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Culinary Challenge



Peter Black, the operation manager for the Coffee Club in Far North Queensland, is currently mentoring four Year 10 Students for the regional Year 10 Culinary Challenge in Cairns on the 2 August. He has been explicitly showing the students how to prepare and present gourmet food. Hopefully, one of the two teams will be able to secure a position and will be able to travel to the National competition in Brisbane.



Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths camp

Four year 11 students, Bridie Pearce, Shelley Robson, Rachel Crook and Hayley Strano from the college have been selected to take part in the 5 day STEM (Science Technology, Engineering and Maths) camp to be held at QUT (Queensland University of Technology) in Brisbane during the September holidays. The STEM camp provides high-achieving Year 11 math and science students with an exciting opportunity to attend an interactive 5 day camp (all expenses paid), and engage in solving some of the major challenges facing our society and planet today. Students will take advantage of the university learning environments and have an opportunity to experience ground-breaking research as it happens, inside QUT's world-class research facilities. This really is a fantastic opportunity for our students.



Diverse Learning Centre

Cairns Civic Theatre performances: Two groups of students have so far attended performances at the Cairns Civic Theatre—*Pete the Sheep* and *13 Storey Treehouse*. Classes had read the books and completed activities prior to going to the performance and combined with lunch on the Esplanade, all have enjoyed the day.

Sunflower Competition: Our sunflowers have been measured and weighed. Our heaviest head was 1.8 kg but the lack of sunshine may have limited our potential. We have a few secrets for next year and have saved some of our seeds to replant—one being to put a frozen banana at the base of each plant. Each class will be enjoying their prize in the last week of school this term. We measured the tallest, most attractive and heaviest head.



Shannon, April and Lilly proudly display their individual classes best specimen for judging.

Environment Day: Due to the weather, we celebrated Environment Day one day late and did get a couple of hours of sunshine for us to enjoy our picnic and plant out our corn in the newly dug sunflower garden. We planted our corn from seed and have been watching them grow into the healthy seedlings we planted out. This year we are also exploring mushrooms using mushroom boards. We have planted out four varieties—golden oyster, pearl oyster, pink oyster and shitaki. They are now securely stored in the dark in their plastic bags for the next 6-8 weeks when we hope to reap the rewards of our labour.



Liam plants his corn seedling carefully watched by Mrs Page



Soaking the boards for 15 mins proved to be fun for Tara

Sensory Room Project: Our major development project for this term has been our Sensory Programme. With a major contribution coming from our participation in the **Variety Club Ute and Truck Muster**—some 20 teachers, aides and parents assisted the Innisfail Branch of the Variety Club on one of our few sunny days and, from this we will receive a **Sensory Corridor Panel** for our building to be used by our Early Childhood Program children and those who are with us for full week programs. **A big thank you to our workers and the local Variety Team** for this major contribution to our school. We look forward to its installation.

Yr 10 Geography Excursion

On Wednesday, 4 June as part of their unit of study "Managing Land Resources", Year 10 Geography students visited the Gaia banana farm and the Marano sugarcane farm to investigate current sustainable farming practices. Students were hosted by Michael and Brett Gaia who explained the science of their locally produced compost. As well, students were able to investigate the water quality on the farm and study the impact of the artificial wetlands on improving outputs. Students then visited the Marano farm, where Daniel Marano was able to introduce students to the trials being run in conjunction with JCU and others to improve soil health and productivity. Students were able to investigate the soil's properties to fully understand the issues faced by farmers today. Students were fortunate as they had the expertise of agricultural consultant, Mr Bob Stewart for the day as a result of collaboration between JRCMA and Innisfail State College. Students were very appreciative of the time and effort given by Mr Bob Stewart and the Gaia and Marano farmers to share their expertise and knowledge of sustainable farming practices.

Mrs Provians, Geography teacher



School uniform changes (with NO price increase)

At our P&C meeting last night, approval was gained for some **school uniform changes**, taking effect from 2015. Our old uniforms can still be worn for a couple of years, as we appreciate that our families need time to make this change. You will see our current uniform suppliers selling out of their current stocks during the remainder of this year. The new uniforms will be available for purchase from October this year. The changes involve: the introduction of dress shorts for the boys' senior uniform, a minor change to the design of the girls' senior uniform skirt, and most significantly new fabrics for the every-day polo shirt and shorts. The new fabrics are light-weight to reduce drying time and to be more comfortable for students to wear. The shirt fabric has a "wicking" technology, to keep the students drier and more comfortable when running around (in HPE for example). The shirts and shorts are wash-and-wear.

From October this year, the new uniforms will be sold at Innisfail State College. The uniform shop will be open at school two mornings each week and two afternoons each week. At peak times, like prior to the start of the school year, the uniform shop will be open for whole days. When our current suppliers sell out of their old uniform stocks, the new uniform will *only* be available at ISC.

BrainStorm for year 8 students

Last Thursday, all year 8 students attended a performance by BrainStorm productions. This performance addressed cyber bullying in schools and is aimed at improving student health and wellbeing by giving students knowledge to improve cyber sensibility. This performance supported the HPE year 8 curriculum as students had just completed a bullying unit, including a bullying poster for assessment.

The performance followed Ruby, who loses her moral compass on blogs, Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat and MSN and Tim who is in self-imposed exile playing online games. When they indulge in cyber bullying and anti-social behaviour it creates havoc in the real world. They suddenly realise they can't just press the "undo" button to retrieve their relationships, reputation, dignity and most of all their privacy.

Coming events

- Tue 17 June Maths tutorials XG02 3pm-4pm
- Wed 18 June Yr 10 immunisations
- Thur 19 June English tutorials library 3pm-4pm
Topology—music workshop for band students
3pm-5pm at B block auditorium \$6 entry
- Fri 20 June Final day for 8 & 9 exams
- Mon 23 June Yr 6 & 7 Hotshots—English—2hrs
- Tue 24 June Yr 6 & 7 Hotshots—Maths—2hrs
Maths tutorials XG02 3pm-4pm
Yr 12 exam block Tue-Thur *11&12 Exam timetable out now*
Yr 11 exam block Tue-Fri
- Wed 25 June Yr 6 & 7 Hotshots—Science—2 hrs
Yr 6 & 7 Hotshots—Arts—2 hours
- Thur 26 June Yr 6 & 7 Hotshots—HPE—2 hours
- Fri 27 June Ski trip departs

Yr 8 & 9 Semester 1 report cards posted
School holidays begin

Mon 14 July School resumes for all years

- P & C Meeting 7pm
- Yr 7 & 8 enrolment interviews commence
- Thur 17 July **Yrs 10 - 12 Semester 1 report cards posted**
- Fri 18 July Athletics Carnival—all students involved
- Mon 21 July Matthew Rigby QCS Workshop
- Tue 22-Thu 24 July Year 9 camp at Barrabadeen
- Tue 22-Thu 24 July Year 11 camp at Mungalli
- Wed 23 July QCS day rehearsal
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- 25 July 11 Physics excursion to Tully show
- 28 July Shimotsuma visiting students arrive
- Tue 29-Thu 31 July Challenge Games in Townsville

Try a Trade

Five enthusiastic students received hands on experience in the trade of bricklaying with David Remedio from Australian Brick & Blocklaying Training Foundation last Tuesday. The Try a Trade Course which is sponsored by the ABBTF gave our students the chance to see what bricklaying involves. The students got their hands dirty mixing concrete and laying bricks in a straight line. David was impressed with their interest in the trade and hoped it gave them a good insight into the industry.



School Dental Clinic

Did you know that your child/ren are eligible for a **free** dental check up every 12 months? The School Dental Clinic will be open over the school holidays. To make an appointment please call **40160518**.

Uniform sale

UNIFORM CLEARANCE

Innisfail State College Shirts
Innisfail State College Shorts

\$18.00ea

PH: 07 4043 8300

*Limited stock available



Custom Clothing sale details in next newsletter.

We are very grateful for the support of our current suppliers over the past five years. Custom Clothing and IBS are great Innisfail businesses and have been sole suppliers of our uniform in the foundation years of the college and we have appreciated their support whilst we found our feet.