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### NAIDOC Week

Our Indigenous Leaders, along with school staff, have ensured that all our students were able to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Students celebrated NAIDOC Week from Day One of the new term and continued through the week with a range of cultural events and activities. We were honoured to have a very well-known Aboriginal entertainer and comedian, Sean Choolburra, who engaged our students with a discussion of his upbringing and the significance of his culture.

### Leadership Positions

Leadership processes are well under way with nominations, interviews, speeches and voting now completed. To ensure students are aware of the importance of their vote and familiar with the nominees, we commenced this process prior to this term. Congratulations to all those students who put their hands up to be part of this process. School Captains will be announced at the Annual Awards Evening.

### Year 12 Formal

A *Garden Soiree* was the theme for the Year 12 Formal. The spectacular evening started with arrivals in the main internal driveway. A range of vehicles delivered students to a welcoming crowd. The inclement weather was overcome with Principal Mr Graham and Deputy Principal Mrs Bidois greeting students onto the red carpet with the aid of umbrellas. A new element to the event was live streaming student arrivals, with up to 160 viewers joining in.

The MPC was transformed into a rustic garden with timber ladders, wine barrels, a vintage bicycle, garden swing, pellets, fake grass and an abundance of flowers amongst an array of other items. Students and guests were entertained with a visual presentation, awards and a karaoke machine.

Note: to view TSHS 2020 Formal photos below, please click on the first photo.

### TSHS 2020 Formal



### Alligator's Day Out

After the Formal last term, the Year 12s were treated to a rest day at Alligator's Nest. The day involved sunbaking, a freezing swim and a good feed cooked by Mr Ambrum and Mr Menzies. It was a relaxing end to the term.



### Fowler's Cup School Netball Carnival

On Thursday 10 September, a Tully High representative team travelled to Cairns to compete in the Fowler's Cup Netball Carnival. The team was entered in the Year 8/9 division. This was the most supported division, with three pools. Tully drew pool A, a very strong pool. The team played six games on the day, finishing with five wins and a loss. As three teams finished on the same points, a countback was needed to determine placings; unfortunately, Tully High was relegated to third. The overall winner of the competition was St. Mary's College, Cairns, who Tully High beat by two points in the pool matches. Tully High were the only team to beat the champions.

Congratulations on playing great netball and a huge thank you to the parent helpers on the day.



**Team Members Top:** Stevi Blennerhassett, Stella Berge, Sasha Flegler, Georgia Adams and Livinia Brauer.

**Team Members Bottom:** Hayley Johnston, Ellie Jenkins, Brooke Johnston and Aylssa Patch.



## Made With Love

Among many of the delights of the Senior Formal of 2020, were the delicious desserts created and served by members of Mrs Sloan-Orlandi's Hospitality class, intent on making this an unforgettable occasion.

There was something delectable for every sweet-tooth. The moist *Sticky Date Pudding with Butterscotch Sauce* competed with the rich *Mini Baked Cheesecake*, while the delicate *Meringues with Fresh Fruit Salad and Chantilly Cream* presented a lighter alternative. Equally tempting, as well as gluten-free, the students also offered those hard –to-resist *Chocolate Brownies* that go so well with after dinner coffee.

In the photos you can see part of the team – Dean Watt, Dion Orlandi, Azalea Ivey, Catherine Sharpe and Keyana Ivey – serving guests. Three other members of the class, Manny Guligo, Kasey Gruber and Samuel Ulutui, were busy with their waitering duties elsewhere in the 'Garden'.

Next year it will be their turn to be feted and served!

Thierrine Bromley



## Colour Around the Art Department



This week the Year 8s were tasked with creating a colour wheel that was accurate in colour and skilfully painted. This particular colour wheel shows primary, secondary and split secondary colours and will be consulted to create a number of colour schemes. This is preparation for their upcoming assessment – a fantasy landscape in a

complementary colour scheme, using painting techniques such as sponging, sgraffito and blending, applying the paint with brushes, sponges and palette knives.

A colourful time was had by all.



## Year 10 Drama Primary School Visit

As part of the Year 10 Drama assessment, students from the Year 10 Drama class visited five local primary schools; Fulega State School, El Arish State School, Mission Beach State School and Tully State School. The students performed *Children's Theatre* plays that were written by them in class. The performances were called *Tiffany's Lie*, *Taotie's Tantrum* and *The Magical Waterfalls* and featured a range of characters including, fairies, elves and dinosaurs. All the hard work of the Year 10s was very much appreciated by the young students.



## Year 12 VAP Display

For the Term 3 assessment, Year 12 Visual Arts in Practice students explored the concept of consumerism and artists who work with found objects to communicate a message about our disposable society. They were made aware that although objects are disposed of, they can have more life to give. Through visual mediums, art-making techniques and technologies, discarded objects can be repurposed for visual appeal or a purpose while carrying a message. The 12 VAP class were tasked with designing and creating an assemblage sculpture for display, made entirely out of 'tree-cycled' items. Students used art-making techniques and technologies to create their 'tree-cycled' three dimensional piece, that conveying a message about consumerism.

Ms Willis



**Jake Neville-Sewell**

**Tim Maher**

## News in Design

With the new Design Syllabus students have been challenged to display their design thinking and innovative ideas to some challenging real world design problems. They are constantly designing to meet human needs and wants, and advancing technology, like their rock-climbing devices or technology designs. They have looked at community needs and human behaviours, creating crime stopping solutions, and are currently focusing on sustainability and the employing circular design to environments, services, and products.



**Barney Brook**

A special shout-out to Barney Brook who has been selected as one of only 15 Queensland students to participate in the Creative Generation: Design Program. This is a very exciting opportunity for Barney to collaborate with some very talented designers and students. They are spearheading a design challenge for the Queensland Art Gallery: Gallery of Modern Art to design an interactive space in *Open Studio*, an area that provides insight into the creative processes of contemporary Australian artists.

Congratulations Barney ! We look forward to seeing the end result.

## News in Engineering

The Year 12 Engineering Skills students finished up their last project for the year. The students were particularly innovative with their Anchor and BBQ designs, coming up with well-fabricated final products. We wish them luck as they take out their boats and test their anchors at the Reef, in the sand, or in the river! It is a good thing they made BBQs in the first term so they can cook their catch!

## TULLY SHS YouTube Account Launches

Tully SHS now has an official YouTube account.

There are embedded videos in this email newsletter and many more to come in the future.

Once you have watched the videos, please subscribe to our school YouTube account. Doing so will ensure you are notified every time a new video is uploaded so you can keep current on school events.

And as always with new initiatives, if you have any feedback on what we can do to improve, please contact our account co-ordinators: Mr Graham, Mr Ambrum or Mr Timms.

## Marine Aquatics

Year 12 students were tasked with making an assessment video related to recreational fishing knots. The students created these videos in areas of their passion, from mackerel fishing to spear fishing.

Check out these videos by our Year 12s on the Tully SHS YouTube account.

### *Jemma's Mackerel Rig*

<https://youtube.com/embed/qVMzuPlxYjM?autoplay=0&modestbranding=1&rel=0>

### *Flynn's Mackerel Rig*

<https://youtube.com/embed/iKcgLjtCxd0?autoplay=0&modestbranding=1&rel=0>

### *Brett's F-G knot for Mangrove Jacks*

<https://youtube.com/embed/uAsLT8bR4eQ?autoplay=0&modestbranding=1&rel=0>

### *Ben's Knots for Spearguns*

[https://youtube.com/embed/uo\\_A4oY5vxl?autoplay=0&modestbranding=1&rel=0](https://youtube.com/embed/uo_A4oY5vxl?autoplay=0&modestbranding=1&rel=0)



## Naidoc: 'Always Was, Always will Be'

<https://youtube.com/embed/EJzTD-eK5NM?autoplay=0&modestbranding=1&rel=0>

## Good Start Program for Pacific Islanders

The Good Start Program started on Wednesday the 14 October for our Pacific Island children of Far North Queensland. This program helps our Maori and Pacific Islander children and families to build the skills, knowledge and confidence to eat healthy, and lead healthy lifestyles. It will run for eight weeks on Wednesdays during Period 1 with the help of our own Multicultural Health Care Worker who is based in Cairns. Betsy Misianga is a Tuvaluan and Cook Island descendant, who will be challenging our Cook Island, Maori and Samoan children to drink plenty of water during the next eight weeks. It was a pleasure to welcome Betsy to Tully State High School.



## Mental Health Week

While each day of every week one of the school's foremost concerns is the mental health of the members of its community, last week the SLT made a concerted effort to boost moods and morale.

On *Monday*, we provided coloured chalk and inspiration. Students from all levels wrote affirmations and uplifting quotes on the long brick wall of the Under-Covered Area where handball games are always in progress and the foot traffic is constant. Those eating lunch there now have a vibrant art-scape to gaze at.



On *Tuesday*, we targeted the sweet taste buds - *Sooperdoopers*, snipped and ready to slip down easy, icy-cold, so refreshing!



On *Wednesday*, we provided music and movement, unleashing exuberant energies with a *Just Dance* event. Dancers danced madly, wonderfully, to the beat and off the beat, palpably spreading the joy to onlookers.



On *Thursday*, we turned on the popcorn machine. Long lines formed, patiently waiting for their share. We popped the corn both lunch breaks. No child went without!



And on *Friday*, we barbequed hundreds of sausages. Our assembly line technique - first the bread slice, move to the grilled sausage, then to the squeeze of sauce - worked very well, smiles all around.



We all need the bursts of happiness that these simple events can evoke!

*Thierrine Bromley*

## News from the P & C

### *From the President:*

This year we have certainly seen some challenges across the whole school community. Navigating our way through a year of community lockdowns and the opportunity of home schooling, our children have given many parents a renewed appreciation of what our teachers do for our kids.

Thankfully, we have been able to keep our monthly meetings going, which are held at 3.30pm at the school library on the third Wednesday of each school term month. Parents and Carers are now able to attend meetings via the Zoom platform. Meetings continue to have informative reports from our Principal, Richard Graham, on school activities, but we also have students and teachers attend to present their cases for funding projects around the school.

A small fundraising opportunity was offered to the P&C to run the bar at the visiting *Buddy Holly* show, which turned out to be an enjoyable night for all, and raised around \$500 for our effort.

This year we have continued to be able to help our students, providing financial assistance to Peninsula Sporting teams. We have also contributed funds towards:

- The purchase of legacy item caps in house colours for Year 7 students
- Curtains for the stage in the Multi Purpose Centre
- Seats and tables for students in the newly concreted areas of the school grounds
- New sheet music for the Music Department
- The concreted area at Netball courts outside MPC
- The purchase of marquees for the Sports Department
- The purchase of student lockers for Senior students

- ASDAN student projects – gravelling the road behind Syrmiss hall, and mural painting inside Syrmiss hall

The P&C continues to fund the Citizenship Awards – Junior and Senior – for Awards Night.

The Tuckshop also met some challenges this year with being closed for sometime while we were all in lockdown, and then when reopening, not being able to have volunteers work in the tuckshop. However, the team has worked through all these obstacles and continues to keep the menu fresh, healthy and tasty, which has been reflected in our food sales. This year we have spent some funds replacing older and faulty freezers, and insulating the walkways around the tuckshop, so it will be cooler in the summer months. The menu was also reviewed and pricing compared to other school tuckshops. Only a few items had to be increased in price and we discovered that our menu is one of the cheapest in North Queensland!

Thanks to Nancy Vecchio (Convenor), Janice Irwin (Assistant), Michele Gilholm (Assistant) and the volunteers who have provided a wonderful menu for students. The Tuckshop is now able to utilise our dedicated volunteers for Term 4 and into the future, but we could always use a little extra help. If you could spare 2–3 hours in the morning just one day a term to help out in the Tuckshop please contact us. The Tuckshop is our main revenue raiser and the volunteer work enables the P&C to return funds to the students and school.

The Uniform shop is open on Wednesday mornings from 8 to 9am and run by our assistant Michele Gilholm. Last year we trialed a mobile uniform shop at the Cluster Primary Schools for the exiting grade 6s at the end of Term 4. This was received well by both parents and the schools and we hope to bring this to the primary schools again this year. A phone has also now been connected into the uniform shop, so calls may now be directed to this dedicated phone line.

Finally, a huge thank you to the Executive Team – Tammy Sloan, Trish Ryan, and Helen Lauridsen – we will only move forward if we do so together. Thank you for your hard work and the commitment that executive roles call for.

*Serving Tully High as President*

*Wendy Finlayson*

### **Tuckshop Report**

Terms 2 and 3 – Tuckshop was managed solely by our core staff of Mrs Nancy Vecchio, Mrs Jan Irwin and Mrs Michele Gilholm, due to Covid-19 pausing the much appreciated and needed extra help of our amazing parent volunteers.

Term 4 – We extend a very warm *welcome back* to our volunteers and we are very grateful for their time in



helping us meet the high demand of lunches for our students and staff. We cook and prepare fresh and healthy food daily in our Tuckshop, baking all of our muffins and slices too, and offering a vast selection of items.

As you can see below our chicken burgers are, by far, the most popular food item on the menu. In total, we make 924 serves of food each week- 185 serves a day for our hungry kids!



Come and join us in our organised, friendly, relaxed and welcoming Tuckshop environment! Volunteers are always needed and always appreciated. Come once a month or even once a term- 8:30-11:00am is ideal, and you're free to take a meal and a drink as our thanks. All proceeds from the Tuckshop go towards the students of our school, and we are so proud to be able to help Tully High be an ever-improving school for our students.

Top 5 Foods made each week in the Tully High Tuckshop:

- Chicken Burger -305
- Pizza pieces- 144
- Garlic Bread- 100
- Butter Chicken -95
- Burrito's -60

## School Based Youth Health Nurse (SBYHN) - Sue Skinner



Our Registered Nurse, Sue Skinner, is employed by Queensland Health within the Cassowary Area Community Health. Sue is based at Tully High School every Tuesday and is available for students from Years 7 to 12.

The School Based Youth Health Nurse Program (SBYHNP) is a partnership initiative between Queensland Health and Education Queensland (EQ). Its aim is to help young people make a safe transition into adulthood, while laying the foundations for health-promoting behaviours and attitudes, which continue through the lifespan. This is achieved through the provision of health information, advice and support for individuals, the school community and the wider community in relation to young people's health issues.

The SBYHN works within the school community on a range of issues that can affect the health and wellbeing of the young people and school community. This can include helping with the curriculum, teaching and learning activities, promoting health and wellbeing to support the development of a healthy school environment, and working with the community and other services to connect young people and their families with the support they need.

The SBYHN is available for young people to talk to about a range of health and wellbeing issues which include:

- Healthy eating and exercise
- Healthy skin
- Feeling unhappy, stressed or scared
- Relationships
- Personal or family problems
- Sexual health
- Smoking, alcohol and other drugs
- Growth and development

Young people have a right to confidentiality when accessing health services. Your SBYHN respects this, but there are some matters they must refer or act upon. This will be discussed with the young person when they first meet with the nurse. The SBYHN is employed by Queensland Health and health information is not shared with the school without consent.

Sometimes other services may be able to provide the best or most appropriate help or support for the young person, and if so, the SBYHN will discuss options and connect with the appropriate services.

The SBYHN does not provide:

- Medical treatments or first aid
- Medications
- Physical examinations
- Ongoing counselling for psychological problems

For any of the above, the young person will need to connect with the family doctor.

### Sue Skinner SBYHN

A little bit about me.....

I am a registered nurse, completing my general training and paediatric nursing in the UK, and my midwifery in Sydney. I have worked in the UK, New Zealand, New South Wales, Victoria, Northern Territory and Queensland; as a paediatric nurse at the Children's Hospital in Sydney; and then as a Nurse Unit Manager of children's wards at Murwillumbah, Ballarat and Townsville. In the last few years I have also worked in Emergency and Neonatal Intensive Care. I completed a Master of Nursing, focusing on health issues for young people from a clinical, management and educational perspective.

My passion is ensuring all children and young people have access to exceptional health care where they are valued, recognised and respected.

My aim in the SBYHN role is to advocate for young people, promote participation in health and wellness, and contribute to decision-making that impacts on young people.

I enjoy the vast Australian landscape, riding my bike, playing the guitar, listening to music, overseas travel and spending time with my partner and my two beautiful dogs.

## Are you looking for work ?

### Apprenticeship

*CleanCo Queensland* offers a mechanical apprenticeship at our Kareeya Hydro Electric Power Station every second year and we are now searching for a new apprentice to join our team in January 2021.

This role is advertised [here](#).

Please note that the Power Station is located in the Tully Gorge and *CleanCo* provides its employees with daily transport from a central location in Tully.

**All applications must be received prior to the 4 November 2020.**

### Banana Farm Holiday Work Available for Yr 11 & 12 students:

Please email Mrs McAvoy ([jmcav12@eq.edu.au](mailto:jmcav12@eq.edu.au)) or see her in the office to get your name on the list by **30 October 2020**.

### Longer Term: Farm Work Available

This work opportunity is ideal for anyone who doesn't have work or who have university lined up.

There are positions such as forklift operators on the farm, which will include training and are long term positions. With fewer backpackers here, farms are finding it hard to get workers. See Mrs McAvoy in the office or email [jmcav12@eq.edu.au](mailto:jmcav12@eq.edu.au) to get on the list by **23 October 2020**.

### Potential Admin Traineeship at prominent Tully Business

Students interested in pursuing a career in admin / business should speak to Mrs McAvoy ([jmcav12@eq.edu.au](mailto:jmcav12@eq.edu.au)) about an opportunity that is coming up in Tully for a school based Traineeship by

**23 October 2020.**

## Notices

**All Senior School students (Years 10-12)** wanting work experience will need to see Mrs McAvoy in the office by November 13th to get the process started - **DON'T LEAVE IT TO THE LAST MINUTE SO YOU DON'T MISS OUT**

## "The Golden Legion of Cleaners"

The Gumboot Theatre company are performing *The Golden Legion of Cleaners* at El Arish hall on the following dates:

- Friday 23 October: **7.30pm**
- Saturday 24 October: **2pm and 7.30pm**
- Sunday 25 October: **2pm**

The play stars five of our extremely talented staff- Linda, Lydia, Rhiannon, Blake and Kazz.

This is an event not to miss! Tickets available at *Tully Drapery*.

