All the right words take Steph to the next level!

Public speaking on a Saturday night is not every teenager’s idea of fun, but for Year 12 student and President of Student Council, Stephanie, it paid off because she has now won the second round of the Lions Youth of the Year judging. Competing against four other students from Clontarf Beach State High School, Grace Lutheran College and Southern Cross College, Steph was awarded not only the Lion’s Youth of the Year overall winner, but also the Best Public Speaking award for the night.

Held at the John Naumann Hall, Deception Bay last Saturday night, the local Lions Club hosted an entertaining evening including dinner for the contestants and their supporters. Each student had to deliver two impromptu speeches which were very challenging and not for the faint hearted, as well as a prepared speech of five minutes. While earlier in the afternoon, the students were also interviewed about their roles at school and in the community, along with their goals for the future.

Steph did a remarkable job on the weekend and represented our school proudly.

Wendy Carlsson – teacher English/Social Science
BULLYING...NO WAY

Taking a stand together!

The whole school turned out to say...

BULLYING
NO WAY!
Future Labor Leader and PM!.....
Jaycob takes the first step on the political ladder

Year 11 student, Jaycob, is proudly representing the youth of Redcliffe through his position in the Queensland Youth Parliament. Jaycob has a keen interest in politics; he has been a member of the Labor Party for two years and has worked closely with recently elected local member, Yvette D’Ath as an event manager. Jaycob was chosen as one of the eighty nine Youth Parliament representatives, who are drawn from across the whole of Queensland, at the end of last year. During the selection process he was asked to nominate three preferences (areas) in which he would like to bring about improvement for the community. Jaycob was then allocated a position on the Youth Parliament Agricultural Resources Committee.

From the fourth to the sixth of April this year he will be attending Queensland Parliament where he will learn about parliamentary standing orders and policies. After this, until the first week of September, he will meet with the remaining committee members to create, then debate and construct their legislation. In September he will take part in a four day sitting in parliament, where he will present the legislation and make a maiden speech about his aspirations for Redcliffe and the Redcliffe Community.

Jaycob will be going on to tertiary studies at the end of Year 12; he would like to study a Bachelor of Law and Economics. Following this he plans to join the Navy and become a Legal Officer. In the future, Jaycob hopes to pursue a career in politics, and has aspirations to become the Prime Minister of Australia.

He is very passionate about creating peaceful and harmonious strips of parkland in urban areas, similar to Central Park in New York, where people can relax and appreciate nature. But for now, he is happy to be a voice of change for the youth of Redcliffe.

Senior Reporters - Steph and Wil

PLAY FAIR,
PAY YOUR FARE!

We have received several complaints from school bus drivers regarding students regularly not having bus fare, or forgetting their GO cards.

Bus drivers are not allowed by law to leave students at bus stops, even if the student repeatedly does not have any bus fare.

In view of the number of repeat offenders, the drivers have come to the reluctant conclusion that some students are taking advantage of this rule.

One driver was particularly concerned believing that parents are giving the students their bus fare, but the money is being spent at the tuckshop or other food stores instead.

The drivers said the problem is getting worse and asked that we inform parents of the issue.

It is in everyone’s interest that bus fares are paid if we wish to maintain a regular and reasonably priced school transport system.

Jaycob is seeking our help!
If you have any ideas for his Agricultural Resources legislation, feel free to contribute your ideas @ redcliffe@ymcagyp.org.au.
Musical by nature!

The Accelerated Music Program here at Redcliffe High has a well established reputation for excellence and has been going from strength to strength, continuing to nurture and encourage some remarkable young musicians and singers.

Last weekend the Stage Band were invited to perform at the Redcliffe Botanic Gardens open day. Despite the hot humid weather, the Botanic Gardens itself provided the band with a lovely natural backdrop and shady environment.

The students not only gave a spirited and polished performance but also impressed with the smart contemporary music uniforms, their outgoing personalities and cheerfulness.

On Tuesday this week music students entertained parents and visitors at the Peninsula Education Precinct (PEP), State Education EXPO, held at Hercules Road State School.

Congratulations to our strings players for providing some soothing entertainment and also to Miss Lawton for conducting.

Singers from our choir joined with the other Peninsula State schools to form a combined choir for the event and it was pleasing to see the co-operation between the schools.

Well done to the Music Department both staff and students, for representing our school in such a remarkable way!
Defence Force careers for van Rooyen siblings!

2011 Vice-Captain - Julius van Rooyen
2012 Captain - Rene van Rooyen

Julius and Rene both opted for careers in the military and have been busy since leaving Redcliffe High.

Julius joined the army and completed a rigorous training program at Kapooka in NSW. During his initial training course he won the top Rifle award and on completion specialised in ordnance and military logistics.

Julius was posted to Amberley here in Queensland and then to a Support Unit at an American base in Kandahar, Afghanistan. The desert life was certainly an eye-opener and something he'd never experienced before. Julius said he served with a wonderful group of US and Aussie troops over his eight and a half months in Afghanistan and earned three medals during his service. Since his return to Australia he has been posted to Townsville. Julius is now looking at undertaking further study.

Rene began the gruelling Defence interview process in year 11 and by the end of year 12 was accepted in the Navy Officer program. She completed NEOC (New Entry Officers Course) at HMAS Creswell, Jervis Bay with flying colours and as a result was the only officer to receive an immediate six month posting on HMAS Parramatta. Whilst serving on the Parramatta, Rene was involved in border patrol and maintaining our nation’s security.

This year she has started a degree at ADFA (Australian Defence Force Academy) in Canberra, and will be studying Business, Indonesian, Military History and Geography. At the recent Chief of Defence Parade, Midshipman van Rooyen was presented with a war service medal, earned whilst serving on HMAS Parramatta.

Rene wants to inspire young women from our school to work hard and pursue a career as an officer in the military; it's a career she loves particularly as it includes lots of sport and a degree!

Flashing lights now active!

Recently flashing light school zone signs were installed on Klingner Rd Redcliffe High was nominated to receive these new signs as part of a $10 million Queensland Government commitment to improve school road safety.

You will notice that the new signs look similar to standard school zone signs with the important addition of a red flashing ring around the speed limit as well as two flashing yellow lights at the top of the sign. The installation of flashing light school zone signs is proven to improve visibility of school zones, serving as an active reminder for motorists to slow down.

So next time you’re dropping off or picking up your child keep an eye out for the new signs and make sure you stick to the signed speed limit.
Hello my name is Elena McLeish and I am the School Based Youth Health Nurse at Redcliffe State High School. I am here to give students individual support around any health and wellbeing concerns that they may have. I also am involved in health related teaching and learning activities within the classroom.

Over the past few weeks I have been working with Ms Deb Burke’s life skills class. We have been discussing healthy lifestyles, including asthma and smoking. We have also discussed healthy eating and watched Mrs Hartley cook a healthy and nutritious stir fry.

If students wish to come to see me about anything, I am here every Thursday and Friday and alternative Wednesdays. I am on the Western Campus in room N7 and they can see me at break on these days to chat or make an appointment. On the days that I am not here, students can speak to someone in the Blue room to organise an appointment.

Looking forward to meeting you!  
Elena McLeish - SBYHN

Entertainment Book

The fabulous value Entertainment Book is available from the 31 March Cost: $65 dollars per book. Digital Copy is now available for the same price (Can use on your iPhone or Android)

Profits go to the student council to make improvements around the school. To purchase you can order online by visiting: https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2220538 or come into the school office (please call before to make sure stock is available).

Miss Brylee Columb - English/Social Science & Student Council

March is a busy time in Japan. First up there is Hinamatsuri, a doll festival for young girls which is celebrated on March 3. The dolls are displayed on a stand and they represent the Heian Court starting with the Emperor and Empress on top and the lesser members of the Court below. The dolls are often family heirlooms and not for playing with. The doll stand is put up on display for a few weeks and then taken down immediately after March 3; it doesn't stay up as it may bring bad luck to the family.

Cherry Blossom viewing is one of the best times of year in Japan. After a long, cold winter (and this year was the coldest on record for 20 years!), it's such a beautiful sight to see the Cherry Blossoms blooming in late March/early April. The flowers first bloom in the south and move up the country with the heat of Spring. People will gather under the blooming trees and have parties; it's a really nice way to welcome Spring and enjoy the company of others.

Mrs Karen Townsend - Japanese teacher
Year 6 Transition Week
Our Year 6 Transition Week was held earlier this year, preparing for the Year 6 into Year 7 move to High School 2015. What a great week it was, with some fantastic activities provided. Students from both state and independent Peninsula primary schools had the opportunity to attend for a day at Redcliffe High.

Staff from Science, Maths, Drama, Arts, English, SOSE and the SABER Leadership team provided focused programs which the students and primary teachers thoroughly enjoyed. The HPE department assisted with sports activities; Hospitality provided morning teas and Ms Katie Lawton arranged and organized a fabulous music program enjoyed by all, including parents attending our REDDi-on-the-Go (ROTG) functions.

ROTG gave parents the chance to come and experience our school in everyday operation. They enjoyed walking through the school and seeing classes; learning about our new buildings and the future plans to accommodate Year 7 students.

The preparation and plans for the arrival of the 2015 Year 7 and 8 students is well under way at our school. Preliminary discussions with local primary schools took place throughout last year and this close association has proved invaluable this year helping to prepare students and parents for the move.

School photos
School photos are now completed and student ID cards will be provided shortly. This year for the first time we are proud to present students who have received Gold and Platinum SABER awards, student cards that reflect these colours. These special cards are in recognition and acknowledgment of their efforts in gaining such high awards.

Robocup
The robotics program is up and running for 2014. A talented group of year 8 and 9 students have already built their first robots and have started designing others to enter into Robocup.

Robocup is a robotics competition, in which students have the opportunity to compete in one of three challenges: dance, rescue or soccer.

- Dance involves building and programming a robot to perform a dance in time with music. Points are given on the creativity and originality of the design and programming. Some groups have already come up with some amazing ideas and are enthusiastically building their robots.
- Rescue involves building and programming an autonomous robot to manoeuvre around a course, over challenging obstacles, to rescue someone from a chemical spill. This is a difficult task as the course is not revealed until challenge day, so the robots must be programmed to be prepared for anything.
- Soccer involves designing and programming two robots to compete against an opposing pair of robots by kicking an infrared ball into their designated goal.

The teams meet around four to five times a week in lunch breaks and after school, spending their time brainstorming, designing, building and programming. The students are working tirelessly towards their chosen challenge and it is amazing to see the hard work and effort they are putting into their robots.
TAKING IT TO THE MAX!
MAXimising literacy and numeracy at Redcliffe High

Apostrophes: Where Do They Go?
I’m here today to talk to you about a terrible tragedy that’s sweeping our planet….. It’s apostrophe abuse.
Those poor, lost, lonely apostrophes: you see them everywhere, looking for love in all the wrong places. Nearly every day, I see another apostrophe being abused or misused, far from where it belongs.

Squidoo

Remembering the rules
There is a lot to remember on the road to becoming successful writers and readers. One of the ways we can help students retain critical information is through the use of mnemonic devices, such as songs, poems and acronyms. Mnemonic devices are simply learning strategies used to help students remember important information in an engaging way. Take a look at this song we use to help remember the rules for apostrophe use, (http://www.coolrules.com/apostrophe_song/apostrophe_song.html), but be warned, it’s catchy!

Mrs Rachael Skelton - Redcliffe High Success Team

The Apostrophe song
Cool Rules Pty Ltd, (2010)
The rules about apostrophes are simple rules
But sometimes those rules confuse Just when you think you’ve got it and you’re feeling cool I-T-S … it’s back to school

Don’t put an apostrophe in ITS unless you mean IT IS
Don’t put an apostrophe in ITS unless you mean IT IS

Apostrophes are used to show who owns what They tell your reader something when they’re in the right spot You’ll never have a problem, you’ll never need to guess If you ask yourself “does the owner end in S?” Apostrophe alone if the owner is a word that ends in S Apostrophe alone if the owner is a word that ends in S Jack’s cat, Jill’s dog, Jan’s mouse, James’ frog Boys’ team, girls’ school, Uncle Joe’s pizza shop Apostrophe alone if the owner ends in S Apostrophe and S if it ends in something else Apostrophe and S if the owner ends in something else Apostrophe and S if the owner ends in something else

There’s one more thing an apostrophe can do It can bring together two words when one will do Like don’t for do not, she’s for she is And don’t forget IT’S when you mean IT IS

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COURSE AND ASSESSMENT PLANNERS
During the last couple of weeks the students have had access to their semester planners from Education Queensland’s OneSchool website. These planners contain what they are studying each week for all of their subjects and when their assessment is due for Semester 1.

Please encourage your child/children to download their planners as this will help with time management and ensuring all work is completed and handed in on time.

Students have been emailed instructions on how to find the instructions for downloading these from the OneSchool website. Parents can see these too. However parents will need to be with their child as they have their own password. Instructions are also posted on the school website, in the Parent and Student Resource sections.

Please note: Slight date changes may occur due to unforeseen events. Students will be notified of any extensions on these due dates.

For students in Years 11 and 12 - weeks 8, 9 and 10 in Term II will be EXAM BLOCK and although exams are stated for this time the actual Block Exam timetable is not constructed until early June.

Sue Linde - Deputy Principal
Supporting the Community
Breast Cancer Network Australia

My name is Liz Taylor and I am a Breast Cancer Survivor, having undergone a mastectomy, chemotherapy and radiation during the last 10 months.
This year I am taking part in the Breast Cancer Network Australia (BCNA) Great Wall Challenge 2014, where other likeminded people travel to China and trek the Great Wall of China (at our own expense). Prior to taking this challenge, we are raising money for BCNA to assist them to continue their valuable support and help to people diagnosed with breast cancer.

Please support our activities.

**BAREFOOT BOWLS**
Sunday 30th March 1-5pm
Bramble Bay Bowls Club
$15pp includes bowls and pizza 1 to 5pm

**GREAT EASTER HUNT**
Sunday 13 April
10 am to 2pm
Burpengary Community Arts Centre, Old Bay Road
STALL SITES AVAILABLE

**MOVIE PREMIERE  ‘The Other Woman’**
Birch, Carol & Coyle, Morayfield
2pm, Sunday 4th May, 2pm
$25pp includes drinks and popcorn or wine and cheese pre movie

‘KSP THEATRE RESTAURANT’ & MINI-FIELD OF WOMEN DISPLAY
Sat 24 May $30.00

Includes dinner and show 'Murder at the Music Hall'
Old Bay Road, Burpengary

**‘MINI-FIELD OF WOMEN’ BLACK FRIDAY BLACK & WHITE COCKTAIL PARTY**
Friday 13 June
Burpengary Community Centre hall
7pm till late
$20 includes finger food and entertainment
Dress: Cocktail

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY**
Sat 19 July
Hunting Lodge Estate, Kilcoy
Camping and Accommodation available

**BIG BREAKFAST**
Caboolture River Fishing & Boating Club,
514 Uhlmann Road, Burpengary.
Sunday 10 August 2014
6 to 10am
$20 includes breakfast, entertainment & 1 ticket in multi draw raffle

**‘MINI-FIELD OF WOMEN’ ART SHOW**
29, 30, 31 August
Artisans’ Guild of Caboolture and District, Old Bay Road, Burpengary

**STALL SITES AVAILABLE**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND BOOKINGS CONTACT**
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**SHAF T - 7 – 17 April, 2014**

SHAFT is a Moreton Bay Regional Council program for high school aged students who reside in, or attend high school in the Moreton Bay Region. Grand Prix Go Karting, Parkour, Slacklining, Surfing, Ten Pin Bowling, Wakeboarding the Aqua Fun Park. That's not even all of them. Council has subsidised every activity making it super affordable for you, ranging from $2 to $30 (depending on the activity).

Bookings are ESSENTIAL and available from 9am Tuesday 18 March, 2014.
Head online to www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/shaft to make your booking or call 5433 2052 to secure your place.

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National Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Collecting data on students with a disability assists teachers and education authorities to support the participation of students with disabilities on the same basis as students without a disability. To date, there has not been an Australia-wide collection of data on students with disabilities.

All state governments have now agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with a disability. This has been achieved through a gradual rollout from 2013. Our school will be involved this year in the nationally consistent collection of data.

The only data being collected from our school to be reported nationally is the:
• number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
• level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
• broad category of disability (these categories include students with medical and mental health conditions).

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please let us know by calling the school office on 38971111.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:

Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.

Shona McKinlay- Principal