## P\&C Association Meeting - 9th October at 3:00 pm in the library

## Principal's Perspective

## digIT 2020

Congratulations to Lily West in Year 9 for being selected to attend the prestigious digIT 2020 program. digIT is an invitational program funded by the Australian Government Department of Education and delivered by the Australian Maths Trust. Lily was identified through her performance in the 2019 Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) and invited to apply.
digIT is a program designed to introduce students with potential to algorithmic thinking by developing students' problem-solving and coding skills, moving students from technology consumers to creators. The two residential camps are being held at the University of Queensland in January and July 2020 and students are guided and supported between camps by a personal mentor.


With just 60 places available, application is by invitation only. Only 120 students from across Queensland, Northern Territory and Northern NSW had been invited to apply, Lily was then one of the 60 selected to attend. Lilly excels across all her areas of study but in particular Mathematics, where she achieved Band 10 for her recent NAPLAN Numeracy test. This is a well-deserved recognition of Lily's academic abilities. These camps will also allow Lily to explore opportunities and different career paths available to her.

## iSee

Congratulations to Skylar Fox who completed her second online science investigation through the iSee project conducted by Thuringowra State High School's Global Tropics Future Project. Students can easily be linked online to work together.

Skylar completed the Hydro Innovation Grand Challenge where she had to develop water saving strategies. She also developed the $21^{\text {st }}$ century skills of critical and creative thinking, collaboration and communication throughout the course. Skylar collaborated with experts from the Townsville City Council and James Cook University. She also worked with students from Osborne SS, Mt Fox SS, Ingham SHS, Cranbrook SS, Thuringowa SHS and Charters Towers School of Distance Education. Skylar is proof that there is no deterrent to learning across vast distances.

## Term 3 Report Cards

Report Cards will be posted at the end of this week and will arrive home during the holidays. Any parents/carers who do not receive their child's report should contact the school office and another copy will be issued.

## Bacon Busters

The money has been counted and expenses paid. Thank you to the whole Collinsville community for supporting our Bacon Busters Collinsville Bike Bonanza. We raised $\$ 23135.99$ for $\mathrm{P} \& \mathrm{C}$ to put towards purchasing resources for students, including $\$ 4000$ which will support our Junior Camp to Mungalli Falls, along with $\$ 1280.70$ donated to Rural Aid to support struggling rural communities.

## NAPLAN

Our data shows we are on the right track with the majority of the Year 7 and Year 9 data sets for Literacy (Reading, Writing and Language Conventions) and Numeracy showing an upward trend this year. Of particular note are the excellent results produced by Year 9 Numeracy with the cohort, on the whole, achieving above the State mean and Year 9 Writing approaching the State mean. I compliment the staff and students being rewarded with excellent results for their hard work.

This year I believe the students have found completing the test online more engaging. However, an area of development for 2020 will be giving our Year 7 students more opportunity to type on demand as this is a new skill where students are expected to be able to create their narrative stories or persuasive texts straight from the keyboard onto the screen.

For parents/carers, encouraging regular completion of homework, study and reading are excellent ways to build students' literacy and numeracy abilities. Parents/carers of Year 7 and Year 9 students will receive their child's individual NAPLAN report included with their report card.


## Whitsunday Regional Council

Thanks to our Guidance Officer, Mrs Claire Jarvis, for organising representatives from the Whitsunday Regional Council to attend our whole school parade recently and speak about the opportunities student have for employment with the council. The council is a major employer in our region but it is not normally a career path that students consider. Mrs Michelle Arandale and Mr Damien Flintham along with Tahlia Richards, a past student currently employed by council, spoke about the opportunities they had received through council and how students can be kept informed about council opportunities. Students in Year 10 upwards were given a USB with lots of information on how to access council career opportunities. Students learnt how they can create a profile that sends job information via email to the student. In this way students can select areas of interest and when opportunities such as positions, traineeships or apprenticeship are made available students will be alerted. The council presentation was very informative and very well received by staff and students.


Pictured left: Year 10 students Jordyn Carmody and Madison Fisher with their USB's

Pictured above: Michelle Arandale - Organisational Development and Learning Coordinator, Damian Flintham Collinsville Area Manager, Anna Reeves (Principal), Tahlia Richards - Casual Administration Officer, John ‘Blue’ Gwydir - Executive Manager Roads \& Drainage

## QMEA Trade Challenge

On Wednesday $9^{\text {th }}$ and Thursday $10^{\text {th }}$ October, several of our Year $9-12$ students will have the opportunity to engage in a Trade Challenge where they will be learning metal fabrication skills with the support of trades' people from Glencore. Our P\&C are providing funds to purchase material and equipment to build a new discus cage on the oval. Our old cage has seen better days and required significant repair so this opportunity became an excellent real life project for the students to work on. They can then share in the pride of seeing what they have built and know it has benefited the school. Parents and carers of students who are involved in the project are welcome to come and see the students at work across the two days and they are welcome to come to the certificate presentation at 3pm on Thursday afternoon. Please advise the office if you wish to attend.

## Year 10 Subject Selection

Mrs Lawn will be holding a Year 10 Subject Selection evening at 6 pm on Thursday $17^{\text {th }}$ October for Year 10 students to select their Year 11 subjects and to hear more about their options and opportunities that can be accessed in Year 11 and 12 including traineeships. Being a small high school, our range of Curriculum delivered is generally a choice of two subjects on a line delivered at school, however, for a student who is independent learner, they can also have a choice of other subjects delivered through a School of Distance Education.
The students will also be receiving this information during their Living Our Lives lesson period 4 on the same day. Parents who are unable to make the evening session may join the afternoon presentation. A letter will be sent home at the start of next term, so you will be able to indicate which session you will be joining.

I wish all students a safe and happy holiday enjoying family time and a refreshing break from studies. Term 4 will be a demanding term for all year levels but especially Year 12 students who will be completing their final curriculum tasks before their graduation.


## Important Dates

Congratulations to the recipients of the That's Tops Awards:

Sept 20 Term 3 Ends/Reports sent home


Corbyn


Lexie


Kinny Penaflor


Cooper Begg

7 Public Holiday: Queens Birthday
8 Term 4 Commences
19 School Ball
21 Student Free Day
28 Awards Night
5 Public Holiday: Melbourne Cup


## NQ ATHLETICS

Congratulations Jack Groocock, Alana Goody and Darcy Teichmann on being selected to compete at the NQ Athletics on 6th September in Townsville. You all should be very proud of your efforts on the day.


## MUSIC WORKSHOP

The Collinsville and Scottville area primary and secondary instrumental students joined together for an Instrumental Workshop on Tuesday 17th September at Collinsville State School.

The workshop consisted of students with all levels of ability participating in individual and group band music activities. Students worked hard all day and presented a short concert at the end of the day for parents and community members. For many students, this was an exciting opportunity being their first time performing a music concert.

A huge thank you to Mr Osman for organising the day. He hopes to plan more workshops for the future.

## GALA SPORTS

Thursday 19th and Friday 20th September, 20 students attended the Gala Sports Carnival at Calen State College. A further newsletter article will done next term.


These Recipes ...
....comes to us from Mrs Hathaway, one of our Administration Officers

## Ranch-style Chicken and Bacon Pasta Bake

## Ingredients:

500 g chicken thigh fillets, trimmed, cut into 2 cm pieces 150 g shortcut bacon rashers, cut into 1 cm pieces
2tsps garlic paste
300 g fusilli pasta
1 large chicken stock cube, crumbled
500 g jar creamy carbonara pasta sauce
1/2 cup ranch salad dressing
1 cup shredded parmesan
1/2 cup finely chopped fresh parsley
1 cup grated Tasty cheese
Extra chopped fresh parsley to garnish

## Method:

1. Combine chicken, bacon and garlic in an oiled, large ovenproof dish (14 cup capacity) Top with pasta.
2. Dissolve stock cube in $1 / 2$ cup boiling water in a large heatproof jug. Add pasta sauce, dressing, 2/2 cups cold water, parmesan and parsley. Season with ground white pepper. Mix well. Pour over pasta in dish. Stir to combine.
3. Cook, uncovered, in a moderate oven (180C) for about 45 minutes, or until pasta is almost cooked and most of the liquid has been absorbed. Remove, sprinkle with Tasty cheese. Return to oven.
4. Cook for a further 10 to 12 minutes, or until
 cheese is melted and golden brown. Remove from oven. Stand for 5 minutes
5. Serve bake garnished with extra parsley.

## I am RESPONSIBLE

- I will attend school every day.
- I will be on time to class.
- I will bring all the equipment to class that I need to participate in learning activities.
- I will manage my time
effectively to complete all tasks to the best of my ability.



## I am COMMITTED

- I will actively participate in my learning in class.
- I will ask questions when I do not understand something.
- I will strive to meet the success criteria in every lesson.
- I will consolidate my learning by completing assessment, homework and study.
- I will track my academic progress.


## I am RESPECTFUL

- I will be accepting of individual differences.
- I will respect staff and students right to teach and learn.
- I will follow the instructions of staff.
- I will use appropriate language.


