



# AGTECH Connections

The fortnightly newsletter of the Australian  
Technology & Agricultural  
College 'Connecting the College with the  
Community'

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## College Founder/CEO

*Dr Narendra Nand*



### Priority for Job Placements/Apprenticeships

Welcome back to a busy term 4.

We have been nominating apprentice of the week emphasising on personal development and job readiness skills which are very important aspects of ATAC education and I am very pleased with the great support provided by volunteers, parents and staff. Our major focus in term four is job placements and apprenticeships. Two students have obtained job placements at two different child care centres and we are optimistic they will be given traineeship opportunities. We are working closely with other trainers so that we can skill our students in retail, hospitality and security for some after College hours casual jobs. These may not be in the field of their career, however, students will gain transferrable skills which will prepare them for the harsh realities of the workforce. They will continue to progress with their QCE requirements and the preferred career choice at ATAC. Parents and businesses which can support our young students in placing them for any job experience are most welcome to contact us.

We have been extremely busy in trying to move to our North Maclean campus as of January, 2018, however, there are some hurdles which we are working through with Department of Transport and Main Roads and Logan City Council.

Enrollments for 2018 are open and we are getting a lot of interest from students. Spaces are limited and parents are requested to confirm their child's place by payment of the confirmation fee. Please view our new website for further information and contact ATAC online or by phone to enroll now.

Tamsyn Rose of ALIVE and Dr Kelly Dawson of Springwood Wellness Centre are providing their professional services to any student and/or parent who need any counselling and support. Some of these services maybe be at no cost to any at-risk students. Please inform any staff at ATAC, if you do require any assistance. Thanks Kelly for providing your ongoing voluntary sessions for our staff and students at ATAC.



Len Macarthy and Allan Guse of ISQ and Kylie Burnett of BGA with Dr. Nand at Parliamentary reception on 11 October, 2017.



Hon Ms Kate Jones, Minister for Education and Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games & Mr John Somerset, The Chair of Board of Directors (ISQ) with Dr Nand at the Parliamentary reception. Ms Jones said she fully supported development in the Agricultural sector and in Colleges like ATAC.

## Deputy Principal

*Aaron Jaques,*

### Students work experience at Bunnings

Bunnings at Brown Plains have been supporting ATAC in many ways over the last couple of months. Bunnings have accepted six of our students for work experience. Two students attend Bunnings on a Thursday and work in the timber and electrical sections. Four students attend on Fridays, two in timber, one electrical and one in plumbing. The students have been learning about working in a service industry, customer service and are being given the opportunity to network with trades people.

Bunnings have also been supplying ATAC with materials and tools for the students to use when we are undertaking trade days out at the North Maclean campus. This has allowed the students to continue repairs on the shed, painting and some housekeeping. Marty, Tyrone, Ethan and I have attended two Tradie BBQ's on Fridays at Bunnings Browns Plains where the students have been networking with trades people from the area and getting a "free feed". We will continue to attend these BBQ's and look forward to attending with a variety of students and parents if they are interested. I would like to thank KB, Sally and Korina from Bunnings for the time they have spent organising and supporting ATAC.



Mrs Wendy Jaques – skilling ATAC students in making chair covers on trade day at Parkinson campus.

## Business/IT Teacher

*Mrs Erin Zammit*

### Apprentice of the Week

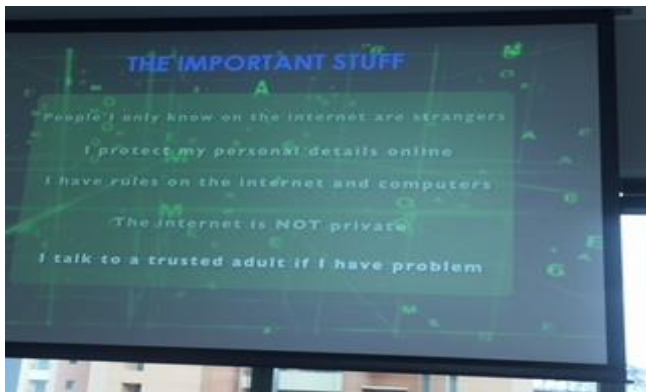
Congratulations to Jessica Sandiford in Year 11 for winning the Apprentice of the Week award on the 10.10.2017, for her excellent Planning and Organising skills. Jessica has shown the ability to develop clear vision and goals, and act on achieving them by securing a school-based apprenticeship. The Apprentice of the Week program is based on the National Employability Skills Framework; it encourages and identifies students' career readiness by focusing on a particular skill each week. Good luck to all of our students over the next fortnight.



Jessica with her proud parents Jennifer and Troy with Mendham CEO, Mr. Ron Heilbronn

## Professional Development of ATAC Staff

QCEC cybersafety and student Wellbeing Forum was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of October 2017 in ISQ Professional Learning Centre. The seminar was attended by Radhika, where she learned about how to handle and report cyberbullying and Sexting. Also, getting the right balance by rethinking student behavior wellbeinglens and re-design the students. All staff has been provided with the information obtained at the seminar.



Brett Lee showing The Important Stuff to Internet Users

## Administration Officer

*Wanshika Rai*

Welcome back from holidays! We are now in the busy Term 4. In the next two months, Navdeep and I will be assisting teachers and students for the end of year reporting.

The invoice for the remainder of the year was sent before the holidays (mid-September). If you have not received any invoices, please inform me via email. If there are any issues with fees please do not hesitate to contact me.

## Notices/Upcoming Events

### Regional Job Opportunities

Students or parents looking for fulltime apprenticeship or job opportunities in the meat industry in regional area and are happy to relocate please contact Dr Nand or Radhika. Fully paid training, job and relocation support is provided for various trade areas related to the meat industry.

17<sup>th</sup> October - 5pm

**PARENT EVENING**

**FREE FOOD &  
DRINKS!**

Please note the change in venue:

**Parkinson Campus**

**ATAC**

**INFORMATION NIGHT**

18<sup>th</sup> October 2017

5pm

Parkinson Campus

**6<sup>TH</sup> BUSHFOODS  
CONFERENCE**

18<sup>th</sup> November, 2017

From 8.30am - 5.00pm followed  
by Bushfoodie Dinner 5.30-7.30pm

Venue: TBA

Registration Fee: \$50.00  
(including morning tea, lunch &  
dinner)

Register at:

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