On Monday February 23, the Senior Induction was held at Tully State High School. It was an important day in the school calendar as we welcomed our Seniors to their new roles as leaders of our school. Becoming a Senior and signing the Senior Undertaking recognises that our students have reached the time in their lives when we no longer look upon them as children or teenagers but as young adults.

We also recognised those students who have been elected to specific leadership roles, including school captains, house captains and the student council executive.

We were very proud of the 100 year 12 students who received their senior badges and we wish them all the best in their final year of schooling.
Last week Year 8 students attended their first school camp at beautiful Mungalli Falls. The students spent three days completing a variety of hair-raising activities including archery; abseiling down a cliff face; land sliding down a 100m slide in under 10 seconds; trudging through mud pools in an obstacle course; and finally, speeding through the air on a flying fox to land in a pool of water. During free time students enjoyed playing a variety of sports, visiting glowworm caves, playing trivia and meeting new people in their year level. It was an amazing three days, for both students and staff.
**Know how to change the Wi-Fi password** Only let your kids have access to the password when they’ve done their jobs, their homework, or fulfilled whichever responsibilities you need them to. This is the now-day equivalent of my Mum not letting me ride my BMX until I did my jobs! You can Google how to do it, it is very simple. Many, many kids, set alarms and wake up when the grown ups are asleep to access the internet! Find out what “flavour” your modem is (Belkin or Netgear for example) and search “How to change Belkin modem password.” You can change the password every day if needs be. Xbox and PlayStation time is limited by this too.

**About International Women’s Day…**

This iconic date on the world’s calendar is **March 8**, a day that has been set aside to celebrate women’s achievements and contributions since 1911. While each year’s theme has a new focus, the event has always had political, economic and social underpinnings, and the United Nations’ perennial concern is for the equality of women with their male counterparts in all aspects of their lives.

Historically, there have been many political movements which have sought to address this issue, such as the Suffragettes of the 1920s and the feminism of the 1970s, but the glaring facts reveal glacial progress. A report released on February 17 revealed that women in management positions across all Australian industries earn an average income that is 45% **less** than their male counterparts. The gender pay gap for all female employees is 24.7%, according to a November 2014 survey, and only 7.1% of employers have a strategy to address this inequity.

Of course, if you are a woman or girl living in a less privileged country than Australia, your worries are of a more close-to the-bone nature. Of the 1.3 billion people who live in extreme poverty, 70% are women and girls: **International Women’s Day** is always a forum to advocate for effective action to improve the lives of the most disadvantaged women, those who do not have the luxury of lobbying for change.

This year’s theme is **Make It Happen**, a concept that dovetails with our teachings in Positive Education; recognizing the individual’s inherent strengths and empowering each student with the personal skills and self-awareness to realise her (or his!) potential.

Next week we will anticipate **IWD** with special attention to our female students. Years 7, 8 and 9 girls will be invited to **Girl Talk** sessions where they will have a chance to chat about their hopes and dreams and concerns over a mug of milo. A more extensive morning tea will be held on Friday 6 March for all the girls and female staff. Mothers, aunts and grandmothers are very welcome to join us for coffee and delicious treats made by the Hospitality students, and listen to the inspiring words of our guest speaker, Tania Major, the 2007 Young Australian of the Year.
Tully State High School wishes to mark the special significance of the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli Campaign. In doing so we would like to invite you to a performance of the play, Gallipoli – A Manual of Trench Warfare, a Queensland production that has received critical acclaim.

The action takes place within a sandbagged trench and illuminates the issues and social dynamics faced by these tiny communities – the heroism, hardships and loneliness that characterised the Anzac experience.

DATE: Monday, 2nd March 2015

VENUE: Tully State High School MPC

TIME: 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start

COST: $15.00 pp

Refreshments (including alcohol) available

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**Notices & Events**

P & C Meetings 3rd Tuesday of the month at 4.30 pm in the Library.
Maths Tutoring every Thursday in the library 3-4pm
27 Feb Swimming Carnival
2 March Gallipoli stage production@ 7.00 pm Tully Multi Purpose Centre