Getting Junior Secondary ready for 2015

With the transition process having commenced with the 3 local primary schools, and the 2015 school year rapidly approaching it is probably appropriate to do a quick revisit on the major change that schools are looking at for 2015. While integrating the Year 7’s into high school, and Junior Secondary will look different in every secondary school, six principles have been developed to underpin Junior Secondary. Under these six guiding principles, Junior Secondary will provide challenging educational offerings that engage young adolescents, while giving them a sense of belonging and support through the changes they face.

1. **Distinct identity** Junior Secondary students will be encouraged and supported to develop their own group identity within the wider high school. At Collinsville SHS this will involve dedicated Year 7 and 8 classrooms, areas and events.

2. **Quality teaching** Teachers working with students in the Junior Secondary years will be given the skills they need through additional professional development, so they can support young teens through these crucial early high school years. At Collinsville SHS we will have some teachers who are specifically focussed on the Year 7 and 8 cohorts.

3. **Student wellbeing** We will meet the social and emotional needs of Junior Secondary students with a strong focus on pastoral care. At Collinsville SHS we will provide a home room to support students as they adjust to new routines and greater academic demands. Our Year 7 and 8 LOL programs will cater specifically to the pastoral care needs of these students.

4. **Parent and community involvement** We want parents to stay connected with their students’ learning when they enter high school. Parent involvement in special events, assemblies, award ceremonies and leadership presentations will be welcomed. By working together we will achieve the best results for our students.

5. **Leadership** Schools are being encouraged to create leadership roles for students in Years 7, 8 and 9. Dedicated teachers experienced with teaching young adolescents will lead Junior Secondary supported by the principal and administration team. At Collinsville SHS a Junior School Student Council structure will allow students to organize their own events and activities, and also collaborate with the Senior School Student Council on whole of school events.

6. **Local decision-making** The needs of each school community will influence how Junior Secondary is implemented in each school. The Collinsville SHS model is very different to that of other schools, but meets the need of our particular circumstances and environment.

All ready to go, a great learning environment awaiting the year 7’s. Our refurbished Junior Secondary classroom in action.
THAT’S TOPS

Congratulations to this fortnight’s recipients of the That’s Tops Awards:
Joseph Howarth (Yr 10), Owen Williamson (Yr 9), Henry Peckett (Yr 10) & Abby Messenger (Yr 10)

P & C Raffles

Ticket books were sent home with students for the three (3) raffles we are currently running:
Kayak - donated by True Value Hardware;
$100 Scratchie Board - donated by Charity Bingo; and
A Four Wheeler Back Rack - donated by Wayne & Tanya Begg.

These raffles will be drawn on Saturday 30 August at our Bacon Busters Competition. If you have sold your tickets, please return them with the money to the office. If you, family members or friends would like tickets there are more available from the school office. Unsold tickets should be returned to the office by NO LATER THAN Monday 25 August.

From the students of Collinsville High, we say ‘Thank You’ to those who have kindly donated items to raffle.

Science Week Activities

During Science Week, students have been experimenting with some edible science, such as sherbert, edible slime and maple syrup toffee. Year 11 students, Tomas Farmer and Krysta Taylor attended the edible science lesson and also participated in a science quiz during the week.

Athletics Carnival

Waking up Friday morning, the outlook was grim, with cloudy skies looking like they were about to break at any second, and gusty winds howling through the trees. However, Collinsville State High are “soldier on people” and students showed up dressed in red and yellow, with a smile on faces and keen to do their best in all events. The 800m was first cab off the rank, and the participation rate was super high, which set the tone for the rest of the day. There were times where we were soaking wet, and shivering in huddles, but we carried on through the elements to have a fantastic day. Boomerang began the day strong, and were ahead to begin with, however the confidence wavered when Woomera made it 3 from 3 wins in the Tug-of-War. The competitors in the Prix de Honor ran hard, and Sam Lawn and Taylah Wallace came across the line victorious. The day was rounded off nicely with the 4x100m relays, where close to every student in attendance participated in a sprint around the oval for their team. As the day rounded to a close, the winners were announced, with Woomera racking up 917 points, to be defeated by Boomerang with a margin of 234 points. Huge congratulations to all students for your enthusiasm and persistence through the rain for an excellent day. Thank you very much to all staff, volunteers and parents for giving up your day to help out in any way you could, you are what made this day a success.

IMPORTANT DATES

August
21 Whitsunday Athletics
26 Vaccinations
30 Bacon Busters Competition

September
2-4 QCS Testing
5 NQ Athletics
15-19 Yr 10 Work Experience
19 Last day of school for Term 3

Let’s Get the Party Started!

The “Let’s Get the Party started” program is a whole of school, interactive approach to alcohol and other drugs education for year nine HPE students. The program sees year nine students engage in knowledge and skills based interactive approach to alcohol and drugs education, specific to young people, with the main aim of the program being to reduce some of the harms associated with these substances and challenge student attitudes at alcohol.

The parent evening night is a significant component of the program giving students the opportunity to showcase what they have learnt and to pass on this knowledge to their parents and caregivers.

The party is Wednesday September 10 2014 at the CYC Collinsville 1800 for 1830 completing at 2030hrs.

This fun filled and educational evening school community event is facilitated by the students (with a little bit of help from Ms Fredericks and Heather the School Nurse).

This evening is made possible through a grant from Mackay ATODS and the support of Collinsville Youth Coalition. It will provide a free meal and non alcoholic drinks. It is hoped that providing a meal and watching their student perform during the evening will encourage parents to attend.
“Man of Steel” review

Collinsville High School has done it again. Thank you all for a wonderful night of entertainment and the superb dinner. ‘Collinsville High School has talent’.

Doug and Elaine Batchelor

Dental Van Visit

QCOAL and the Royal Flying Doctor Service wish to announce that the Community Dental Van will be making a return to Collinsville on the following dates.

9 - 19 September

To make an appointment please phone 1800 002 507.
**This Week’s Recipe….**

**Proscuitto Wrapped Chicken Breasts with Garlic Chive Cream Sauce**

**Ingredients:**
- 8 prosciutto slices
- 4 chicken breasts
- 250ml Philadelphia Light Cream For Cooking (a cream alternative)
- ½ cup finely chopped chives
- 1 Tbl wholegrain mustard
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 20g butter
- 2 bunches English spinach, leaves picked, washed, dried

**Method:**
1. Preheat oven to 200°C. Wrap 2 slices of prosciutto around each chicken breast. Heat a large non-stick frying pan over medium-high heat. Add chicken and cook for 2 minutes each side or until golden brown. Transfer to an oven tray. Bake in preheated oven for 10 minutes or until just cooked through. Remove from oven and set aside for 5 minutes to rest.
2. Meanwhile, add the Philly, chives, mustard and garlic to the pan and bring to a simmer. Cook for 1-2 minutes or until sauce thickens slightly. Remove from heat.
3. Melt the butter in a large frying pan over high heat until foaming. Add the spinach and cook, tossing, for 3-4 minutes or until spinach wilts. Remove from heat.
4. Divide spinach among serving plates. Thickly slice the chicken and arrange over the spinach. Drizzle with cream sauce and serve immediately with lemon wedges, if desired.

Serves 4