6 November 2013

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

On Wednesday October 30, I attended our school’s annual Awards Night and was so proud of our students’ achievements. A huge thankyou to our special guests, parents, students and staff for another successful awards night!

2013 ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT

ANNOUNCING OUR 2014 SCHOOL CAPTAINS

2014 SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Connor Bennett
Ashleigh Ford
Alexander Kennedy
Chloe Tarr

2014 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

President – Candice Meyrick
Shelmila Schmidt
Emily Burchmann
Brandon Poll

2014 HOUSE CAPTAINS

Alinta
Hayley Chapman
Isabel Castrillejo
Vincent Ong
Aramis Ahdizadeh-Rios

Bambara
Natalie Bloomer
Racquel Burgoyne
Lochlan Zaky-McEnroe
Travis Kinnear

Kiata
Brendan Bassett-Niebling
Tyler Andrews
Tiama Hewitt-Ruhle
Kyah Feeney

Wooroonga
Joanna Purvis
Erin Hawkins
Asta Charlton
Ryan Fardy

2014 SPORT CAPTAINS

Liam Cessford
Claudia Werahiko
Tiffany Samain-Venning
Tia Herd

ARTS CAPTAINS

Krysten Moore
Ian Gorman

SPECIAL AWARDS

Australian Defence Force Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Awards
Year 10 Chelsea Ham and Year 12 Nicola Cowin-McAllum

RNA Young Winemaker Award - Year 12 Kayla Sibley

Banksia Award and Student Bursary - Year 12 Ellie Buchan

Vocational Education and Training Award - Year 12 Jaydon Callon

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year - Year 11 Kandice Bolt

Greg Jones Memorial Award - Year 10 Glenn Arbon

Cultural Excellence Award - Year 12 Lauren Friis

Outstanding Citizenship Award –Year 12 Yacine Khouzami

Caltex Tullawong All Rounder Achiever Award - Year 12 Lydia Jahnke

Outstanding Achievement in Studies Award (Dux) - Year 12 Joshua Stewart

Champion House - KIATA with 23.4% of the points!

AWARDS NIGHT PROGRAM

Please open our Awards Night Program attachment for all award recipients.

YEAR 7 OPEN DAY

On Tuesday September 8, approximately 140 Year 7 and 25 Year 6 students participated in our Open Day. This year, QUT’s Engineering, Exercise Science, Science and Mathematics Departments provided facilitators for the activities. Students learnt about yeast’s role in winemaking, tessellation constructions, forces involved in building tall spaghetti towers and the effect of exercise on the body. Students met with Year 9 and 10 mentors for a “scavenger hunt” tour of the school. House Leaders explained Tullawong culture and school
expectations. Student behaviour was excellent, and we are looking forward to their next visit at the end of the year.

YEAR 8 CAMP

Held at Stanley Rivers Environmental Education Centre at Hazeldean, our Year 8 Camp was a fantastic success. The purpose of the camp was to build resilience in our students and to show them how to work as a team. Our 53 Year 8s who attended rose to the challenge. They participated in all events from orienteering, canoeing, building and firing catapults, teamwork challenges and created fashion-plates from garbage bags. They even cooked their dinner in a camp oven and made their own damper and butter. Even without electronic devices, the internet and TV, we had a ton of fun, and learnt so much. One of our students summed it up when she said “we bonded”.

YEAR 9 CAMP

Year 9 Camp is on from 11 to 13 November at the Stanley Rivers Environmental Education Centre. The purpose of this camp is to build leadership skills, and the canoeing component will feature a longer trek, spending most of the day on the water. Sun safety is extremely important, and students will need to bring a broad brimmed hat, long sleeved cotton shirt/ rash shirt and long leg shorts or ¾ length pants. It will be a fantastic opportunity, culminating in the Great Canoe Race - a 3 hour paddling marathon. Year 8’s - save your pennies so that you can be part of this next year!

JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL FINAL TRANSITION EXPERIENCE FOR 2013

The final transition day will be held for year 7 students on Tuesday November 26. Once again, students will attend classes throughout the school and have the opportunity to speak with current Year 8 students. This event will commence and 9.30 am and conclude at 12:30 pm. Students will need to make their own transportation arrangements to and from the program. It will be a special time and only students already enrolled for 2013 may attend. We look forward to working with our future students!

QCS TEST IN SEPTEMBER

Last month, our Year 12 students completed their Queensland Core Skills test. This significant test contributes to their OP (Overall Position) for university entrance. We have spent the last 18 months working with the Year 12 students both in class and through special lessons to ensure they were well prepared. On both mornings the teachers prepared a hearty cooked breakfast for all participants to ensure they were well nourished and relaxed. It was evident on both days that whilst our year 12’s had a sense of anticipation and a small dose of nerves, they were confident and well prepared to do their very best. We now await their results in early December.

MOOTING COMPETITION

Back in mid July 2013, the Business Department was sent an invitation to take part in the QUT Faculty of Law High School Mooting Competition. Three students from Year 11 and 12 Legal Studies classes were invited by their teacher to take participate in the competition. These students were: Year 12 – Sarah Troedson, Year 11 – Connor Bennett and Chelsea Crammond (Chelsea was unable to attend due to surgery). The problem was released on Monday August 5, 2013. In that same week we were allocated our law student mentors. Tullawong State High School was assigned Alison Louise and Ramon Cayamanda to help mentor our team. Alison and Ramon are both law students within the Faculty of Law, who had extensive legal and mooting knowledge. We would like to publicly thank them for the many hours they gave to help us with both our oral and written submissions.

Once the problem was released to students, they then had to develop a two page outline of submissions and an oral argument of up to 20 minutes. Every Tuesday afternoon was spent with their teacher and university mentors dissecting the problem and applying the law to it. Students also gave up two days of their school holidays to work on the problem. The mooting competition was held on Saturday October 12 from 8am – 3pm and Sunday October 13 from 8am – 8pm.

The distinguished judging panel from day one of the mooting competition, which included judges from many Brisbane law firms, determined that our team would progress to the quarter finals. Unfortunately, we did not advance in the oral section of the competition after this round. However, we did attend the grand final which saw Brisbane Boys Grammar and Kelvin Grove High School compete. Kelvin Grove High School was the victor in the oral submissions. We were very pleased to be announced as second place from sixteen other schools for our written submissions, a wonderful feat for our first ever mooting competition!

Sarah and Connor were also invited to the QUT Faculty of Law ‘Crime Club’ Competition, where university students investigate a crime using the skills learned in their justice degree and then prosecute their chosen offender with the techniques gained in the law degree. This prosecution takes place in the Queensland Supreme Court in Brisbane in front of a Supreme Court judge against a real barrister. Two students from Tullawong State High School were invited to sit on the jury for one of the two prosecutions that happened on Friday October 25.

A big thank you must go to the people who supported our students throughout the competition and also on the weekend of the competition. It was wonderful for the students to have this support on these days. Thanks to our Principal - Mrs Deb Murphy, Business Teacher – Brett Stout, and our two university mentors Alison and Ramon. Also thanks for the many text messages and phone calls from our HOD of Business/IT – Shona Hall, Business Teacher – Lisa Rudd and Wooroonga...
House Leader – Mel Horton. The students appreciated it all. My biggest thanks goes to my students, Sarah and Connor especially, who worked tirelessly to be prepared for this competition. I was proud of these 2 students as they represented our school at the competition. They were given continual praise on both their oral and written submissions earning scores consistently in the low 90s out of a possible 100.

Debbie Coleman
Legal Studies Teacher

CERTIFICATE IV IN JUSTICE STUDIES
What an achievement in it’s first year of being offered to Tullawong legal students

I am very proud to announce that all seven of our Year 12 Legal Studies students, who took up the opportunity to increase their learning pathways after school, have now all successfully completed the two year course in just ONE year! Their dedication and commitment to seeing this, added learning through to its completion is exemplary. There are currently eight Year 11 Legal Studies students enrolled in the course and they are well on their way to attaining their Certificate IV’s by the end of next year. The course costs $600 (a massive saving to how much it would cost at TAFE after school finishes) and students are able to access help from the Course Co-ordinator Amanda Paton and their legal studies teachers. The benefits are well worth the effort. Students are guaranteed a place in the Bachelor of Justice Studies course at USC after Year 12 and OP scores are increased by completing the course successfully. Some students are using this certificate course as a stepping stone to their future careers. Another advantage is, after completion, a student is credited with eight QCE points. Choosing to study Legal Studies at school allows the student to be credited with three modules that are completed in the normal course of the subject. This leaves only seven modules to be completed to gain the certificate. If anyone is interested in this exciting opportunity please see Miss Coleman in staffroom 5.

Chloe Clark, Bayley Whitfield, Nicola Cowin, Declan Hawes, Kody Hunt, Kaitlyn Chapman, Brooklynn Ellson.

SENIOR MUSIC

On Friday November 1, Senior Music and Certificate II Music students were treated to a visit from Tullawong Music Alumni Sinead Burgess. Sinead graduated in 2007 and was signed worldwide to Island Records early in her career. She has written and recorded with some of the world’s top songwriters and musicians and has recently returned from a promotional tour of the US and Europe. She has recently released the singles Rearview Mirror and Goodnight America. Our year 11 and 12 students participated in a Q&A session on the music industry with Sinead, followed by showcasing some of their performances for her. We are excited to announce that Sinead will be performing in our Music Night on Friday November 8 in the Performing Arts Auditorium, along with a number of other notable music alumni as part of the Alumni Band. Music Night will showcase the work of our Music, Music Extension and Certificate II Music students and Contemporary Bands.

ARTS & CULTURAL AWARDS NIGHT

On Wednesday the October 16, we held our inaugural Arts and Cultural Awards Night at Tullawong State School Hall. The evening celebrated our Arts and Cultural Successes for the year with performances from Dance, Drama and Music, an Art Exhibition and presentations from Film and TV. Students were presented with Gold, Silver and Bronze Arts and Cultural Awards and the evening was compered by our Arts Captains Brad Columbine and Lauren Friis. We also presented our troupe and band leaders for 2014 on the night.

Congratulations to our very talented students!

CULTURAL EXCELLENCE AWARD – Lauren Friis

DRAMA

Most Valued Troupe Member – Cayla Clark
Tullawong Stage Presence Awards – Joshua Jewkes and Jsyha Elers
Most Promising Junior Dramatroupe members – Gemma Edgeworth and Lucinda Norris
Tullawong Actor of the Year – Yacine Khouzami
Most Valued Troupe Member – Cayla Clark

VISUAL ART

Most Promising Junior Artist – William Crain
Tullawong Creative Artist of the Year – Chantelle Wright
Tullawong Visual Artist of the Year – Erica Badke

DANCE/DANCE EXTENSION

Most Valuable Troupe Member Awards (for each troupe) Chelsea Ham, Brooke Hyndes & Tiah Witt
Most Improved Dance Extension
Year 8 - Monique Kennedy
Year 9 - Bella Jahinke
Year 10 - Chloe Shorter
Year 11 - Kelly Varley
Year 12 - Holly Gammage

Tullawong Dancer of the Year – Lauren Friis

MUSIC/MUSIC EXTENSION

Most Promising Junior Musician – Tahnia Greenough
Contemporary Band Awards – Merrick Fleetwood & Krysten Moore
Tullawong Composer of the Year – Joshua Maier
Tullawong Instrumentalist of the Year – Joshua Stewart
Tullawong Vocalist of the Year – Siona Spooner

CREATIVE GENERATION STATE SCHOOLS ONSTAGE

Sheldyn Everson
Bella Jahnke
Lexie Hatchman
Shae Noorman
Tahlia Noorman
Emma Vidoni

CREW RECOGNITION AWARDS

The Backstage Crew
Dana Stevenson
Teagan Bridson
Lydia Jahnke
Tia Herd

The Tech Crew
Brad Columbine
Jacob Fox
Joshua Maier
Samuel Doust
Blake Potter-Smith

The FOH Crew
Natalie
Natalie
Cassandra
Burchmann
Lythall-Abel
Riley
Katie Cleminson
Jasmine Rielly
Krystal Dillon
Brittany Jordan

BRONZE ARTS AND CULTURAL AWARDS

Loren Arbon
Natasha Bates
Jant
Bubke-Gourley
Tyshika Budd
Natalie
Burchman
Ben Clark
Brandon Cook
Britney
Cross-Sims
Rhys Davies
Amber Dwyer

SILVER ARTS AND CULTURAL AWARDS

Tamiya
Adams-Tipping
Tahia Allinson
Taylor Bass
Kathryn Denny
Jess Eccles
Maxine
Ellem-O’Brien
Julia Fazio
Riley Field
Tristan Fleetwood
Jacob Fox
Samantha
Fox-Hegarty

GOLD ARTS AND CULTURAL AWARDS

Brad
Columbine
Katie Courtney
Sheldyn
Eerson
Jessica Friis
Lauren Friis
Chelsea Ham
Lexie
Hatchman
Tori Herd
Jahnke Isabella
Elisha
Makepeace
Tahlia Noorman
Letitia Patton
Rachel Russell
Chloe Shorter

2014 PERFORMING ARTS LEADERS

Junior Dance Troupe Leaders - Chelsea Robertson, Ebony Keegan, Monique Kennedy & Jodie Hammermeister
Senior Dance Troupe Leaders - Chloe Tarr and Claudia Werahiko
Senior Dance Troupe Vice Captain - Kianah Witt
Dramatroupe Leaders - Joshua Jewkes, Sarah Murray & Brendan Mackie
Contemporary Band Leaders - Tristan Fleetwood, Ian Gorman & Krysten Moore

DANCE NIGHT 2013

Students in the Dance and Dance Extension Program performed in their annual Dance Night in two sold out shows on 19 and 20 September. The audience was dazzled by the professional standard of the performances and enjoyed a diverse range of dances from ballet to musical theatre. Students from Year 8 to 12 shared the stage in over twenty-three dance performances which entertained and moved the crowd.

On the Friday Night, awards were given to students from each grade who had demonstrated a vast improvement in their dance studies throughout the year. These students were:

- Year 8: Monique Kennedy
- Year 9: Bella Jahnke
- Year 10: Chloe Shorter
- Year 11: Kelly Varley
- Year 12: Holly Gammage.

Lauren Friis was also awarded the prestigious Dancer of the Year Award to congratulate her on her outstanding commitment to dance in 2013.

Miss Wells and Miss Gray-Hanna would like to thank all of the dance students who put in hours of their own time to rehearse and prepare over twenty-three dances for the night, the Junior and Senior Dance Troupe Leaders, the families who have supported the Dance and Dance Extension Program and staff and administration who came to watch the evening, help out and lend their support. Every single one of you is greatly appreciated and we can’t wait to do it all again in 2014.
MURRUMBA DANCE CHALLENGE

On Friday October 11, 43 Dance Extension students travelled to Clontarf Beach State High School to perform in the annual Murrumba Dance Challenge. Our Junior and Senior Dance Troupe competed against other schools in the district including Morayfield, Dakabin, Pine Rivers and many more.

The Junior Troupe performed their side splitting funny “My Generation” and The Senior Troupe performed the dynamic “Beautiful People” and stood out for their professionalism, complexity of choreography and use of facial expressions.

Both troupes received awards for timing, technique, specialty moves and choreography. When final placings were presented, “The Beautiful People” performance was awarded first in the Senior category and the two troupes accumulated enough points to achieve the overall school champions!

What an amazing feat for our Junior and Senior Dance Troupes at Tullawong!

SOUTH EAST QLD PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL

On Friday October 12, students from the Dance Extension Program competed in the South East Queensland Performing Arts Festival at Tullawong State School against other high schools from the district.

Students performed beautifully and acted with professionalism throughout the day. The students achieved the following results throughout the day:

| Year 10 Dance Extension: ‘Gravity’ | First Place |
| Year 10 Dance Extension: ‘Girls Just Wanna Have Fun’ | Second Place |
| Year 11 Dance Extension: ‘This Year’s Love’ | Very Highly Commended |
| Year 11 Dance Extension: ‘History Repeating’ | Very Highly Commended |
| Year 11 Dance Extension: ‘Nine til Five’ | Second Place |
| Year 12 Dance Extension: ‘Radioactive’ | Second Place |
| Year 12 Extension: ‘Figure 8’ | Very Highly Commended |
| Year 12 Dance Extension: ‘Diamonds’ | Third Place |
| Year 12 Dance Extension: ‘Saved’ | Third Place |
| Senior Dance Troupe: ‘The Beautiful People’ | First Place |
| Junior Dance Troupe: ‘My Generation’ | First Place |

Congratulations to all the students involved. We wish our students competing with solos and duo, the best of luck!

MUSIC NIGHT 2013

LEUKAEMIA FOUNDATION ANNUAL DINNER

On Saturday October 26 the Hospitality Department had the privilege of being invited to cater for the Leukaemia Foundation Caboolture Branch Annual Dinner. With over 200 people in attendance, the teachers and students performed under tough conditions (only one oven), to prepare and serve nibbles followed by alternate drop entrees, mains and desserts. The menu consisted of home-made dips, pear and walnut salad or bacon infused pumpkin soup, Guinness pie or lemon myrtle chicken breast with seasonal vegetables, custard filled profiteroles or apple and blueberry spring rolls. The desserts were donated by local businesses and were assembled by Keegan from Hogsbreath Café with the assistance of some of our students.

In the past, the catering for this event has been prepared by qualified chefs. The members and guests of the Leukaemia Foundation could not believe the quality of the food, the conduct of our students and our overall organisational skills which were used to pull this event together. This was the largest function we have ever undertaken and the accolades that we received, made it all very worthwhile.

The teachers and students were presented with gifts of appreciation and the Hospitality Department received two good quality food processors and a crepe maker. Two of our students were even offered work experience by one of our local businesses and are very excited about the opportunity in the near future. The students enjoyed participating in a ‘real-life’ event and were happy to volunteer their time to help out a local charity. Thanks must go to Michelle Sheppard, Narelle Keegan and Karen Eldridge for leading the team on the night and to Kristen Bright for her assistance with food preparation leading up to the event.
BOOK REVIEW:

‘PARTIALS’
BY TAHNIA GREENOUGH A09B

The book ‘Partials’ by Dan Wells is an excellent book. It is well written and the story line is so exciting it is hard to put the book down.

This book is based on the sheer hope and desperation of a 16 year old girl named Kira trying to save her dying race. In the book the human race was almost destroyed by a virus that was thought to have originated from the man-made beings called Partials and the virus is still killing; all children born in this plagued world die after 3 days. Kira Walker worked at the hospital maternity ward where she had to observe all the babies as they died in the hope that one was immune to the plague. None ever are though. When she discovers that her best friend is pregnant Kira decides that she cannot allow that child to die, so she sets off with some of her friends to capture a Partial and find a cure for the disease covering the world.

The reader is drawn closer to the characters by the incredible use of imaginative settings and the tasks that they overcome to reach their goal. Every time that the characters are forced into a dangerous situation the combined team effort and the ingenuity of the team members creates an unexpected plan is always created. An example of this is when trapped in Manhattan and being hunted by Partial soldiers the group blow up the rooms and hallways of the building their in at the risk of their own lives to try to escape.

This story helps demonstrate the importance of hope, perseverance and teamwork throughout the story. This book takes the reader on a journey deep into the hearts of those in the world that the characters both good and bad are trying to save; the Partials world, and the world that the humans have created to protect themselves. This book is an excellent choice for those older teenagers who love stories full of adventure. Dan Wells does a wonderful job creating the excitement that keeps the reader hooked.

ASSIGNMENTS STARTING TO PILE UP!

Don’t forget to check out the Library Spot.

Also the following resources can be accessed from home (Usernames & passwords can be found in the school diary.):

- Worldbook Online
- eLibrary
- Online reference generator
- Studyskills handbook

CYBER SAFETY TIPS:

With the school holidays getting closer it is important to be thinking about cyber safety; this includes passwords and how we use our digital devices, posting photos etc.

CERTIFICATE III FITNESS DAY

At the end of term 3, the Certificate III Fitness group undertook another fitness day where they experienced more activities from the fitness industry. At first they travelled to the PCYC in Caboolture for some boxing fitness classes. While being put through their paces and picking up some boxing technique pointers, the students learnt how to use the bags and the focus pads. They then travelled to Bribie Island and took part in a beach boot camp. While the weather and the setting were both perfect, the soft sand made the going hard. The students got to experience many different activities that they can incorporate into their repertoires in the future as they train others. The highlight was the use of the heavy rope, which is timely as the school has recently purchased one of our own for the Fitness classes to use. We look forward to their next instalment as the students continue finalising their requirements for their Certificate III.

RHEE TAE KWON-DO

Rhee Tae Kwon-Do is inviting students from Tullawong High to attend Tae Kwon-Do classes on a “free trial basis for a night, a week or even a month”! Classes are run by qualified Black Belt and Blue Card Certified Instructors. Fun and fitness for the whole family to enjoy!

As an introductory offer to Tullawong High students, Rhee Tae Kwon-Do is offering a free uniform (valued at $65) until the end of November for students who commit to joining their classes.

Classes are held at Tullawong Primary School Hall on Monday and Thursday at 6pm – 7pm.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILY – IT’S FUN!

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in January 2014. Students from Switzerland, Finland, the Netherlands, Brazil, Italy, Japan and Thailand are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family.

“Another excellent experience for the family. We learned a lot about Italy. Virginia was very helpful and cooperative at home. It is a wonderful thing to give people new experience. Virginia had never eaten mango, been to ten pin bowling or held a crocodile or koala. This is the part I enjoyed most about the exchange experience. Virginia will never forget Australia.” - Susan and Anthony, host parents of Virginia (Italy)

It’s easier than you think and a fantastic experience for all! Find out more!
To help you make this important decision, contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family:

Sylvia Kelly, Manager Inbound Exchange Programs

**Phone:** 1300 884 733  
**Email:** wep@wep.org.au  
**Online:** www.wep.org.au

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**SLEEP – ARE OUR STUDENTS GETTING ENOUGH OF IT?**

Teenagers need regular sleep – at least 8 hours a night. Scientific research shows why. Like a janitor sweeping the halls after the lights go out, major changes occur in the brain during sleep to flush out waste and ward off disease, researchers say. The research in the journal Science offers new answers to explain why we spend a third of our lives asleep.

In lab experiments on mice, researchers observed how cellular waste was flushed out via the brain’s blood vessels into the body’s circulatory system and eventually the liver. The process is sped along during sleep because the brain’s cells shrink by about 60 per cent, allowing the fluid to move faster and more freely through the brain. The whole operation takes place in what researchers call the glymphatic system, which appears to be nearly 10 times more active during sleep than while awake.

‘The brain only has limited energy at its disposal,’ said lead science author Maiken Nedergaard. ‘You can think of it like having a house party. You can either entertain the guests or clean up the house, but you can’t really do both at the same time.’

Be wary of students having electronic devices such as laptops, mobile phones, x-boxes, televisions in their bedrooms. These distractions can excite the brain and limit sleep. Other research suggests that the blue light from screens triggers our brains into thinking it is daytime!

School results improve with regular sleep at night.

*Mrs Wilkie – Teaching and Learning HOD*