



TSHS News

Term 2 Week 5 Monday 15th May, 2017

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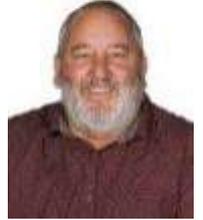
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We have had some big weeks recently in terms of activities. The short weeks often do not assist with this and sometimes multiple events on the one day. As a result **sometimes our classes are taught by teachers who are not a student's regular teacher.** We expect that students display the highest of positive behaviour when this occurs and expect the number of disruptions to slow down considerably now.



NAPLAN – Thank you for ensuring your child was prepared with the correct equipment and in an excellent frame of mind on these days. I felt that the majority of students did not feel overwhelmed and were putting in their best effort on the day.



The NAPLAN assessment items are very closely linked with the Australian curriculum so provide an excellent measure for us in determining whether we have covered all aspects of the curriculum and to also identify areas where we may not be covering well enough.

English Teachers' Association Conference

It was wonderful to see Ms Pather speaking at a recent English

Teacher's Conference in Brisbane. She was speaking about teaching

English in a rural area such as Tully. Ms Pather was selected from the many teachers across the state to attend and represented new and rural teachers. For those who have children being taught by her know very well the work and time she puts into each and every child.

Student Fees

As you would be aware, we charge an annual fee at the school based at \$220 per student. From my experience around the region this is one of the lowest fees charged of students. At times parents can struggle with the payment for these and as such the school can set up an instalment process or for some, facilitate Centrelink payments. Be aware that non-compulsory excursions such as sports, Snowies etc. is available only for students who are up to date with their fees.

School Chaplain

As you would be aware our previous Chaplain – Phil Magarey has taken up a regional leadership position in Mackay. We have secured a new Chaplain in Ellen Jackson who is due to commence one day per week this term and then this will be expanded from term 2 onwards.

Ellen is very much involved in the local church and has been working as a Chaplain at a primary school in Innisfail.

Editor of Newsletter

You may not be aware that teacher Kylie Daniels has taken over the editor role for the last couple of newsletters in the absence of usual editor Lyn MacDonald. I think you will all agree that the newsletter has kept up with its usual high quality. Not only is she a year co-ordinator and teacher, Ms Daniels has also managed to find time to do an excellent job in her editorial role as well!



Tully State High School acknowledges, values and pays respect to the first peoples on whose land we live, work and learn believing through education and reconciliation we walk together as partners toward a better future for all.

Neuroplasticity and Brain Pathways

Neuroscience has proven that our brains change when we experience new things called Neuroplasticity. Our brains create new brain (neural) pathways by joining millions of nerve cells, called neurons, together. The more often we repeat something the stronger these pathways become and the faster the messages travel down them. Our brains love searching for patterns and practising regularly creates patterns which in time become habits. Deliberate practice is a must for a healthy brain.

When these pathways aren't used they wither and die. That is why learnt material needs to be revisited for the brain pathways to strengthen. Study and practice applying learning to new situations are how students develop the brain pathways in their memories to remember things. The character strength perseverance is an effective one to action to achieve this.

Sally Chilcott

Thank you

Guidance Officer



Queensland
Government

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:

Tuesday 9th May

Ph 4226 4812

Tully Hospital:

Thursday 18th May

Ph 4226 4812



PRESENTS A ROMANTIC COMEDY

ON FRI 19, SAT 20, WED 24, FRI 26 AND SAT 27 MAY AT 7.30PM

AND SUN 21 AND SUN 28 MAY AT 2PM

at Silo Rd Theatre, Atherton

Adults \$20.

Concessions/Students \$15

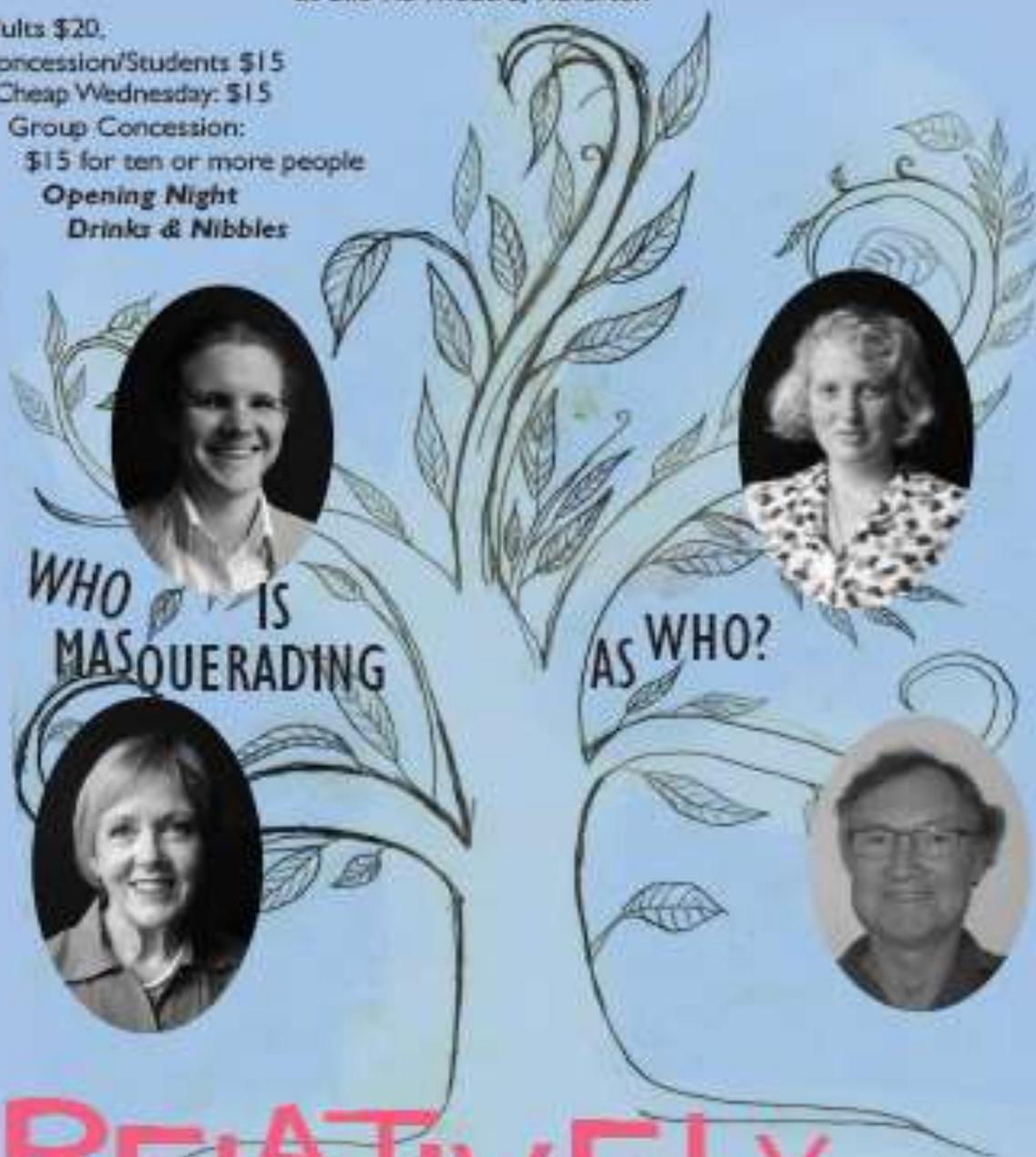
Cheap Wednesday: \$15

Group Concession:

\$15 for ten or more people

Opening Night

Drinks & Nibbles



RELATIVELY SPEAKING

BY ALAN AYCKBOURN

BOOKINGS AT ATHERTONPERFORMINGARTS.COM

AND AT TABLELAND BOOKS, VERNON STREET, ATHERTON

AND ECHO, 3 ENGLISH ST. MALANDA.

FURTHER INFO: PHONE 4091 2542 OR 4091 1316

My Future: My Life THINK PREPARE PLAN

The **CENTACARE – MY FUTURE: MY LIFE Initiative** invites students, parents, educators, disability professionals and others to our second series of Think Prepare Plan conferences to be held in July 2017. We've put together a comprehensive program that will challenge, inspire and motivate delegates to imagine what it would take for young people with a disability to live full, rich and inclusive young adult lives. Highly acclaimed author, trainer and keynote speaker Denise Bissonnette will join us on her first visit to Australia to lead a diverse program of local, national and international speakers.

My Future: My Life is a ground breaking initiative dedicated to encouraging and supporting secondary students with a disability to prepare and plan for life after school.

I look forward to meeting you on the Gold Coast or in Cairns.

Jim Haywood

Manager – My Future: My Life

GOLD COAST

18-19 JULY 2017

Sea World Resort Conference Centre

CAIRNS

24-25 JULY 2017

Pullman Cairns International

For further information on the conferences, visit the conference website at
www.myfuturemylife.com.au/events/conferences

Registrations now open

CONFERENCE FEES:

Concession Early Bird \$125 (People with a disability, accompanying carers and family members)

Standard Early Bird \$340

Early Bird registrations close **12 April 2017**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

Conference Coordinator **P** 03 9753 2562 **E** thinkprepareplan@corporatechallenge.com.au

A R T



Afternoon Tea is served!



The P&C warmly invites all our amazing Tuckshop Volunteers to celebrate your contribution to the continued success of our school tuckshop.

Wednesday, 24th May 2:15pm

@TSHS Café

RSVP: 12th May

Ph. 40684532

Upcoming Year 12 Snowies Trip

Term 3 will see 65 of our year 12 students prepare for their Snowies trip, leaving school on Saturday 16th September and returning on Monday 25th September. Students will participating in a number of activities including four days of skiing, as well as visiting a number of attractions in Canberra and Sydney. They will be undertaking an educational tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a **focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.**

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$150 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion and factored into the costing of their trip.

I have sent home a letter this week with the final cost, details and itinerary and information regarding the Info Night Wednesday 2nd August 5.30pm in the library. The night will be a great opportunity to ask questions.

Should you wish to contact me throughout the year please do not hesitate to do so. My email is kdani47@eq.edu.au

Kylie Daniels

Year 12 co-ordinator.



Congratulations to our top ten VIVO achievers this fortnight who are being **safe, respectful and responsible learners**.

1	Name	Year	Total
1	Magarey, Andrew	12	38
2	Andrews, Keely	12	37
3	Slater, Jane	12	36
4	Spring, Maia	12	33
5	Lepaio, Taialo	11	32
6	Pedroni, Isla	12	31
7	Robertson, Codie	12	28
8	Harris, Maddison	12	28
9	Nissen, Georgia	12	28
10	Sinton, Aimee	12	28

This week we announced the winners of our VIVO certificate competition. Congratulations to **Elissa Wells, Raul Nissen, Melinda Brook, Leah Arthur, Haylee Brown and Rudolph Hakeai**. They will each receive VIVO points for displaying excellent responsibility and school pride. Look out for their beautiful designs on the new VIVO certificates.

Alice Herbert
(HOD Engagement and Wellbeing)



ENGLISH

In order to collaboratively write a short story, the class was broken up into five small groups and given an image to prompt an idea. Each group was given a different image of an interesting landscape and the task began with each group having to write an orientation. Once all orientations were written, groups passed theirs, including the image, in a clockwise direction to the next small group so the complication of the story could be written. This same procedure was followed for the rising action, climax and resolution so in the end each group had written a paragraph of all five stories.

Each group contributed to the stories, remembering to show creativity through description including the use of figurative language. In the end, the stories were read out loud to the class and all students were then able to give constructive feedback on their writing and others. This was a valuable learning experience as it enabled students to see the importance of showing cohesion in their writing to produce texts with fluency as well as imagination and emotion.

The two short stories included here are the standouts from each class. Well done 7A and 7B!

Ms Willis

It's All In Your Head

7A Class Construction

I was running. Almost completely out of breath. My furious mother was screaming at me to return but I foolishly ignored her. As I frantically ran through the dense bush, the trees surrounded me like guardians of the forest. I never thought running away would be this hard.

Fearful, I sensed the deceptive silhouette of a mysterious figure's footsteps thundering behind me in rage and my body resisted to the turn that I had to make. I now regretted turning down my **mother's desperate plea for me to return back to the welcoming arms of our safe home. Without** thought, I unexpectedly stumbled to a halt as though somebody had placed a stop sign in front of me. My flustered mind lost track of where I was and which way lead me home. Gasping anxiously, the paranormal being crept up on me and my nerves once more.

Closer and closer it crept, shadowing me, when in the distance I was relieved to glimpse the decaying remains of a cottage. Panicked, I immediately bolted for the door that would save me, yet the persistent nightmare seemed to follow. Dark shadows surrounded like a pack of wolves as I struggled in my attempts to enter the four rescuing walls. Why did I leave the safety of my family? Why did I make this insane choice?

Determined to get in, I desperately rattled the rusty old handle back and forth but nothing happened. I had one choice. I needed to get into that house; it was my only chance. Sweating profusely, I forcefully barged through the splintered door like a human axe. CRASH! Feeling intense pain wash over me like a tidal wave, I looked down - the once brown wooden floorboards were taking on the vibrant red liquid. Blood was drowning my surroundings.

In my state of terror, a bizarre sensation coursed through my veins. It was like there was a faint voice inside my troubled mind, telling me to turn back. Turn back mentally, not physically. I retraced my puzzled thoughts carefully. The dark shadows of what chased me were not real, for it was my overwhelming conscience reminding me of what I was trying to escape. As I lie, looking in horror and regret at the blood draining me of life, I realised that karma had a way of catching up with you.

The Body, the Beast and Me

7B Class Construction

Salty air filled my pleased nostrils as coconut-filled palm trees swayed gracefully in the gentle sea breeze. Digging my toes into the golden granules of sand, I watched a grainy-shelled sand crab busily scatter past me. I loved the serenity of the seaside. The bright sun beamed down on my soft pale **face; it felt as if I was tanning a little more than I'd hoped. The pristine, crystal clear waves crashed softly against my feet; it tempted me to swim, but I knew I couldn't.**

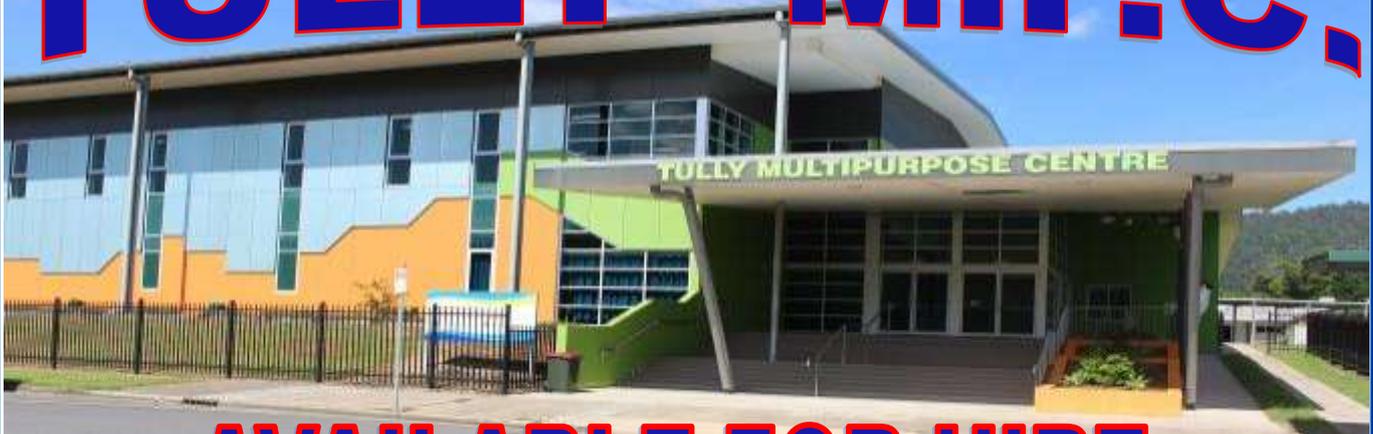
While my thoughts carelessly drifted away, something in the blue abyss caught the attention of my intrigued eyes. It seemed familiar, like something nostalgic to me. I had to get there. The only obstacle between me and the floating object was a huge kerfuffle of inescapable death. The shape of barnacle-covered tentacles awaited me. Blood red eyes peaked through slimy appendages; I knew it was going to be challenging to beat this beast.

Trying to remember the blurred memories of my childhood, I fumbled desperately to retrieve the bits and pieces needed to keep me afloat. I struggled to push my poorly made raft into the deceptive waters as hesitation made me think twice. Would I live or die? I took my last trembling steps towards the water when my peripheral caught a glimpse of a weathered but sturdy looking piece of driftwood. I was ready to fight. I mustered all my courage and ventured my way towards the beast.

My knuckles clenched tightly and my hands grew sickly pale. Short, sharp breaths cut off my airflow while white salty waves thrashed against my unstable raft. The overpowering beast towered over me; the height difference was unforgiving. I had no choice. I desperately scanned the raft until my fearful eyes landed upon the splintered driftwood. I aimed my newly found weapon; I held guard.

Dark gloomy ink drenched the sea as the make-shift oar of driftwood pierced the wicked heart of the barnacle covered beast. Submerging, the five hundred foot beast forced an off the charts tidal wave to wash everything to shore, including me. Grainy sand grit in my teeth and the dreadful aroma of blood drenched my salty nostrils. A shower of devastating tears poured down my **face as I realised the lifeless object was...my mother.**

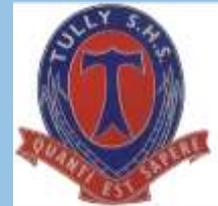
TULLY M.P.C.



AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

Hire description	MPC Hall Fee	Not for profit
Half Session (4hrs)	\$250	\$62.50
Full Session (8hrs)	\$400	\$100

FOR BOOKINGS PLEASE PHONE LYN AT TULLY STATE HIGH SCHOOL ON 40684555 OR EMAIL YOUR ENQUIRY TO: info@tullyshs.eq.edu.au



Notices & Events

16th May- P & C Meeting 3.30pm

16th May- Year 12 UQ Presentation

18th May- **Year 7 Drama & Music 'Fame' excursion**

18th May- Social

25th May- RACQ Presentation for Year 12

26th-28th May- Malanda Cattle Handling camp

9th June- Grandparent Day

Tuckshop phone number is 40684532. Parents are now able to call the tuckshop direct.