Welcome to the last newsletter for the term and didn’t that time fly past so quickly!

Term 3 tends to be one of the busiest times of the year with normal classes occurring and an additional number of other activities and planning for 2017 also occurring. Year 10 students participated in SET planning recently and expert timetabler Mr O’Brien has commenced the process of sorting these classes out for 2017. Early in term 4 students from Year 8 and 9 will finalise their selections for next year.

Also during the last few weeks, some of our Year 12 students participated in the QCS test while most of the school had a range of assessment. Note that we do not produce reports at the end of this term; however, you are always welcome to contact your child’s teacher(s) for an update. The best method is by email and these can be found on the school website.

While in our last remaining days for the term, classes are still very active in various activities and learnings. It was great to see our Year 7 students trialling their egg-drop machines which they have been building for some time in Science. Year 8 students are busily putting final touches onto their movies developed in English class—these will be previewed at a Gala spectacular this evening.

Recently we found out that Year 11 student, Josh Marsh, has gained entry into the National Youth Science Forum in January 2017. You may recall that Nicholas Papadimitriou was selected to be in the forum this year. To get one student selected in this prestigious forum is difficult but to get two of our students in consecutive years is truly worth celebrating. I am sure Josh will represent the school proudly.

Last Friday, we farewelled a long-standing staff member, Carol Lawrence. Carol has been an integral part of our support staff for 26 years! We threw her a party and on behalf of the school we wish her the best in her retirement. Another staff member who is essentially the ‘face’ of Tully SHS as she greets people from the front office will not be returning after the term break. Julie Jones, who many of you know, is off to Weipa next term: we also wish her the best for the future. Both will be sorely missed.

With our Junior Captains, Kai Wagner and Sophie Mackay, I attended an Awareness Morning with the Disability Awareness group as part of Disability Week. To truly understand the hurdles those with disabilities must overcome, one needs to experience these first hand. We, along with councillors and other business owners, tried using a walking stick and a wheelchair and discovered that small bumps in the footpath and small doorways can be like mountains for our disabled community. We agreed that our awareness was so much more informed now.

On a final note be aware that students return to school on Tuesday the 4th October. Monday the 3rd October is a public holiday and also note that all Queensland schools have a student free day on Monday the 17th October.
Forty-five Year 8 students attended the Cairns campus of James Cook University on Thursday, 25 August with Mr. Dressler, Ms. Andrews and Mrs. Lauridsen. The excursion was both informative and highly entertaining for all involved.

After an early and fairly gruelling bus ride, students were given a tour of the very modern and impressive campus. Highlights of the tour included the tropical aquarium, the tooth-vending machine (for dentistry students) and the three storey library which left many student with mouths wide open. Following this, the tertiary aspirants were broken into small groups to compete against each other in a sort of scavenger hunt. It was highly entertaining to observe the Year 8s power-walking (running was not permitted) around the university in search of their answers.

During the afternoon session, we were privileged to tour the Dentistry and Anatomy labs. Amongst other things, the Dentistry labs had a room full of robotic mannequins that mimicked dental patients. First year Dentistry students were able to use these facilities (and the plastic teeth from the outside vending machine) to practise their craft. The campus also had a public clinic at which the more senior students could complete procedures (under supervision) on real patients. The Anatomy labs also left our students with a sense of wonderment. They toured various rooms that displayed preserved organs from surgical procedures and workstations for them to try out their problem solving skills.

Overall, it was an extremely worthwhile experience. The Year 8s received some insight into University life and they continued that conversation with their teachers the next day at school. This current cohort of Year 8s are undoubtedly destined for great things in the future.
Students in Year 10 have undertaken their SET Plan agreements during interviews. The purpose of the SET Plan and the interview was to assist students in structuring their Senior phase of learning around their abilities, interests and ambitions. As part of the planning process, students think about their future, consider their abilities and investigate their options for careers and further education. The SET Plan helps students plan their pathway from schooling to further study or employment. The importance of this process cannot be underestimated and is critical in supporting students to make good choices about future studies as the foundation for success throughout the senior phase.

A huge thank you to the parents / caregivers who attended the interviews.
Almost 30,000 Queensland Year 12 students were involved in the QCS Test recently. Tully State High School had twenty-eight students undertaking the QCS Test over two days on Tuesday August 30 and Wednesday August 31. Each day students did two tests – the morning session is a two hour exam with the afternoon session 1.5 hours. Staff and students enjoyed breakfast together each day. Students have been provided extensive training in the tests in addition to curriculum preparation and techniques over their high school years.

The QCS Test is the tool QCAA uses to compare the achievements of OP-eligible students studying different subjects at different schools across Queensland. The test contributes scaling data for the calculation of Overall Positions (OPs) and Field Positions (FPs) for tertiary entrance. It also provides an individual result for each student. Individual results will be available on Senior Statements in December. Students are reminded to log onto their Student learning Account [www.student.connect.qca.qld.edu.au](http://www.student.connect.qca.qld.edu.au) to keep track of their data as they near the end of Year 12.
Emily Watson in year 11 was nominated for the 2016-2017 UQ Young Scholars Program and has been successful in her application. The 2016-2017 UQ Young Scholars Program involves: A five-day (four night) Residential Camp at the St Lucia campus where students will gain valuable insights into university life and fields of study they may not have encountered as part of the school curriculum. They will hear from leading thinkers and engage in discussions and collaborative forums in group settings. A range of social, sporting and cultural activities will complement the academic program. Emily is passionate about Science and is interested in a career in the field of medicine or Science once she leaves school. Emily will do Tully High proud while she is there. Well done Emily!

At the end of July, year 10 student Byron Dibella attended the Best Of Brass (BOB) Winter Music Camp in Cairns. Professional musicians from Brisbane worked with students with a focus on improving their sound, and of course they did lots of practice. Congratulations to Byron for putting in such a huge effort and also for establishing connections with fellow musical students from the Cairns region. His playing has certainly improved and you can hear that great tone at the Big Band Performances scheduled for Friday and Saturday of the last week of term.

The BOB team also held a workshop in Innisfail for students from Tully High.
At Tully State High School we are aware of the challenging and varied issues our youth face today. As a school community we have made the decision to take a proactive course and educate our students about these issues. Over the past few weeks the year 10 cohort have had the chance to participate in the invaluable *Putting Youth in the Picture* program with Mission Beach’s Sergeant Troy Nowitzki.

Sergeant Nowitzki has been discussing how our choices as teenagers affect our opportunities after graduation. He has been delivering modules/talks on motor vehicle collisions, assault, illegal use of mobile phones, Facebook and YouTube and underage partying. The year 10 students have been impressed by Sergeant Nowitzki’s frank and approachable nature and benefitted enormously from his real-world lessons. We are lucky to have him return again in a few weeks to continue this program.

for more information about the program please visit [www.puttingyouthinthepicture.com](http://www.puttingyouthinthepicture.com).
A lot has been happening in Drama this term! The Year 8s have been busily preparing for their Clowning assessment where they work with the text of Waltzing Matilda and create a Clown sketch based around the famous lines. Our Year 9 Drama class have just performed their seven person play ‘Skin Deep’ to their very first audience of Year 7s. Despite being very nervous they performed expertly and had the audience engaged throughout the entire performance. Our year 10 Drama class have just come back from visiting some local primary schools where they presented their twenty minute Circus performance. As part of their assessment the year 10s had to write, create, rehearse and direct the piece themselves without the aid of their teacher. Students decided on a Circus theme and the target audience of Preps to year 3 Primary schools. Students visited Mission Beach Primary, Feluga Primary, Cardwell Primary and Tully Primary. The circus theme had the younger students in stitches with clowns, acrobats, weight lifters and Circus animals. It was wonderful to see the year 10s step into their roles as directors and display leadership, team work and professionalism.
Long serving teacher aide, Carol Lawrence was farewelled last week. Carol is retiring after working for Education Queensland for 36 years. She started with Tully State School where she spent 10 years, then continued at Tully High for another 26 years. Carol witnessed many changes in her role as teacher aide, and changes in education over her long connection with schools. Carol was a versatile member of staff and undertook a range of duties at Tully High.

A delicious morning tea (prepared by Hospitality students) was enjoyed by all staff in honour of Carol. A variety of people spoke fondly of Carol and wished her well in her retirement. Carol indicated that she was looking forward to spending more time with her family as she moves into another phase of life.

Random Act of Kindness

A selection of students from Tully High took to the streets of Tully on Thursday 8th September. These students practised Random Acts of Kindness by giving out roses to a variety of people.

We can always make a difference, even if we don’t yet know what our purpose it, through simple and random acts of kindness. The act needn’t be big to make an impact on someone’s life.

A massive thank you to the team at Petals and Beanz for organising and preparing the flowers and to the anonymous parent who made a donation towards the flowers.

I was extremely impressed with the maturity and courteous nature all the students displayed.
Year 7 Business Studies

This term Year 7D and 7F classes learned how to run a small business. 7D, Cane Train, sold sugar cane juice. 7F, Fruity Tooty Delight, made fruit salad and ice cream and chocolate strawberries. Students made up the business names and chose the products to make. Students learned the importance of money in business, treating customers well, marketing skills and making a product that can be sold. They chose their team from Finance, Marketing, Production and Sales, and sold their product to the school population. The Finance Team counted money and recorded the cash received and payments made; the Marketing Team came up with strategies to promote the product, from daily notices to posters placed strategically around the school environment; the Production Team chose the recipe and the ingredients and with feedback from the class, made the item; and the Sales Team sold the products to its customers, using a range of selling techniques. Learning about Business gives students a taste of a subject they can take in Years 9 and 10. This can also lead to a satisfying career in Business Management.
Over the past two terms it has been my privilege to join the Visual Arts Department, teaching Photography to Grade 10 Students. Over the course of the unit students have developed an understanding and appreciation for the art of Photography: it is true when they say, ‘a picture speaks a thousand words.’ In creating their work, students have built an appreciation for a number of prominent photographs. They explored composition, framing and studied the raw emotion that great photos evoke.

It is the ephemeral connection to a place, a time, a person or a moment that can be captured with the click of a button and remembered for a lifetime. Students have experienced hands-on application of skills using DSLR camera, focusing on manual settings, such as aperture and shutter speed. They have learnt that there is a lot more to photography than just pointing a camera and taking a shot. Students are familiar with technical terms such as ‘the rule of thirds’ or ‘depth of field’.

Students responded well to the assessment stimuli of capturing Tully and connections to friends in school, to produce photos with an expression of the friend’s personality and time at Tully High. Students also took part in a short excursion to the Golden Gumboot. The past two classes have shown a keen interest in photography and creativity. It has been a great journey to see students develop higher order thinking skills – going from describing a photo as a picture, to interpreting, analysing and giving complex reasoning to how and why a photograph was taken.

The Arts are vital to building innovation through creativity in many industries, such as Science, Research and Business. All students from the Year 10 Art class should be proud of their work. Make sure to put your student photographers to work over the holidays, capturing family memories.

The Arts matter.

Kind Regards
Shaun Hutchinson - Teacher
Maths Quiz:

Week 7 Solution: \( \frac{6}{2(2+1)} = 9 \)

Week 10 QUIZ: Jane bought a 12 pack of cards for $15.
What is the average price of a card?

Good luck

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

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Well Women’s Clinics
(These clinics are available to Medicare eligible clients)

Service includes Pap Smears, Sexual Health Screening, Breast Awareness, also info on Contraception, Continence, Menopause, Lifestyle Issues, Domestic Violence, etc. All services are provided by a specially trained Women’s Health Nurse.

**Mission Beach CHC:** Tuesdays 11th & 25th October Ph 4226 4812

**Tully Hospital:** Thursdays 13th & 27th October Ph 4226 4812

**Cardwell CHC:** Wednesday 26th October Ph 4066 8533

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BIG BAND CONCERT AT THE MPC

Friday, 16th Sept,
@ 1pm in the MPC.

Please come and hear the combined Tully SHS and Innisfail State College Big Band perform with sax player extraordinaire Niels Rosendahl at Tully SHS on the last day of term. This performance is in preparation for the bands gig on the following evening at the Innisfail Shire Hall on the 17th September.

‘Dance In The Tropics’ night!
Mission Arts Photography Exhibition and Competition 2016
7—26 October 2016

Calling all photographers: young and old. Come and share your best photos with the people of Mission.


Entrants are encouraged to obtain the entry form early as there are conditions regarding size and format.

Entries close Friday 30 September 2016
Opening night Friday 7 October at 6.30 pm
Mission Arts, MARCS Park, Mission Beach.
Phone 07 40886116 or email info@missionarts.com.au

GREAT PRIZES

Notices & Events

P & C Meeting—3rd Tuesday of every month — 5:15 pm in the Library.
15 September Yr. 8 Movie Night — 6.30 pm in the MPC.
16 September John Morrison Stage Band — 1.00 pm in the MPC.
17 to 26 September Yr 12 Snowies Excursion.
4 October — School resumes - Term 4.
5 October Yr 10 - 12 Star Struck.
6 October Yr 10—12 Drama Excursion to Townsville.