

AGTECH Connections

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'Connecting the College with the Community'

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parents and the community. ATAC fully supports all the paperwork to meet the legal obligations of all parties in the process of work or apprenticeship arrangements.

Infrastructure Development

Having secured a professional trainer for HPE and Fitness our students are now using the gym equipment for their physical and mental health. We encourage our community members to utilize the ATAC facilities to help building a healthy community. Our Bee Keeping project is in full motion, with the hives delivered, planting of native plants almost complete and the equipment purchased. We are working towards Bee Keeping workshops and short courses in Bee keeping in partnership with Bee All Natural. We acknowledge the grant provided by LCC for KRANK programs and the equipment. Many Australian schools are engaging younger people in beekeeping training as the realization of the benefits of bees in crops and honey production and in the improvement of the biodiversity of Australian flora and fauna.

Hospitality

Now that the Kitchen is almost complete, ATAC is ready to launch the Cert. II in Hospitality to our students and the local community. This qualification is a quick start to a short-term career and job opportunities due the high demand in the service industry. A fully qualified and an experienced trainer has been engaged to deliver the program.

Community Engagement

"Grow Your Own Vegetables" (GYOV) has become very popular in many communities to grow healthy organic vegetables as a hobby or a side income. Apart from the social benefits, garden

**College
Founder/CEO**

Dr Narendra Nand



Principal's Message

Semester I assessments are in progress, and it is pleasing to see higher engagement and progress of each student. Parents have been regularly contacted for better engagement. Thanks to all the parents who honor the enrolment agreement and support their child. Term II tests are in progress and all assessments will be due very soon for their semester 1 reports. Essential English, Essential Mathematics, Agricultural Practices and Certificate II in Workplace Skills (BSB20120) is being done with year 12 students while year 11's are doing Work for Skills & Vocational Pathways (FSK20119) with their basic subjects.

ATAC maintains its focus on building personal skills and positive attitudes and workplace knowledge such as safety and use of information technology as transferrable skills for a work. Congratulations to most of our students who have succeeded in securing work experience and/or apprenticeships. It has been a great outcome for our students with work experience placements. Year 10s will be doing the Trade Taster program for white cards and entry into TAFE next year. We greatly appreciate the local businesses who support our vocational pathways to support our students,

projects are becoming very popular in assisting retired people to live active and healthy lives. North Maclean Community Garden (NMCG) members have been harvesting their crops and are gaining supplementary cash income.

Green House

Our greenhouse is almost complete and members of our community and students will be learning some horticultural skills necessary for lifelong experiences.

The TRIPOD Model

Our “TRIPOD” model provides an opportunity for close partnerships between parents/ guardians, students, and the staff to assist in student engagement. The goodwill between parents/ guardians and ATAC encourages positive behavior and mutual understanding. As students become more resilient, honest, hardworking, respectful, and responsible they tend to become independent learners.

The Unique Academic Model

ATAC provides programs enabling students to follow various pathways to successful completion of QCE with their Trade and RTO courses for completion of their education and training for an early career. ATAC facilitates early jobs to students who meet the job-readiness criteria.

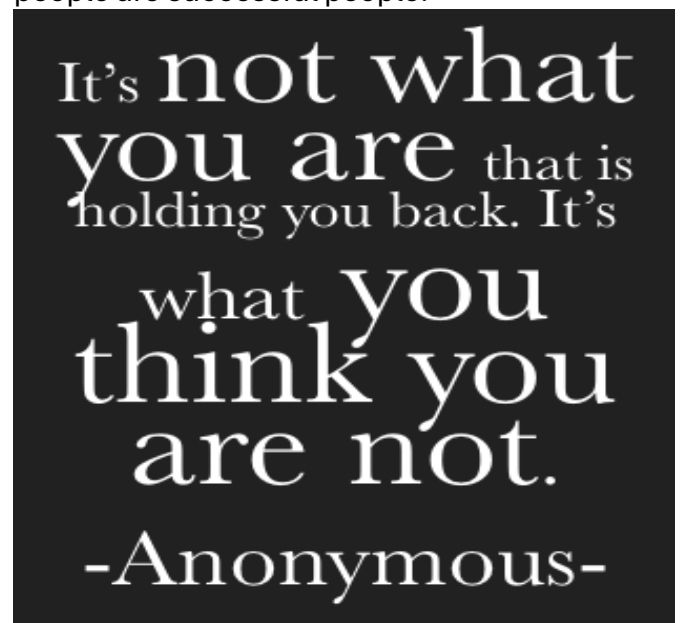
Acknowledgement

Congratulations to all students who have attained their work experience and/or apprenticeship. Thank you to all parents and guardians who have always played a significant role in the success of their child. Special thanks to RSL Greenbank, Logan City Council and the government for small grants to support ATAC projects and its local community. Great thanks to ATAC board members who tirelessly volunteer and support the mission and vision of ATAC.

From the Teacher's Desk

Mrs. Nandani Chandra

As we wind down, we are all feeling a little tired from the term, relieved that assessment is finished and excited for the upcoming school holidays. In class, we have been talking about the importance of SELF-ESTEEM – our opinions of ourselves! We discussed how important it is to be conscious of the thoughts in our heads about us; we need to be aware of how we talk about ourselves to ourselves. This is because our thoughts create our emotions, our emotions create our behaviors, and our behaviors create our character. If your thoughts about you are optimistic, and positive, then your general outlook on life will also be positive. And although we can't be optimistic and positive all the time, it is important to have the awareness of our thoughts and not dwell in sorrow and negativity for too long. Confident and joyful people are successful people!



In other news, our ducklings are not so little anymore. They are almost ready to rejoin their flock after the school holidays. It has been such a pleasure and joy to babysit them at home. My

children will surely miss them when they are gone.



MR.

BHAGWANJI BHINDI

(Retired Linguistics Lecturer). Suva, Fiji.

**BEHIND THE SMILE-A CRYING
HEART**

Behind the smile

Is a crying heart

With silent tears

Behind the smile

Is an untold story

In the echo of love

The heart longing for freedom

Peace and love

Genuine emotions collide

Suffering from the pain

Still smiles with courage

To hide the bleeding heart

We are quick to judge, aren't we?

Entrenched culture has taught us

***To cover the griefs and pains that
we hold***

Behind the smile...

Behind the smile is not what it seems

Behind the smile radiates hope

But even through the darkest of time

**Smiles, at times enshrouded in
deception**

**Concealing deep wound steeped in
reflection**

Behind the smile is another reality

**Beholders may perceive it as another
personality**

So, let those tears fall

Each drop a story

of love and loss.

The English idiom "*where there's a will there's a way*". This 400-year-old proverb implies that if someone is determined enough, they can find a way to achieve their goal, despite all obstacles. This common motivational mantra inspires everyone to persevere to achieve success. Remember, you cannot change the wind direction, but you can change the sails to reach your destination.



Ducklings at two weeks old enjoying the nature.



Ducklings at 2 months old loving the warm concrete and tiles around the buildings.



Raised garden bed with green and healthy vegetables. Thanks to students who have helped in watering and nurturing the gardens. Grow your own, eat your own and be healthy.



Roundhouse Workshop at Wearing Road North Maclean- supporting our studnest with work experience and automotive training.



Congratulations Ethan Kumar for being given the opportunity to work with the owner Ryun Bellarin of Roundhouse Workshop. ATAC greatly appreciates the willingness of Ryun to engage our students.



Professor Cameron Peace from Washington State University, Pullman, USA sharing his experiences as a teenager and how he worked his way through his undergraduate and his PhD studies while working as a kitchenhand to fund his education. Cameron is an international plant scientist and fruit plant breeder who had assisted Dr. Nand's research at Griffith University and the University of Queensland. Prof. Peace is very keen on the development of bushfoods who had done his own PhD research on Australian Macadamia nuts.



Samuel Tamaki (Far right) with his Logan members for “Man Up” intervention program doing various activities to support all men, women and young people needing social, emotional and mental help for healthy living. All the members spoke to ATAC students during their visit and share their experiences. Great work. Thanks to the team.



Members of the Destiny, Family and Community Organisation after talking to ATAC students.



Samuel (L) and Kiri Tamaki of the Destiny, Family Community Organisation with Dr. Nand seeking for information for potential collaboration to benefit our vulnerable people across Brisbane, Gold Coast Logan and nearby regions.

DUE TO THE OVERWHELMING DEMAND!!

Another Krank Interactive Bee Workshop these school holidays!! It will be held at the Australian Technology & Agricultural College campus 4808-4822 Mt Lindesay Hwy, North Maclean on 30th June 2024 at 1pm.

The event is open to all Logan City Council residents. It is free to attend 😊

Be quick and register:

<https://beeallnatural.com.au>

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