Last week 15 year 11 & 12 Art and Drama students travelled to Brisbane with Ms Daniels and Mrs Holmes on a Cultural Tour. The group of students visited the Kelvin Grove QUT (QLD University of Technology) Campus and were taken on a tour and were given an insight into the courses and opportunities available from past student Alicia Lane who is a QUT Student Ambassador. Students’ eyes were opened to life after school and many are now keen for further tertiary study. Students visited GOMA (Gallery of Modern Art) and particularly enjoyed the ‘Spot Room’- a room entirely covered in spots. Students were able to contribute to the art work by adding their own sheet of spot stickers. Friday night was quite possibly the highlight of the entire trip for many students as they experienced the hit-stage show musical ‘Wicked’. Many students were brought to tears by the jaw-dropping performances. Over the next two days, students visited the State Art Gallery and the State Library. Students were also taken on a cultural tour of the Southbank Craft Markets where many of the Art students were inspired by the hand-made art work and jewellery. Students were sad to see the trip end as we flew back to Brisbane as they thoroughly enjoyed the experiences and opportunities Brisbane had offered them artistically and creatively.
Boys and their reading – what the research says:

“Parents can model reading, sharing what they have learned, recommending good books, and mentioning what they want to learn from reading in the future. Parents and sons can read together, selecting increasingly difficult materials to help boys improve their skills and promoting positive interactions as they predict what will happen in a story and then discuss what did happen and why. Parents and sons can look up information together both to show the value of reading and to help boys develop problem-solving skills. Parents can take books along on long trips or to places where waiting is anticipated to help boys appreciate the value of reading as recreation. Finally, parents can maintain a reading log with their sons that indicates what, when, and how much the boys are reading. The log keeps parents informed, supports their sons' efforts, and encourages reading together.” (Calkins, 1996; McCarthy et al., 2001; North Carolina, 1999; Tanksley, 1995).

This, combined with approaches at school which include opportunities for silent reading, reading aloud to students, and teaching of specific reading strategies, can assist all students to develop their competence and confidence. Research confirms that boys gain confidence by reading aloud provided they are not frequently interrupted with corrections.

Junior classes attend the library fortnightly to borrow books. Students are able to borrow individually at all breaks, before and after school, and may have up to 4 books at a time.

K Macdonald

SEEKING HOST FAMILIES

Lions District 201Q2 have a program called International Youth Exchange Program which involves sourcing suitable Host Families to become hosts to visiting International Youth Exchange from many countries around the World.

Period for Hosting: 4 - 24th July or 1 – 27th August 2015.

You are expected to provide accommodation, meals and quality Australian lifestyle.

Youth Exchange are aged between 16 – 21 and are both male and female of which the Host Family will have the choice of the Youth Exchange they wish to have from Lists provided.

The Purposes and Objectives of the Youth Exchange Program are:

   To bring young people into contact with youth and adults of other countries.
   To share family and community life of another culture.
   To promote international understanding and goodwill throughout the world.

As Host Parents you must accept responsibility of being parents to your guests in the same way you do your own children. The local Lions Club will help with different activities for the student to partake in.

Majority of our previous Host Families have found this opportunity to be invaluable for the families and remain in contact with their visiting Youth Exchange for many years after.

Should you have anything you wish to enquire about the Youth Exchange Program please contact me. Irene Braddock, President Tully Lions Club

Email: braddicks@tpg.com.au or phone 0422 013387
A reminder to parents

Parents are reminded that your student needs to produce a signed note or a phone call to the school excusing their lateness in the morning. Students also need your permission to leave the school grounds. Students must come to the Office to sign in or out whenever entering or leaving the school grounds during school hours.

Biosecurity Queensland is investigating a case of Panama disease (tropical race 4) in Tully. There are four (4) races of Panama disease, with the tropical race 4 strain posing the most serious threat to the commercial banana industry. Panama disease causes yellowing and dying of banana leaves. Plants affected by Panama disease may appear wilted with a skirt of dead leaves. Panama disease, including the tropical race 4 strain, is easily spread by the movement of infected planting material. The disease can also be spread by soil and water. Anything that moves soil, such as contaminated machinery and equipment, vehicles, shoes, can carry the disease. With the school holidays quickly approaching, Biosecurity Queensland is asking parents to remind their children not to play on, or enter banana farms without permission from the property owner. It’s important the local community supports banana farmers by respecting their on-farm biosecurity measures. Biosecurity Queensland is issuing regular situation updates about the Panama investigation and is encouraging members of the community to register to receive these updates straight to their inbox. You can register for these updates by registering for ‘banana’ alerts under the ‘subscribe to news’ link at the bottom of www.biosecurity.qld.gov.au, and then clicking on ‘subscribe to newsletters’. Or call 13 25 23 to subscribe. For more information about Panama disease, visit www.biosecurity.qld.gov.au or call 13 25 23. To keep up-to-date with the investigation in real time, follow Biosecurity Queensland on Facebook and Twitter (@BiosecurityQld).
Bright eyed, bushy tailed and keen to learn, the Year 12 Science 21 classes of 2015 investigated the unseen world around them. They delve deeply into textbooks and webpages, agar plates in hand, and began their examination of organisms responsible for decomposition, nutrient recycling and sometimes disease worldwide. These microscopic organisms have plagued humanity from the dawn of time, developing resistance to every antimicrobial agent thrown at them. This term, the young scientists investigated how this resistance is developed, how it can be overcome and what is most effective against these virulent bacteria. Students developed the skills and techniques needed to do their research safely. Tests involving known and wild non-pathogenic cultures were conducted in sterile and sanitary conditions; various methods of inhibition (including antibiotics, natural products and various chemicals) were tested against to determine which was most effective and why. After weeks of work, results are finally clear and discussions detailing outcomes, variables and improvements will soon be revealed.

Sonja Howard, Year 12 Science21

From the Maths Department

As the first term nears an end it is good to see students staying focused on the exam period. To assist students and parents with keeping abreast of homework and revision—all students from Year 7 to 10 have been given access to an interactive electronic version of the textbook. Students who have not yet received their logins and passwords should see their Maths teacher. This resource contains homework activities, revision questions and links to other topic related activities. All senior students are able to access a digital copy of the textbook which also contains additional revision questions.

As the Term 2 approaches it is a good time to check student’s equipment supplies. In order to engage fully in the learning of a Maths class all students require a workbook that is just for maths, a scientific calculator, ruler, pencil, rubber, red pen and either blue or black pen.

Students are also reminded that if they are not entirely happy with their Mathematics results this term you are more than welcome to come along to the Maths homework club. Each Thursday afternoon between 3 and 4pm Maths teachers are available to assist any student with any Math problems they may have. All are welcome, just bring your equipment and any questions you have.

Mr Brown (Head of Teaching and Learning Maths)