



TSHS News

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Year 12 Students Drive2Live

One of the most exciting accomplishments for our year 12 students in their final year of school is gaining a driver's licence and experiencing - for the first time - the freedom that this allows. This new-found freedom requires our youth to drive responsibly and to understand the implications of how easily things can go wrong.

On Thursday the 9th of October, the full Yr12 cohort was privileged to participate in the Drive2Live Driver Education Course held at the Tully Show Grounds. This program has operated on the Tablelands for the last few years and is the first course run within the Cassowary Coast region. The course was organised through Glynn and Cathy Maurice, in conjunction with the Queensland Police Service, the Department of Transport and a host of driving instructors and volunteers. The day sent a powerful message to the year 12 students at Tully State High School about the safe operation of a motor vehicle through a range of activities including:

1. The un-roadworthy vehicle exercise: students had to list all the defects of a car, maintenance issues etc.
2. The golf buggy exercise: students were given the task of navigating a set of course cones while driving with glasses that simulate the effects of being impaired by alcohol (beer goggles).
3. The Distraction game: played to demonstrate the difficulty of driving distracted.
4. The mat: an exercise for walking impaired and negotiating stairs and footpaths etc.
5. Scenario discussions were common during the theory - playing magistrates/policemen/emergency workers etc.
6. The 'Blind Walk': simulates a driver taking his/her eyes off the road.
7. One of the practical exercises involves 'Threshold Braking' in a small fleet of driver training cars.
8. All students (Learners with enough hours) had the opportunity to drive if they wished. Those without licenses experienced 'In-Car Demos'.

All students who completed both the Theory and Practical modules received a certificate which they signed to acknowledge their commitment to use all they have learnt in pursuit of road safety.



CHESS FOR ALL!



As the weather warms up, the number of students enjoying the cool vibe of the library also increases. This term, many students have taken up the challenge of **playing chess**. It's great to see so many students of all ages and abilities having both friendly and competitive games. In fact, on many days, it is also a spectator sport. Multiple chess and checker sets are available to students at lunchtimes. New staff member, Marc Dressler is also coaching a keen group of competitive players to take on Innisfail High students later in the term.

NEWS IN EDUCATION

Year 9 English students are exploring the various educational purposes of the daily newspaper. As well as staying up to date with current affairs of local and world issues, they are learning how to write informative news reports. The Courier Mail has generously provided newspapers to the Tully High classes for two weeks as a news in education program to encourage the students to



read the news and so they can learn how to write news reports. Hallie and Rachel (year 9) represent the devotion and enthusiasm that the whole class has towards an activity that will help to build an understanding of the construction and development of news reports. Emily and Grace are absorbed by their paper.



Are you IT literate?

Do you know about typing time?

To type time correctly, a full stop is used between the numbers, for example, 2.30 pm or 11.00 am.

There is a space between the numbers and the "am" or "pm". Punctuation marks are not used around am and pm any more as the general rule is to avoid over-using punctuation marks in typing. There should, however, be a full stop at the end of a sentence.

To use "o'clock": I am going to the circus at 7 o'clock.

CELEBRATING GRANDPARENTS DAY

The tables were set and the breeze was blowing a pleasant gale at the café for Grandparents Day on Thursday 25th October. It was so lovely to see the students and their grandparents chatting, having a cup of tea and a scone together.

Grandparents can be such an important **part of an individual's life and at Tully High School** we feel it is important to celebrate Grandparents and thank them for all they do for their grandchildren.

Unfortunately some grandparents couldn't attend as a result of distance and other commitments but a massive thank you goes out to all the grandparents who could come along to the morning tea.

A big thank you to Ms Paul and the hospitality students for their catering. Everybody commented on how scrumptious the scones were!

"What children need most are the essentials that grandparents provide in abundance. They give unconditional love, kindness, patience, humour and lessons in life. And, most importantly, cookies"

Rudy Guiulian



Year 12 – Celebration Dates

Senior Formal - Wednesday 19 November

Graduation Ceremony - Friday 21 November

Formal invitations will be issued early Term 4. Graduation Ceremony information will be provided to students mid-November.

REMEMBRANCE SEAT

There's a beautiful new seat surrounding a red bottlebrush tree at the front of the school.

This seat is in remembrance of Patricia Solomon whom we lost this year and all of the Tully High students who were lost too soon.

Tully State High would like to thank Betta Timbers Tully for supplying the timber for the memorial seat and acknowledge the excellent craftsmanship of Michael Daly.

It will serve as a location for students to reflect on the people we care about and how precious life is.



From the Nurse's Desk

GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY OCTOBER 15

Handwashing with soap is the most effective & inexpensive way to prevent diarrheal & acute respiratory infections, which take the lives of millions of children in developing countries.

Handwashing with soap is a "do-it-yourself vaccine" that prevents infections and saves lives because handwashing can prevent the transmission of a variety of pathogens. It is easy, effective, and affordable. Ingraining the habit of handwashing could save more lives than any single vaccine or medical intervention.



Notices & Events

P & C Meetings 2nd Tuesday of the month at 4.30 pm in the Library.

22 Oct Sports Awards

23 Oct Maths tutoring Thursday afternoon 3:00 to 4.00 pm.

30 Oct Gala Concert.