Run, run, as fast as you can!
The Scottville track became overrun with eager students Friday, May 2nd, as Collinsville State High School held our annual Inter-house Cross Country Carnival, with a large number of students participating in the event. Students chose to either run their course for their age group, or could walk a 3km course from the Bowls Club. During the carnival, students pushed themselves as hard as they could to earn as many points as they could for their house. It was pleasing to see so many students challenging themselves to run the distance and surprise themselves at how well they could do!

Once the last runners had passed through the chutes, and totals were collected, it was Boomerang who came away with the goods, finishing with Boomerang on 105 points over Woomera on 96 points. Congratulations to all students who took part in the event, you all did yourselves proud. Thanks must also go to everyone who helped set up the carnival either in days prior or on the day. Thanks must also be extended to all the parents who came to cheer on their students. Many students qualified for the Whitsunday Cross Country and also pushed themselves to the limit to surpass many students from the other Whitsunday schools with another race the following week.

A huge thank you to all volunteers who came down to help out on the day and to the Collinsville Bowls Club for allowing us to use the venue.

NAPLAN TESTING
From Tuesday 13th May to Thursday 15 May, Collinsville SHS Year 9 students joined with Australian students for the National Assessment Program — Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). The National Assessment Program is a measure through which educational authorities and schools can determine whether or not young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes.

Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are important junctures in education, so these tests provide useful and timely information for teachers, schools and parents on student performance. Our Year 9 students are members of the first cohort to have competed all NAPLAN Year tests during their school years, the results which students achieve are able to be used to track individual progress and identify areas of strength and were further assistance is required.

As Numeracy and Literacy are essential components for every child to progress through school and life, all teachers have been involved in preparing students for the tests by helping them gain confidence in numeracy and literacy skills as well as becoming familiar with formats and test requirements.

Students have been provided with fruit and sandwiches during their breaks to help maintain energy levels and aid concentration. Students who have been assessed this week have displayed a mature and positive approach and attitude to the tasks. All parents should be proud of the efforts which their students have put into these national tests.

2014 AGE CHAMPIONS

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Investigating Career Options SF4NQ & JCU

On Thursday, just as we were ready to leave for Townsville, for our careers’ excursion, we heard the news that the highway was shut north of Ayr (Thanks Barney!) However, armed with Mr Kingma’s intimate knowledge of the back roads of the Burdekin, we decided to risk it, fairly confident that we’d make it through. Our decision paid off and we eventually made it to the Reid Park raceway, ready to visit exhibit after exhibit at the SF4NQ Expo (Skill for North Queensland.

We’ve been attending SF4NQ for quite a few years now and, although the number of exhibitors appeared to be down on last year, there was still a wide variety of occupational fields represented. Kudos must go to the organisers for the many hands on and quality exhibitors, including the Defence Forces, traditional trades such as bricklaying and electrical as well as hospitality and hair and beauty. Everyone was incredibly supportive and willing to share their wealth of knowledge with our students.

Our final activity at SF4NQ was the quirky and fun ‘Skills on Show’. This was a team effort involving six of our students. Emily Gall had the traditional egg and spoon activity, Emily Mac filled a syringe and bandaged a ‘baby’s’ arm, Mayel braided hair, Kailan put together a large square puzzle, Rohan changed the taps on a shower while Joseph had the greatest fun using a piping bag to write on a cake before eating it. Lunch was our next stop before James Cook University.

Upon arrival we were greeted by Lauren George from JCU along with three current student ambassadors. Basing ourselves at the impressive Eddie Koiki Mabo library, the ambassadors shared their own diverse journeys to university which was perfect for our students to hear. We learned that at first you don’t succeed in gaining entry, there’s lots of other ways to get in. Students then had the opportunity to ask the ambassadors a variety of questions about university life before taking a career quiz to determine where their interest areas lay. There were surprises for some and confirmation for others. We capped off our visit by a tour of the extensive grounds of JCU, taking in domains such as the Creative Arts, Education Central, Science and the all-important Refectory.

Providing guidance and supporting students in making informed choices about potential career options has always been a priority of our school and for several years we’ve been making the trek to Townsville. This year our decision to combine SF4NQ with a trip to James Cook University was incredibly worthwhile. By doing this we were able to present students with exposure to many and varied career and work opportunities. Best of all it was heart-warming and reassuring to hear students talking about how the trip had opened their eyes and helped them make decisions about what they wanted to pursue as future careers when they leave school.

Thanks to Mr Kingma and Mrs Whelan for joining us on our trip.

HOD – Senior Schooling
Mrs Sue Lawn

Bridging the Gap Through Sport

Active Afterschool Communities is a program designed to keep children active, and assist in meeting their required 60min of physical activity each day. Emily McIntyre, Rohan Gordon and Emily Gall have completed their Certificate 1 in Coaching General Principles, and are currently travelling to Collinsville State School and Scottville State School to assist the Facilitators in running sessions based on athletics and T-Ball for this term. Upon completing their accreditation these Year 11 Students will also become AAC Facilitators to engage young people in getting active! Thanks to Collinsville and Scottville Schools and Mr Kass for allowing our students to participate in this program.

Iwrite Conference

On Friday May 9, Thomas Grant, Billy Hinchcliffe, Dorothy Vallada and Christian McDonald participated in the Iwrite Conference, an interactive seminar run by noted fantasy fiction author Marianne de Pierres. It was off to a shaky start again as the pre-selected room for the web-conference was having a last-minute new air-con unit installed. Some students had to miss out as there were not enough computers in the back up room. After some teething troubles, the six students were able to listen and participate alongside peers from all over North Queensland. The student’s behavior was outstanding and they learnt some new skills which will not only assist them in English but in life too.

Students working on their writing.
THAT’S TOPS
Congratulations to this fortnight’s recipients of the That’s Tops Awards:
Abbie Lackner (Yr 8), Jackson Oliver (Yr 8), Will Guest (Yr 10), & Ryley Bulloch (Yr 10)

The Earth Is Beautiful
The sky is blue and the earth is green, put those two cycles together and this is what it means.
Birds fly,
Animals walk,
Fish swim,
Humans talk.

Look around and take a breath, hear the birds chirp, have a rest.
Harmony is peaceful, kind with joy, no war but will deploy:
Fresh air and past perfection,
Earth is beautiful with a wonderful connection.

By Cody Lee Jones

IMPORTANT DATES
May
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

Student Council Fundraiser
Student Council members are embarking on their next fundraising venture, a chocolate drive, just in time for the cooler weather. Chocolates are $1 each and money and unsold boxes need to be returned to the office by no later than Friday 20 June (Week 9). If you should sell your box and are after more they can be collected from the office.

Thank you for supporting our students in their fundraising efforts.

Mother’s Day
Congratulations to the winners of our Mother’s Day Raffle.
1st prize - Joy Whaturia
2nd prize - Kerry Cowan

Thank you to those who donated items for the raffle.
**CSCSC Inc. SUNDAY CHARITY BINGO**
FINAL “BACK TO THE 60’S SPECIAL”
Sunday 18th May, 2014   11am CWA HALL

**THIS WEEK:**
$10,000 in 60 calls
$2,000 in 60 calls & $500 in 60 calls
Get Six $666.66.
Win one of 30 Our Amazing Connor wrist bands.
Another ABMT cup & tea towel to be won.
RED SHIELD APPEAL BINGO NEXT WEEK- 25th May.

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**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.

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**Historical Display Centre**

**Open to the Public**
Saturday 3rd May 2014
Sunday 4th May 2014
9am to 1pm
At Old Hospital Building

Entry is at Back of Building

Then Open Every Wednesday 9am-1pm Until Further Notice

**Admission:**
- Adults - $3
- Old Age/Disability Pensions - $2
- Child 10 years and over – Coin Donation

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**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 ;)**

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**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 4.**

The top speed of this wombat is 660 metres per minute.

What is the top speed of the wombat in metres per second?

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**FOR SALE**
Second-hand Boys Formal Shirt - worn once
Chest size 80cm $30.00
Enquire at the school office

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**Rock N Roll Dance**

Twist the night away with Dj Steve to nothing but 50’s & 60’s music

Saturday 24 May 6pm-Midnight

$10 pp or $15 per couple
Includes a light supper
Collinsville Bowling Club
A great opportunity for generations of family and friends to get together for an evening of dancing and good times! So dust off your Blue Suede Shoes, put a Pink Carnation in a White Sports Coat and Twist the Night Away.

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This Week’s Recipe....

...is brought to us by relieving BSM Mrs Alison Whelan

**Bread Dip**

**Ingredients:**
- 250g Philadelphia cream cheese
- 250g sour cream
- ½ cup cream
- 6 bacon rashers or 300g diced
- 4 shallots
- 1 large diced onion
- 1 cup tasty grated cheese

**Method:**
1. Mix Philadelphia cheese and sour cream and cream.
2. Fry bacon, onion and shallots.
3. Mix all ingredients together in a bowl by hand.

**Cob Loaf**

1. Cut off top of loaf.
2. Hollow it out by picking out bite size pieces of bread.
4. Place lid on.
5. Bake cob in moderate oven for 30 minutes then add little pieces to tray around cob.
6. Cook until lightly toasted.