Term 2, Back to Business, and Running

As expected term two has begun at a frenetic pace. On the first day the school went through an education Discipline Audit (with a really pleasing outcome, and great feedback), and ANZAC Day rounded off this 3 day week. The reverence and respect that was shown by the whole of our student body during our school commemoration was remarkable and notable. Whilst the involvement of our students on both our school assembly, and the town events was inspiring, and shows great promise for the centenary commemoration of the ANZAC landings next year.

The next few weeks in the school calendar will be no slower, with the school and district cross country happening in subsequent weeks, with a start to Theatre Restaurant rehearsals, and with Year 10 and 11 students taking part in the SF4NQ Trades Expo and James Cook University excursion to Townsville to try and provide them with greater insight into their post school destination and career pathway.

I would like to remind all parents of Year 9 students that the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is being held the week after next. This is a very important event for all year 9 students and we would like all parents to encourage their young person to do their very best on these tests.

We have conducted a range of intensive literacy and numeracy preparation activities at school to best prepare students for these tests. In order to gain an accurate indication for the individual student's results and capabilities it is extremely important that students sit each of the tests. The results obtained from NAPLAN will also be used by the school to further respond to student literacy and numeracy learning during the next two years.
This year Collinsville SHS is competing in the Queensland Reader’s Cup competition which will be held at the Mary Mackillop Centre, Ryan Catholic College in Townsville on the 12th of June. This competition involves our students reading and answering questions from six book titles. They include: The Apothecary, Twelve Minutes to Midnight, Other Brother, The Terrible Thing that Happened to Barnaby Brocket, One Small Island and River Charm. Our school will be represented by four of our year 8 students this year: Cody Jones, Zoe Downs, Liam Hobbs, Angel Quick; and one year 9 student: Christian McDonald. These students will go up against others in our region and hopefully go on to compete in Brisbane for the State Finals. This competition will not only engage students with reading but offer them an insight into the minds of other students from around North Queensland.

**Home Ec & Hospitality**

What a great start to the year it has been for Home Economics and Hospitality, with some extraordinary young talent shining through! So far the year 8s, 9s and 10s have cooked some fantastic food and showed some great skill.

This term year 8s will have the opportunity to prepare a restaurant for parents/caregivers in the school café and cook morning tea for them. This will give students an introduction into catering and would be of great benefit to their social skills. The year 9s and 10s are cooking for health, exploring different healthy meal options and how to promote “smart choices” in the school.

Our senior Home Economics class has looked into a wide variety of practical skills as well as the ability to solve problems in the textile industry during our “Design for Fashion” unit, and will be doing a lot of serious sewing this term!

In Hospitality we have spent a lot of time in our Café experimenting and improving our menu and service. The Café has come a long way and is continuing to improve each week. The milkshakes are a big hit!

**Iwrite Conference**

On Friday the 9th of May a select few students will participate in the Iwrite Conference which will allow them to interact with an author from Townsville online. The students will be able to converse with Marianne de Pierres, a noted fantasy fiction author. This conference took place last term but due to technical difficulties the students could not listen to the presentation. All of the bugs have been fixed and everyone is excited for another session next week.

Students interested in participating in the next conference are to see Mr Murray at school.

**Mother’s Day**

Is fast approaching!

The student council are selling gifts from the library during lunch times. Items and quantities are limited and are all at or below $5. Drop in and grab something to surprise mum with this Mother’s Day.

Collinsville High P&C Association are also running a raffle for Mother’s Day.

1st Prize is a basket full of goodies;
2nd prize is a Planet Earth pamper pack. Tickets are $1 each and are available from the office. Raffle will be drawn on Friday 9 May.

Thank you to those who donated items for the raffle.
IMPORTANT DATES

May
2    CSHS Cross Country Carnival
5    Arts Council
8    SF4NQ in Townsville
9    Whitsunday Cross Country
13-15 NAPLAN testing
20   NQ Cross Country
22   Whitsunday Trials 5

June
9    Queens Birthday
12   Reader’s Cup in Townsville
27   Last day Term II

THAT’S TOPS

Congratulations to this fortnight’s recipients of the That’s Tops Awards:
Liam Hobbs (Yr 8), Adele Carroll (Yr 12), Shae Cullen (Yr 9) & Troy Simpson (Yr 9)

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We also welcome Miss Elizabeth Cooper back part-time after the birth of her son last year. It is great to have you back on board - just in time for Theatre Restaurant.

REPORT CARDS

Term 1 (interim) report cards have been printed and will be issued to students this week. Parent Teacher interviews will be held on the afternoon of Tuesday 6 May. Please make an appointment through the office on 47858111 if you would like to meet with a teacher.

CROSS COUNTRY

The Collinsville High Cross Country will be held this Friday 2 May commencing at 1pm on the Collinsville Scottville walking track. Parents are welcome to attend to support their students and are also reminded that students will NOT be returning to school after the event as they will be released from the track upon completion of the event.

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Community Notices

CSCSC Inc. SUNDAY CHARITY BINGO
Duck Day special - Sunday 4th May, 2014
11am CWA HALL (final 11am start)

THIS WEEK:
$3,000 in 87 calls (incl 22 Duck bonus)
$10,000 in 56 calls (incl 2 Duck bonus)
$500 in 55 calls (incl 2 Duck bonus)
Get Six $666.66

School Dental
Appointments are still being taken for School Dental.
If your student is in Year 8,9 or 10 then you are still eligible to receive dental treatment at the Collinsville MPHS.

To book your appointment please phone 0417 615 438. Forms are available from the office.

Mini Brochure Design Competition
Students aged 10-18 were recently offered the opportunity to design a mini brochure which was focussed on the needs of youth in the Whitsunday region. Brochures had to include the following information: contact numbers for Emergency Services, Medical and Support Services, Education/Training/Employment and Youth Service & Activities; while designing it with slogans and images that would appeal to our youth.

The competition was the initiative of the “Y Factor” (Whitsunday Youth Committee) and supported by Whitsunday Regional Council, Queensland Government and Subway.

Richard Smit from Whitsunday Regional Council with Jackson Oliver (3rd prize), May & Lee Schomberg (Encouragement Award) and Shakeela Grittner (2nd prize).

Do you have an old mobile phone ???
Would you like to donate it to a project that the Collinsville Connect Telecentre & Collinsville State School is working on with our Rwandan PenPals?

The hope is that our old phones might be useful to them when considering how to use Information Communication Technologies in their very challenging education sector.

If you can help please drop them into the Telecentre or the Collinsville State School (including power cords) so we can send them off as soon as possible...

Thanks for your help :) 

NAPLAN Challenge
The third instalment of our Naplan Challenge. If you would like to participate, and win the Overall Prize for most correct entries, complete the Question each week and send your answer along to school.

Entry Box will be in the office. Good luck!

Question 3.

In these expressions, p and q are positive whole numbers and r is a positive number less than 1.
Which expression gives the largest value?

- \((p + q) \times r\)
- \((p + q) \div r\)
- \((p - q) \times r\)
- \((p - q) \div r\)

This Week’s Recipe….

Balinese Chicken Curry

Ingredients:
2 Tbl peanut oil
1kg chicken thigh fillets, cut into 4cm pieces
2 large ripe tomatoes, finely chopped
250ml chicken stock
400ml can coconut milk
1 Tbl lime juice

Spiced Paste
1 large brown onion, coarsely chopped
\(\frac{1}{4}\) cup toasted peanuts
2 garlic cloves, crushed
1 Tbl finely grated ginger
1 long red chilli, coarsely chopped
1 Tbl water
2 tsp ground coriander
1 tsp each of ground cumin; fennel; turmeric; cinnamon & cardamom
\(\frac{1}{2}\) teaspoon each of ground cloves & freshly ground black pepper

Method:
1. To make spice paste, place the onion, peanuts, garlic, ginger, chilli, water, coriander, cumin, fennel, turmeric, cinnamon, cardamom, cloves and pepper in the bowl of a food processor and process until a smooth paste forms.
2. Heat the oil in a wok over high heat. Add spice paste and cook, stirring, for 3 minutes or until aromatic. Add chicken and cook, tossing, for 2 minutes or until chicken is coated in spice mixture. Add tomato and chicken stock. Bring to a simmer. Reduce heat to low and cook, stirring occasionally, for 30 minutes or until almost cooked through. Add coconut milk and cook, stirring occasionally, for 20 minutes or until cooked through and sauce thickens slightly. Add lime juice and stir to combine. Season if required and serve with steamed jasmine rice, if desired.