Last Tuesday, March 8, was *International Women’s Day*, a global day that has focused attention on the plight and achievements of women around the world for more than a century. When it first began, the impetus was women’s right to vote, which Saudi Arabian women were granted only last year. Today the focus is on achieving gender equality, the goal being ‘50-50 by 2030’, and thereby positioning women’s empowerment at the centre of global sustainability plans. There will need to be some radical changes – it is estimated that, at the current rate, women will have to wait another 118 years for the gender pay gap to close.

Here at Tully State High, we celebrated *International Women’s Day* with a delicious morning tea prepared by the Year 11 Hospitality classes for all the girls. A guest speaker, Ruth Faulkner, who runs her own business consultancy, gave an interesting and inspiring talk about her many varied achievements. She also shared some ‘life tips’ that have served her well as a woman.

During the week, the girls from each of the three Junior levels -7, 8, and 9 – enjoyed their own special ‘Girl Talk’ sessions with milo and chocolate biscuits.

Although Australia ranks only 34 in economic gender equality, it is one of the leading countries in education equality, and this is reflected at Tully High, where all students, male and female, have equal opportunities to gain a broad and deep education.
FISHING CLUB

2016 will see a new addition to lunchtime activities for students and staff at Tully High. The introduction of the ‘Tully High Fishing Club’ will provide opportunities for students to learn new techniques and discuss success stories (bragging) about fishing and spearfishing in our community. Tackle World Tully will also be involved providing prizes, materials for demonstrations, product reviews and information sessions about targeting fish species. The club will meet every second Friday lunchtime and is open to all grades, male and female. Last week students learnt to tie some braid-to-leader knots and were given the chance to compete in our first fishing competition targeting the Mangrove Jack (*Lutjanus argentimaculatus*). Good luck to all involved!

NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM IN CANBERRA

Hi, my name is Nick Papadimitriou and recently I attended the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra. This is a two week event held at the Australian National University where the top 400 Year 11 students from around Australia are selected to go each year. At the forum, some of the top scientists in Australia gave lectures on their chosen fields. This was truly an experience of a lifetime: it was twelve days of learning about some of the most amazing topics in science from the best scientists Australia has to offer. The standout lecture for me was the entrepreneurial lecture – being an upcoming entrepreneur myself. Other activities, such as a visit to Lockheed Martin and IBM, were also a complete eye-opener into the applications of science in the real world. It was a life-changing experience and I have come back with a completely new perspective on the workings of the world. I encourage all year 11 students to sign up. I would like to thank Rotary once again for their help.

-Nick
As we draw to the end of term 1, the last couple of weeks have certainly not slowed down at our school. The wealth of learning and extra curricula activities that our students are involved in are testimony to the excellent programs and staff that are Tully State High School. In the classroom over the past two weeks I have noticed many of our students involved in various types of assessment, putting in their best efforts. Students in science were working on building their own design eskies and racing CO2 dragsters, Year 7 students were in their reading groups; while art students were involved in a range of interpretations on painting/drawing an oxymoron (of course an oxymoron is a phrase that seems to contradict itself such as ‘bitter sweet’). Outside the classroom our students excel in a range of situations. I attended the Lions Youth of the Year final in Ingham recently with Nicholas Papadimitriou winning both the Speaking component of the event as well as collecting the trophy for overall winner. We wish him the best in Townsville over the upcoming school holidays. Our sailing teams competed against other regional teams at South Mission beach over the weekend and even though very young, our teams managed to win some races against much more experienced teams.

Communication is an essential part of the way we operate at Tully SHS. After the holidays, we will be holding our Parent-Teacher interviews on Tuesday 19 April, commencing at 3:30 – parents’ can book attendance for these online. Reports are at the moment be busily prepared to be mailed home. A booking instructions letter will be included in the report package which should be received during the first week of the Easter break. I encourage attendance at these events as a way of checking on the progress of your child and also just to touch base with some of your child’s teachers. In addition, early in term two, the email addresses for all of our staff at the school will be available on our school website. This will provide an added avenue for parents to keep in touch with teachers.

With the Easter holidays just around the corner, I wish those in our school community the best and hope you will find this invaluable for spending time with friends and family. I look forward to working with you again in term two.

Last week Georgia Hayley, Ashleigh Lawson and Andrew Brunello travelled to the Brisbane Aquatic Centre Chandler to compete in the Queensland Secondary School State Swimming Titles. This was the site of the Commonwealth Games competition, so the atmosphere was thrilling for the packed crowd. All students achieved a personal best time. This is another example of kids from the country holding their own at the State level.

Well done!
Nth Qld Team Sailing Championships.

Over the last three weeks, the Tully High Sailing Team has represented our school in the Australia-wide High Schools Team Sailing Championship for 2016. There were 13 schools competing from Cairns, Tablelands, Townsville and the Whitsundays regions. Last weekend at Mission Beach, our team made it into the Silver Fleet finals and although they didn’t take out the winning title, they displayed some amazing tactics and sailing skills. They were a credit to our school and their parents in their dedication to training for this event and the way in which they presented themselves in both their behavior and sportsmanship throughout this competition. Our school this year was represented by Ben Hinchley, Claire Lowe, Isabelle Johnson, Tom Grigg and Liam Johnson. Our thanks to the Mission Beach Sailing Club for training our team and for hosting the Nth Qld finals this year.

Pimlico High will go on to represent Nth Qld in the Australian titles held later this year.

If you would like to have a go at this sport, let Mr Moore or the office know.

YEAR 7 STAR AWARDS RECIPIENTS

Barney Brook, Claudia Corporal, Catherine Oats, Angus Perkins, Harley Allen, Samat Gutchen, Mackenzie Conaghty, Lanlalin Fenton, Catherine Sharpe. Missing (Chloe Ketchell)
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Maths Quiz:

Week 6 Quiz: Using only the four basic arithmetic operations (+, −, × and ÷) applied to the six numbers, 25, 25, 5, 5, 2, 1 create the number 196.

Each number may only be used once.

Week 6 Solution: (25 x (5 + 2)) + (25 - 5 + 1) = 196
OR (25 x 2 – 1) x ((25 – 5) ÷ 5) = 196

Thank you for all the responses from last weeks. Please keep them coming.

Week 9 Quiz: When this car moves forward by 180 cm, each wheel does one full turn. What is the diameter of the wheels to the nearest centimetre?

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.

Fishing club had a great turn out today of boys and girls. Students and staff listened very carefully to the tips and stories of our local fishing identity Roly Newton. Well done to our competition winners who took out our Mangrove Jack comp- Kai Wagner (Junior division), Jacob Nissen (Senior division) and Mr Dows (staff division). The winners picked up some great prize packs from Tackleworld Tully. The next competition starts today and will continue over the holidays where students and staff will be targeting barramundi.
RECYCLE, REVAMP, RENEW, REPURPOSE

Soon to be on the market at Tully State High School are these renovated pieces of furniture. Originally abandoned Manual Arts projects, these découpage art works have been remodelled into usable items. Découpage is from the French meaning to “cut out”. In this case, it is paper images that have been cut out to decorate the repurposed bookshelves, trinket showcases, jewellery organizers—really anything we can design. Even Mrs Holmes, our teacher, has a groovy new bed for her do.

By Taneesha Grant & Shilemena Singh.

WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE

Last Friday, the Student Council organised a fundraiser for the World’s Greatest Shave. There were many brave students who volunteered to have their legs waxed or their heads shaved. There were also three very brave teachers who volunteered to have their beards or heads shaved. Mr Machin kindly offered his head up for the great cause and even went so far as to allow three of his Senior students to wax the back of his neck. Mr Lissio and Mr Hutchinson volunteered to shave off their impressive beards, all in the name of charity. It was wonderful to see the three men act as great male role models for our students. Brave Joshua Evans in Year 8 had his head shaved. Ashlee Watson had over half of her hair cut off. Layne Bennett, Tiana Spratling, Nick Cranstone, Bayden Grieve and Colbee Moody all had their legs waxed too. Barbara from Biarritz kindly donated her time and clippers for the cause. A big thank you to Barbara for doing so. Well done to all of our participants who helped to raise over $700 for the World’s Greatest Shave.
The Youth of the Year Zone Finals were held in Ingham on 12th March. Four young students, representing Lions Clubs from around this zone, met to compete for a place in the District Finals at Townsville. Among them was Nicholas Papadimitriou from Tully State High school.

Nicholas had already been through two earlier rounds and had performed very well at each of them. He had been chosen to go on to the Zone Final and was representing the Mission Beach Lions Club.

The other students were: Darcy Edgerton (Good Counsel College Innisfail) representing the Innisfail Lions Club; Jordan Friday (Gilroy Santa Maria College) representing the Lower Herbert Halifax Lions Club; and Karen Scarpa (Ingham State High School) representing the Ingham Lions Club.

These students were again required to deliver two impromptu speeches as well as a prepared speech. The topics of these impromptu questions had not been seen by the students and they had to talk about them for two minutes. Nicholas performed admirably, giving mature and confident answers to both questions and reaching the two minute bell both times – the only student to do so.

Earlier in the day, all of the students had been interviewed by the judges and asked a series of questions, some based around their knowledge of current affairs.

When the awards were announced, Nicholas Papadimitriou was chosen to proceed to the next round. He was also given the Public Speaker’s Award – a rare dual achievement!

All students performed admirably and spoke entertainingly about a variety of subjects, including Shakespeare and his relevance to the modern world, Australia as a world leader, and the necessity of legalising medical marijuana.

Nicholas will now be competing at the District Finals in Townsville on 2nd April, during the holidays. He has represented his school with pride, maturity and good humour. We wish him all the best in the next round. Whatever the result, he is already a winner!

Keryn Archer
Lions YOTY Co-ordinator
Tully State High School
8D Business Shakes Again

The Year 8D Business class has been successfully making and selling thick shakes over the last three Fridays. The flavours were chocolate and vanilla. We have all learnt a lot through this process and give a thank you to our Production, Marketing, Sales and Finance Teams for making and selling the milk shakes. Also a big thank you to our teacher Mrs Ross for making this possible.

Holly Watson
Congratulations to our Year 7 student LUCY BERGE who has been selected in the Under 12 Peninsula Netball team. Lucy will be travelling to Mt Gravatt to compete at the State Titles in June.

...Just goes to show what can happen in a small class.

This term past, students in Year Nine, at Tully High, have been trying out recipes that define “that which would be good for a healthy breakfast”. They were asked to recommend the best muffin recipe for a teenager, as that is what they know best.

All students showed their flair and individuality. One student, Izaiah Palmer, was helped at home and came up with an avocado icing (!) .. to fool those fussy eaters. All students produced quality performances in the kitchen AND in their writings and reflections. Congrats to all the hard-working mums and dads, trying out the recipes with their kids at home. Here are the students testing some of the healthy and tasty breakfast recipes.

Students: Oliver Hilder, Jessiah Walmsley, and Harry Leahy, Teleai and Monique Sichter, Harley Cox, Gemma Galletta and Karlie Nicholson
Student Exchange

A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

World Education Program (WEP) Australia is now accepting applications from students who wish to participate in 2016/17 exchange programs for a summer, semester or year. Students in Year 9 - Year 12 can choose to study in a country of their choice and experience life with a carefully selected host family.

Exchange students return to Australia with maturity, confidence, and in many cases, proficiency in another language. If learning another language is not a priority, excellent programs to the USA, Canada, the UK & Ireland are also available.

For more information visit https://wep.org.au/ or phone (03) 9598 4733.
Upcoming information sessions will be held at the following locations:

Cairns
Centre of Contemporary Arts
96 Abbott Street
Time: 10:30am-12:00pm

Townsville
Aitkenvale Library
4 Petunia Street, Aitkenvale
Time: 7:00pm-8:30pm

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 8th & 29th March Ph 4226 4812
Cardwell CHC: Wednesdays 9th & 30th March Ph 4226 4812
Tully Hospital: Thursdays 17th & 31st March Ph 4226 4812

Notices & Events

11th April— School resumes
19th April— Parent -Teacher interviews @ 3.30 pm in the MPC