2015 has been another successful year for the members of the Cattle Stud Show Team. After many weeks of preparation, in what was another late wet season, the students made it into the show ring. Our first show was Cairns, where thirteen of the senior students and eleven cattle competed over the week. The students performed very well in the junior handler and junior judging competitions and brought home ribbons in both events. We also did very well with our stud cattle, receiving numerous ribbons, including “Reserve Champion Bull Calf, under twelve months of age.”

The following week, the entire team of eighteen students competed in Tully, receiving numerous awards for their handling and judging. It is wonderful to witness the efforts of the students coming to fruition, especially as Tully is the first time in the ring for the junior members of the team. With the guidance of their teacher and the more experienced students, the newcomers all successfully presented their animals in the show ring. On Saturday morning, the students were back in the ring for the junior judging competition. The competition involves students judging four animals and placing the class from first to fourth place. This is followed by the students giving an oral appraisal and successfully justifying their choices. I am very pleased to say that all of the students presented themselves well and spoke fluently in the public arena. Team members are very dedicated and spend a lot of time perfecting their skills at training sessions, after school and on the weekends. Clearly, all of their hard work has paid off.

Tully High Excel received the Reserve Champion ribbon again in Tully and was supported by Tully High Helena, who received the award of the Reserve Champion Heifer Calf, under twelve months of age.

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The cattle breeding program and the students continue to ensure our success in the ring and the long term viability of the stud. The stud is proudly self-sufficient, which is quite unique for a government school. We work very hard to provide the students with technological and innovative educational opportunities and to maintain the production of a quality product. The breeding cows commence calving next week and we are looking forward to seeing the results of our artificial breeding program.

I am very proud of the students; they are all winners. To successfully get an animal and themselves into the show ring requires confidence, commitment and determination. The members of the show team are fine ambassadors for the school and being part of the team gives the students skills for life. I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the continued support of Tully Sugar Limited, GF Rural, Mrs Francesca Riding (chaperone) and Mr Sean Fenton and Mr Sam Strutt for their generous donation of cattle transport.

Finally, I would like to thank the wonderful students for all of their efforts and their parents for supporting them in this learning experience. The students are amazing to work with and deserve all the success that comes their way.

Warren J. Giffin
Agriculture Co-ordinator
Maths Quiz

**WEEK 2 ANSWER:** \(888 + 88 + 8 + 8 + 8 = 1000.\)

**WEEK 3 QUIZ:** Use any mathematic operation between the following digits to make the following correct.

\[2 \ 2 \ 2 = 6 \text{ (easy one to start)}\]
\[4 \ 4 \ 4 = 6\]
\[1 \ 1 \ 1 = 6\]

For example
\[3 \ 3 \ 3 = 6 \text{ solution } 3 \times 3 - 3 = 6\]

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**BANANA SMOOTHIE SUCCESS**

The Student Council ran their famous Banana Smoothie stall at the Tully Show again this year. Ably led by Rylee Griffin (President) and Caitlin Welsh (Secretary) and Ms Daniels (Treasurer) the stall was very busy and popular with the locals and visitors looking for a cool relief from the heat. The Student Council were sponsored by Sellars Bananas who donated boxes upon boxes of bananas. A huge thank you to Sellars Bananas for their continued support each year. The Student Council raised just under $1000 for Tully High.

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**QTAC information night**

*11th August, Drama Room 5pm-6pm*

Parents and students who are interested in finding out more about the process of applying to University are invited to attend a QTAC information night on 11th August 5-6pm in the Drama Room. Other information that will also be covered includes: How to order individual preferences, key dates and QTAC fees. For more information you could also look on the QTAC website: [www.qtac.edu.au](http://www.qtac.edu.au)
Instrumental Music News

The instrumental music program is preparing for the end of year Gala Concert. This year the concert will be held on Wednesday, 21st October (time TBA). Please set the date aside for an evening of musical entertainment by the Ulysses Cluster Instrumental Music Students.

Promoting the survey to parents

The annual School Opinion Survey will be conducted between 29 June and 31 July 2015. All families, school staff and a random sample of students will be invited to participate. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how this school can improve.

Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey will be sent home with students’ Report Cards.

Parents/caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online at the school, and school computers will be available at the school library.

Notices & Events

P & C Meeting-3rd Tuesday of every month – 5.15pm in the Library
Maths Tutoring every Thursday in the library 3-4pm
4 August Circus Challenge Show & Workshop for Yr. 7
5 August  Skills Day out @ Tully Show Grounds
7 August District Sports Day