



AGTECH Connections

The newsletter of the Australian
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Community'

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Principal's Message

With a head start to this term, our Year 12 students had the priority to complete all their QCE requirements. Great success stories for those who had seriously put in their effort. With less loads, individualised teacher and parent support and our close monitoring process saw these students progress to successfully complete some overwhelming tasks. Not too difficult at the end, but life changing achievements. ATAC provides significant care and attention to the students' needs to tailor the activities and processes to achieve success. With the ongoing effort of the students and staff we look forward to our best academic results. Year 10 students have also been provided with extra support while Year 11 students have been continuing with their program and work experience as per their commitments.

Our garden, nursery and shed projects are almost complete and arrangements are being made to equip them with resources to support student projects for hands-on learning experience. Remember, success comes with learning based on a simple philosophy of "less but more". In other words, given the circumstances and the less amount of knowledge and information students gain, they are able to process and utilise that knowledge into a wide range of applications in everyday life. This process helps the students to consolidate on their earlier experiences and skills for small successes which leads to higher successes. Unfortunately, at times these consecutive successes take a much longer time which varies for students with different abilities.

Overcrowded curricular, extracurricular activities, and the current technologies are leaving students behind in some basic knowledge, skills, and their physical, mental, emotional and social wellbeing.

Honesty, Hard work and Honour ("HHH"), the philosophy that ATAC follows is to build perseverance, understanding, resilience and tolerance in our students. Lack of patience and respect at times builds anger, hatred and vengeance in individuals which is not only detrimental to individuals' personal health but also to success in life and their inter-relationships in any work environment. ATAC enhances positive educational and community outcomes with a warm, friendly and caring environment to every student. Thanks to all parents and community members who provide us with their great support and encouragement. Our Success is your success.

**Before you are a leader,
success is all about growing
yourself. When you become a
leader, success is all about
growing others.**

Business & Services Manager

Wanshika Rai

As the end of year is fast approaching, we are busy ensuring student fees are up to date. Emails have been sent out and if you have not received statements recently, please contact me immediately.

First Aid Training



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This week our students were trained in First Aid by Michael Ulstad of CSTC. Photo 1 (L-R): Jhye checking response from Andy. Photo 2: Oliver demonstrating a CPR on a dummy. Photo 3 & 4: Billy and Samantha practicing CPR on a baby.

Extending Partnerships to Regional Queensland



Moon Rocks Onion Farm



Glenn's Cotton Farm Machinery



Young cotton plantation damaged by frost



Cotton grower explains his Research & Development plan



Opportunities for ATAC students to do work experience on huge regional farms



Glenn & Dr. Nand discuss Biotechnology research opportunities

Dr Nand's visit to Balonne Shire Council at St George, west of Toowoomba. Dr Nand spoke to the councilors, growers and educators about the mission and vision of ATAC and to investigate potential partnerships in the future for the benefit of regional Queensland. The visit was organized by Mr Garnet Radford, Economic Development Officer at Balonne Shire Council. ATAC thanks the Councilors, CEO and staff of the Council and the growers for their warm hospitality.



Racquel Tudor of ALIVE organisation providing training and support to ATAC staff and students to live a mentally better and healthier life in the challenging environments.



Healthy Organic Vegetables in ATAC Gardens getting ready for Harvest.

Fresh Vegetables Harvested by Oliver, Shanea, Andrew & Jhye.



Dr Nand thanks our two dedicated teachers, Michael and Ravi for their time, effort and hard work on the World Teachers' Day. ATAC Board acknowledges all teachers and their ability to make a positive difference in student lives.

Upcoming Events:

- **14^hNovember**
Graduation Ceremony
(Invitations will be sent out to parents and students)
- **16th November**
Term 4 Last Day for Y12
- **30th November**
Term 4 Last Day for Y10 & 11



Congratulations Billy – Business Cert II is complete. Thanks Marilyn of AQI for the individual support.

Top five skills you can master, to prepare you for a career.

- Adaptability/Flexibility.
- Market Yourself (to the hidden job market).
- Experience and industry knowledge.
- Communication (written and oral).
- Teamwork and collaboration to solve problems.

ATAC Well-Wishers supporting our students. They can be contacted on their websites.



Commercial & Residential Glaziers



BP Service Station North Maclean & Regents Park



Brisbane General Engineering Specialties



Round House Mechanical workshop at North Maclean North Maclean Produce Shop



Southern District Auto Centre, Browns Plain



North Maclean Produce



Compressor Technology QLD in Boronia Heights



Commercial & Residential Electrical Services