



# TSHS News

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## Food for the Mind International Women's Day

For the girls at Tully High, International Women's day came early, celebrations culminating on Friday with an address by guest speaker, Tania Major. Ms Major, a recipient of the Young Australian of the Year award in 2007, world traveller and business entrepreneur, captivated girls and female staff alike with her vivid, dramatic and inspiring revelations. A charismatic, confident speaker, she was once a rough-and-tumble young tomboy, growing up in an isolated community in Kowanyama, who had a flash of insight during her primary schooling – she did *not* want to live out her days there. From Kowanyama to Clayfield Girls' College, Brisbane, meant more than the thousand odd kilometres she had to travel – it represented a cultural journey of significant distance, requiring resilience and determination, self-belief and integrity. Tania Major more than survived; she acquired a degree in Criminology following that high school experience, later adding a Masters in Public Policy as she became increasingly interested in how to help her people. Her appointment as Young Australian of the Year involved travel overseas, and encounters with the highest of officialdom, including the Queen of Sweden.



Interspersed with humour, witty digressions and incisive advice, Ms Major's speech exuded a pride and joy in being a woman that spilled over into her audience, leaving them with the conviction that girls and women can *make it happen*.

And then there were the trays of delicious treats, savoury and sweet, carefully prepared and temptingly arranged by Ms Sloan-Orlandi's Hospitality class, which disappeared in the blink of an eye, as food does in front of hungry teenagers.

# Banking for Teens

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March we were fortunate to have Cate Delaney, Store Manager from the National Australia Bank Tully, come and address our year 10 cohort about banking. This was a presentation that was conducted under our Positive Education banner, to better equip our students to understand the importance managing and saving money for their future financial independence. The presentation focussed on finding jobs and understanding where money comes from, the need to apply for a Tax File Number and using bank accounts to safely store and manage our money. Ms Delaney spoke about how crucial it is to have a savings plan, developing a Credit History, by putting a certain amount of money away each week into savings. The presentation covered the topic of budgeting to effectively manage our money, identifying where it is being spent and where it can be better saved. The topic of security was also discussed with emphasis placed on PIN numbers and internet passwords for the safety of your savings.



The NAB Tully, currently has a competition running where people opening new accounts will be placed into a draw to win an Apple iPad, this promotion ends 17/04/15.

## A word from our P & C

All Parents / Carers and Citizens are invited to TSHS P&C meetings to learn more about the runnings of the school. Hear an informative update from our Principal, Ms Leanne Fox, what's the bank balance of the P&C, how is the school doing in a bigger picture, what grants can we apply for and much more.

Do you know someone who loves detail and can write or type notes from our meetings? How about someone who loves to balance the books and pay the bills? Someone who has a passion for all things school / students and wants to move the P&C forward in a positive direction? Our March meeting (on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>) will precede the AGM, which will follow on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March, where all executive positions will be declared vacant. Who will hold our committee executive positions for 2015? Fill in your membership forms (available on the school website, <https://tullyshs.eq.edu.au>) and get them to the office by the meeting to have them count.

If you are keen to come, yet would prefer a different time, please let us know. Email: [pandc@tullyshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@tullyshs.eq.edu.au). Likewise if you would like to be on a txt / email list to be informed of all things P&C, send us an email with your preference.

Also available on the school website are the Uniform Order Forms. These can be handed into the office daily (with payment) and your student can pick them up filled at the end of the day. The uniform shop is open each Thursday from 8-9am.

### **DATE CLAIMER:**

TSHS P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 4.30pm in the School Library.

# The Challenge Games 29 and 30 July 2015

**Venue:** Townsville Sports Reserve

**Dates:** 29 and 30 July 2015

The challenge games celebrated 20 years in 2014 and caters for over 700 students from 68 schools around the region having fun over the 2 day event.

The games encourage students to participate in sport and physical activities regardless of disability

issues. Event organizer Lynne Derry says past participants have gone on to represent Australia in the Paralympics. If you are interested in participating in the 21st Challenge Games in Townsville on 29 and 30 July, 2015, please see Ms Gunn in IL01 for more information.



# Badminton

Throughout the past five weeks, the Year 12 PED class has provided intense lunchtime training to the year seven and eight students, in preparation for the rivalry badminton competition between the two year levels. These lunchtimes have offered both year levels the opportunity to try a new unexposed sport, meet new people, win prizes and also earn points for their house team. Each time a student participates in the lunchtime activities, a house point is tallied. After five weeks, Tyson house came out on top winning 111 points for their house, followed by Mackay (107 points), Walter Hill (94 points) and last, but by no means the least important – Kirrama (67 points). The competition between the year sevens and eights took place last Friday at lunchtime. Students were offered the chance to play either singles and/or doubles games to potentially win their year level points. The year eights raced to victory after winning an outstanding 77 games. The players of the competition were awarded to Valerie and Rocko (year eights) and Eirlene and Jeremiah (year sevens). It was great to see such noticeable improvements shown by every single student who attended the badminton activities.

# TAX FILE Number Application

*The Australian Tax Office (ATO) has changed the process for students applying for a Tax File Number (TFN). Schools are no longer able to process TFN application forms.*

*The new process:*

*Complete Form : Tax File Number – application or enquiry for individuals*

**OR**

*Online Process + visit a registered TFN Australia Post Outlet (Innisfail is the closest)*

<https://www.ato.gov.au/individuals>

*The online process requires you to print application summary and take with proof of identity documents to an Australia Post outlet within 30 days.*

*Tully SHS has a small number of forms if students wish to undertake option 1. Collect from Senior Secondary office – Room A16.*

## **TSHS P&C Uniform Shop**

We accept:

Cash

EFTPOS

Cheque (please make payable to 'TSHS P&C Assoc')

**Opening Hours: Thursday morning only 8-9am**

## **Notices & Events**

**P & C AGM 31st March 4.30pm in the Library**

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

**19th-22nd March Yr11 & 12 Art Drama Excursion to Brisbane.**