Valedictory Dinner

The annual Valedictory Dinner for the Year 12 students was held on Thursday 19 November at the Pit Pony Tavern. Students celebrated their achievement with family and friends before returning to school for their final day on Friday 20 November. We wish our graduating class of 2015 all the best for their futures, whatever they may bring.

Thank you to former teacher Mrs Shayla Towner for travelling from Proserpine and also former student Clayton Smales for being our guest speakers on the night and to all staff who gave up their time before and during the night to make such an event possible.

Delivering the students speech are Mayel Borlagdatan, Rohan Gordon, Krysta Taylor and Emily McIntyre

Final Roll Call for the graduating class of 2015: Sean Batchelor, Tyler Begg, Mayel Borlagdatan, Jorden Bromley, Kylie Dougan, Emily Gall, Rohan Gordon, Shayden Hinchcliffe, Coen Hobson, Tyler Hoffmann, Jesse Housman, Will Howarth, Tayla Hutchings, Heshan Liyanage, Emily McIntyre, Addian McPhee, Joseph Nalder, Dawn Palangat, Kereama Peters, Tayla Portelli, Krysta Taylor, Emma Widt

Absent: Catherine Davidson and Tomas Farmer

Delivering the thankyou speech are students Sean Batchelor and Shayden Hinchcliffe

MERRY CHRISTMAS

On behalf of everyone at Collinsville High we wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.

To the staff, families and students who are leaving us, we wish you the best for the future and hope you fondly remember your time with us. For those who are returning in 2016 we look forward to seeing you back on Day 1, Wednesday 27 January.

The office will reopen on Wednesday 20 January.
Change of Principal for 2016
After four amazing years at the helm of Collinsville State High School I am moving on to another school and new challenges. Late last week I received a relocation as principal to Home Hill State High School from the beginning of the 2016 school year.

To be honest my relocation has left me with mixed feelings. Whilst the past couple of years have been incredibly tough in the context of the local economic environment, the mining downturn, and the loss of student numbers at our school I am also well aware of how lucky I have been to have been allowed to be a key part of a school as amazing as Collinsville State High School.

Our school has demonstrated we can hold our own on results with any other high school in the region, it has an incredibly capable and dedicated staff, and the nicest group of students I have had the privilege to work with.

The move to Home Hill will locate me much closer to my partner and daughter who have borne the brunt of my absence through a long distance family structure over the past four years. I do look forward to a more regular family relationship with them. However, the quality of what Collinsville has offered me over the past few years will make it very difficult to move on.

I have been very proud of how we have reengaged the school with the local community, of the opportunities we have provided to students, and the support and welfare provisions we have put in place in the school. It has to be pointed out however, that it is the dedicated staff at Collinsville SHS that have gotten the school to what it is, without them the school would not be what it is. And this will not change for next year.

Thank you to for the past four years, and for entrusting your students to us. I will miss Collinsville SHS, and the local community a great deal, it really is something special.

Frank Kingma

Farewell
Miss Elizabeth Cooper has been an integral part of our English, Performing Arts, Business and Social and Emotional Learning team at Collinsville High since she started in 2010. She has taught across all year levels and has been a vital member of many school extracurricular activities. In addition to her teaching, Miss Cooper has run the community Dance School. The school and wider community will miss you in 2016 but wish you all the best for your move to Proserpine.

Mr Brenton Murray joined us in 2013 to replace teachers commencing maternity leave. As a vital member of our English and Studies of Society and Environment Team, he has taught across all year levels and volunteered his time afterschool for Student tutorials. Mr Murray has been known to put students through their paces and I am sure they will miss him, his mock real life experience classes and Historical quotes. We wish you safe travels and all the best in your new position at the Sunshine Coast.

COLLINSVILLE STATE HIGH SCHOOL
P&C ASSOCIATION
AGM
will be held on
Monday 8 February @ 2.45pm in the library
All parents/caregivers are welcome to attend. Please come along and have your say in matters that may affect your student.

IMPORTANT DATES
December
  3  Set Planning Day— Year 9
  11 Last Day for the Year
January 2016
  20 School Office Opens for 2016 (8am—3pm)
  25 Student Free Day
  26 Australia Day Public Holiday
  27 School Resumes

REPORT CARDS
End of Year Report Cards will be sent home in Week 10 to the address we have on file for students. Material Lists and Resource Scheme Agreements will also be sent home at this time. If you have recently changed address please contact the office so we can update your details in our system.

Thankyou
We would like to acknowledge the generous donation from Evolution Mining of sponsoring the Year 12 Graduation Dinner and also for donating laptop backpacks and caps to each Year 12 student graduating in 2015.

A huge thankyou to Nancy Jones for donating cake mixes to our tuckshop. Nancy, your donation is gratefully appreciated and the students will benefit from this fantastic gesture. Thankyou!!

SPORTS NEWS!
Congratulations to Owen who competed at Proserpine swimming carnival on Sunday 1st November. He achieved A Grade times in Freestyle and Breaststroke. Achieved 1st place in butterfly and backstroke and 2nd place in medley and smashing PB’s! Great to see our students doing so well outside of Collinsville.

Clare received the “Pony Clubber of the Year”. This involved improvement in horse riding, listening to instructors and putting max effort into practice, helping out with club events and being polite throughout the year. Well done Clare!
Year 9 Over the Top (in more than one way)

On Friday the 20th of November the students of year 9 got a real life experience of World War One. Many elements had to be altered for safety reasons but we still had a lot of fun dodging, diving and ducking. The history class, with the help of Mr Murray, designed the battlefield to incorporate barbed wire (with tape and chairs), trenches (with picnic tables), guns (with tomatoes and wet newspaper), and trench foot (with old wet socks).

Before our epic adventure started we had to experience trench life. A bully beef eating contest got us warmed up with Arron Dancel, Colby Daniels, Bradley Lingard and Cody Jones feasting on room temperature corned beef. Only Arron and Cody got the tin off and munched down leaving Bradley and Colby to suck at the juices. Safe to say we were all gagging from this display of eating. Next up was a shaving contest which was won by Colby Daniels followed by Zoe Downs; both were presentable for war. A quick meal of porridge followed as it was a staple in the army during WW1 as it was easy to prepare and cheap. Some students even demanded seconds, as others avoided repeating their stodgy meal. This had all been fun but too slow, so we all got our socks wet for trench foot and took our posts.

The attacking K-team was first and as they sprinted at the sound of the whistle students got a first-hand feeling for what the ANZACs experienced. Diving under mock barbed wire, screaming, friends falling down and ammunition firing overhead, it was a memorable event. The tomatoes were flying and students learnt the value of teamwork as it could not be every-man-for-him-self. The B-team was next and took the defensive trench in seconds, annihilating the K-team with head shots and scatter guns.

Whilst this was all very violent it was a necessary activity to engage the students and to have them develop a sense of empathy for the young warriors. Reading names and dates for history does not have the same level of interest as defending a trench and screaming 'over the top' as you approach certain death. In class we read diary entries of young boys waiting to go out of the trench and take out the enemy, we analysed statistics of battles where tens of thousands would die every day but now the students will never forget what it feels like to be in war.
Congratulations to this fortnight’s recipients of the That’s Tops Awards:

Nirvana Whatuira (Yr 8), Trey Cullen (Yr 7), Chloe Fletcher (Yr 8), Jaryd May (Yr 7), Keely Johnson (Yr 9), Bradley Lingard (Yr 9)

This Week’s Recipe...

COCONUT OAT SLICE

Ingredients:

Base
- 4 oz butter
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup plain flour
- 1 cup coconut

Filling
- 1 can condensed milk
- 2oz. Butter
- 2 tablespoon golden syrup

Topping
- 1 cup coconut
- 1/2 rolled oats
- 2oz. Butter
- 1 tablespoon golden syrup

Method:

Base
Cream butter, sugar and vanilla until light and creamy. Add sifted flour and coconut and mix well. Press mixture evenly into greased 7in x 11in lamington tin. Bake in moderate oven 20 minutes, cool slightly.

Filling
Put all ingredients into saucepan, stir over low heat until butter melts. Increase heat, simmer gently stirring continuously, until mixture is golden brown. Remove from heat immediately. Spread hot caramel filling over base.

Topping
Combine coconut and rolled oats in bowl. Put butter and golden syrup in saucepan stir over low heat until butter has melted, add to coconut mixture, mix well. Sprinkle evenly over filling. Return to moderate oven and bake for further 15-20 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from oven, allow to cool before cutting into slices.

Week 7
Sihan Batchelor – Awesome effort and understanding in HPE
Ty Robinson – Displaying enthusiasm and great contributions to class discussions in LOL
Bernadine Lilley – Excellent effort and achievements in English

Week 8
Selina Nothrop – Providing excellent responses and participating in all class activities
Harrison Guest – Awesome attitude toward learning and great contributions in class
Aaron Dancel – Going Full Metal Jacket in the History WW2 re-enactment

Week 9
Jessi Horvat - Showing great team work by staying back after school to help another film group.
Kristal Chapman - Showing a positive attitude and being an amazing helper on Rewards day!
Cody Jones – Showing amazing skill and persistence to finish an impossible hole in mini golf!

KEEP WATCH ON OUR SCHOOL THESE HOLIDAYS

With the Christmas/New Year holidays nearly upon us, we need you to look for after-hours crime in our school.
If you see anything suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number on 131788 or the Collinsville Police on 4785 5377.

The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland Schools.
Keep the number handy - 131788 - and let’s work together

Junior Secondary Student of the Week Awards!!

Week 7
Year 7 Sihan Batchelor
Year 8 Ty Robinson
Year 9 Bernadine Lilley

Week 8
Year 7 Selina Nothrop
Year 8 Harrison Guest
Year 9 Aaron Dancel

Week 9
Year 7 Jessi Horvat
Year 8 Kristal Chapman
Year 9 Cody Jones
It was an early start for the high achievers with everyone jumping on the bus at 7 am to head to the Port of Airlie. Students enjoyed the scenery, making many comments about the pristine blue water, as we zoomed across to Daydream Island on one of the Cruise Whitsunday catamarans. We arrived a little after 10am and were greeted by a singing man and a guitar. All of the students worked as a fantastic team carrying the esky, two drink coolers and first aid kit to our spot we called home for the day. Mr Murray picked an awesome spot right next to the pool with shaded chairs and tables. The day went tremendously quick and was jam packed with swimming in the resort pool, mini golf and the highlight for some the banana boat ride! We also had an amazing experience on the fish feeding tour where we were able to hand feed stingrays and pat sharks! The knowledgeable marine biologists that guided us through were awesome! Before we knew it we were back on the ferry and heading home with nearly no energy left. We recharged our batteries at MacDonald’s in Cannonvale. Miss Baker thought for sure everyone would have a sleep on the bus however bad dad jokes kept us entertained the whole way home. Thank you to the teachers for your efforts on the day and to the students for your efforts, great manners and smiling faces! Can’t wait for next year’s end of year rewards day!