PRINCIPAL’S PERSPECTIVE

Quadrennial School Review
In 2016, Collinsville SHS will be conducting a quadrennial school review as part of the Department of Education and Training’s planning, performance and improvement cycle. This review involves:
♦ analysis of student and school outcomes (achievement, improvement, opinion) against performance measures and indicators
♦ reviewing performance trends from available data
♦ assessment of the achievements of the previous School Plan
♦ consideration of previous School Plan priorities requiring renewed focus
♦ re-examination of the school context, curriculum, pedagogy, student diversity, workforce, resource management and other planning requirements
♦ consideration of all resources within the context of school planning
♦ consideration of department’s strategic plan.

The Quadrennial School Review committee will comprise of a representative from the following groups:
♦ Principal
♦ Head of Department
♦ Teacher
♦ Ancillary staff
♦ Student
♦ Parent
♦ Community

We are now seeking expressions of interest for a parent and community representative to form a part of this committee. The commitment may include attending and participating in committee meetings throughout term three and four. If you are interested in this position or discussing this further, please contact me at the school on 4785 8111 or at the.principal@collinsvshs.eq.edu.au

Parent-teacher Interviews
Parent-teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday 19th July from 3.00pm to 6.00pm. Parent-teacher interviews are a great opportunity for parents to:
♦ show your child that you are interested in their learning and what is happening at school.
♦ learn more about your child’s development
♦ meet and get to know your child’s teachers
♦ help your child’s teachers understand more about your child
♦ make plans with the teacher about how you can both support your child.

I encourage all parents and students to make a time to meet with teachers.

P&C News
The next P&C meeting is Monday 20th June at 2.45pm in the school library. We hope to see you there.

Student Uniform
A school uniform is an important element in building a sense of community and pride in self and in the school.

I would like to take this opportunity remind parents and students of the uniform policy. In winter, students are permitted to wear plain navy blue crew or v-neck jumpers/jackets and plain navy blue track pants/trousers. Hoodies and jeans will not be permitted.

Plain navy blue zip up jackets ($15 to $25) are available to purchase from the school. We have elected not to embroider the school emblem on the jumpers in order to make them more affordable and enable students to wear them outside of school.

Track pants can be ordered at the parent’s request.

Yours sincerely,
Heather Murry
Principal
Whats’ New Pussycat? Excursion

On Thursday the 26th May, 11 students and 2 teachers attended a viewing of Judith Prior’s What’s New Pussycat at the Townsville Civic Centre. The students who attended are heavily involved with the performance and or the design aspect of our school’s Theatre Restaurant production of this play, to be performed at the Collinsville Community Centre later this year.

It was an early start for us as we departed the school at 6.45am, but we were on the road and eager to see how the three schools of St Margaret Mary, St Patrick and Ignatius Park combined together to perform this play.

We were nearly blown out of our front row seats with the calibre of performance that we witnessed when the curtain came up on a stage, bursting with talented singers and dancers. The Collinsville students took the amazing chance to observe how their character could be developed, as well as key features of the sets and stage design. The performance left our students gobsmacked at just how good of a theatre production had been developed. It’s fair to say all students that attended gained an extra level of enthusiasm for our own performance. This was demonstrated by the non-stop singing on the trip back to Collinsville, of all the songs featured in the musical. It was so good that it didn’t even give Ms Powell or myself a headache. It simply put a massive smile on our faces due to how proud we were of this group of students. We’re currently in full rehearsal mode and eager to showcase our talents later in the year. Get ready to be blown away!

Mitch Sanson
Theatre Restaurant Director

CQU Experience Day in Mackay

During the day these students experienced university life and courses including education, engineering and nursing.

Eating a Healthy Breakfast

Why do we need Breakfast?
Breakfast really is the most important meal of the day!
• It breaks your overnight fast.
• It refuels your energy stores.
• It kick starts the metabolism.
• It provides us with the energy to keep us going throughout the day.

Eating breakfast
• Improves your energy levels.
• Improves metabolism.
• Provides many beneficial nutrients, and boosts your fibre and calcium intake
• Reduces you chance of over-consuming high kilojoule foods later in the day.
• Stabilises your blood sugar levels.
• Improves memory and concentration.

Creating a breakfast routine
• Set your alarm for 10 minutes earlier to fit in breakfast at home.
• Make some ‘easy to grab’ breakfasts on the weekend, such as savoury muffins or zucchini slice.
• Join the breakfast club on Tuesday and Thursday at school

Healthy breakfast options
• Wholegrain toast with a thin scrape of peanut butter,
• Porridge with fresh fruit.
• Fresh fruit and yoghurt.
• Wholegrain cereals with reduced fat milk.
• Fruit or vegetable smoothies.
• Boiled eggs with wholegrain toast.
• Untoasted muesli.

SPORTS UPDATE: Term 2

Term 2 has been yet another exciting term for sports!

On Tuesday 24th May three students travelled to Bicentennial Park in Townsville to compete in the North Queensland Cross Country trials. With close to 100 competitors in most age groups, Arthur Darr, Cody Jones and Brodie Fisher should be proud of their efforts on the day.

On Thursday 19th of May, students travelled to Bowen State High to trial for their chance to make it into the Whitsunday team for Touch Football, Basketball or Rugby Union. Congratulations to; Jordyn Carmody, Madison Fisher, Keely Johnson, Brodie Fisher, Tia Burns and Taylah Wallace for participating in the U15 girls Touch trials, Bradley Lingard and Cody Jones in the U15 Basketball Trials and Colby Daniels in the Rugby Union trial. A huge congratulations to Taylah Wallace, Brodie Fisher, Colby Daniels and Bradley Lingard who were all selected to be a part of the Whitsunday team and travel to Townsville to compete in the North Queensland trials for their respective sport.

It is fantastic to see our students achieving fantastic results this year!
This Fortnight’s Recipe …

…comes to us from our Hospitality Teacher, Miss Green!

**Ginger and Date Slice**

**Ingredients**
- 200ml condensed milk
- ¾ cup brown sugar
- 125g butter
- 60g chopped dates
- 60g chopped ginger
- 25g chopped apricot
- 25g chopped cranberries
- 1 tsp ground ginger
- 250g crushed GF biscuits
- 100g melted white chocolate

**Method**
1. Melt over low heat—stirring CONSTANTLY until sugar is dissolved.

2. Mix into above.

3. Press into tin.

4. Drizzle chocolate over with a teaspoon—chill.

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**Geography Field Trip**

Studying Geography in Year 11 and 12 brings the world alive, particularly when you undertake a field study to the picturesque Whitsundays. This semester students have studied ‘Managing Coastal Environments’, with our recent excursion focusing on collecting data to assist in determining management strategies that could be introduced to address the issue of marine debris, that adversely affects the world’s marine environments.

An early morning start to the excursion meant we arrived at Conway Beach by 8.30am. A clean-up of the beach had already been undertaken five days prior, but that did not deter us and, donning gloves, we proceeded to search for debris. We were surprised that we were able to collect a significant amount of rubbish given the recent clean-up and, our results supported prior observations that plastics are the most common form of Cannonvale Beach was our next port of call to observe nets which have been installed to prevent rubbish exiting stormwater drains, before heading to Abell Point Marina and walking to the lagoon via the boardwalk.

Data collection in Airlie Beach involved tallying rubbish, with the most common type identified as cigarettes. The public and businesses were surveyed to determine support for Airlie Beach becoming a plastic shopping bag free zone, a smoke free zone and for the Whitsunday Regional Council to introduce a recycling scheme for water bottles and aluminium cans and to install more signage to highlight the importance of responsible rubbish disposal. Despite a few nerves, students did an amazing job of surveying, with the results providing overwhelming support for all initiatives. Kudos to Bradley for being the person to bravely undertake the survey!!!

We couldn’t have asked for a better day and, now that we’ve returned to school, students are busy completing their field reports. A big thank-you to Greg Lawn, who drove the community bus.

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

- **June**
  - 13: Arts Council
  - 20: Bacon Busters Meeting
  - 20: P&C Meeting
  - 24: Rewards Day & Last Day Term 2

**THAT’S TOPS**

Congratulations to this fortnight’s recipients of the That’s Tops Awards:

- Owen Widt
- Jessie McPhee
- Toby Jones
- Nicole Anonuevo
- Christian Mcdonald
- Zoe Downs

**Let’s Get The Party Started**

- **Years 7, 8 and 9 Students**
**CSCSC Inc. SUNDAY CHARITY BINGO**
Sunday 12th June - 12 noon BOWLS CLUB
$2,300 in 61 calls
+$10,000 in 55 & $300 in 53
FREE LUCKY LAST $45.00
FREE HIGH FIVES $110.00
Donation this week to Collinsville High School Bacon Busters fundraiser.
Wear blue and go in draw for a prize.

**Community Notices**
Collinsville State High School
**POSITION VACANT**
Temporary Part-time Administrative Assistant
16.5 hours per week
(Temporal for 12 months)
[Hours may vary, depending on enrolments]
APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 17/06/2016
Please send your resume’ to:
Private & Confidential,
P O Box 161,
Collinsville, QLD 4804
For further information, please refer to our Collinsville State High School Facebook page or alternatively, contact Heather Murry 07 4785 8111.
Education Queensland requires that all new employees

**Conveyance Allowance Assistance**
Conveyance Allowance is an assistance provided by the Department Transport and Main Roads to eligible parents/guardians who drive their students to school or to the route of a school bus.

There are several types of Conveyance Allowance available. These are determined by the type of school attended, distance driven to school or bus route and the type of school bus service (if any) provided in your area.

Application forms with further details are available by calling into the TransLink Division of the Department of Transport and Main Roads at Level 3, 44 Nelson Street, Mackay or by telephoning 49518673.

**3 BALL AMBROSE FUN DAY**
**COLLINSVILLE GOLF CLUB**
Names in by 12:30pm - hit off at 1:00pm
18 June - Sponsored by Lions Club
30 July - Sponsored by Honeycombes, Ayr
10 September - Sponsored by Fletch’s Butcher Shop
15 October - Sponsored by Scottville State School

**THEATRE RESTAURANT 2016**
Yes it's on again:
Collinsville SHS is proud to announce that their biennial Theatre Restaurant production ‘What's Up Pussycat!’ will be staged at the Collinsville Community Centre on Saturday 22 October.
Although inspired by the story of Puss in Boots, written during the sixteenth century by French author, Charles Perrault, ‘What’s Up Pussycat’ is a light-hearted fun musical. It embraces an eclectic collection of great pop and rock songs drawn from the rock era of the fifties and sixties through to contemporary dance hits the cast and audience will identify with and enjoy. Mark the date in your calendars! This is one show you won’t want to miss.
Our previous newsletter revealed that six guiding principles form the framework of Junior Secondary at Collinsville State High School and elaborated on three of these. The six guiding principles ensure that Junior Secondary is a caring supportive environment which enables students a smooth transition into senior school. The last issue focused on distinct identity, quality teaching and leadership at Collinsville State High and this week the focus shifts to the remaining three principles which are detailed below:

### Guiding Principles

**Student Wellbeing**

Our student support team is committed to creating a positive learning environment in which all students feel a strong sense of belonging and consequently achieve optimal academic outcomes. Our team drive is in supporting students who may face a range of behavioural, social or emotional challenges.

In addition to the Living Our Lives social and emotional program, on a daily basis in classrooms across the school we have excellent teaching staff interacting with students in a positive and productive manner. These relationships form the fundamental basis of a whole school culture at CSHS that values safety, respect, attendance and academic effort.

**Parent & Community Involvement**

Collinsville State High school actively promotes parent and community involvement in their students’ education. Our open door policy has led to the development of reciprocal partnership between local business, community and the school from which the students reap the rewards. In a small community, parent consultation ensures stakeholder feedback is considered and responses are incorporated throughout the school’s renewal and decision making processes.

**Local Decision-Making**

Through active community involvement CSHS has developed policies and practices responding to the contextual needs and aspirations of our community. Cluster meetings within the district ensure that the curriculum structure is developed in consultation with the feeder primary schools and in response to feedback from local stakeholders.

If you have any further questions or queries please don’t not hesitate to contact

Melinda Daly, Margaret Farmer or Heather Murry.
What is an OP?
An OP (Overall Position) is a student’s position in a statewide rank order based on overall achievement in Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) subjects. It is used for tertiary entrance purposes only, and indicates how well a student has done in comparison to all other OP-eligible students in Queensland. Students are placed in one of 25 OP bands from 1 (highest) to 25 (lowest).

How do I get an OP?
To get an OP you must study a certain number of Authority subjects and satisfy other requirements including completion of Year 12 and the Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test. The basic eligibility requirement is 20 semester units of credit in Authority subjects with at least three subjects taken for four semesters.

Can I go to University without an OP?
Yes, there are a number of ways of getting into university. Currently only 28 per cent of students currently use an OP score to enter university. The guidance officer, Mrs Lawn or Ms Murry will happily talk to you about options.

How is the OP system changing?
OP scores will be scrapped for Queensland's senior high school students and be replaced with the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) system tertiary entrance ranking system to be introduced in 2018. The new system will include a mix of internal and external exams, starting with students entering Year 11 in 2018 — this year's grade eights. This system will bring Queensland in line with other Australian states and territories.

Traineeships and Apprenticeships
School-based apprenticeships and traineeships (SATs) allow high school students to combine school and training with working in a real job, with a real boss, for a real wage. Students who are signed into SATs are required to miss one day of school per week for work/training, and often undertake their formal training blocks during after school sessions or as block training during school holidays.

It is recommended that SATs only be considered where a student intends to continue on that vocational pathway upon the completion of their schooling, and after due consideration of the impact that completing an SAT will have on their school studies. As a general rule, we do not recommend students who are OP-eligible to undertake a SAT.

While the school is unable to create opportunities for students, we will work with students to set it up if they find an opportunity themselves. For example, you may know someone who works in industry, or perhaps your current part time employer is prepared to take you on as a trainee/apprentice.

Recent changes to state legislation, governing the minimum nominal hours required for the completion of courses, mean that it is highly unlikely that School-based Traineeships will be offered to or available for students in Year 12.

Please be aware that students are NOT permitted to enter into SATs without the school’s knowledge AND approval. The Department of Education, Training & Employment (DETE) cannot, and will not, authorise an SAT without the school’s formal consent.

Undertaking a SAT is a legal agreement and as such, SATs should not be entered into lightly. More information is available from the Queensland Government’s apprenticeship information website: www.apprenticeshipsinfo.qld.gov.au.