



# TSHS News

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## GOOD BYE & GOOD LUCK

Only a few weeks ago I would not have envisaged that soon I would be writing my last article for this newsletter, but here I am, saying goodbye to a school and a community which I have grown to love. This parting is bitter-sweet: moving to a new school in Cairns brings me closer to the family who needs me, but it also means leaving students and friends who have become dear to me. For the last five years I have felt deeply committed to Tully High, from those early chaotic days after the cyclone and the many months of restructuring that followed, to last **year's marvellous Jubilee**, celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in a totally transformed school.

I am proud of how Tully High has embraced Positive Education: I am proud of all those wonderful students who have developed and flourished before my eyes. Yes, I am sad to go, but I know that this school will continue in its upward trajectory, **achieving more enviable results, and nurturing the community's children on their way to adulthood.**

*Thank you for your fine contribution and your excellent leadership.*

*We will miss you. Your new appointment is our loss and their gain.*



# The Knights' Farewell

There comes a time when .....

Tully State High School is without question an incredible place. There are so many fascinating aspects which make it a true bright shining diamond, in a landscape dominated by reef, rainforest, bananas and cane. Our time in Tully has been an incredible journey shared with so many people. Students who embrace and embody the term *Tully Ticker*, remaining strong in the face of natural disasters, show amazing inclusivity with each other, have for both of us been a pleasure to teach. The students of this school have made our time in Tully more precious than they will ever know. We hope that they learnt as much from us as we have from them. Through our roles as Year Coordinators we were also privileged to get to know many of the families behind these students. The lives of our own kids have been touched by their time and experiences gained while members of this school community. To the teaching staff past and present, you have all played an important role in shaping the **teachers that we've become** - thank you for all the time you've invested into us! However, there comes a time..... when after 7 years at Tully SHS we bid you all a fond farewell!

Simon & Katrina Knight



# Season's Greetings



Merry Xmas & Happy New Year  
From All Staff @ Tully State High School

**FROM THE MATHS DEPARTMENT**

Maths Quiz:

*WILL BE BACK IN 2016*

# Uniform Shop Opening Hours

## December 2015:

Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8am - 9am & 3pm - 4.30pm
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	8am - 9am & 3pm - 4.00pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	8am - 9am & 3pm - 4.30pm

## January 2016:

18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> (last full week of the school holidays)

Monday - Friday 8am - 10am & 3pm - 5pm

### Please note:

\*Uniforms purchased and not washed may be returned and replaced if different sizes are needed.

\*Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January is a pupil free day and the uniform shop will not be open.

\*If you have further questions, please contact the P&C executive on the above email address.

\*Happy holidays and see you at school in 2016!

# STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME

Over the past few weeks I have been contacting families with outstanding student resource contributions. Upon enrolment, the vast majority of our parents and caregivers sign an agreement to participate in our Student Resource Scheme. It is through this scheme that student access text books and school-produced resources, materials for practical subjects and the internet. We have significantly reduced this contribution – to approximately \$10 per fortnight. Unfortunately, if this fee is not paid annually it builds up to over \$1000 when students are in Year 12. This then causes problems as students with **outstanding fees are not eligible to attend 'Snowies' or other extra curricula activities.** Many parents I have spoken to in the past few weeks have reminded me that compulsory education is 'free'. Education in public schools *is* free – parents do not have to pay for tuition fees or contribute to building funds but they *do* have to provide the requisite resources for their children. Text books are VERY expensive. The Year 7 Math Text retails at over \$60, as does the Year 7 History book. When one considers the cost of texts (and in subjects such as English, students will require access to a number of novels, anthologies and plays) and consumables for Home Economics, Manual Arts and Art, a contribution of less than ten dollars a fortnight is by far the most economical option for families.

There are a number of options available for families to pay this fee. The most realistic one for many families is to set up a payment plan or a direct debit. Setting up such a plan when your child enrolls in year 7 will actually build up a credit by the time they are in Year 12, reducing the cost of their senior year. If you have not yet paid your resource fees, I encourage you to contact the school to discuss one of the above options.

## WALTYKIMA 2015

The 2015 edition of WALTYKIMA has arrived and is available for purchase from the office for \$25. **This year's magazine was** compiled by the Year 10 Media Studies class as part of their Print Media and Publishing unit. Students were responsible for the layout and design of the pages using Adobe Indesign desktop publishing software. Students also edited articles, took photographs and generated graphics and artwork. **Callem Daley's cover artwork is a notable element of this year's edition.** It features Southpark-inspired caricatures of staff. See if you can work out who is who on the cover.



## Notices & Events

10th December ALL Student Reports mailed.

27th January 2016 School resumes for ALL students.