



AGTECH Connections

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

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College Founder/CEO

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Principal's Message

The student projects continued despite hot and dry weather. Students and teachers sweated out trying to do the chicken coop and work has started on a stand for the aquariums. Dr S Choy an expert on aquaculture has kindly agreed to support our students on their project. We welcome any support from our local community.

ATAC welcomes new staff, Mr Gary Suthers who has replaced Mr Adam Johnsen. Gary has been very actively involved in both the academic work and outdoor projects with the students. Coming towards Easter break, students are expected to complete all Term One assessments. Students on work experience or who are at TAFE on different days will need to catch up with their academic work as a priority on the days at College. The ATAC Board and staff wish you all a very happy Easter and term one holidays.

Gary Suthers

English, Humanities and Agricultural Science Teacher

Thank you for the opportunity to teach your child at ATAC. Over the last two weeks, senior English lessons have focused on Job ready skills. Year 12 students have been completing their resumes, cover letters and practicing their interview skills. With the aim to have a practical portfolio of documents to use for job seeking. Year 11 have been researching the modern workplace and what a new employee experiences on their first few days. Year10 are looking at various emotional



Film: Tomorrow When the War Began and are examining how emotion is conveyed in the written word and in the language of film. Also, in year 10 History, we have been studying the events leading up to WW11, Australia's role in that war and the Kokoda experience. I have also been working with the year 10's in making the chicken coop habitable for some chickens soon.

Ravinesh Naidu

Business & Math's Teacher

As we round up the term, it's been a pleasure to write about new curriculum for Y10, especially HPE and Science. A special mention to Adam Johnsen, for his innovative ideas and lesson preparation for Y10's in History and Agricultural Science.

Our students have also been getting up to speed in constructing and assembling an aquarium and parental support and encouragement is always sincerely appreciated.

Radhika Behal

Business Development Manager

Thank you to all students and parents for a wonderful Term 1!

Easter is just around the corner. I would like to wish Happy Easter to all of you!!





Students working on their Aquarium stand project (L). Kyle and Josh busy on the stand under the supervision of Mr Ravi Naidu (R).



The external run area for the Chicken Coop (L), with the shed being repaired by Kyle and Josh. Kyle and Josh love out door work and have been hands on. Thanks to Andy and Caleb for giving their input into the project from time to time.



Lisa McBrien (Senior Field Officer) and Vanessa Sanchez (Field Officer) from Department of Education & Training providing information on Apprenticeship and Traineeship. Information provided by them is available at the reception for parents and businesses.

Family-School Partnerships

Department of Education and Training provides guide to schools and families to support learning at home. Schools like ours should have a close relationship to support learning at home and some tips and tricks to help teachers and schools to establish a good health and warm relationship for better outcomes for the students at schools.

- ATAC always communicates with parents/guardians to outline our expectations of their support to teachers in behavior management and learning achievements.
- ATAC listens to families’ expectations and discusses issues to support them and the students.
- ATAC invites parents/guardians to collaborate in the progress, performance and achievement of their child.
- ATAC provides information and resources so that parents/guardians can find opportunities to encourage and support their children.
- ATAC promotes project-based learning which students can extend into after hours at home as a hobby for a Small Business Enterprise (SBE) which can also involve parents.
- ATAC regularly discusses children’s progress and class performance with their parents. Teachers regularly email assessment tasks to the parents and provide phone or online advice to support students.
- ATAC principal communicates directly with the parents to discuss any issues of concern to them or the students and regularly informs parents with any changes and developments to prevent any misunderstandings.
- ATAC staff provide a friendly and warm reception to all visitors to build positive interaction with teachers and our community
- ATAC encourages parent volunteers to actively participate in class activities to support the students and staff to enable

better achievement levels, while nurturing a healthy learning environment.

- ATAC provides information through the monthly AGTECH Connections Newsletter on the website, Facebook and the local media to the general public.

2019 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Term 1 (10 weeks)	Monday January 29	Friday April 5
Easter Vacation	Monday April 8	Monday April 22
Term 2 (10 weeks)	Tuesday April 23	Friday June 28
Winter Vacation	Monday July 1	Friday July 12
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

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



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