

# AGTECH Connections

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

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## College Founder/CEO

*Dr Narendra Nand*

### Principal's Message

A great start to term III after some students enjoyed time with their family, holiday jobs or planning for the future. It is good to see Xander, Andy and Javier doing more effort while Oliver and Josh getting bogged into progressing ahead in their assessment. Back from a good desert tour, Caleb is still trying to get his mind around into his tasks and preparing to present a tour guide to the class. The report cards are now ready for dispatch and parents/guardians are most welcome to discuss with the teachers or the principal. Progress of every student is closely followed to ensure that they complete their QCAA requirements for QCE with supplementary Business Cert II and a Trade Certificate.

Progress has been made to establish the North Maclean Community Gardens (NMCG) at ATAC and planting will begin as the weather becomes more favorable. Another exciting Native Bee-hive project is to start very soon with the assistance of Jason and Natasha Roebig of Bee All Natural to support local bee-keepers and to develop new infusions of bushfoods with honey. These innovative products will enable to value-add to the existing honey and provide healthy flavors. We are very happy to see community support to provide greater opportunities in agricultural and primary production sectors. These partnerships will enable us to establish better community engagement and ongoing education and training for everyone to build our agricultural and trade sectors.



The monthly meetings of ATAC Board ensures that the policy and procedures are followed, and it discusses issues of enrolments and marketing as a priority at present. The Board acknowledges the efforts and support of staff, parents and business partners. The Board is concerned about the progress of the service road and the immediate impact on ATAC's enrolment. The Board is, however, aware of the long-term safety benefits for the students and the community. Thanks to the Main Roads, Logan City Council and the Government for the improvement of a very dangerous intersection on the Mount Lindesay. The traffic lights are expected to be operational by late November 2019.

## Gary Suthers

*English, Humanities and Agricultural Science Teacher*

Thank you for the opportunity to teach your child at ATAC. As semester two begins, a new unit has begun in English, looking at how media that we have on our screen has been constructed for a purpose. That is to entertain, inform or to engage. Media such as music video clips, information websites or video games. English students are studying these various media and learning how to assess and analyse them and how to review them. On Tuesday July 30, all students and teachers went to the Ignite Youth Careers Expo at Logan Mero Sports Centre, students were able to view displays, ask questions about employment and traineeships and listen to presentations.

Over the last term, I am glad to see improvements in the attitude of students towards classwork in preparation for their assessments. I congratulate all those who have put in greater effort to obtain

better grades, as we work together to achieve even better grades this term.

**Ravinesh Naidu**

*Business & Math's Teacher*

With my training in recent months I, Look forward to work on Business and FSK units to support our students into quicker pathways for jobs. With limited opportunities, students have to ensure that they build their knowledge and skills that can impress potential employers during work experience. Keep on task guys and develop respect and attitude that meet the expectations of the employers.

**Radhika Behal**

*Business Development Manager*

Thank you to all parents and guardians who have been able to respond to my requests for consents and information required for the data we provide to the Department. It is always a pleasure to talk to any parents who call in for information and/or about any issues affecting their child. Report cards will be sent soon by emails and a hard copy will posted to your home address. Please check and call back if you have any issues.



Mrs. Mariana Lane  
Project Manager (International Education) from ISQ visited ATAC on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019 to discuss potential opportunities for International Education at ATAC.



Mr. Craig Butler (left) and Mr. Jeff Lamb (right) Directors of ONESTOP Training (RTO No 31737) with Dr Nand to discuss potential partnerships for short term training of young people from ATAC site in Process Manufacturing & Forklift

**PROPOSAL**

**ONE STOP TRAINING**

*(One Stop Group Pty.Ltd. RTO No 31737)*

**Information & Enrolment (1/2 day)**

**Thursday 22 August 2019**

**8.30 am -10.30 am**

**Process Manufacturing (10 Days)**

**Monday 26 August – Friday 6 September 2019**

**8.30a - 4.00 pm**

**Forklift Training**

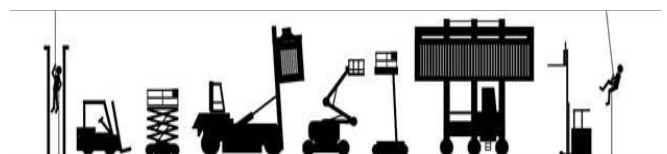
**2 X 3 Day Blocks in September/October**

**(Dates to be Advised)**

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**28th September 2019**

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Dr. Narendra Nand at Youth Employment Breakfast Workshop organized by Department of Employment, Small Business and Training (DESBT) on 24 July 2019 at Links Golf Club, Hope Island.



ATAC driveway awaiting completion. The front service road looks great with the drainage, kerb and footpath landscape.



ATAC Gardens are ready for planting by North Maclean Community Garden (NMCg) members to be started as the weather becomes more favorable.

**2019 SCHOOL TERMS DATES**

Term 3 (10 weeks)	Monday July 15	Friday September 20
Spring Vacation	Monday September 23	Friday October 4
Term 4 (10 weeks)	Monday October 7	Friday December 13
Competency Completion	Monday December 16	Tuesday December 24

**Upcoming Holiday:**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2019- EKKA  
Holiday**

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



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