



# COLLINSVILLE HIGHLIGHTS



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**Next P&C Association Meeting - Monday 16 June at 2.45pm in the library**

## Collinsville High Goes Live

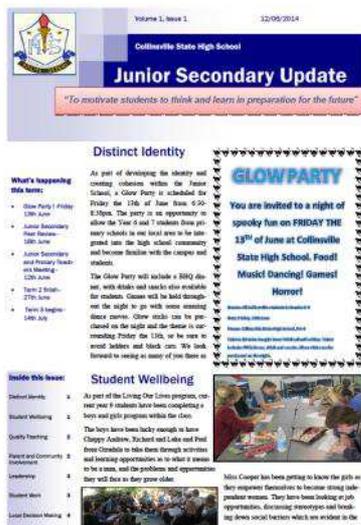
It has been a long time in the making, but our new school website goes “Live” on Friday 27 June. This new format will replace our old site which has been decommissioned. Our new site will still contain pertinent information including our mission statement, school policies, as well as the opportunity to access the school calendar, newsletters and information on up coming events from the privacy of your own home.

While policies are being updated they will be uploaded onto the website which we expect to help improve communications between home and school. A new initiative also available from this site is the “Q Schools” smartphone app which allows you to access the above information conveniently on your smartphone.

To have a look at the site for yourself visit [www.collinsvshs.eq.edu/WCMS](http://www.collinsvshs.eq.edu/WCMS).

## Junior Secondary Update

Last week, Junior Secondary students were given a new newsletter to take home to keep parents informed about how the changes are progressing at Collinsville High. This newsletter includes information on Student Wellbeing; Parent and Community Involvement; Leadership and Local Decision Making. Please ask your student if you have not received yours yet.



**Junior Secondary Glow Party**

Last (Black) Friday 13 June, the Collinsville High Student Council ran their “Spooky Glow Party” for all Collinsville students in Years 6 - 9. For their entry fee, students had a bbq tea with drinks and snacks available on the night. Various “Glow” products and chocolates were also available for purchase on the night.

Students played Knights, Mounts & Cavaliers; the no-hands Oreo game and many more as well as being able to dance along to film clips throughout the night. Thanks to our Student Council for organising and running the night. Thanks to the staff for their assistance and supervision before and during the event.

To the students of Collinsville who attended the evening, we thank you for supporting our student council and hope you enjoyed your evening. We look forward to seeing you in 2015.



## SCIENCE

### Junior Science

So far this year, the Junior Science classes have been experimenting away burning materials, heating and cooling objects, creating some "rocks" (which may or may not have included some rocky road and failed honeycomb), investigating mining and having an in depth investigation into what happens under our feet with the movement of tectonic plates. Next term we will move onto the human body in Year 9, and the Year 8's will begin an energy investigation and create their own Rube-Goldberg Machines, which we cannot wait to begin!

### 10 Science

Term one saw the students learning about Genetics and Evolution. This involved looking at inheritance and genes are passed on from generation to generation. During this term the students have studied Chemistry, they have investigated the periodic and the properties used to place elements in the periodic table. The students are now working on their assessment piece which is an Extended Experimental Investigation (EEI) where they are to research an investigation that they are to complete then write up an Scientific Report.

### Biology

Terms one saw the students learning about Ecology and Humans. The assessment item that students had to complete was an Extended Experimental Investigation (EEI) where they had to investigate an aspect of how Humans have influenced environmental factors such as water quality. This term students are learning about the human body, they are looking at body systems and how they function. The students will be having an exam. Term three students will be looking at genetics followed by term four where students will be studying evolution.

### Science in Practice and Science 21

During Term 1, students learned about cycling of water, composition of water and investigated Water in the Environment. The students conducted investigations looking at water in the local area and the effect of the environment upon water moving down the catchment into the sea. This term students are looking at the science behind aging and longevity. They have researched how the body ages and what science is able to do to increase the life span and improve life quality. Students are writing a persuasive essay to support their stand on possibility of living forever.

## Theatre Restaurant "Man of Steel"

Man of Steel is definitely a production that brings to life the famous cartoon hero, Ken Clarke, fighting evil in the city. It will be staged on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August at the Collinsville Community Centre. A 3-course meal and guaranteed laughs will be served on the night. Tickets will be available for purchase from the school office in early July. Watch this space for more details as they arrive. Save the date as this is a production not to be missed!



## THAT'S TOPS

Congratulations to this fortnight's recipients of the

**That's Tops Awards:**

Hayley Messenger (Yr 12), Christian McDonald (Yr 9),  
Abby Messenger (Yr 10) & Bradley Lingard (Yr 8)



### ADF Gap Year Program 2015

The ADF Gap Year program provides an opportunity for young Australians, who have finished year 12 (or equivalent) and are aged between 17-24\*, [Army applicants must be aged between 18-24 as of 30 May 2015. Air Force applicants must be aged 18-24 as of 10 April 2015], to experience military training and lifestyle whilst gaining new skills and pay over their Gap Year. The Gap Year program is not available in the Navy in 2015. The life skills and job training that you will acquire during your Gap Year experience will be valuable regardless of what career you ultimately undertake. You will earn more than \$45,000, have subsidised accommodation and full medical and dental coverage.

### The Gap Year will commence January/February 2015.

The Army has job opportunities for Rifleman, Driver Transport, Administration Clerk, Supply Coordinator and Unit Quartermaster. The Air Force has job opportunities in Airbase Security Roles.

After completing basic recruit training and your specific trade training, you'll be immersed in the Army or Air Force lifestyle while continuing to learn on the job. You'll learn valuable skills, meet new friends and may even receive recognised qualifications to help progress your future career.

For more information visit [www.defencejobs.gov.au](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au)

## IMPORTANT DATES

<b>June</b>	
27	Last day Term II
30	"Bacon Busters" nominations close
<b>July</b>	
14	Term III commences
<b>August</b>	
8	Theatre Restaurant
15	Athletics Carnival

### NQ Soccer

With the World Cup just around the corner, the timing was perfect for Owen Williamson to get into the Football spirit by trying his hand (and feet) at the North Queensland trials for the world game. The day consisted of gameplay against many students from Proserpine, Bowen, Burdekin, Ingham and Townsville.



Unfortunately, the competition was fierce and Owen missed out on the final team selection, but with a little more practice he can try again next year. Congratulations on your efforts Owen!

### Student Council Fundraiser

All chocolate money and/or unsold chocolates are to be returned to the office by **Friday 20 June.**

Thank you for supporting our students.



### FOR SALE

Second-hand Boys Formal Shirt - worn once  
Chest size 80cm \$30.00 Cash only  
Enquire at the school office

### Senior Geography Conway Beach

One of the great things about studying Geography in Year 11 and 12 is that field studies are a requirement of the course.



This semester students have studied a brand new elective unit called 'Sustaining Coastal Environments'. Why? Easy, so we call all go to the Conway Beach (close to Airlie Beach) in the name of Geography.

Conway Beach is a perfect destination to study the effects of erosion and this was the purpose of our field excursion. The day wasn't too bad when we set out from Collinsville, but as we grew closer to Conway rain clouds were threatening. We undertook field studies across four locations – at the lookout, the eastern end of the beach, the western rocky headland and the public park. At each location students were required to complete several activities including exercising their powers of observation, answering questions, drawing field sketches and identifying types of vegetation cover. They also participated in an activity to determine whether longshore drift was evident, using balls and measuring tapes. Thankfully the weather held off and we were able to complete all the activities, even if they were a little rushed.

Now that we've returned to school, students are busy completing their field reports based on the best management practices which should be employed to manage erosion issues at Conway Beach. We had a great day and our thanks must go to Greg Lawn, who drove the community bus, and Warren McIntyre who drove the school car.



### CONOCOPHILLIPS

### "Science Experience"

The ConocoPhillips Science Experience for 2014 will be held at James Cook University from 1-4 October.

The experience is on offer for Year 9 and 10 students and will cost \$115 for the 3 day program. Accommodation is available at JCU (additional cost) or students can arrange their own.

Team up with your new friends and JCU student mentors then dive into hands-on activities including fish dissection, marine and coral conservation, chemistry, forensic science, anatomy, health and engineering.

Visit [www.scienceexperience.com.au](http://www.scienceexperience.com.au) for more information. Spaces are limited so be sure to get in early.



### Reader's Cup

After a casual drive in the afternoon sun to Townsville the students arrived at Ryan Catholic College for the North Queensland Reader's Cup tournament. The students seated their mascot Eevee on their desk next to 'Miners' which was our team name. The kids had a great time entering a raffle, no victors sorry, and eating some BBQ. The tournament was run by noted author Simon French, who also wrote one of the books that the students had to read. There were 41 teams competing and many coming from Private Catholic schools and Colleges. The Collinsville students got to witness diversity and the behaviour of their peers in our region.

Collinsville High was represented by Cody Jones & Liam Hobbs (Yr 8), Christian McDonald & Dorothy Vallada (Yr 9). All exemplified a diligent work ethic and noble behaviour. The competition was held in 9 rounds each with 8 questions per text. The high school students competed in 5 rounds and the primary school students of year 6 and 7 competed in 4. Our students had all read and studied the texts and were eager to start the evening.



From left: Cody, Liam, Christian & Dorothy

The night lasted until 8:30 pm with Southern Cross and Townsville Grammar taking out the competition but our students represented Collinsville with pride and came seventh in the regional competition. After a long drive back that night, and avoiding some wildlife, the students arrived home safely and a great time was had. Some of the students wish we could go to more events like the Reader's Cup as it is not about winning but enjoying the night.

At the competition they announced the retirement of a teacher at Ryan Catholic College and his parting words, for the audience and the students competing was that 'you can always read, even when you cannot play sport, you will always be able to read.' His words resonated with our kids and hopefully they will continue their passion of reading.

# Community Notices

## CSCSC Inc. SUNDAY CHARITY BINGO

Sunday 22 June 2014 11am CWA Hall

"Back to the 60's"- Third time lucky

Mini jackpot won last week

### THIS WEEK

\$500 in just 58 calls

\$10,000 in 60 calls

\$2,000 in 60 calls

\$500 in 60 calls (All flyers 60 calls this week)

Get Six \$666

**RED NOSE DAY- WEAR RED FOR A CHANCE AT A SPECIAL PRIZE**

## SCHOOL ABSENCES

Parents are reminded that if your student is away from school that they are required to notify the office with a reason, either in writing, or via email or phone call. If we have not been notified your student is absent they will be marked absent unexplained.

### We need your help?

**Theatre Restaurant** - 8 August Can you assist in taking and serving drink orders with the P & C on the night?

**Bacon Busters Comp** - 30 August. Please return canteen rosters if you can assist on the day.

These two fundraisers are very important to help fund school resources, please show your support and assist where you can. Call the office if you can assist.

Thankyou

### FOR SALE

Bar Fridge \$80

Students office chair \$30

Phone Liz Malone 0422 821 833

### This Week's Recipe....

....comes to us from teacher aide Mrs Jeanette Donald.

## Sweet & Sour Meat Balls

### Ingredients:

- 450g lean mince
- 1 onion chopped
- 1 egg
- 2 Tbl soy sauce
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 Tbl oil
- 3 Tbl brown sugar
- 3 Tbl white vinegar
- 1 x 225g can pineapple pieces, drained
- 1 green capsicum, cored, seeded and sliced
- 2 tomatoes, skinned and roughly chopped
- 2 Tbl cornflour, dissolved in ½ cup water



### Method:

1. Mix beef, onion, egg, soy sauce, salt and pepper together. Shape into very small meat balls.
2. Heat the oil. Add meat balls and fry 10-15 minutes until browned on all sides and cooked through. Transfer to a heated serving dish and keep hot.
3. Wipe out wok/pan. Add sugar and vinegar and heat until sugar is dissolved. Add pineapple, green capsicum and tomatoes. Simmer for 3 minutes.
4. Stir in cornflour mixture and stir for about 2 minutes or until thickened.
5. Pour the sauce over the meat balls and serve with rice.

Serves 4



## COLLINSVILLE BACON




Proceeds to

COLLINSVILLE SHS AND AUSTRALIAN FARMERS

## BUSTERS COMP

**30 August 2014**  
**Collinsville Rodeo Grounds**  
**Gates Open @ 8.00am**

**Biggest Boar Biggest Sow**  
**Biggest Tusks Biggest Barrow**  
**Best Natural Coloured Pig**

**Food and Bar**  
Market Stalls  
**Free Camping**

Novelty Events  
Jumping Castle  
Dog Auction  
Piggin' Rig Comp  
Iron Man/Woman/Kids  
Dog Jump  
Man & Dog Races  
Ugly Dog Comp  
& Much More  
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**Whole Family!**

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UNDER 12  
ALL ENTRANTS GET A  
SHIRT, COOLER AND  
STICKER

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE 30 JUNE 2014**  
**PHONE 0488291288 / 0408504979**  
<https://www.facebook.com/CollinsvilleBaconBusters>

### P & C Raffle

1st prize: Kayak

Proudly donated by  
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**\$1 Ticket**

Drawn at Collinsville Bacon Busters Comp 30 August

Tickets are now available at the school office

