



TSHS News

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is difficult to believe that here we are at Week 4 already. With two public holidays this term the weeks seem to go very much quicker. In your parental role I would ask that you continue to ensure that your child attends school regularly, has the right equipment for class and that you continue to 'touch base' with them to ensure they are travelling well.

NAPLAN is the big event for students in years 7 and 9 next week. The writing and language component, will be held on Tuesday morning, Wednesday will be the reading component with Thursday the final session being the numeracy assessment. All testing will occur in the morning session and school continues as per normal after the tests each day. Our older students and support staff will be supporting our students by providing a hearty breakfast each day.

The Deputy Director General of Education, Ms Patrea Walton, (3rd highest person in Queensland Education) visited the Far North last week and she made some interesting comments during her visit. Education Queensland is planning to shift their focus to the numbers of As, Bs and Cs in schools with a current target of 80% of students in each school achieving all As, Bs or Cs. I highlighted to students on parade recently that it was great to see Tully SHS achieving close to 90% and, while only first term, this augers well for our schools results.

Our school is currently trialling external exams for English in Year 11. All students in year 11 and 12 from 2019 will have a combination of 25% external assessment and 75% internal assessment. We are privileged to have two of our staff at the leading edge of this, with Mrs Martin one of the state markers and Ms Macdonald a lead state marker.

Our students facilitated and ran our ANZAC ceremony recently for the student population and parent visitors. Those who were present at the ceremony would support me in saying that it was both sombre and highly meaningful to the audience. On behalf of the school, the organisers and those involved are to be congratulated on the outstanding event. It was great to see also many of our students present at the town parade on Monday and also our leaders who represented the school on the day at both the dawn service and the march.

In the last newsletter I mentioned that our long-standing tuckshop convener, Ms Jean McQuillan, resigned from her position. The students will be making a small presentation to Jean on this **coming Monday's parade in recognition of her long-standing service to our school**. Parents are welcome to attend on this day.



LEST WE FORGET



The Tully State High School ANZAC commemoration service took place on Friday morning, 22 April at the Tully Multi-Purpose Centre. It was well-attended by parents and members of the community who witnessed a dignified and moving ceremony conducted by Year 10 Humanities students Georgia Hayley, Rhiannon Pease, Claire Rodda, Carson Fagg, Michael Morgan and Abbie Porter.

The official lighting of symbolic candles was performed by Principal Richard Graham, Cassowary Coast Mayor John Kremastos, Captain David Bowden from the Jungle Training Wing, representatives of the Tully RSL and the Tully Red Cross. CCPL Wyatt Sciacca wearing his Cadet uniform, performed drill and members of the community, including Hon. Bob Katter, placed wreaths. Student representatives formally placed poppies and lit candles on behalf of every class in the High School.

The centerpiece of the ceremony was a visual presentation narrated by the students that focused on the devastating campaigns fought on the Western front, which is fitting, given this year is the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme. Detailing personal stories of courage and sacrifice from servicemen from World War One, the presentation was a somber yet moving tribute to the young men who served in the Western Front.

The High School Band performed a rousing piece, *Stanley River Overture* under the direction of Instrumental Music teacher Karen Stewart. The ceremony concluded with *The Last Post* and *Reveille* and the reading of John Quinn's moving poem, *Argument*.

Finally, bagpiper Bunny Waite piped out the students, staff and guests.



Captain David Bowden

DAWN SERVICE ON ANZAC DAY

The dawn service on ANZAC Day was well attended by staff and students. Later in the day students in uniform, parents and staff, fell in and marched up Butler



Street. At the remembrance service that followed, the school captains Josh Apap and Katie Kirkwood delivered resolutions while the junior captains Sophie Mackay and Kai Wagner, laid wreaths at the cenotaph.



MATTY BOWEN VISITS T.S.H.S.

Tully State High School had the honour of hosting Matty Bowen last Friday. Boys from the Under 15 Cowboys Challenge Open, the Aaron Payne Cup and Indigenous girls playing rugby league were all invited to a talk from Matty. Students learnt of his preparation for games and **'that try', intercepting in State of Origin to win the game.**

Thanks to the North Old Cowboys and Game Development Officer Liam Bartlett for organising this wonderful event.



Year 11s gear up for external assessment

The three year 11 English classes are preparing for the state wide trial. The task is to write an analytical exposition in response to *Macbeth*. Students are engaged in a wide range of learning experiences to deepen their understanding of the representation of the characters, events and themes of **Shakespeare's iconic text. Students are** working individually, in groups, as a class, with old technology and new, to ensure they are thoroughly prepared for this assessment task.



THE GRIN'NTONIC THEATRE TROUPE

The Grin'nTonic Theatre troupe visited the school on 28 April. Responses to the Junior School show, *Island Home*, were: "I liked the Aussie slang, and the lady's laugh along with the singing." Amara-Lee 8E; "I liked the slam poem" Miki yr 8; "I liked the way that they talked about Australia's history" Bradley yr 8. The year 10s were treated to a performance of *Romeo and Juliet vs the world*. This is timely as most students will begin their studies in Shakespeare at the end of this term. Our picture shows Nick who volunteered to play "Romeo" for part of the show. Study for external assessment has never been so enjoyable. The year 11 English classes found the performance of *Lady Macbeth and Macbeth vs the World* an invaluable resource in preparing for their exam. Sean played the role of "Banquo". The Shakespearean performances blend excerpts

from the original scripts with commentary and discussion through characters from our time and place with modern references. Students were given opportunities to interact with the performers after the show.





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FROM THE MATHS DEPARTMENT

Maths Quiz:

Week 5 Quiz: *The cost in dollars to print n books is $500 + 10n$.*

How many books are printed for a cost of \$15 000?

If you have a solution to the problem please drop it in to the SP staffroom, or email a solution to Mr Brown at mbrow499@eq.edu.au.

TULLY STATE HIGH FISHING CLUB

Last month's Barramundi competition saw a large number of entries from students and staff. The sun finally pushed through the wet weather allowing Nick Andrews and William Dore to take out the Junior section. Luke Leoni was able to secure the Senior student section and Mr Bird and Mr Richters took out the staff section. Next month's focus is on Jungle Perch and Sooty Grunter. Big thanks to Tackle World Tully who continue to support our club with knowledge and prizes.

Fishing Competition

- Species: JP's & Sooty's
- Rules: Must have a photo on a brag mat or tape, with a leaf on the back fin
- Time: one month
- Teacher, Senior Student and Junior Student categories
- Bonus entry- smallest sooty





The show has a new section



Are you a person who while on the phone or thinking about something find yourself doodling on anything that is in front of you? Well, start doodling on our Apron and show your art at the show.

Feel Free and Relaxed while creating an art piece

Doodle Art Section

Conditions

Entry \$10

Closing date is 5pm Thursday 28.7.16

Doodle Art must be on a Plastic white Apron only (supplied by the Show Society donated by Mackay's Estate please contact the show society either by email tullyshow@qld.chariot.net.au or message 0409260532 and arrange pickup or delivery of the apron)

Doodle Art is a form of free hand shapes, symbols, expressional freedom to create.

Limited to 50 spaces only (so email or ring to register your apron today)

Prizes will be disclosed in the show schedule.

All Doodle Art must be a Original piece (no copyright please)

Classes

A. Primary School student

Prizes 1st, 2nd, 3rd

1. Black and White
2. Colour

B High School student

Prizes :1st, 2nd

1. Black and White
2. Colour

C. Adult

Prizes :1st, 2nd

1. Black and White
2. Colour

D. Group

Eq: Your Classroom, Staff at your place of work, the whole family

Prizes: 1st, 2nd

1. Black and White

E. Special needs

Prizes: 1st, 2nd, 3rd

1. Child

2. Adult

GET DOODLING

"ONE PUNCH KILLS"

Sergeant Troy Nowitzki from Mission Beach Police Station presented the "One Punch Kills" module of the Putting Youth into Picture program to our Grade 12 cohort. The students gained a great deal of knowledge from the information given and learnt strategies to deal with certain situations.

A massive thank you to Troy and Senior Constable Kirstel and Police Liaison Officer Brad from the Tully Police Station for giving up their time to talk to our students.



Drug Awareness Seminar

FREE COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION

PRESENTED BY QLD HEALTH—COMMUNITY EDUCATOR
ALCOHOL, TOBACCO & OTHER DRUGS SERVICE (ATODS)

WHEN: TUESDAY 24TH May 2016

Time: 5:30pm sharp to 7:30 pm

Where: Multi Purpose Centre Tully State High School
Bruce Highway Tully

Notices & Events

10, 11 & 12 May NAPLAN Testing Yrs 7 & 9.

11 May Grandparents Day 10:50 to 11:30 am in the school Café.

17, 18, 19 & 20 May Hinchinbrook Island Excursion.

27, 28 & 29 May Malanda Cattle Handling.