPHY

In the past week Senior Geography has had two wonderful guest speakers namely; Federal member for Leichhardt the Honourable Warren Entsch, and Simon Doyle Adams from Cairns Sexual Health. We have been studying Geography of Disease and Warren Entsch spoke about tuberculosis in Papua New Guinea, a topic close to his heart. Simon Doyle Adams spoke about HIV and its affect on the population of Australia and indeed the world and some of the misconceptions surrounding this disease.

Both of these speakers have been invaluable in helping our geography students write their reports for this unit. The students found both speakers extremely interesting and informative.

K Dawson, Senior Geography Teacher
COLLEGE NEWS

HAPPENINGS IN THE OUTDOOR EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Currently Year 11 and 12 students are creating, designing and building a series of Mountain Bike trails and obstacles at Redlynch State College.

Students have been working diligently but terrain and rocks are proving to present numerous obstacles.

I would personally like to thank Global Hire Services and Kennards Hire for their generous donation of time and equipment over the past few weeks. Their role has been instrumental in the building process of our Mountain bike trails and obstacle course here at Redlynch State College. It is hoped by the end of term 4 to have one main trail completed. Their support and dedication to promote the educational outcomes of students at Redlynch State College is commendable. Thank you again.

Sam Johnson, Outdoor Education Co-ordinator

Sam Johnson busy building the mountain bike trails with equipment supplied by Global Hire & Services.

REDLYNCH’S TOP SPELLERS IN SPELLING BEE FINALS

On 11th September, the Cairns Post held the Spelling Bee finals at Stockland Shopping Centre. There were two sections: Yrs 6-7 and Yrs 8-9, with two teams in each final. Redlynch had a team in each section. The Yrs 6-7 team consisted of Tyler, Sam, and Bella. The Yrs 8-9 team comprised Jack, Tia, and Emily, with Ray as the reserve.

Each team was given ten words to spell. At the end of ten words, the team which spelt the most amount of words correctly won. In the event of a tie, the first team to spell a word incorrectly would lose.

The Yrs 6-7 final was first, with Redlynch State College against White Rock State School. One of White Rock’s words was rebellion, another being loiter. The Redlynch team received gangrene and baroque. Both teams performed exceptionally well, but, unfortunately for Redlynch, White Rock State School was the winner.

The Yr 8-9 final was second: Redlynch State College against St Augustine’s College. As with the first final, some words were harder than others. St Augustine’s received dessert and vacuum and Redlynch got hierarchy and entrepreneur. At the end of ten words, both teams had the same number of correct words, so it went to a tiebreaker. St Augustine’s tossed the coin and called heads, resulting in Redlynch going second. St Augustine’s word was raspberries, which they spelt correctly. Then came Redlynch’s turn and the competitors were asked to spell aficionado. Unfortunately after trying as many spellings as possible Redlynch’s final answer was incorrect. All in all, the Spelling Bee was a great experience for the students who agree that preparing for the competition definitely improved their spelling.

Both Redlynch teams performed very well and were complimented on their behaviour and positive attitude. Well done to all participants and thank you to Ms Ahern for organising and assisting the spellers throughout the competition. Thank you to Ms Peddle for her support at the final.

Emily and Tia

NORTON ANTI-VIRUS SOFTWARE

Symantec are currently running a deal for all school staff and students for their Norton Anti-Virus software.

This deal covers a single device either Windows, Mac, Android or iOS. The cost is $9.99 for 1 year or $29.99 for 3 years.

To purchase or for further information please visit the learning place at: https://students.learningplace.eq.edu.au/Pages/Default.aspx and look for the Norton security offer.

Peter Ferry, Network Manager, Redlynch State College

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