



TSHS News

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THE JOURNEY MADE BY 48 YEAR 12 STUDENTS

On Saturday 19th September, 2015, an excited group of 48 year 12 students and four staff members departed Tully SHS, bound for the snow. Barely able to fit all of our luggage on board, we set off on a journey covering 2567 kms on day 1, which saw us arrive in Jindabyne late Saturday night. On day 2, all the students were up early and fitted out for their snowboarding gear, then off to the Perisher slopes for a lesson. Students were on the slopes for four days, resting each night at our favourite



accommodation at Vikas in Jindabyne. While we were there, the temperature dropped and brought some fresh snow for two days, which was pretty exciting for those who had never seen snow before. It was amazing to see how quickly many of these students picked up snowboarding or skiing skills, hitting many jumps by the fourth day.

Sadly, I had to drag many away from the slopes ready for our trip to Canberra. On day 6, we explored some of the most iconic Canberra landmarks, including the new and old Parliament Houses as well as the War Memorial:

students were mesmerised and fascinated by each of

these unique experiences. On day 7, we headed to Floriade and students were amazed by the number of things which could be done with flowers before we headed to the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS). Students toured the AIS and were able to see a number of gymnasts in the middle of training and test their skills in the interactive room.

After a quick lunch, we were on the way to Sydney for a quiet night. During our Sydney stay, we went on a ferry to the Taronga Zoo where we spent half the day before hitting the shops in the city centre. That night everyone embraced the opportunity to style it up and immerse ourselves in a night of culture at the theatre. The venue, the Lyric theatre, played host to the show *Matilda*. The following day, students wanted to hit the shops again in search of some bargains before heading to Bondi for a quick lunch. Our last night was spent on-board Captain Cook Cruises where we were spoilt with a cruise of Sydney Harbour, a three course meal and a DJ for entertainment. Not sure why we needed a DJ considering that most of our boys took over that role for the night.

Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end: many parents were missing their kids too much so we decided that we should bring them home late on Monday 28th September. Miss Daniels, Mr and Mrs Threlfall and I (Miss Bevan) were incredibly proud of the way that our students conducted themselves, interacted with each other and embraced the experience.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Sometimes you have to take time out to refresh your perspective and truly appreciate what it is you have. That certainly was my experience last term. While I enjoyed the challenge of Mareeba SHS and am definitely thankful for being able to spend more time with my family, I am more than happy to be back at Tully High. I will always be indebted to Adrian Hooper who put his personal, family plans on hold so I could take the opportunity to go to **Mareeba. Adrian, Rob O'Brien and Brooke Plauschin have done an outstanding job leading the school agenda for the past ten weeks.**



I have returned to Tully with 'fresh eyes' and must acknowledge the commitment and capacity of staff here. We are very lucky to have the team of dedicated teachers and ancillary staff we do.

Term 4 will vanish in the blink of an eye. The year 12s have less than 30 days of school left – this is quite scary considering their last week is basically one of celebration and many of them will be attending the Orpheus excursion next week. However, this term does provide opportunities for us to showcase our students – culturally, academically and in the sports arena and I look forward to catching up with parents and caregivers on these special occasions over the next few weeks.

THE TREE PROJECT

To acknowledge Mental Health Week, the year 10 Visual Arts class worked together on a group project. They created a tree from recycled books and branches. The branches were collected from the school arboretum and painted blue. Paper roses dipped in ink decorate the branches. At the base of the tree is a plaque which states some words of advice to the viewer.

Advice From a Tree

Stand tall and proud

Go out on a limb

Remember your roots

Drink plenty of water

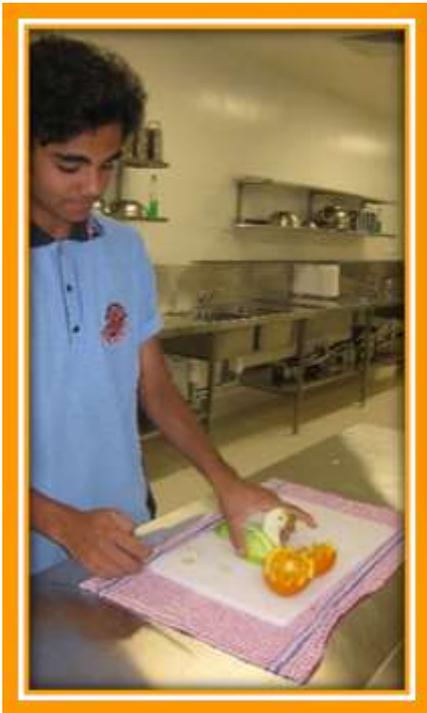
Be content with your natural beauty

Enjoy the view



Cut to perfection

Students in Certificate II in Kitchen Operations are perfecting the art of knife skills. The knife is an important tool in the kitchen, and students are learning the importance of cutting techniques.



YR. 10 DRAMA STUDENTS

Last term, seventeen Year 10 Drama students from Tully State High School travelled around the Tully District to perform a play at the local primary schools.

The play, which was written by the students, was about various Disney Princesses saving their Princes, who have been kidnapped by the Evil Witch.

The Year 10 students had been preparing for the performance since the beginning of the term. They first had to write the play, and then rehearse it.

The writing process took about two weeks and was challenging, since a well-written play does not happen overnight.

Once the script was perfected, the play was ready to be rehearsed. Drama Teacher and Year Coordinator, Kylie Daniels, helped retrieve props, costumes and the background to make the play more authentic.

After nine weeks of rehearsing, the students were happy to finally perform to an audience.

Although there were some line mishaps, the audiences and actors still enjoyed the play, **especially Prince Charming's flatulence.**

"Everyone really liked it and all of the kids liked being involved in it," said Hallie Whant, who played the Evil Witch.

Overall, the play was a success and it was a good learning experience for the Year 10s. A huge thank you to Ms Daniels for all of her effort in organising everything and Mr Morris for driving the group around to each school.



Notices & Events

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

Maths Tutoring every Thursday in the library 3-4pm.

9th October Yr 10 & 11 OP Art Excursion.

9th October Yr 11/12 Walker Memorial Football Game.

9th October Girls Yr 11 vs 12 Football match.

9th October Gift Race.