The fifty-third annual Athletics Carnival held recently, was a great day and all in attendance had a thoroughly enjoyable time.

The Track and Field action was constant with many students performing well and the House competition for the overall winner was a close contest. However, in the end it was Jindobarri (Giants) who took home the trophy!

Well done to all for a great day of athletics action; great costumes and good humoured competition. Finally, thank-you to the staff and students who helped out on the day and with the pre Carnival events.

Chris Francis — HPE Dept. RSHS
AGE CHAMPIONS and HOUSE POINTS

Tye and Amy - U/13  
Kyle and Zylah - U/14  
Nathan and Tori - U15  
Jared and Laney - U16  
Brandon and Tayla - Opens

Murrumba 611  
Bongaree 707  
Turrubul 822  
Jindobarri 977

OVERALL CHAMPIONS - **JINDOBARRI**
I recently interviewed the three Seymour girls; they were absolutely great and happy to share their many swimming achievements with me.

Emily (Yr.12), Jacinta (Yr.10) and Chelsea (Yr.8) all go to the same swim club at Albany Creek. Each started swimming when they were three (as most of us do), with Jacinta and Emily moving into competitive swimming at the age of ten, and Chelsea when she was around seven or eight years old. Jacinta and Emily's favoured swimming style is freestyle and Chelsea's is backstroke.

One of Jacinta’s most profound accomplishments is completing her 10km open water swim but she is also very proud of coming second in the State 800m event. Emily’s achievements cannot fail to impress: she has won every age group 10km she has ever competed in, including the Nationals for Australia. Last but never least; Chelsea’s most proud moment is making it to Nationals for backstroke.

Chelsea’s swimming inspiration is Emily Seebohm, an Australian backstroke, freestyle, butterfly and individual medley swimmer. Emily (Seymour) is a huge fan of Cara Baker, a top Open Water swimmer from New Zealand. Emily grew up around Cara, was at swimming meets with her and Cara helped her as she was learning to swim competitively. Her other role model is Shelley Taylor-Smith, who is a very well known former Australian long-distance, Open Water swimmer.

Originally their parents just wanted Emily to learn how to swim, however it spiraled into more than a hobby. Once Emily realised her talent, soon her siblings followed, including their younger brother. Through Emily’s success she has managed to inspire her siblings to show their true swimming prowess.

One of the things the girls are sure of is that swimming has taught them a very important skill, (other than swimming of course), and that is time management. Having to juggle school, training and a social life means these girls need self discipline and excellent time management skills. In addition, the girls agree that swimming has increased their self-confidence. Being able to confidently stand in front of a crowd and swim proudly is a tricky job, but they believe they have now got it down pat.

Other than their training schedule, the girls live like anyone else (but they don’t have to go on diets to stay in shape training up to ten times a week). Even with the heavy training schedule the girls love swimming. From the atmosphere around the pool, to training as a team and helping each other through the challenges these girls love everything about swimming.
OPEN FOR BUSINESS ......

The Year 12 Certificate II Business and Information, Digital Media and Technology students will be holding their Annual Trade Show on Friday, 5 September 2014 in the school gym.

The Trade Show allows students to combine skills developed during their study over the last year and a half into a practical activity. The participants initially started researching their micro-business of choice with the aim of selling their designed product or service to the school staff and students. Guests attending the event will be given $200 each of play money to purchase the goods and services at businesses of their choice.

Upon the closing of the event, prizes will be awarded to the displays with the highest profit and best customer service.

The Year 12 BCT class have been given the opportunity to help plan and organise the Trade Show event this year. As part of their assessment a business called Reddi Events has been created. Students have been allocated to different departments, each with specific tasks to make this event successful.

With last year’s show being quoted as the “Best Trade show yet”, the Year 12 Business students hope to make this year’s event even better!

Reddi Events Marketing Department

Kyle McIntyre, Megan Harrison and Reece Hislop

YBloom Mentoring Program

Officers from Redcliffe began a seven week journey this Wednesday with Year 9 girls from Redcliffe State High School, and it was kicked off with some rather involved and challenging circus activities! (talk about that a bit more in a minute).

YBloom is a mentoring program run by the YWCA Queensland designed to build resilience and confidence in young woman. Over the coming weeks the officers and other Mentors (who come from a diverse range of occupations), will work closely with the girls on self-awareness, problem solving and creativity.

Detective Senior Sergeant Teena Rolls welcomed the opportunity to be involved in the program “In my role in Child Protection I see young people who would benefit from a program such as this and I am very pleased to be able to mentor girls who are in our local community”.

Matilda Ivin-Todd fromYWCA Queensland has welcomed the QPS into the program “We look for mentors who would like to make a positive difference in the lives of young women as we believe all young women have the right to reach their full potential”.

The QPS has a number of initiatives and strategies which provide developmental opportunities for female employees. One such program is the Leadership and Mentoring Program (LaMP) which both of the officers who are involved in this program have been Mentees in.

Oh, and the circus activities – let’s just say that they tested their team work, their reliability, their strength and their trust in each other!
Have you applied yet?

Music & Humanities Scholarships

FOR STUDENTS STARTING Year 7 & 8 in 2015

- For 2015 we will be awarding two Humanities and two Music scholarships to students starting Year 7 and Year 8.
- The scholarship applicants will be judged on the relevant Program of Excellence admission criteria (as per your POE application).
- Scholarship winners will have their school fees & Excellence program fees paid for 2015.
Redcliffe teams through to F1 in Schools State Titles ....
by Mr David Christie, HOD ITD.

Redcliffe High recently hosted the Moreton Bay F1 in Schools regional trials. Schools competing in the competition included Redcliffe High, Pine Rivers High, Brisbane State High and Scarborough Primary school.

The F1 in Schools™ Technology Challenge is the world’s largest secondary school technology program. It involves over nine million students from 17,000 schools in 31 nations.

The patron is Formula1™ supremo Bernie Ecclestone along with the Formula1™ teams who are co-patrons.

Each year students from schools across the country begin their climb to the National Trials in order to have a shot at the world titles.

Competing this year from Redcliffe High were “Infinite Racing” our all girls Senior Professional Class Team and a new Senior Professional Class boys’ team called “Toxic Racing”. Both qualified for the State Titles which will be held later this year in Mackay.

The Junior Professional Team also received the championship award for their division.

The teams would like to thank their sponsors for the invaluable support given. Without the sponsors, none of this would have been possible.

If you would like to support or sponsor the teams and get on board with engineering and design, please contact me (David Christie) on 3897 1111 to see how.

Special thanks go to the Ortega family and Electro Mechanical Calibrations (EMC), Boeing Engineer, Brendan Williams and Leanne Hixon a representative from the REA Foundation.

Don’t forget to “Like” the Infinite Racing Facebook page and keep up to date with the team’s challenges and triumphs!
C-Gen 2014 from Ms Miranda Beazleigh-Dadd

Dear Shona,

I had the pleasure of attending Creative Generations at Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre with my son Jag on Saturday night and I just have to say WOW!

Redcliffe High was so well represented with featured singers Campbell and Lacey and violin and cello players Lochlan, Jag and Natalya. The quality of performance and behaviour that all the students displayed was outstanding.

I also have to mention Chrislyn Hamilton, I have seen her perform since she was a grade 10 student and she is still amazing. It’s so nice to hear all the people in the crowd around you comment about her awesome voice.

Finally I just thought I’d mention what a great job Katie Lawton (our wonderful strings teacher) did, chaperoning the students every day, giving up her evenings and weekends so our children had five valuable minutes on stage. Her dedication to her students having this amazing experience is really appreciated.

Kind regards,
Miranda Beazleigh-Dadd

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Are you a parent of a child with type 1 diabetes?

Every day, thousands of Australian children suffer the effects of type 1 diabetes and families struggle with illness management and children’s behavioural and emotional adjustment.

Positive Parenting for Healthy Living is an adaptation of the successful Triple P- Positive Parenting Program offering practical ideas and support for parents of children with type 1 diabetes. This innovative group program is designed to help parents manage their child’s illness, assist children in coping with their illness and emotions, and prevent and manage difficult child behaviour.

Over the next few months and for a limited time only, parents of 2-10 year old children with type 1 diabetes are able to access Positive Parenting for Healthy Living Triple P as part of a University of Queensland research project. Parents will be able to attend the program free of charge, and will be asked to complete 2 sets of assessment measures (questionnaire and family observation) over a 6 month period, as part of the study. Contact Aditi Lohan on (07) 3346 7689 or email diabetes.healthyliving@uq.edu.au, or visit https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/tt1diabetes for more information.

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FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
JUNIOR SECONDARY

I had the pleasure of meeting up with the Year 8 Rugby League Excellence students last week. One of the topics covered was the number of students who had improved attendance whilst being at Redcliffe High. Mr Woodford and Mr Roberts gave the students details of these improvements and I am sure this has gone a long way toward the current excellent results they are achieving in their competition.

High Reliability Schools Survey emails with a link to surveys for parents, students, staff and administration are currently being sent. We ask that you kindly participate in these surveys as your feedback is important. Please check the email address you supplied our school to access the e-mail link. The closing date for the current survey is the 18th August 2014.

Parent teacher interviews will be conducted Tuesday 12 August. Interviews will again be conducted on the Western Campus.

Preparation for our Junior Secondary program and particularly Year 7 into High School are well under way. Please ensure you have enrolled your child and don’t hesitate to contact myself (Deputy Principal Junior Secondary); Tracy Humphyres (HOD Junior Secondary) or Jo Lock (our Enrolment Officer) should you require further details.

Ian King
Deputy Principal, Junior Secondary
In this chilly weather I congratulate the majority of our students for wearing the correct school jumper. Please remember that students are only allowed to wear school uniform jumpers or jackets, these are available at the Uniform Shop.

Soaring: Music Gala Night
The 2014 Music Gala Evening was held at Hercules Road SS on Saturday night. This venue was fabulous for the event and we thank HRSS for your assistance in hosting our school community. The Redcliffe SHS students (including past students), staff and parents put an incredible amount of time and effort into preparing for this annual event. It is always a fabulous, MUST NOT MISS event on my calendar and this year was no different. I am constantly amazed at the quality of performances; the talented young people in our school are absolutely remarkable. Performance after performance was outstanding, providing an excellent evening of entertainment. Congratulations to all the performers.

Thank you to the teachers involved and of course to our amazing Instrumental Parent Group who organised the evening.

To everyone who contributed in some way – we are grateful and we look forward to a very bright future led by our Instrumental Teacher, Ms Emma Shapland.

Above: F1 in Schools
Mr David Christie (ITD Head of Department) organised the District competition for F1 in Schools. As you will have already seen in the other newsletter article, our students did very well and we look forward to their participation in the state competition. The students take on a massive amount of responsibility and devote a lot of time to perfecting their designs and then turning them into racing cars. The knowledge they gain through involvement in this activity is so beneficial to their senior studies and helps guide their career goals. F1 is a remarkable aspect of our school, one we support with great pride. We are grateful to Mr Christie for his leadership and for the work the ITD teachers undertake working with Primary students, who also competed in the district competition. Well done to all.

Beyond: Junior Secondary Parent Group
The Junior Secondary Parent Group met with me last week and again provided excellent feedback on many aspects of our school. We discussed the Year 7 facilities and they took a look through the refurbished F Block – they were very impressed. We are hoping to tour the new building at our next meeting. We also discussed the ‘Bring Your Own Device’ state government initiative and how it will impact on our school. This was a great conversation as always. This small but positive group of parents provide a parent’s perspective on how the school progresses through our Junior Secondary journey and I thank them for their time and opinions.

Expectations: Uniform
It is an expectation that every student wear the full and correct school uniform.
I know that parents support this but are sometimes unsure as to what is acceptable. If in doubt please jump on to the website. All of the information you need can be found in the ‘Support and Resources’ – RSHS Dress Code, or simply follow the link below

https://redcliffeshs.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Parentresources/Pages/Redcliffe-SHS-Dress-Code.aspx
Thank you for your support.

Redcliffe: Independent Public School
After consultation with staff and representative students we have decided to seek P&C endorsement for the school to once again apply to become an Independent Public School. We gained this endorsement last year and put in an application which was unfortunately not successful. We feel this year we have better credentials and have placed the topic on the P&C agenda for discussion.

PS. Have you seen our fabulous Facebook page yet? Please check it out and “like” to be updated with all the exciting events happening here at Redcliffe High

Red Alerts
Follow the link below to our WEBSITE calendar where you will find all the important school events for the rest of 2014.

https://redcliffeshs.eq.edu.au/CalendarandNews/EventsCalendar/Pages/EventsCalendar.aspx

“LIKE” OUR OFFICIAL SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE AND GET NEWS AS IT HAPPENS!

Volunteers Wanted!
To work in our Uniform Shop.
if you can help please contact
Ms Michelle McDonald on 3897 1111

Shona McKinlay
Principal - Remarkable
Redcliffe High
Soaring Above and Beyond
Expectations @ Redcliffe-SABER
Redcliffe State High School

PROJECT: Protecting Redcliffe Youth

- School expanding from 1,245 to 1,400
- Need for a larger shade area due to the additional number of students
- Skin Cancer awareness program incorporated into the project
- Large quadrangle area to be covered
- Large School Community Support

Our school is growing and we want to make sure that each and every student is provided with the best facilities possible. The QLD climate is harsh, and sun safety is an extremely important issue, especially in the summer months. We wish to use the Community Care grant to build a larger shade area for students and teachers to use. We will turn the construction of this shade area into a School Community Project, using it as a valuable opportunity to educate our students about the importance of sun safety.
The Australian Veterans’ Children Assistance Trust (AVCAT) is a not-for-profit organisation. AVCAT administers scholarships to help children, and in some cases grandchildren, of the Australian ex-service community with the costs of full-time education. The most deserving candidates are provided with financial assistance to facilitate their tertiary studies.

AVCAT relies on the generosity of the ex-service and business community as well as private donors. If you would like to find out more about supporting AVCAT or applying for a scholarship, please contact us:

T: 02 9213 7999   E: avcat@dva.gov.au   W: www.avcat.org.au

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“It means the world to me that someone I don’t know cares about my education and believes I have potential.”

2014 Recipient