This time of the year always seems to move more quickly as the school attends to a range of activities in planning for 2017. By now our Year 10 students will have received their SETPLAN letters explaining the process for determining their course of study in 2017. The major day for this process to occur has been scheduled for Friday the 2nd of September. I encourage you to talk with your child and examine together what might be preferred career paths in the future.

Our students are very keen to look at the opportunities that may be available to them after they leave our school. Our Year 8 Year Co-ordinator, Mr Dressler, organised a day at JCU recently with students from Year 8. Although a long day, all students I spoke to after the event talked about the valuable information they gained and were excited about some of the possibilities to which they could aspire.

The school is busily preparing for the selection process for 2017 School Captain positions. Ms Daniels and Ms Sloan-Orlandi will be talking to students over the coming weeks and encouraging them to nominate for these positions. The positions of School Captain and Sports Captain are open only to Year 11 students and all nominees are expected to be exemplary students in all aspects of school life as they will be representing our school to many events and activities.

We have high expectations for all our students at Tully SHS and it was wonderful to see some examples of students achieving highly over the past few days. I attended a day at Innisfail State College where our school musicians teamed up with Innisfail musicians in a jazz ensemble which will be performing at a Dance in the Tropics evening at the end of the term. Look out for this date: I encourage you to book a table to watch them and other musicians in action. I saw more high achievers among our year 8 students with their movie unit. In small groups they are busily scripting, acting and videoing their movie. I can’t wait for the viewing night of all of our student’s work: it will be held at the MPC during the last week of this term. Finally, some of the practical work being produced in our Manual Arts classes is of the highest standard. Brenden Graham, one of our Year 12 students, showed me some of his work recently; the bedside table of his own design featured quite spectacular inlay work on the top.

We hosted several of the Cluster Principals at our school Thursday 25 August, as part of a cluster project we are involved with. They spoke highly of the lunch, morning tea and coffee put on by our students. We also went on a learning walk whereby we visited several classes and Principals interacted with students who were keen to show off some of the work they were completing. As one Principal commented – “I had one student who was so passionate in their writing and explanation of a topic the words seemed to almost jump off the page!” I like this concept and am keen to pursue a similar learning walk for parents.
EKKA/UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND GATTON EXCURSION

This year a group of intrepid students travelled to Brisbane for an amazing adventure, full of action packed fun and educational activities. A number of the Senior Agricultural Science students and Cattle Handlers from Years 10-12 had a week of activities at the Brisbane EKKA and the University of QLD, Gatton Campus. The students were enthralled by all of the amazing exhibits at the EKKA. Over the weekend, we visited Dreamworld and the Outback Spectacular, which everyone enjoyed. On Sunday morning, the students spent valuable time studying at the State Library and visiting the Museum/Science Centre. On Monday, we travelled to Gatton for two incredibly interesting days, experiencing the life of a student. The activities were highly organised and of tremendous value to the students: the facilities at Gatton are world class, particularly the new Veterinary facility. I would highly recommend any student who is interested in Agricultural, Veterinary, Environmental or Wildlife studies to take a look at what is on offer at the University of QLD, Gatton campus. There are currently four jobs for every agricultural graduate across Australia. Thank you to Mrs Belinda Slater for being chaperone on the excursion.
The 2016 Skills Day Out hosted at the Tully Showgrounds was a huge success. All Tully High students had the opportunity to attend. Event Coordinator, Kirsty Densmore, was thrilled with participation from local schools. Students had the chance to engage with a variety of stalls to find out about training and career options. Year 9 student, Monique Sichter, was the lucky winner of an iPad.
The Challenge Games Camp: July 25-28\textsuperscript{th}, 2016

Written by Danny Reid and Kieran Singh

On Monday 25 July we left Tully State High School for Townsville. The group travelled by bus and it did not take long. Our first stop was at The Strand for a BBQ lunch. After lunch we went to Reef HQ. It was great to see some turtles up close in the turtle hospital. We also saw sharks, rays and lots of fish. After a drink, we made our way to our units to unpack and settle in. After tea we played Charades.

On Tuesday we went to the home of the Cowboys at 1300 Smiles Stadium. We did a tour of the Stadium and saw the trophy cupboard, media and change rooms, office people as well as the Cowboys practicing for the big game that was coming up. Afterwards we had morning tea on the riverbank followed by a stop at the shopping centre for food.

We had lunch in an old fashioned coffee shop over the road from the City Cinema, then we went to the movies. We could choose to go to ‘Ghostbusters’ or “Hunt for the Wilder people”. We saw “Hunt for the Wilder people”. It was a comedy that was set in New Zealand. We laughed a lot. Afterwards we went back to our hotel for a rest and to prepare for dinner. Our special activity for that night was ten pin bowling. Special bowling shoes need to be worn so the floor doesn’t get scratched. We told the assistant what our shoe size was then we chose a bowling ball before getting put into teams. I had to pick up the ball and push it down the ramp so it could go down the middle of the lane to knock the pins over. We all had a good time and went back to our rooms.

The Challenge games began Wednesday. We were at Townsville Recreation Sports by 9:00 am so we could put up our gazebo and arrange our chairs and table. Our lunch esky was full of food we had made ourselves for the day. The parade was our first activity at 9.30am. There were just over 800 students who attended this year.
The Challenge Games Camp continued:

Each age group had different activities, so Miss Gunn made a timetable for each of us for our lanyard so we could remember what activity we had. Some of the activities we did at The Challenge Games were long jump, sit down volley ball, shot put, vortex, boccia, frisbee, fling-o-majig, AFL, soccer, 60m and 100m, plus the relay. Many other students competed to go to the state events; these are called Invitational Activities. Some of our students will compete in the Invitational next year.

On Wednesday for dinner we had pizza. Our favourite was ham and cheese. After tea we watched the news and saw Tully SHS students at The Challenge Games on the news. We then were back on the bus and went to the disco. The music was loud, there was a smoke machine and it was fun.

On Thursday morning we packed everything back into the trailer and we went back to the games. We watched some invitational activities and then we did our own activities. During the two days of The Challenge Games we met a few Cowboys. The best Cowboy was Jake Clifford. We got our trophy at a big ceremony, but it was alphabetical and Tully is near the end. It was a long wait with a lot of schools before us.
The Spirit of ANZAC
Centenary Experience

Our day started when we (the Year 9 Cohort and 9 Humanities teachers – Mr Miller, Ms McCulloch, Ms Pather and Mr Roberts) boarded the bus and readied ourselves for the two hour journey to Cairns.

By 9am we were on our way to the Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience. Each student received a set of headphones and an iPod to listen to narration as we walked around the interactive exhibit. This narration changed depending on the location.

The multi-modal exhibit brought us into the world of pain and sacrifice the ANZACs went through to save and defend Australia and the British Empire. We were guided through Australia’s History and wars and were able to view many wondrous primary sources – including artefacts, firsthand accounts, films and photographs. Students were also able to look at a big army tank! These sources painted a clear picture of Australia during World War I.

The whole experience showed us the hardships these people experienced. We were then able to write messages of thanks to our ANZACs for their services and sacrifices. By 1pm we were all back on the bus, heading to school. Everybody arrived safely and the whole experience of the Spirit of ANZACs centenary exhibition will never be forgotten.

Lest We Forget

- Georgia Richards.

For more information visit the site http://www.anzaccentenary.gov.au/events/spiritanzac-centenary-experience.

The exhibit is free and will be in Cairns for all of August and Townsville for all of September.
The Spirit of ANZAC Centenary Experience Continued
Bring It On was a lunchtime event challenging the students to step out of their comfort zones. Coupled with a free sausage sizzle, this event gave opportunity for students to Bring It On with their dance moves. Several students stepped up and brought their best, before everyone eventually jumped in and had a go! It was great to see everyone leaving with a spring in their step before heading into their next class.
Track and Field Regional Championships

This year’s Regional Championships were once again represented well by Tully High students who all showed great maturity, sportsmanship and athleticism when they faced the exciting arena of Barlow Park in Cairns. Across two eventful days, about fifteen Tully High athletes pushed themselves to their limits to gain personal bests and even a place in the Peninsula team.

Each of our talented track and field competitors were exceptional in their ability to show dedication to and perseverance in their sport, even though injuries and super athletic opposition at times posed a challenge. It was this display of sportsmanship of which Tully High can be very proud. The level of teamwork and mateship amongst our competitors was excellent. Everyone showed encouragement through uplifting words and actions; not only to students from our school but to other districts’ participants as well.

Great results emerged from the two heart racing and crowd cheering days that fell in perfect synchronicity with Usain Bolt preparing to defend his title. Moving onto the next stage, which is to compete at the State Championships in Brisbane in October are Andrew Brunello, Taylah Walker, Jasmine Sichter, Brock Threlfall and Phillip Musumeci.

Andrew competed very well over the two days and achieved personal bests in the 100m, 200m and 400m Sprints as well as the Long Jump. It is also for these four events that Andrew will be competing in Brisbane. Taylah Walker achieved a personal best in the Long Jump and will be representing the Peninsula in this event as well as the 100m Sprint. Jasmine Sichter, through great technique and strength, has a position on the team competing in Shot Put and Discus. Brock Threlfall (even though competing with a broken finger) managed not only to throw a personal best in the Discus but also gained a position in the Peninsula team. Lastly, Phillip Musumeci used spectacular effort to place himself at the State Championships for Shot Put.

Well done to all the athletes who gave it their best at the Regional Championships; it was a pleasure to be there, observing another side to these students’ abilities. They were certainly excellent representatives of our school; not just in a sporting context but as community minded young adults. I’d also like to take this opportunity to thank the parents and families of our competitors who put in huge efforts for their children to be there competing. We often forget the people behind the scenes who enable there to be events such as this. Without dedicated parents/carers, the children would most likely not come, so thank you, your hard work is appreciated greatly.
Another successful year for the members of the Cattle Stud Show Team. After many weeks of preparation, in what was another late wet season, the students made it into the show ring. In Cairns, the students performed very well in the junior handler and junior judging competitions and brought home ribbons in both events. The girls did particularly well, with two students receiving first place for judging in their respective age groups.

The following week, the team of twelve students competed in Tully, receiving numerous awards for their handling and judging. It is wonderful to witness the efforts of the students coming to fruition, especially as the Tully event is the first time in the ring for the junior members of the team. With the guidance of their teacher and the more experienced students, the newcomers all successfully presented their animals in the Show ring. On Saturday morning, the students were back in the ring for the Junior Judging competition. The competition involves students judging four animals and placing the class from first to fourth place. This is followed by the students giving an oral appraisal and successfully justifying their choices. I am very pleased to say that all of the students presented themselves well and spoke fluently in the public arena. Team members are very dedicated and spend a lot of time perfecting their skills at training sessions, after school and on the weekends. Clearly, all of their hard work has paid off.

The cattle breeding program and the students involved continue to ensure our success in the ring and the long term viability of the stud. The stud is proudly self-sufficient, which is unique for a government school. We work very hard to provide the students with technological and innovative educational opportunities and to maintain the production of a quality product. This year we will be completing our first ever Embryo Transfer Program. We are very excited to be using this technology and look forward to seeing the results in 2017.

The members of the Show Team this year were:

Bianca Brook       Kirrily French         Jaime Sloan     Brandon Black      Claire Lowe   Cadence Goodman
Zoe Mackay         Rohan Crema      Tamsyn Hazzard    Sophie Mackay    Bill Cotter     Jane Slater

I am very proud of the students: they are all winners. To successfully get an animal and themselves into the show ring requires confidence, commitment and determination. The members of the show team are fine ambassadors for the school and being part of the team gives the students skills for life. I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the support of Tully Sugar Limited, GF Rural, Ridley Agri-products, Bonassi’s Quarry, Ms Cathy Lowe and Ms Penny Hoare (Cairns chaperones) and Mr Sean Fenton for the generous donation of cattle transport.

Finally, I would like to thank the wonderful students for all of their efforts and their parents/guardians for supporting them in this wonderful learning experience. The students are amazing to work with and deserve all that comes their way.

Warren J. Giffin
Agriculture Co-ordinator
Haylee Brown and Lucy Berge Yr 7 are both representing the Peninsula at the State Touch Football Championships in Roma.

Certificate II in Engineering

TAFE Queensland North delivers a Certificate II in Engineering at Tully SHS to a number of senior students. This qualification provides students with a range of practical industry skills which enhances both immediate and long term career prospects. Students will be credited with 4 points towards their QCE (Queensland Certificate of Education) when they successfully complete the course.

TAFE teacher Larry Grant is pictured with students during a theory session. The students have been supplied with high visibility work shirts and steel cap safety boots as part of the program.

Head of Junior Secondary, Aidan Richers witnessed Year 9 student Monique Sichter receive an iPad from Kim Agli (Community Development Officer for Cassowary Coast Regional Council). Monique was the lucky winner of the iPad courtesy of Cassowary Coast Regional Council as part of 2016 Skills Day Out promotion.
A Star in the Making

At the beginning of the month, the forever humble Ashleigh Lawson from Year 9 travelled 1550 km to the Ekka with her mother, Michelle, and coach/aunty, Julieann. She competed in a range of events with her two ponies, Euston Toy Tales and Melody Park Kings Command. Together, they were wonderfully successful and competed against the best from all of Queensland. Her results are as follows:

Ashleigh’s pony - Euston Toy Tales
First Place - Riding Pony Gelding - class of 17 horses (competitors)
First Place Saddle Pony Gelding - class of 21 horses (competitors)
Champion Saddle Pony Gelding
First Place Arabian Derivative Gelding - class of 23 horses (competitors)
Champion Arabian Derivative Gelding
Supreme Champion Arabian Derivative
Best Part Welsh Exhibit Lead. - class of 24 horses (competitors)
Best Part Welsh Exhibit Ridden.

Ashleigh’s second Pony - Melody Park Kings Command
2nd Place in the Novice Pony Ridden - class of 18 horses (competitors)

Congratulations Ashleigh, your success is immense and we are proud of you!

Polly Reynolds
Yr. 9 Co-ordinator.
Maths Quiz:
Week 5 Solution: 2 and 15

Week 7 QUIZ: This week’s question (looks simple enough)
6/2(1+2)=
Good luck

Thanks for the responses to the maths quiz. Keep them coming to the SP staffroom or email to mbrow499@eq.edu.au

Mission Beach Cricket Club

Third Grade & Under 12-16 Training:
Wednesday’s 4.30-6pm commencing 24 August 2016
@ Marc’s Park

Come & Try session & Sign on
for all ages: 5-105 yrs
Coaching by Brenton Edwards
(Accredited Cricket Coach)
QT Mutual Bank’s Staffroom for Improvement competition is back!
Staffroom for Improvement is a great opportunity for the entire community to come together and demonstrate loudly and proudly just how much they appreciate their teachers. And what better way to thank your teachers than with the ultimate token of appreciation — a $20,000 staffroom makeover.

With a refreshed game concept and a further $10,000 in prizes to be won, 2016 is proving to be the best year yet. The competition starts Tuesday 23 August 2016 and closes Friday 9 September 2016.

How do you do this? Log in on Tuesday, 23 August at www.staffroomforimprovement.com.au to begin and follow the instructions. Each day, log in again to gain your points. If we can get lots of our community members and high school staff to enter, we may win a staffroom refurbishment.

Good luck!

SILKWOOD STATE SCHOOL

1916-2016 CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Saturday September 10th
9am - Late
At Silkwood State School

Friday September 9th
Meet & Greet from 6pm
At King Reef Resort, Kurrimine Beach

100 Years of Quality Education!

Notices & Event

P & C Meeting—3rd Tuesday of every month—5:15 pm in the Library.
30–31 August Yr. 12 QCS Test.
2 September Set Plan Interviews Yr. 10 in the Library.
2 September Energy Exhibition—Yr. 11 & 12 Art students.
5–8 September Yr. 11 & Yr. 12 Block Exams.