Vaine Rabana performed the National Anthem at the Community Cabinet Meeting held in the Tully Cyclone Shelter on Sunday 23rd February.

Premier Campbell Newman, Member for Hinchinbrook, Andrew Cripps along with Ministers and senior public servants attended this meeting also.

YEAR EIGHT CAMP 2014

Last week from Monday to Wednesday the year 8’s headed off on their annual camp to Lake Tinaroo Recreation Centre for three days. During the camp, students participated in many activities such as stand-up paddle boarding, high ropes, orienteering and kayaking. The first night saw the students staying up well past their bedtime and their teachers’ bedtimes. This led to some character-building activities the next morning which included planking and squats. The year 8’s were well versed in cleaning a kitchen and making cups of teas by the end of the three days—also part of their character-building. On their last night students were lucky to experience an outdoor movie on the big screen where they were treated to popcorn and ice-cream. This proved a popular activity with many year 8’s. Teachers Mr Anderson, Mr Richters, Mr Williams, Ms Daniels and Ms Reynolds enjoyed themselves over these three days with the energetic and enthusiastic students, but were glad to hand them over to their parents Wednesday afternoon for some well-deserved and much needed sleep.
TSHS Swimming Carnival

On Friday 28th February, 2014 the Tully State High School Swimming Carnival was held at the Tully Pool. It kicked off from 6:30am with house and vice-captains busily decorating their areas for the big day. The house rivalry was fierce throughout the day with Tyson and Walter Hill neck and neck for most of the day. Tyson came through with the goods, 668 points, Walter Hill second, 611 points, Mackay third, 541 points and Kirrama in fourth place, 374 points. Tyson also came away with the ‘Cheer Champions’ trophy to top off a brilliant effort. The age champions were as follows:

U13 Girls- Georgia Hayley
U13 Boys- David Musumeci
U14 Girls- Jaye Threlfall
U14 Boys- Joel Knight
U15 Girls- Chelsea De Angeli
U15 Boys- Joshua Apap
U16 Girls- Layne Threlfall
U16 Boys- Luke Croatto
Open Girls- Denae Sinton
Open Boys- Brendan Barrett

Thankyou to all the house and vice-captains and teachers who helped with the set up and pack up. I’m looking forward to our next carnival. already.
Last year Tully State High School was successful in its application for funding from the Action for Sustainability Fund. This Action for Sustainability Fund for Schools Program is for projects that result in a sustainable outcome for North Queensland schools, and contribute to the successful functioning of the JCU TropFutures network. This funding was obtained as a result of an application from Kylie Azzopardi our Scientific Operations Officer. This has been utilised by the Science Department to expand the current, highly successful aquaponic system. The system is similar to hydroponics, however, instead of artificially creating nutrient rich water for plants to grow in, the nutrient rich water from the schools aquaculture facility is utilised.

The aquaculture facility currently houses Jade Perch, Silver Perch and Redclaw crayfish, providing an excellent source of nutrient for our growing plants. The bounty that will be harvested from the aquaponic system will be used by the schools Catering Department to produce fresh and healthy delights. Last year the department enjoyed a constant supply of basil, chives, parsley and mint. We hope that this year we will provide more variety. Cucumber, lettuce, packchoy and parsley have already been planted and within 2 days the seedlings have doubled in size!

The final step of the project is to connect waste water from the aquaculture system to the old Banyan Worm Farm. By connecting the 3 systems together we hope to create a “Clean Green Growing Machine”. This system will help create a more sustainable school. Biodegradable waste will be turned into fertiliser or fresh produce and our water is no longer wasted. The Science Department would also like to thank Neil Fox and John Azzopardi for erecting the mesh enclosure to keep roaming graziers from depleting the harvest.

Wade Henderson, Rhys Camilleri and Ben Shaw competed in the Peninsula Cricket Trials in Cairns on Monday 17th February. Rhys Camilleri was successful in making the Peninsula team and Ben Shaw made shadow. Well done to these two students!

Congratulations to the following students who made district teams:

**Rugby League:** Jeremy Dickman, Trevor Matheson, Jack Campagnolo, Jake Clifford, Kavasa Lepaio, Miti Tuatai, Bradley Spicer, Brett Anderson, Lax Maika, Jonty Ivey, Panapa Matua, Thomas Benu, Nathan Hansen, Thomas Edwards & Thomas Flegler

**Netball:** Renee Silvestro & Chloe Harris

Good Luck to all students competing this week in Peninsula Trials.

Congratulations to Zoe Mackay who competed in the State Triathlon championships from Thursday 13th February till Saturday 15th February in Hervey Bay. She performed very well against a tough field in her first triathlon championships. Well done!

A congratulations also goes to Brendan Barrett and Alex Duncan who competed in the Tennis trials in Cairns on Friday 14th February. Both students played well and came out with a few wins.

Friday 21st of February saw two Netball teams travel to Innisfail for District Netball trials. The Junior team won 3 of their 4 games and the Open team played exceptional throughout the entire night with tough competition from the other schools. Alex Dorante was named Player of the Night for the Open team and Kodee Clifford was named Player of the Night for the Under 15’s. Renee Silvestro from the Open team and Chloe Harris from the Under 15 team were successful with their selection into the District team. The girls all played extremely well and did Tully High proud with their clean-cut uniforms with matching ribbons and their lovely manners throughout the entire night. Well done girls!
Good Luck!

Last week’s answer was:
The riddle, the "facts" of which may or may not be true, results in the following equation:
\[ \frac{x}{6} + \frac{x}{12} + \frac{x}{7} + 5 + \frac{x}{2} + 4 = x \]
where \( x \) is Diophantus's age at the time of his death.
Therefore, solving the equation, Diophantus lived exactly 84 years.

Each newsletter will have a maths teaser or 2 for the family to ponder. Put your answer(s) with student name and maths class on a piece of paper and place it in the box in the senior precinct staffroom. Only one entry per student. There are prizes to be won and the winner will be the first correct entry opened. Entries close 3pm Tuesday.

There is only 1 teaser this week, namely
Sally is 54 years old and her mother is 80, how many years ago was Sally’s mother three times Sally’s age?

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Discover the facts about organ & tissue donation.
Decide about organ and tissue donation.
Discuss your decision with your family and friends.

Math Magic Land Teasers Competition

Family NAPLAN Practice (No calculator)
The answer to last week’s question is 6 slices

Sally has seen four movies.
The ticket prices were $13, $8, $10 and $10.
The next movie she plans to see is in 3D and the ticket price is $34.00.
Which of these will not change after Sally sees the next movie?
The median of her ticket prices
The mean of her ticket prices
The range of her ticket prices

From the Nurse’s Desk

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Notices & Event

6 March Maths Tutoring Thursday afternoon 3:00pm to 4:00pm.
11 March P&C AGM Meeting in the Library.
13 March School Social.