The Tully State High School ANZAC commemoration service took place on Friday morning at the Tully Multi-Purpose Centre. It was well attended by parents and members of the community who witnessed a dignified and moving ceremony conducted by Year 10 Humanities students Ethan Dooley, Jasmine Brooke, Emily Watson and Eve Verity and Grace McKay.

The High School Band performed a rousing piece, *The March Song for the Cadets* under the direction of Instrumental Music teacher Kym Hall. The piece was written by her grandfather, G.S. McRobbie a century ago to encourage recruits to enlist in the army.

The centerpiece of the ceremony was a visual presentation narrated by the students examining the enduring significance of the Gallipoli campaign over the past 100 years. Detailing personal stories of courage and sacrifice from servicemen from World War One the presentation was a somber yet moving tribute to the young men who served in the Gallipoli campaign.

The official lighting of symbolic candles in honour of the veterans of the major engagements Australia has been involved in was observed by representatives of the Tully RSL and Cassowary Coast Regional Councilors Alister Pike and Deputy Mayor Bryce Macdonald. As Corporal Aaron Assigal from the Jungle Training Wing stood to attention, student representatives formally placed floral tributes and donations to Legacy on behalf of every class in the high school.

The ceremony concluded with *The Last Post* and *Reveille* played by year 11 student Rivah Johnson with a haunting echo effect performed by year 10 student Shabaun Jones. Finally bagpiper Bunny Waite piped out the students, staff and guests.

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**Grandparent Day, Friday 22nd May**

We would love to see as many grandparents or significant elders come and join their grandchild for morning tea on Friday 22nd May, 10.50am at the café.

Students will be writing invitations over the next week with further details and RSVP dates.

See you then,

Regards

Sally Chilcott (Guidance Officer)
School Review – opportunity to have your say

Our school is scheduled for a school review from the 4th-6th May. The Department of Education and Training has introduced new performance reviews for Queensland state schools in 2015. The reviews do not rate or compare school but provide independent and quality feedback to help schools continue to improve outcomes for students. All schools will have a review at least every four years. A final report is made available to parents and the community on the school’s website. The review team would like to hear from our school community and I encourage anyone who is interested to have their say. Your feedback is important and will help us continue to deliver a quality education for students. If you are interested in speaking to the reviewers, or would like more information about the review process, please contact the office. Further information about the review is available from the department’s website at: education.qld.gov.au/schools/school-performance-assessment-framework

Replenishing the Arbo

On Friday 24th April, Alf MacDonald along with Judy Murphy from the Cassowary Coast Regional Council and eight year 8 students planted 60 native trees in the arboretum. After the TSHS Jubilee last year a former student Kerry Livingstone approached Alf MacDonald with the idea of revegetating the arboretum. Kerry’s father Duncan Clarke was a teacher at Tully High many years ago so she has a long standing connection with the school. After seeing the devastating effects that the cyclone had on the vegetation she put the wheels in motion to start the revegetation process. We would like to thank Judy Murphy for taking the time to teach the students how to plant trees correctly. Judy explained that a lot of the trees are similar to those used for aboriginal ‘bush tucker’. Many thanks must go to Alf Macdonald for co-ordinating the organisation of the trees, the mulch and for helping the students with the planting.
The Challenge Games 29th and 30th 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.

Could expression of interest forms be returned to ILP as soon as possible please.

'First jump of the athletics season! Time to start training for Athletics Day.

Wow! Band camp was a great experience. Everyone loved it.

We practiced our instruments for three hours on the first day, six hours on the second day and on the last day we did our performance. We had a big audience. The food was delicious and we all played a bit of sport. At night we did some activities including choir. Overall we had a great time and made a lot of new friends.

A huge thanks to Ms Hall for taking us.
Tully State High School makes the healthy choice

Tully State High School students are on a mission to reduce their risk of cancer by making the healthy choice the easy choice, as part of Cancer Council Queensland’s free healthy lifestyle program, QUEST. QUEST encourages workplaces, schools, early childhood centres, sports clubs and local governments to join a new online program to reduce their risk of cancer.

QUEST is an action-based acronym to remember the easy steps everyone can take to reduce their risk of cancer: Quit smoking, Understand your body and get checked, Eat healthily and drink less alcohol, Stay SunSmart every day and Take time to be active.

Tully State High School spokesperson Katrina Knight said the school was committed to establishing strategies that helped students and staff reduce their risk of cancer.

“The motivation for joining QUEST stems from the personal desire to educate as many people as possible about the risks of cancer and in particular skin cancer,” Mrs Knight said.

“At Tully State High School we advocate for a change in attitude and knowledge by educating students, staff and the wider community on the effects of the sun and ways they can lead a healthy lifestyle.

“We live in Far North Queensland and statistically, Queensland has the highest rate of skin cancer cases in the world so it’s up to us to help change that.

“It is easier to educate the youth of today about skin cancer prevention if staff themselves are aware of the risks and actively promote and model a healthy sun safe approach.”

Mrs Knight said Tully State High School was also developing a Health and Physical Education curriculum to align with recommended activity guidelines. Cancer Council Queensland spokesperson Katie Clift encouraged other organisations and schools to follow the example of Tully State High School and make a real difference in the fight against cancer.

“QUEST aims to equip schools with the information and resources they need, at no cost, to help kids get active, eat healthy, and stay happy - and we commend Tully State High School for taking this first step,” Ms Clift said.

“By working together, we can normalise lifestyle habits for good lifetime health – creating a smoke free Queensland, promoting the availability and enjoyment of healthy, fresh food, exercising to achieve and maintain a healthy weight, being SunSmart and avoiding or limiting alcohol. “We have the potential to prevent up to one-third of cancers in Queensland by supporting one another on the QUEST to be healthier.”

Tully State High School is committed to providing a healthy, supportive environment for its staff and students and encourages others to do the same. One in two Queenslanders will be diagnosed with cancer by age 85, and up to one-third of all cancers can be prevented through healthy lifestyle choices.

P & C Association

We are excited with our new menu at the tuckshop and look forward to the continued improvements in the quantities of food and drink available at both breaks with special orders being taken before 8.45am for those with special dietary requests. Our new menu is on the schools website. Tullyshs.5

Notices & Events

P & C Meeting-3rd Tuesday of every month- 4.30pm in the Library
Maths Tutoring every Thursday in the library 3-4pm starting Week 2
NAPLAN: Week 4: 12th, 13th, 14th May