



TSHS News

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FAREWELL

MR LUCHT

Last Thursday, we said farewell to Mr Kerry Lucht who retired after 41 years of teaching. He began his career in 1975 at Injune Secondary College (near Roma) where he also played as a forward for Roma's A grade football team, *The Wattles*.

From 1977 until 2003, he taught in various Brisbane schools, becoming a Head of Department in 1991. Whilst on holiday at Mission Beach, Mr Lucht and his wife realised that they wanted to live in this beautiful part of the world and bought their house. They moved here permanently in 2004. After doing contract work at various schools in the area, Mr Lucht became a permanent staff member at Tully SHS (2006). From 2006 onward, he was the face and voice of the Tully Cluster Maths Quiz, an inter-school maths competition for students in years 6, 7 and 8. He was appointed the Head of Teaching and Learning Maths in 2010 – a position he has held until now.



His passion for Maths knows no bounds, nor does his knowledge of it. He coined the phrase 'Tully Ticker' and is probably best remembered by staff and students for his catalogue of jokes, puns and quick one-liners . . . of varying quality.



We would like to thank Mr Lucht for his huge contribution to Education and to Tully High in particular. He has helped many senior students safely navigate the rigours of Maths B and Maths C, giving them a great foundation for further study. He will be greatly missed.

On behalf of the staff and students past and present, we would like to wish Kerry all the very best in his retirement; we know that he will now enjoy many great caravanning adventures with his wife – and with Toby the wonder dog.

As the Emperor boards the last train from *Math Magic Land* (the land of opportunity, fulfilment, enrichment and intrigue), it is up to those of us left behind to disseminate information and life skills to the mice race of today to prepare them for the rat race of tomorrow – not to mould them but unfold them. They are not vessels to be filled but fires to be kindled!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Hi Parents and students. Well its week five and we've hit the mid-point of term three. And what a busy start to the term we've seen. As most of you would now be aware, I'm sitting in the Principal chair while Mrs Fox is relieving up at Mareeba SHS. This has our former Master Teacher Mrs Brooke Plauschin step into the DP role alongside Mr O'Brien. Mr O'Brien will continue to work in the area of student services while honing his focus on the senior school. This will see Mrs Plauschin working with our junior school while advancing the education services portfolio.

Speaking of the junior school, DP Mrs Plauschin, Head of Junior Secondary Mr Richters all our junior secondary teachers are a buzz with

how well our year sevens and nines did in this year's NAPLAN test. The results were released late last

week and the team have been poring over the data ever since. Inside this week's issue Mrs Plauschin and Mr Richters will tell you a little more about how

well our students did. Parents of students in years seven and nine, you should have by now received your student's results.

Please contact the school if you haven't.

The other significant news this week is the school's preparation for our QParents launch. What is QParents you ask? Turn over to read more!

Adrian Hooper

A/Principal



Mr. Rob O'Brien D/Principal



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Mrs Brooke Plauschin D/Principal

OUTSTANDING NAPLAN RESULTS FOR TSHS

As Deputy Principal for Junior Secondary and Education Services, I am pleased to report that Tully State High School has achieved outstanding results in this year's NAPLAN test. Mr Aidan Richters (HOD – Junior Secondary) and his team of fantastic teachers are to be congratulated for providing the teaching and learning opportunities for our junior students that have resulted in our best NAPLAN results so far!

Tully State High School has outperformed the State and the Nation in Reading, Spelling and Numeracy in both our year 7 and 9 tests for the percentage of students at National Minimum Standard (NMS) or higher. In addition to this TSHS has outperformed the State in the other strands of Writing and Grammar and Punctuation. Well done Students! Parents, keep an eye out for your parent report which has been mailed to you this week.

QParents

Secure online parent portal



Tully State High School is proud to be one of the first schools in Queensland to offer QParents, as part of a pilot program in 2015.

The QParents web and mobile application provides a more convenient, easier way for parents and legal guardians of Queensland state school students to interact with their child's school. Parents will have secure, online access to their child's student information, anytime, anywhere, through a smartphone, tablet or computer.

QParents allows parents to connect instantly with their child's school to access and manage their child's student information, including:

- Attendance and absence details, as well as the ability to notify the school of an absence
- Behaviour details
- Academic report cards
- Class timetables
- Viewing unpaid invoice details, payment history, and making payments online
- Viewing and updating student details, including medical conditions and address
- Enrolment details

QParents will assist both staff and parents in sharing and responding to information in an efficient and effective way.

It won't replace the traditional ways you communicate with our school, but it will provide another way to communicate with us.

The benefits of QParents

Convenience and time savings for parents

Parents can view or update their child's details without having to contact the school

Secure 24/7 online access.

Available anytime, anywhere — access QParents on your smart phone, tablet or computer.

Greater transparency of information

Improves accountability between parents and schools by providing parents with timely access to their child's information online.

Allows parents to engage more deeply in their child's schooling

Improved administration efficiencies for schools

Allows schools to streamline their administrative processes and cut down on printing

What is a QParents Account Owner (QPAO)?

The school will nominate one parent or legal guardian for each student to be the QParents Account Owner (QPAO). The QPAO will be able to register for QParents to access and manage the student's information online. A student's QPAO will be able to view the student's information and submit requests to update some of the student's details.

The QPAO will also be able to invite other people (such as another parent or family member), to view the student's information. Once invited, these people can register for QParents as "delegated viewers". A delegated viewer can see the student's details, but cannot make updates.

Registering for QParents

In the next few weeks you will receive an invitation email or letter from us containing your unique invitation code. Simply follow the instructions in that email or letter to complete the QParents account registration process.

If you do not want to register, you can just ignore the invitation and your child's student information will not be available to anyone through QParents. Or, if you want another parent to be the QPAO, you can advise us and we will send them an invitation email or letter with their own unique invitation code.

Identity verification

When registering as a QPAO, you will need to verify 100 points of identity documents online. The 100 points can be made up of documents in the following list:

Australian Passport	50 pts	Australian Marriage Certificate	40 pts
Australian Driver Licence	50 pts	Australian Citizenship Certificate	40 pts
Australian Birth Certificate	50 pts	Change of Name Certificate	40 pts
Medicare Card	20 pts	Australian Visa (foreign passports)	20 pts

If you only have 60-90 points of the above ID documents you can still register for QParents, but you will need to attend the school for an additional check after you have registered online.

If you don't have sufficient documents, you might like to nominate another parent as the QPAO.

For more information on the online identity verification process, see <https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/help>

Where does the information about my child come from?

All of the information that is presented in QParents comes from the IT system that is used by all Queensland state schools. Schools will continue to manage student information in this system, and the information will be extracted and presented in QParents.

Will my child's information be secure?

Yes. QParents is a secure portal that meets strict industry standards. Only people with the right to access information about their child will be given an account; no one else.

If you don't want to register for QParents, your account will not be created and your child's information will not be made available through QParents.

Help and contact information

For more information see <https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/about>

For help, visit <https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/help> or call 13 QGOV (13 74 68)

FROM THE MATHS DEPARTMENT

MathsQuiz

WEEK 4 ANSWER: Fill the 7 litre jug and pour it into the 4 Litre jug leaving 3L in the 7 L jug

Now empty the 4L jug and pour the 3L left in the 7L jug into the 4L Jug.

Fill the 7L jug.

Using the now full 7L jug top up the 4L Jug ($3L + 1L = 4L$)

There is now exactly 6L remaining in the 7L jug.

WEEK 5 QUIZ: When I add 3 times my age 3 years from now to 4 times my age 4 years from now, I get 8 times my current age. How old will I be 8 years from now?

Solutions can be submitted to Mr Brown at the senior precinct or emailed to mbrow499@eq.edu.au

Challenge Games 2015

Last week, Tuesday July 28th, 10 students headed off to Townsville for two days at the Challenge Games. The purpose of The Challenge Games is to provide two days of fun, friendship and participation in a range of sport and fun activities for school students who have a disability. These activities include running, jumping, throwing and team events plus many other fun/novelty activities. Some students at the Games compete to go to further school, regional or state level in formal Track and Field events.



Our Challenge Games 2015 trip was a fabulous experience for all the students involved. The Challenge Games accommodation for us was at Kirwan SHS, no cost was a real bonus. It was a new experience for our students, as the school population is over 2000 with approximately 200 staff. The sheer size of the school was a little overwhelming for some and just fascinating for others. Most could not comprehend the sheer **size of the place. Our little school would fit into one small corner of Kirwan SHS's grounds.**

The students were able to manage the shower roster very well, although the concept of a **"quick" shower was a difficult request for some. The students became very adept at the** kitchen requirements of serving themselves, sharing, eating together and washing dishes and putting dishes away in their bags.

The 2 days at the Challenge Games was divided into age group activities and all participants received a ribbon for participating, but some had a place ribbon for many events. Some activities were simply just for fun of course. It was great to see the Invitational track events that allowed students with disability the opportunity to compete and win then move to the next level of competition, perhaps with their sights set on the Paralympics in the future. Activities were modified and adjusted for all disabilities. Shot Put had a variety of ball sizes and weights, with students choosing to shot put in the traditional manner, as per Paralympic tradition or just an underarm manner. Sit down volleyball was delightful, with all students of all abilities on the same playing field, so to speak, all sitting on the grass with a lower net and no movement except for effort to hit the ball, 3 hits each side encouraged team work. Other games included Frisbee and vortex, soccer, cricket, long jump, assisted long jump, ball games, and Bocce.



FROM THE P&C

The P&C warmly invites you to an Afternoon Tea next Friday afternoon, 21st Aug. at 2:15pm. The occasion is to celebrate and recognize the wonderful work of all our tuckshop volunteers and that of our amazing tuckshop staff. We hope that you can join us. Please RSVP to the school office by next Wed, 19th for catering purposes. If you can't make it, we would love to hear from you so that we can pass on your thanks to these people.

All are welcome, even if you haven't been able to volunteer. We would love to meet you.

P&C Executive.

FUNDRAISER FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION

SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER from 9am

FONTANA'S FARM, 88 GULLOTTA RD SILKWOOD

\$10 entry – includes high tea. Under 16 – free

Huge goose club, plant stall, artworks, vintage clothing display,
Memorial Walkway



TUNES FROM THE TUBE: TOPOLOGY & THE KRANSKY SISTERS

ARIA nominated quintet **Topology** join the quirky **Kransky Sisters** to present musical mash-ups of your favourite TV and movie themes.

"Tunes from the Tube is full of fun, frivolity and even a few surprises." **BLUE CURTAINS BRISBANE**

WED 16 SEPT 7PM

TULLY MULTIPURPOSE HALL

TICKETS: 4068 4555 OR VISIT TULLY STATE HIGH SCHOOL FRONT OFFICE

Notices & Events

P & C Meeting-3rd Tuesday of every month – 5.15pm in the Library

Maths Tutoring every Thursday in the library 3-4pm

21st August YR. 10 SET PLAN in the Library.