Welcome to the last newsletter of 2016. I’m sitting in Richard Graham’s chair for the last two weeks, while he’s on leave.

On the day I write this, I have been speaking with a couple of 2016 Yr. 12 students as they tie up a few loose ends and have been welcoming next year’s Yr. 7 as they attend their orientation day at Tully High. One year ends as the next one starts.

Our years seven, eight and nine students are all engaged in learning in their 2017 classes and the school is humming along well. Behaviour is excellent and spirits are still high – it’s a great way to end the year.

In 2017 we’re changing the structure of elective classes for years seven and eight. Instead of doing one term per year of each elective, students will study each elective for a full semester, once across the two years. Year sevens will study Manual Arts, Music, Home Economics and Drama. Year eights will study Agriculture, Business, Media Arts and Visual Art. This change is based on feedback from parents, students and teachers that one term at a time doesn’t allow for enough depth of study.

As with every year, we say goodbye to staff who are moving on from Tully. This newsletter features a profile of each of those departing. We wish them well and thank them for their contribution to our school and community. I would particularly like to acknowledge Mrs Brooke Plauschin and Mr Aidan Richters as they prepare to head down south to take on new positions.

Brooke worked as Tully High’s Master Teacher for six months and then alongside me as Deputy Principal for the past year and a half. Her wealth of experience brought a valuable new perspective to many of our operations, particularly the lasting impact she has made on our school with her initiation of the ASDAN program and BKSBS literacy and numeracy interventions. We are a better school for having had her.

Aidan has been the first face of Tully High to many of our students and parents through his outstanding work as Head of Junior Secondary for the past five years. He has made the role his own and will be long remembered for the work he’s done toward making Tully High the outstanding school that it is.

On behalf the entire staff, I wish you and your family a very happy Christmas and New Year, while we recharge our batteries and get ready for a great 2017.

Our starting day for years 7-12 is January 23rd 2017. The school office will be open from January 16th.

Best Wishes,

Rob O’Brien
Yr. 12 FORMAL 2016
The year 12s finalised their schooling by attending the graduation ceremony on the 18\textsuperscript{th} November. A morning tea with parents and staff was followed by the presentation of their graduation packages, memories via a movie and speeches from Mr Graham, Mr Moore and the school captains.

There’s still flour and eggs on the road from their final ‘hoorah’. Fortunately all parents were able to keep their distance and the QLD Fire and Rescue Service were there to keep them cool.

Good luck Yr.12’s, we look forward to seeing and hearing from you in the new year. Congratulations on 12 years of school!
At 11 am on the 11th of November 1918 the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years continuous warfare.

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month attained a special significance in the post-war years. The moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war. This first modern world conflict had brought about the mobilisation of over 70 million people and left between 9 and 13 million dead, perhaps as many as one-third of them with no known grave. The allied nations chose this day and time for the commemoration of their war dead.

This year Tully State High School attended the Remembrance Day Service at the Tully cenotaph and was represented by our Principal Richard Graham, students Kai Wagner, Kate Kirkwood, and Casey Ivey.
FANTASTIC FEATURE ARTICLES

This year’s 9 Extension English class finished a fantastic year by each writing a feature article on a current issue of their choice. Their chosen issue had to be something of national or international importance that society disagrees about.

The class spent some time learning about various issues in society (and exploring the differing opinions held on these) before making their choice.

The choices the students eventually made were wide-ranging and included: euthanasia, drugs in society, teenage binge drinking, atomic warfare, deforestation, marriage equality, shark netting, body image and trawling as a fishing method.

Once the students had chosen their topics they researched them intensively to become familiar with the range of opinions held. They then needed to form their own opinion and write a feature article, covering the issue in depth.

The students also developed their publishing skills after being taught by Mr Tom Brant, our resident Computer Manager, to use Adobe InDesign – a software program that allows students to place pictures, captions and words in a document without them moving around or getting lost. (Our thanks to Mr Brant for sharing his time and expertise.)

The results were fantastic, as you can see. The articles are currently on display in the library, so if you’re at school, go and check them out. Tully High students are certainly producing some fabulous work!
Modern version of an ancient art

Year 10 (2017) Textiles and Food Studies students in the last weeks of school have been engaged in a tradition that is centuries old. Decorating gingerbread.
Though the English are credited with being the first to bake and sell gingerbread when they introduced the Gingerbread Man, they weren't the first people in Europe to bake this unique treat. It was an Armenian Monk who is actually credited for bringing gingerbread to Europe back in the 10th century. He taught the skill of baking the treat to both Christians and French priests.
It wasn’t until gingerbread found its way to Britain that it started being painted. It was displayed in shop windows and became a popular treat.
Though decorating gingerbread cookies had become a growing trend, the popular activity of decorating gingerbread houses didn’t take hold until the publishing of Hansel and Gretel by the Brothers Grimm. This well-known German tale resulted in German settlers bringing gingerbread to other parts of the world.
Recently, former Year 12 Agricultural Science student, Hannah Mackay won the annual Business Liaison Association Award for Excellence in the Natural Sciences. Hannah was one of five finalists from regional schools who made it to the interview stage of the competition and impressed the judges from industry, to take out the award. This esteemed award is highly competitive and Tully State High School Agricultural Science students are regular winners.

Hannah has been focused on her career path for many years and has already gained entry by pre-selection to the highly regarded Agribusiness degree at the University of New England in NSW. She has also applied to study a dual degree of Agribusiness and Sustainable Agriculture at the University of Queensland. Whatever her final decision as to where to pursue her studies, Hannah is passionate and knowledgeable about the direction in which she is heading and I am sure she will be a most valuable asset to the Agricultural Industry in the future.

Hannah, we congratulate you on receiving this prestigious award and all the very best in your chosen vocation.

Warren J Giffin
Agriculture Co-ordinator

On Thursday the 25\textsuperscript{th} of November, 65 students from the Yr. 10 cohort travelled to Sugarworld for a relaxing day of swimming and sliding. These students were accompanied by Ms McCulloch (year 10 coordinator), Mr Moore, Mr Bolus, Miss Ireland, Ms Goodman and Ms Brewster. Mr Bolus and Mr Moore vigilantly checked all of the rides for the students. This was a wonderful day, and the Yr. 10 were respectful and exemplary representatives of Tully State High School.
Saturday 12 November saw seventeen wheelchair basketballers from Cairns, Tully and Townsville come together at the Tully Multi Purpose Centre for a skills development day under state coach Peter Sumpter from Mackay.

The group included Tully’s Damien Pettigrew, a starting five player with the Cairns Hoopsnakes. In fact, the entire Hoopsnakes team attended as well as three rising Cairns juniors. The eight players from Townsville included Qld junior star Ryan Williams. Townsville Cyclones are the 2016 Northern Challenge champions. Northern Challenge is contested over two weekends each year by Cairns, Townsville, Mackay and Rockhampton.

Five of the players in attendance are seeking selection to the Australian team to travel to the Invictus Games in Canada next year. Invictus Games is a Paralympic type concept for wounded and injured military personnel and was initiated by Prince Harry.

Tully’s location and top quality facilities at the Multi Purpose Centre were ideal for the event which will be replicated twice a year in the future thanks to the success of this first Inter-regional Development Day.
WALTYSKIMA 2016 has arrived.

$25.00 from the office.
I am returning to Beenleigh SHS in Brisbane.
My fond TSHS memory is of the intense teacher vs student competitions and the top-notch sledging that takes place!

Next year, I will be a stay at home Mum and do some supply in the Scenic Rim area (South east QLD). Although the move and change is exciting, we will miss Tully enormously. The Tully/Mission Beach community has welcomed us, involved us and befriended us. We’ve made many lifelong friends and have shared many memorable moments in the community. Thanks for having us Tully! We will miss you all!

Polly is always keen to learn and ‘have a go’ at teaching new subjects such as Manual Arts and Home Economics. She has been a great operator in the junior school.

Favourite memory – Abseiling at Mungalli Falls as year eight coordinator. She is off to North Lakes to teach Humanities and English.

Pav is leaving for sunny London. ‘I’ll miss learning about the best diets and the science behind them from Craig and Liz’.

David will be staying in the area as A Grade coach of Tully Tiger RLFC. ‘I’ll miss the banter in the staffroom and Wallie Wednesday’s game’

Reid is off to Canada for 2017. ‘I’ll miss teaching Ms Ireland about popular culture, and winning all the trophies with the U15 Rugby League boys’.

Sandra, off to Murray Upper State School.
Favourite memory: the warm welcome she was given by everyone at Tully High.

Moving south to Boonah with Sharna and the kids.
Fond memories
- Dragging a scrub python away from the cabins on year eight camp.
- The smell of the mill

Where are you going? Mackillop Catholic College, Palmerston, to live in Darwin, to join my husband.

My favourite memory of Tully High: working with Teila- watching her grow, improve, the giggle, seeing her enjoy learning, telling us about the train...

I have loved the ILP gymnastics program and to see Danny try things, his enthusiasm and persistence to try new things even with his disability is a joy.

I will miss the people I work with the most.

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Where to next year – ICT / STEM teacher at Balaclava State school. Which will involve teaching computing as well as STEM projects – (including mechanical, electromechanical, pneumatics, hydraulics, and robotics including basic coding).
Maths Quiz:
Week 7 Term 4 Solution:
Let V= Vietnam
N=New Zealand
A=Australia

V=4A
A=5N
Therefore
V=4(5N)
V=20N
The population of Vietnam is approximately 20 times the population of New Zealand.

Thanks for the responses to the maths quiz in 2016

UNIFORM SHOP - OPENING HOURS

SALE Extension!! Selected sizes of the formal uniform will still be on sale until the 'back to school' rush is over next year... tell everyone!

Start 2017
16,17,18,19,20 January
10am-12noon and 3.30-5.30pm

We accept cash, eftpos and cheque
Uniforms purchased may be returned and exchanged if different sizes are needed, provided they have only been tried on and not washed.
If you have further questions, please contact the P&C executive:
pandc@tullyshs.eq.edu.au

Notices & Events
P & C Meeting—3rd Tuesday of every month — 5:15 pm in the Library.
9 December final school day for 2016.
23 January 2017 School Resumes