Next P&C Association Meeting - Monday 27th April at 2:45 pm in the library

Term 1 Attendance Produces Pleasing Results

Week 10 always marks an exciting time of each term – last week of school and REWARDS DAY! In Term 1 of 2015, Collinsville State High School set a goal for all students to achieve at least 90% or more in the area of Attendance. **Pleasingly, more than 85% of students were invited.** This Thursday students will start the day at the Collinsville Scootle Pool where competitions and games will occur with a BBQ lunch being supplied. That afternoon the students will travel back to school to watch a latest release movie in the air-conditioned theatrette. Congratulations to those students who were invited and keep up the great work. Rewards Day in Term 2 will be based on Effort and Behaviour. We are hoping to see 100% of students attend with even more adventures planned.

Last Tuesday Year 7, 8 & 9 students took the opportunity to mix and have fun, dancing the night away at the CSHS Gender Bender Party. It was a night of androgynous fun, developing identity and creating cohesion within our Junior School. Students challenged themselves to a range of ‘Minute to Win It’ games and competed for some great prizes on the night.
‘Say No to Bullying’ Day

On Friday the 20th of March students took part in activities as part of ‘Say No to Bullying’ day. The day began with a role play presented, to the school at a special parade, by a small group of courageous year 7 students. Following the role play students discussed the types of bullying that somebody might experience, how bullying can affect somebody in a negative way as well as the best ways to deal with a bullying experience. These include: blocking the bully, not reacting in a negative way, telling a trusted adult, and recording the evidence. During first break, all year 7 and 8 students presented posters they had produced that focussed on an element of bullying. These posters were designed to educate other students in an interactive way. It was wonderful to see students of different year levels interacting and discussing an issue that is so important for individual well-being. I believe all students learnt valuable information and consolidated some of the things they already knew, to ensure that bullying behaviour is not tolerated at this school.

CSHS Hosts Whitsunday Schools Industry Links Forum

Twice a year staff from schools within the Whitsunday area meets with local businesses and Department of Education and Training staff to discuss changes and developments in industry and Vocational Education. This semester was Collinsville High’s turn to host the forum with representatives from the mines, agriculture and engineering sectors, WMDL, RTOs and Whitsunday Regional Council along with staff from Bowen High, Proserpine High and St Catherine’s Catholic College attending.

There was a lot of discussion involving the changes within schools as the focus shifts to ensuring students are provided with Vocational Education opportunities as much as main stream education. Schools also provided information and shared ideas based around what is implemented within the schools to provide the best opportunities for school leavers. It was the perfect opportunity to showcase our coffee shop as a training facility for hospitality students and all visitors were impressed by the standards displayed by the students.
Resilience and Relationship building….To the Beat of the Drum

This term, during LOL, the Year 10 students have been participating in a Resilience and Relationship building program titled, DRUMBEAT. The program uses the universal message of MUSIC and the DJEMBE drum to connect people with their feelings, allowing them to reflect on their actions with others and build upon their self-esteem. The group has been working towards a performance which took place this week during lunchtime. It was a fun, upbeat and rewarding experience that I’m sure all participants and audience members enjoyed.

Junior Secondary Student of the Week Awards!!

Week 8
Clare Williamson - Improved effort with her work & class participation
Jessie McPhee - Participation in class discussions & quality contributions
Zoe Downs - For an enthusiastic approach to drama games

Week 9
Jake Echevarria - For showing great independent working skills
Patrick Firth - For applying himself in Science

REPORT CARDS
Report cards will be sent home electronically at the end of the term unless you have advised the office otherwise. If you do not receive your student’s report, please email admin@collinsvshs.eq.edu.au to notify the administration office. Alternatively, please telephone the office on 07 4785 8111.

THAT’S TOPS
Congratulations to this fortnight’s recipients of the That’s Tops Awards:
Jessie McPhee (Yr 8), Krysta Taylor (Yr 12), Will Guest (Yr 11), Dorothy Vallada (Yr 10)

IMPORTANT DATES

April
2  Rewards Day
3  Good Friday & Last Day of Term 1
20  School Resumes

May
8  Interhouse Cross Country
28-30  Connections 2015

June
19  Art Show

August
14-15  Collinsville Bacon Busters & Bullride

October
10  School Ball

November
19  Valedictory Dinner
This Week’s Recipe...

Ginger and Date Slice

Ingredients:
- 200ml condensed milk
- ¾ cup brown sugar
- 125g butter
- 60g chopped dates
- 60g chopped ginger
- 25g chopped apricot
- 25g chopped cranberries
- 1 tsp ground ginger
- 250g crushed GF biscuits
- 100g melted white chocolate

Method:
- Melt over low heat - stirring CONSTANTLY until sugar is dissolved
- Mix into above - press into tin
- Drizzle chocolate over with a teaspoon - chill.

SUNDAY CHARITY BINGO

Sunday 5th April - 11am BOWLS CLUB
Easter special...
$10,000 in 50
& $2222 in 60
& $555 in 62

Meet the Easter Bunny
FREE EASTER EGG FOR EVERY PLAYER