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## Yr 7 & 8 Opti Minds Creativity Sustainability Challenge

Two groups of Innisfail State College students took up the creative problem-solving challenge that is Opti-MINDS at the Regional Finals held on 23 August at James Cook University. Students had six weeks in total to respond to the Science-Engineering Challenge, 'MOT – E – VATION' with a written script, an invention, costumes, props and a performance in front of a panel of three judges. Opti-MINDS is totally student centred and requires students to research, develop, create and then present their solution in a team situation. Due to the time and design limits, teams must spend lunchtimes, afterschool and weekends preparing for challenge day. While both teams acquitted themselves with the Opti-minds spirit of teamwork and creativity – team 2 – Unifish received Honours. Congratulations must go to all participants for their enthusiastic involvement in the 2015 Opti-MINDS Regional Finals – Team 1 – Supernovas: Libby Spannagle, Matthew Norton, Lachlan Proviens, Paige Macpherson and Brodie Alder: and to Team 2 – Unifish: Isabella Bulstrode, Renae Knuebuhler, Armani Hill, Krista Davies and Kiah Simmons. We look forward to seeing even more students involved in Opti-MINDS next year!



Mrs Proviens

## From the principal

Term 3 is fast coming to a close and our focus with all students has been ensuring that their application and effort in the classroom remains high until the very last day of this term. Year 10 students have been completing draft selections for year 11 subjects which assists the college in determining the line structure for 2016. Students will be asked to trial a draft line structure shortly to determine how well it matches student choice. Of course no line structure will be perfect for all students and we will keep refining this structure with student help to ensure it is the best model possible. Students in year 8 will also be involved in making subject choices for year 9. A big thank you to our friends in the Navy who visited the college during the week. They made a grand entrance on the day via a Royal Australian Navy Bell 429 helicopter with 6 crew members. Most of the college watched the helicopter in action and also many had an opportunity to look through the helicopter and talk with Navy pilots and crew about careers in the Navy.



It is with great pleasure that we welcome our new Community Education Counsellor (CEC) Ms Gwendlyn Ketchell. Gwendlyn will be working primarily with our indigenous senior students in the college. She is a local, hailing from the Tully region and is keen about making a difference with our students at the college. She is passionate about family and likes to spend time with her own family fishing and camping during her spare time. She is particularly interested in learning about and being involved in local indigenous culture.

Finally it is with great honour that we congratulate our HPE Head of Department Ms Melenie Urquhart on receiving the **Quality HPE Teacher Award** by the Australian Council of Health Physical Education & Recreation. The award is awarded to only one teacher in the state and recognises the significant contribution made by a Queensland teacher to the promotion of active and healthy lifestyles through quality teaching practices within the school community. She is highly respected by students and staff at the college and was recently the keynote speaker at the district HPE Conference. She is district panel chairperson for HPE and her work in the assessment field is highly regarded with her assessment resources held up as exemplar material across the state. Ms Urquhart is currently studying for her Graduate Certificate in Research Methods which will then lead her into a doctorate in the future. A deserved award for Ms Urquhart.



Richard Graham

## Coming soon .....

to ISC on 21 October, is The Shake Express sponsored by the Taste of Business



## Upcoming events

|                              |  |
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| Tuesday 1 September          | Maths tutoring all year levels 3-4pm in XG02 |
| Wednesday 2 September        | Maths A & Maths B tutoring 3-4pm in XG02     |
| Thursday 3 September         | English tutoring 3-4pm in the library        |
| <b>Tuesday 1 September</b>   | <b>QCS Test - Day 1 (no yr 12 classes)</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday 2 September</b> | <b>QCS Test - Day 2 (no yr 12 classes)</b>   |
| 31 Aug - 2 Sept              | Yr 12 Rec Studies Camp                       |
| Wed 10 September             | Yr 10 & 11 Art Excursion                     |
| Wed 10 September             | English tutoring 3-4pm in the library        |
| Wed 9 - Tue 15 Sept          | Yr 12 exam block                             |
| Friday 11 September          | DLC Art Gallery                              |
| Monday 14 September          | P & C Meeting 7:00pm                         |
| Mon 14 - Fri 18 Sept         | Yr 10 work experience group 2                |

## Senior schooling news

The QCS test is being held on Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 September for all OP eligible students. These students need to be at school at 7:30am on these days as the Yr 11 students will be cooking up a healthy breakfast providing them with a good start to their day. We wish them the best in the QCS tests which play an important role in final OP determinations. Yr 12 Recreational Studies students will be attending camp and all other year 12 students do not need to attend school on these days but are encouraged to use this time to catch up on any outstanding assignments. If students have outstanding work to catch up they can organise to attend school to use workshops, art rooms or computers.

Yr 12s will have exam block from Wednesday 9 September to Tuesday 15 September, however, all TAFE students must attend their TAFE courses on Wednesday 9 September.

In the last week of this term the second group of Yr 10 students will be doing their work experience. All other Yr 10 students, not participating in work experience, will have normal lessons during this week as well as a special alternate program on Wednesday. This alternate program will include healthy relationships, first aid, stress relief activities and many other life skills.

Yr 10 students are presently looking at available senior subjects and discussing the most suitable subject choice for their careers path with senior schooling personnel. Student and parents will be required to attend a Senior Educational Training Plan meeting with senior staff on 5 and 6 November 2015 (more information on these SET Plan meetings will be sent out early next term).

## Peninsula sport

Peninsula sport carnival was held in Cairns on Sunday 23 and Monday 24 August. ISC students performed very well. Listed below are the placegetters.

Dylon Andrews 3rd 200m, Lachlan Bradtke 2nd 100m & 200m, Kevin Daniells 2nd 400m & 3rd 1500m, Kristen Doolan 2nd javelin, Travis Gant 2nd high jump, 3rd discus & javelin, Cory Leacy 3rd high jump, Quielle Murray 1st high jump, Hayley Strano 1st triple jump & long jump and 3rd 100m, Kylie Vecchio 2nd 1500m & 3rd 800m, Monica Vecchio 2nd 800m, 3rd 1500m & 4th 400m, Sandra Vecchio 2nd 1500m, 3rd 200m & triple jump and 4th 400m. Congratulations to all these students.

## Kickstart to Isaac's career

Innisfail State College Yr 10 student Isaac Cook recently signed up as a school based apprentice with Innisfail Kitchen Cabinets. Isaac will work every Wednesday on his cabinetmaking apprenticeship and will do his training with TAFE Qld North. When Isaac completes his apprenticeship he will be a fully qualified cabinet maker. The college thanks Neville & Karen for supporting Isaac to achieve his career goal. Isaac, pictured with Neville Mather, is thrilled to be given this opportunity.

Innisfail State College works closely with local businesses and is grateful for the assistance they give to our students in both work experience and school based apprenticeships.



## Funds for our furry friends

The Student Council has decided that the Innisfail Paws and Claws is a local charity which they would like to regularly donate to, and so on Monday, Denise Grainger from the organisation came to assembly and the students made a donation of \$200 to help them carry on the wonderful work they do for abandoned dogs and cats in the region. We are also setting up a number of wheelie bins throughout the campus where students may make donations of dried or canned dog and cat food, blankets, toys etc to assist Innisfail Paws and Claws keep their costs down.

## Students' health and wellbeing

**Innisfail State College** is committed to supporting students' health and wellbeing. We would appreciate parents/carers providing the school with any relevant health information that is required to support the student at school. This information is also collected at enrolment but needs to be updated regularly, or if a new health condition develops.

Information about medically diagnosed conditions such as allergies, asthma, diabetes and epilepsy and other health conditions that may require school staff to provide support to students, including administering medication and performing health procedures, should be provided to the school. Additionally, any health need that may impact on school activities such as sports, outings (including camps), should also be discussed with the school.

Information should be provided in writing, and any specific health plans (only to be completed and signed by the medical practitioner) should be included. Please contact the school to discuss any specific requirements.

Please inform the school office staff of any changes to contact details or the contact details of the people nominated as emergency contacts.

Thank you for your assistance in this regard. All information is kept confidential and only disclosed to the relevant staff required to supporting your child.

For any enquiries, please contact the school office on telephone 40780222.

*Innisfail State College acknowledges the Mamu People, Traditional Custodians of the country in which this College is located, and pays respect to their Elders past and present and emerging.*