AWARDS EVENING
What a fantastic night we had last Tuesday at the students Awards Evening.
As the College evolves we have taken every chance to enhance the format of the evening and really promote the academic richness of the College.
This year we have included awards for academic excellence in years 7 to 12 which gives us the opportunity to acknowledge the large group of students that have excelled across all their subjects.
I would also like to thank a number of sponsors from the community that have agreed to an ongoing sponsorship for the Special Awards. This has allowed us to promote our very best achievers in categories such as Citizen of the Year, School Based Apprentice / Trainee of the Year, Vocational Students of the Year, College All-rounder, Arts and Cultural Student of the Year, Musician of the Year and Dux.
I would like to thank and acknowledge the following sponsors:
James Cook University
Councillor Linda Cooper
Member for Barron River Michael Trout
Central Queensland University
Mr Richard Ruddell
Australian Defence Force
Skills 360 Australia
Tropical North Queensland Institute of TAFE
Parents and Citizens Association
Vocational Partnerships Group.

Congratulations to all the student winners on the night and I look forward to a more detailed feature of the evening in the next edition of the newsletter.

CHAPLAINCY
The role of the Chaplain in the College is irreplaceable. The level of support Wayne Green gives to our students has been commendable and I thank him for the way he professionally addresses his role. This position would not be sustainable without the guidance of the Chaplaincy Committee. This group meets every term and is always looking for new members to help keep the spirit of the program going. If you are interested in joining the group please contact Wayne on 4039252.

SCHOLARSHIPS
Each year Bond University, located on the Gold Coast, offers full-fee and part-fee scholarships to the best and brightest applicants worldwide. Each faculty within the university supports outstanding students by awarding scholarships. I am so pleased to announce that Tayla, one of our College Captains, was successful in winning the Dean’s Scholarship which will cover approximately $62,000 worth of Tayla’s university fees so she can study a double Bachelor of Law and International Relations. What a great reward for such a fantastic student, congratulations Tayla!

INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICS COMPETITION
The results of the International Mathematics Competition (ICAS) have just come through and I am thrilled to announce our students have gained some fantastic results. Across Years 3 to 12 we received 36 credits and 16 distinctions - this is an outstanding result. The certificates will be presented this week on assembly and a more comprehensive article will be featured in the next newsletter.

Tony Fuller
College Principal
COLLEGE NEWS

STUDENTS ATTENDANCE CELEBRATIONS

It is well documented that attendance relates very closely with achievement of students. As an example, should a student miss 10 minutes of every school day by the end of Year 12 a total of 6 months education would be lost to that student. Any student that attends 90% of the time will miss a total of 1 year and 1 term (260 days) of education by the end of Year 12. These examples highlight the absolute necessity to attend and be engaged in lessons every minute of every day.

To celebrate excellent performance I would like to acknowledge the students in Years 7, 8 and 9 that attended 100% in term three. Students received a tuckshop voucher and a certificate for their efforts. In week 2 the group was joined by the students who have reached the College benchmark of 95% attendance. As a reward students enjoyed a pizza party sponsored by the P&C association.

These students are:

Year 7
Jake, Elise, Liam, Ruan, Dylan, Cetlin, Judy, Kelsi, Zac, Ally, Brianna, Jordan, Jacob, Liam, Damon, Jacson, Noel, Jacinta

Year 8
Sophie, Chloe, Kiana, Sally, Nicholas, Tilly, Jaide, Ross, Taylor, Megan, Angus, Isaac, Eliza, Jorja, Yvette, Sam, Rhianna, Kristal, Drew, Samantha, Brec.

Year 9
Johanna, Annaliise, Samantha, Cassie, Rebecca, Chris, Emma, Bailey, Akala, Skye.

Over 70% of all students in Years 7, 8, and 9 attended 95% - 100% of the school year. The Junior Secondary section of the College is Years 7, 8 and 9 and has an aim of 100% of students attending a minimum of 95% of the available days in term 4 and into 2013. Thank you to the parents and students for your commitment to your Education.

Associate and Deputy Principals, Middle School Annie Murie, and Colin Troyahn

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A VISIT FROM HON. WARREN ENTSCH MP- FEDERAL MEMBER FOR LEICHHARDT

Senior Geography is currently studying Geography of Disease, and as most of us would have seen, Warren Entsch has recently visited the Western Province area of Papua New Guinea and seen the health crisis there first hand. He was happy to come in and talk with our students about where this is taking place, what the effects are on the local people and in Australia, as well as why this health crisis is occurring. The people in this area are suffering from malnutrition, tuberculosis as well as a range of other diseases.

Our students were stunned by the pictures of this area and the conditions of the hospital where people are treated in Daru. It reminds us of just how lucky we are in Australia and how easily diseases like drug resistant TB can be transmitted.

It was a very informative lesson and the class appreciated the time given to them to discuss real life issues that relate to their studies.

Kath Dawson,
Senior Geography Teacher

SENIOR FORMAL TICKETS

Tickets are now on sale for this year’s Redlynch State College Senior Formal, $90 per Yr 12 student, $80 per guest

Price includes 3 course meal and entertainment

Where: The Pullman International Cairns (formerly the Sebel)

When: Tuesday 13th November 7pm -12 midnight (arrivals will begin at 6pm)

Tickets can be purchased at the Payments Window, Secondary Campus

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Contact: Michael Moore (President) 0408 033 613
P & C ASSOCIATION NEWS

BACK TO SCHOOL STATIONERY PACKS 2013

We have been selling our Back to School Stationery Packs for 2013 for just over two weeks now and the response has been amazing. Thanks to all those parents who have supported us in this new venture. Remember that all proceeds raised from the sale of our Stationery Packs will go directly back to the College and our students.

Our Back to School Stationery Packs for 2013 have only been released for Years Prep to 9, however, we are working closely with the College at the moment in order to be able to provide a list for Years 10 to 12. This will be a basic stationery list and the supplies will be available for purchase through the P & C Association Stationery Shop. I will have these lists available and will send them home with students as soon as I can.

If you want to take advantage of our pre-Christmas collection run, you must have your orders in, and paid for prior to the 16th November 2012. We have had a large amount of families taking us up on this offer, as it means there is one less job to do after Christmas. . . . . . . . . and one less bill to pay! Those orders paid for by this date will be available for collection from the P & C Office during the week of the 19th to 23rd November 2012.

For those of you wishing to collect your packs and pay for them after Christmas, you can email me through your order (rscpande@gmail.com) and I will ensure that your packs are put away for you. It would be really handy for us to know of any after-Christmas orders, as we will be making the packs for these up during the holidays. Orders for the packs available after Christmas must be placed and paid for, prior to the 10th January 2013. They will be available for collection during the week prior to school starting back in 2013.

You can either order online through FlexiSchools or just by sending me an email or giving me a call on (07) 40399237.

DON’T FORGET OUR PRIZE DRAW!!

We will be holding a prize draw for each year level and the winners will have the full cost of their packs refunded to them! Draws will take place during the first week back at school next year so, by supporting the P & C Association with this venture, you could win your money back!

Any refunds for items that are in your pack that you do not need will be made after both collection runs. We thank you for your understanding in us having to do it this way this year.

If you have any questions about the Back to School Stationery Packs please feel free to contact me. Thank you once again for your support.

Janet McIntyre, P&C Operations Manager

REDLYNCH COMMUNITY MARKET

A gorgeous sunny day, a delightful blend of stalls (47 of them), a very popular children’s corner and tasty fresh prepared food served up with delicious coffee – all the ingredients of another successful market! All this, amazingly, pulled off by the few very dedicated amongst us! A huge thank you and big kudos to the following people, without whom, Redlynch State College and our community would not be enjoying this “up & coming” event:

To Liz Reichardt, our P&C Secretary & RCM Café Manager, for her organisation, energy and ideas (not to mention her yummy coffees!) Liz willingly volunteered to take on this role and together with her husband Robert and daughter Sam have worked very hard over the past 3 months to ensure the café is run professionally. Thank you Robert & Sam for all your hard work.

To Janet McIntyre, our P&C Operations Manager, for her incredible commitment to the P&C on all levels and for her support and volunteer time each month at our market. Janet manages our RCM accounts and income to ensure all profits from our markets goes directly back to the College to benefit the students. She is always on hand to provide assistance wherever she is needed.

To Angela Greening, our P&C Treasurer, Book Club Convenor and longest serving member of our Executive, for her willingness to dedicate even more of her available time to help with preparations and assist in the café.

Thanks to Chris Gloor for assisting me this month to get all our signage out on the roadsides and for his support in developing our market. Also, to Sue Fincham for volunteering her time to assist with pack down at the end of each market day.

I would like to make special mention of our College Principal, Tony Fuller, and our Facilities Manager, Brian Smith, who, off their own back, volunteered their time yet again this month to ensure we had sufficient “helping hands” on the day. They set an example which I very much hope you will follow. If we received just 12 offers of volunteers from across our College of 1000 families, each volunteer would only be needed once or twice a year! I think we can all manage that, don’t you?

Our next market on Sunday 25 November, will be our final market for 2012 and our Christmas Market! Save the date and your spending money for this special event. Shop at RCM for unique locally handmade gifts and support your community this festive season.

Please come along…enjoy a Skybury Coffee and some delicious food. We need you to get involved and support us so that we can in turn support the college both financially and in building a strong community for our children. We do have a lot of fun. There are some areas where I could use some assistance over the next few weeks in preparation. Do you enjoy being creative, are you artistic, do you own or work for a business which might be able to assist with website development or graphic design? Do you walk regularly in a neighbourhood where you could do a letterbox drop? Can you distribute posters to sporting clubs, schools, and shopping centres? For further information please contact Jodie Ferrero, Market Coordinator on m.0428668113 or rscpande+communitymarket@gmail.com

2012 Redlynch State College Yearbook!

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 it……to this end, we are hoping you will complete this form and pre-order your yearbook early ready for the end of the year. They will be distributed as they arrive to those who have pre-ordered first.

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……

Online orders are available through Flexischools at www.flexischools. com.au or you may order through the Finance Room ext 246 or FINANCE @redlynchsc.eq.edu.au
On Wednesday 19th September, 17 students from Years 8-11 along with Mr Smith, Ms Gillespie and Mrs Riles embarked on a 15 day adventure to Japan.

The first three days of the tour were spent in Tokyo where the students enjoyed shopping in such famous locations as Akihabara, Harajuku and Shibuya, whilst also appreciating the cultural attractions of museums and temples, such as Asakusa, the Imperial Palace, Meiji Shrine, Ghibli Animation Studios and the Edo Tokyo Museum. We even caught a bit of Sumo where we witnessed the grand champion, Hakuho, smash his opponent out of the ring!

After Tokyo we made our way to Nagareyama, Chiba, to meet our host families for a four day homestay experience. The students enjoyed meeting and living with a regular Japanese family and were also able to visit Nagareyama Otakanomori High School, the students from which Redlynch hosted earlier in the year. For many though, the highlight of our time in Chiba was our visit to Tokyo Disneyland.

From Nagareyama we travelled by bullet train to Kyoto where we based ourselves for the rest of the trip. On our first day we visited a historical theme park, Eigamura, and made our own omiyage (souvenirs) at the Kyoto Craft Centre. We finished the day with our traditional dress-up night and dinner at the Kyoto Ninja Restaurant.

The next day we travelled to Hiroshima. The morning was spent exploring stunning Miyajima Island with its local deer and famous red shrine situated in the ocean. In the afternoon the students went to the Hiroshima Peace Park and Museum to learn about the tragedy that struck this beautiful city in 1945. On Saturday we went to Osaka and visited Kaiyukan, one of the world’s largest aquariums, followed by the famous Osaka castle. Unfortunately, a typhoon forced a small change in plans the next day, so instead the students enjoyed a relaxing day shopping and exploring the attractions around Kyoto Train Station. By Monday, the storm had passed and we visited some of Kyoto’s most famous temples, including Kyomizudera, the Golden Temple, Ryoanji rock garden, and Nijo Palace. That night we celebrated our time in Japan with another Redlynch tradition; our sayonara karaoke party. The next day we checked out of our hotel early and spent the morning visiting Nara, a city surrounded by national park containing magnificent shrines, temples and native deer. We departed Japan later that evening and arrived back in Australia early the next morning.

Big congratulations to all the group members of this year’s trip. Your behaviour was exemplary, but more than that, the adventurous attitudes you displayed allowed you all to overcome new challenges and enjoy the experience so much more. It also made the trip something that I, along with Ms Gillespie and Mrs Riles, thoroughly enjoyed and will never forget.

Planning for 2014 starts next year!

Mr Nick Smith, Teacher
Our inaugural and highly successful Excellence in Sports Evening was held at Cazaly’s earlier this term with an impressive sell-out crowd of 300 in attendance. The night was in recognition of students from Years 4-12 who represented Redlynch State College at an inter-school, district and/or regional level.

Highlights of the night were varied, however the most outstanding was a motivational speech by our guest speaker, Grant ‘Scooter’ Paterson, who is not only an ex Redlynch student, but a successful and inspirational 2012 Swimming Paralympian. His speech was such an invaluable and positive message to students, teachers and parents alike.

All award recipients have made our College extremely proud of their achievements and efforts in sport.

Categories for awards covered an impressive spectrum, however the major areas to proudly mention were as follows:

2012 Junior Spirit of Sport Award – Emma
2012 Senior Spirit of Sport Award – Zearne
2012 Senior Sport All Rounder - Erika
2012 Pierre de Coubertin Award - Will
2012 Junior Sportsman of the Year - Conrad
2012 Junior Sportswomen of the Year - Chantelle
2012 Senior Sportsman of the Year - Matthew
2012 Senior Sportswomen of the Year - Jamilla

This night would not be achievable without the continued support and dedication of parents, teachers and coaches. It is your involvement that makes these achievements possible. For this, thank you. So many people have contributed to the success of the night and we would especially like to thank our generous sponsors and all involved. Looking forward to next year.

Get out and get involved in sport. Hooroo.

Cassy Velonias, Sports Coordinator

Redlynch State College would like to thank the following sponsors:
ARTISTS’ VISIT

As part of their course the Year 12 Visual Art Studies students have been studying the theme of Body Art. The students have already completed the Non-Permanent Body Art component of the unit whereby they undertook research and practical activities concerning Face Painting.

This term the Body Art unit theme continues and they have been exploring Permanent Body Art, in particular the designs and artwork of Tattoo artists. They have focused specifically on the art styles of Tattoo art and the role of a tattoo artist as an artist/designer; as well the history of Tattoo artistry, the social and cultural role of tattoo art and the laws regulating Tattoo art and its application to clients. Queensland Health and City Council regulations, workplace requirements such as hygiene and workplace practices, qualifications and employment opportunities have also been addressed.

“I AM” POEM

This term the Year 7’s have been looking at and analysing different types of poems. Last week both 7C and 7F wrote an “I Am” poem which they had to theme around a topic of their choosing. This fantastic example written by Joe from 7C showcases some of the quality work our grade 7’s are doing. Excellent effort!!!

Lynton McKay, Teacher

Bali Bombing

I am the boy who is quiet and strange
I wonder whether I’ll see my family again
I doubt it so much with all of my heart
Because of the one night that lit up the dark
As I walk through the ash, the coal and the flame
Because of the Bali bombers that place will never be the same

I finally reached help but it was already too late
They tried to save them but it was up to fate
I knew they were gone but I still had hope
But my mother and father could not cope
Their burns were severe and their cuts were bad
That’s why my mother passed away as well as my dad

My story is at its end and my skin has grown old
It almost felt as if my story had been told
As I lay my head down my tears go dry
I will never forget what happened that terrible night
My story has been told as you can see
But now it’s time to close my eyes and join my family

By Joe 7C

MARINE AND AQUATIC PRACTICES COURSE

“This year three Year 12 students from the Marine and Aquatic Practices course completed the requirements for their boat licence. Jake, Shaun and Luke spent 2 days at the Holloways Beach Environmental Education Centre undergoing the testing.”

Mr Bradford, Teacher

Students gaining useful work and recreational marine skills
Studying music is one of the most academically beneficial things a child can undertake so why should we be encouraging our children to explore the world of music?

Students who participate in music often go on to achieve bigger and better things during their schooling life. Although musical aptitude will vary from person to person, the process of mastering a musical instrument will develop a child’s mental, emotional and cognitive abilities as well as enhance their creative abilities.

While music enhances children’s creativity, it also involves a number of other skills that will serve them well for the rest of their lives. A study done by the American Association for the Advancement of Science shows that learning music can help improve reading comprehension, mathematics, and cognitive skills like verbal and perceptual abilities as well as spatial reasoning and, therefore, leads to higher scores in reading and maths. Researchers believe it’s because reading musical notes and playing instruments involves thinking ahead, visualising, pattern recognition and using spatial temporal skills – which children don’t get when they’re just watching TV or using the computer. These spatial temporal skills are also one reason why music has been linked to mathematical intelligence and abstract reasoning.

Music educators also tell us that early exposure to music encourages the power of concentration, coordination and self-discipline. Learning music improves your child’s concentration. It takes a great deal of focus and patience to master an instrument. Aside from learning how to read notes, your child will also have to pay attention to his or her posture and factors like rhythm, timing, and even the correct placement of his or her fingers on the instrument’s keys or sound board.

Consequently playing a musical instrument also teaches discipline because practice makes perfect. And while playing the piano or the violin may not be as physically rigorous as baseball or soccer, these activities do develop hand-eye coordination—not to mention the fine motor skills required in learning how to write.

Through music, children have the ability to develop exceptional mental, emotional and cognitive skills across disciplines very quickly. Once they begin studying a musical instrument they acquire the facility to enhance these competencies over time. These are just some of the benefits that your child can gain from learning music. If you are interested in exploring what our music program here at Redlynch State College has on offer for your child, more information about our Recruitment and Enrolment process will be in the newsletter shortly.

Instrumental Music Students 2013 begins in Term 4.

Yours in Music,
Matthew Coxon & Frank Bray: Strings & String Ensembles
Barry Farlow: Woodwind & Concert Bands
Kelly Perger: Brass & Jazz Band
Nathan Christodouliedes: Drums & Percussion
Aine Rafferty: P-6 Campus & Ilga Lockey: 7-12 Campus
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