AWARDS EVENING
What a fantastic night we had on Wednesday, 23rd October at the student Presentation Evening. Setting traditions is important in establishing an academic profile with the school community and I believe Redlynch State College has an impressive foundation for acknowledging academic success in our students. I was very proud of the professionalism of the evening which was so capably coordinated by Ms Jane Hurley and certainly showcased the academic richness of our student body. How pleasing it was to see such depth of academic performance in all of the year levels, not just in the merit awards but also in the elite excellence awards.

The College Dux award is the ultimate prize for academic excellence. In 2013 this was presented to Felicity, a very worthy recipient. I would like to especially congratulate Felicity for her outstanding achievements through Year 12.

Congratulations must go to all the student winners on the night, there are more details featured in the centre page of this newsletter. 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 Citizenship 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 and Musician of the Year and Dux. I would like to thank and acknowledge the following sponsors: Councillor Linda Cooper, Michael Trout, Member for Barron River, Central Queensland University, Mr Richard Ruddell, the Australian Defence Force, Skills 360 Australia, Tropical North Queensland Institute of TAFE, Parents and Citizens Association and Vocational Partnerships Group.

Our guest speaker Drew Hay gave us an inspiring speech on setting one’s goals and beating adversity. Thanks Drew, your words were very much appreciated.

SPORTS DINNER - 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 2013 captains for both the Primary and Secondary Campus 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 coordinating the evening.

FAMILY FESTIVAL - This was my first chance to attend the Redlynch P&C Family Festival and it certainly lived up to its great reputation. Coordinating such an event is a massive task requiring lots of support from the whole Redlynch Community. The level of commitment from staff at Redlynch State College was outstanding, contributing significantly to the large array of stalls. I would like to personally acknowledge the leadership of Janet McIntyre and the executive of the P&C on a very professionally run event that all of us should be proud of. Finally, it is always fantastic to see so many parents and community friends contributing to the success of the day.

Phone 24 hours a day to advise the reason why your student will be or was late/absent from school on: 4039 9294
**NAPLAN results**

In previous correspondence Mark Wilson referred to the improvement in Redlynch State College’s NAPLAN data. One of the areas we have concentrated on throughout the College has been the remodelling of intervention programs and the establishment of Year 7, 8 and 9 consolidation classes. The prime focus here is to ensure students acquire the foundation skills in literacy and numeracy with the aim to increase the number of students achieving the National Minimum Standard (NMS). It is especially pleasing to see the improvements in Year 5 and the Junior Secondary area (Years 7 and 9) as you can see in the table below. This is a result many secondary schools would be proud of.

One of our focus areas in 2013 has been on writing as this was identified below. This is a result many secondary schools would be proud of. The numbers are the percentage of students that reached NMS in the targeted areas of reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy.

Mr Tony Fuller,
College Principal

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**Percentage of students performing at or above National Minimum Standards = NMS%**

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The full NAPLAN report is available on the “Myschool” website.

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**Finance News**

- **Payment Window:** The payment window is open from 8.15 am to 11.45 am Monday to Friday. We are no longer open in the afternoons.

Alternatively, you can make payments via Internet Banking (BSB #: 064-804; Account #: 00091188; Account Name: Redlynch State College) or put your money in an envelope with your child’s name on it and drop into the slot on the P-6 Campus or 7-12 Campus. Money is cleared from these slots on a regular basis during the day.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Payment Window will be CLOSED for the last week of Term 4 – Monday 9th December to Friday 12th December.

- **2014 Student Resource Scheme Participation Agreement** package will be mailed out to parents for their completion around mid-November. Please complete the SRS Participation Agreement Form and return to the office by Friday 6th December. Every parent with a student enrolled at Redlynch State College is required to complete this form.

Also included in this mail out will be a student personal information details sheet for you to check to make sure all details on our system are current. If you have changed your address recently please let us know asap to ensure you receive this package.

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Team – email: FINANCE@redlynchsc.eq.edu.au.

**Finance Team Members:**
- Cheryl Kelly – Accounts Receivable Officer Beth Ramsay – Accounts Receivable Officer Maxine Wienert – Business Services Manager
Hello everyone, we are the junior Opti-MINDS team Paranormal Minds.

After successfully competing at the JCU Open Day and winning the Social Sciences Division 1 at the Cairns Regional Finals of Opti-MINDS we were one of three winning Redlynch State College teams that travelled down to Brisbane in October, to compete in the Opti-MINDS State Finals.

We were fortunate to stay in a 4 star hotel in the city called Oaks Aurora. We went to the University of Queensland to display our ideas in an ideas market. Our idea was to stop discrimination against racism and religious beliefs. The next day we went into a room at the UQ and got 3 hours to come up with a solution to a problem and display it in a drama performance. During the 3 hour challenge, we had to solve a spontaneous challenge, which we had 4 minutes to complete. We did very well and so did the other teams, but sadly we did not win, although we did have a great time. The Cairns region did very well though and two St Monica teams won and are going to New Zealand.

We would like to thank a number of people who helped us along the way, including Vicki Flint, who helped us sell slushies and Mr Hanlon who made curries, both helped us raise money to go down to Brisbane. We would also like to thank the P&C which donated money and a huge thank you to our parents who helped us bake cupcakes and supported us along the way. Thank you also to our fellow students who bought cupcakes at the disco. However, the biggest thank you of all goes to our team facilitator, Vicki Mondora, who was there with us the whole time and gave up her personal time to supervise us while we practised. Opti-MINDS is a great educational experience and we recommend it for all students who like thinking creatively.

By Teeya, Sophie, Claire, Jaymie

Our Senior Opti-MINDS teams will report how they went in Brisbane in the next edition of the newsletter.
The Redlynch State College community celebrated excellence at the Presentation Night last week. Students in Years 4-12 were recognised for their achievements in the areas of academic, cultural, citizenship, sport and environment. The evening also showcased the talents of the P-6 choir, Concert and Jazz bands. The special guest for the evening was past student and current staff member, Mr Drew Hay. His inspiring speech was a highlight of the evening.

Congratulations to the School Captains and Vice Captains for 2014:
7-12 School Captains:  Hector and Tayla
7-12 Vice Captains:  Kian and Ashleigh
P-6 School Captains:  Colt and Teeya
P-6 Vice Captains:  Blair and Dana

Merit Award Winners
Year 4 Merit Award Winners
Renee Ellie Daly
Isabella Blake Scarlett
Ella Matilda Tenzin
Aleena Oakley Candyn
Cameron Ella

Year 5 Merit Award Winners
Kasim Ethan Hannah
Hannah Georgie Brieanne Aidan Tara
Madeline Claire Teeya Blake Joa Son
Luka Dana Sophie

Year 6 Merit Award Winners
Tyler Zali Sam Enoler
Taylor Elaine Kilian Madelyn
Emma

Excellence Award Winners
Year 7 Excellence Award Winners
Felicity Sascha Damon Ella
Bianca Jack Ruby

Year 8 Excellence Award Winners
Jack Auna Emily Elise
Byron Corey Mitchell Tia
Jacinta Fletcher Jacob Mikaela
Ceitlin Kyah Judy Hanna

Year 9 Excellence Award Winners
Sophie Tom Connor Denique Nadia Lucas
Jasmyn Mikayla Qi Qi Marica Mattias Sarah
Tayne Amber Hayley Bree Arianna Dana

Year 10 Excellence Award Winners
Imogen Jason Carina Jasmine Olivia Lacey
Annaliese Hannah Emma Nicholas Kerli Amber
Chelsea Lachlan
Akala Alysse Cassie
Samantha Mitchell

Year 11 Excellence Award Winner
Natalie O’Brien

Year 12 Excellence Award Winners
Emma Sarah Nathan Felicity Chelsea Ellie
Jesse Mitchell Nikoleta

COLLEGE DUX:  Felicity

Special Awards
Overall Musician of the Year: Nicholas
Long Tan Leadership Awards (Year 10 and 12): Mitchell (Year 10) Jenay (Year 12)
(Sponsored by the Australian Defence Force)
Redlynch State College Citizen of the Year Award: Madeleine
(Sponsored by Councillor Linda Cooper)
Redlynch State College Cultural Student of the Year: Jade-O and Felicity
School-based Apprentice/Trainee of the Year: Ben
(Sponsored by Skills 360)
CQU Budding Engineer Awards (Junior and Senior)
Cassie (Year 10) Jesse (Year 12)
(Sponsored by Central Queensland University)
TAFE Vocational Student of the Year: Dayna
(Sponsored by TAFE)
Redlynch State College Vocational Student of the Year: Carly
(Sponsored by Vocational Partnerships Group)
Redlynch State College All Rounder Award: Jesse
(Sponsored by Mr Michael Trout-MP Barron River)
Overcoming Adversity Award: Isabelle
Community Service Award: Mrs Vicki Flint

Congratulations to the major award recipients for 2013 as follows:

2013 College Dux: Presentation Night 2013
Meet our Dux Years 4-12

Year 4 Dux: Daly
Year 5 Dux: Luka and Sophie
Year 6 Dux: Sam and Emma
Year 7 Dux: Damon and Jack
Year 8 Dux: Auna
Year 9 Dux: Qi Qi and Tom
Year 10 Dux: Carina
Year 11 Dux: Natalie
College Dux: Felicity

Cultural Students of the Year

Long Tan Leadership Award winner receiving her award from Mr. Fuller

(Above) Mrs. Ilga Lockey presenting student with the Overall Musician of the Year Award

(Above) Student receiving the Senior CQU Budding Engineer Award

Cultural Students of the Year

Student receiving the Junior CQU Budding Engineer Award

School Based Apprentice of the Year receiving his award. Award sponsored by Skills 360
THE YEAR 9 ENRICHMENT DAY
On Friday, 18th October, ten Year 9 students were given the opportunity to participate in the inaugural Year 9 Enrichment day organised through the local branch of the Queensland Association of Mathematics Teachers. This was held at the Woree Learning Centre.

Students arrived and had to decipher a welcome message using PIG PEN Cipher. The students then rotated through 4 activities on the following topics: Cryptology, Games (namely the Tower of Hanoi and Leapfrog), Topology and Platonic solids. The students were introduced to interesting concepts that are not in the syllabus or time prohibits from our general classroom. For example students had to come up with equations related to the games they played.

After lunch a quiz was conducted with the following rounds: Modelling and Problem Solving, Estimation and General Mathematics knowledge. Of course, we had to declare a winner and these students walked away with some movie tickets.

The day was also about meeting like-minded, gifted maths students from 11 State, Catholic and Independent schools. It was a great way to make some new friends.

The day was over all too quickly, but in the eyes of the students it was a huge success and they voted that future Year 9 students should be given this opportunity as well.

Students who attended from Redlynch State College were Tim, Adam, Tom, Tilly, Riley, Connor, Bevan, Marica, Ben, Qi Qi and Arianna

A REMINDER…Our aim at Redlynch State College is to improve EVERY student’s Maths result. We can only do this when students (along with the support of parents) have a dedication and an aspiration to excel. Teachers are finding that students are not bringing the required equipment to class which ultimately hinders their ability to learn. Please ensure that every student has a calculator, ruler, pencil, eraser and maths notebook to bring to class.

Homework is set regularly by all teachers. In addition to this, students should be using any additional time to focus on topics they may need extra assistance in. The school has purchased the resource “MyMathsonline” which can be accessed 24/7 by the website www.MyMathsonline.com.au. Many teachers are also setting homework electronically as there is a feature of self-marking and it also enables feedback to students and teachers. Please take the time to check out this invaluable resource. The generic username and password, along with individual U/P have been given out to students during class time however, if you don’t have it, please contact me.

Assessments in each year level have begun and will continue over the next 6 weeks. Work hard and your efforts will be rewarded!

Mrs Sharyn Crookes, Head of Mathematics Department

NEW STOCK ARRIVING IN UNIFORM SHOP MID NOVEMBER. COME IN EARLY AND BEAT THE MAD BEGINNING OF THE YEAR RUSH.

"Please remember to update your student/s details, change of addresses especially as we are about to send you a package relating to your student/s enrolment next year”

Also remember you must keep your student/s medical details up to date too. Let us know about any changes.

Margaret Baldock, Business Services Manager
EXCELLENCE IN SPORT EVENING - The Excellence in Sport Evening was held at the Hilton on Friday 18th October. The night was in recognition of students from Years 4-12 who represented Redlynch State College at an interschool, district, regional and/or state level.

This year students participated in 20 interschool competitions. With many new sports like the Bill Turner Cup Soccer, Boys Rugby Union, Girls Rugby League, Australian Rafting Titles, Oz tag & Rugby League Gala days, Ten Pin Bowling, Table Tennis and the Triathlon events reflecting our growing presence in Cairns sport.

The highlight of the night included a motivational speech by Mrs Sharon Hannon. She told the story of coaching Sally Pearson to Olympic gold in the 100m hurdles.

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

The major award winners of the night included:

2013 Junior Spirit of Sport Award – Enoler
2013 Senior Spirit of Sport Award – Joshua
2013 Senior Sport All Rounder Award – Mitchell
2013 Pierre De Coubertin Award – Jamilla
2013 Junior Sportsman of the Year – Connor
2013 Junior Sportswoman of the Year – Chantelle
2013 Senior Sportsman of the Year – Aden
2013 Senior Sportswomen of the Year – Jamilla

This evening would not be possible without the continued support of parents, teachers and coaches. So many people have contributed to the success of the evening and we would especially like to thank our generous sponsors and all involved.

Congratulations to our 2013 Sportsmen and Sportswomen of the Year. (L-R) Connor Menzies, Junior Sportsman of the Year, Chantelle Yelland, Junior Sportswoman of the Year, Aden Casson, Senior Sportsman of the Year and Jamilla Riley, Senior Sportswoman of the Year.
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