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## Principal's Report

### 2014 - Focused, Alert and Achieving

*2014 is the Year of Results for Tullawong State High. The entire staff and I are committed to a year of high achievement and improved results for our students. Expectations of our students in all areas of schooling for 2014 are high and we hold a firm belief that they will meet those expectations. Commitment, diligence and aspiration will be the keys to their success.*

We have enjoyed a very settled and positive start to the 2014 school year. I am very proud of our students in these first few weeks of the term. They are well prepared and focused on understanding the expectations and requirements of the subjects they are undertaking this semester.

I would like to thank our parents and carers for your support in preparing our students for the 2014 school year. Beginning the term with books, equipment, computers and correct uniform makes a great difference to the success of our students. The effort and sacrifices you have made to ensure the best start is sincerely appreciated.

### Target Setting

Each student from Year 8 to Year 12 is currently reviewing their 2013 Semester 2 results and negotiating an achievement target in every subject with their teachers. A summary of each student's targets for Semester 1 will be posted home by 17 March. Students will identify personal strategies to assist their progress as they work toward their targets for the remainder of the semester. Semester 2 targets will be based on Semester 1 results and posted home in August.

### 2014 E-Learning and Technology

This year we have significantly increased the availability of laptops and tablets for our students. Tullawong is one of 3 ADOBE trial schools in Queensland. Six of our teachers are currently undertaking training and development to become ADOBE Education Leaders. Another 20 teachers are trained within the Microsoft Academy and a number of teachers are working to attain their digital pedagogical licenses this year. I encourage you to participate in the Tullawong Laptop Program and support your student to access the opportunities available in learning with take home digital devices. Please contact Shona Hall, Head of Department IT and Business, if you require further information.

## Year 8 Camp

Our Year 8 students are on Camp this week at Stanley River. The camp program is focussed on literacy and numeracy. English and Maths teachers have developed a program to engage students in literacy and numeracy activities in a challenging environment that promotes risk taking, higher order thinking, team work and reflection.

## Student Leadership Induction

This week we celebrate student leadership at Tullawong with the induction of our 2014 School Captains and student leaders. Principals from our local schools, along with our P & C President, Mr Andy Carl, will join us to present badges and witness the oaths our senior students make as a sign of their commitment to our school, its values and traditions.

I look forward to working with you this year to firmly establish Tullawong State High as a school that delivers continuous improvement and the best results for its students.

## OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Josh Stewart, 2013 Year 12 student, for achieving an OP1 and being awarded a \$25,000 Scholarship from QUT to further his studies. Josh was an exemplary student who received numerous Academic Gold Awards, including being named 2013 DUX of Tullawong State High School.

## BUSINESS SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT

Welcome back for 2014. Thank you to all parents/caregivers who have paid their fees for 2014 or who have negotiated payment plans.

If you have not returned the Student Resource Scheme forms that were posted home during the holidays, please return them to the Cashier as soon as possible. If you did not receive the forms in the mail please collect another copy from the Cashier window.

The cost of the Student Resource Scheme for 2014 is \$220. Instalments dates are as follows:

- 1st Instalment \$120 – 31 January 2014
- 2nd Instalment \$50 – 28 February 2014
- 3rd Instalment \$50 – 28 March 2014

Once your first instalment has been made, students can then go to the Library and textbooks will be issued, providing all textbooks from previous years have been returned. Please be

aware that outstanding fees from previous years will result in your student's non-participation in extra-curricular activities i.e. Sporting activities, excursions, Year 12 Formal and Senior Jersey.

## PAYMENT OPTIONS

- BY PHONE:** Please call (07) 5428 5215 Monday to Friday between 8.00am and 3.00pm and have your credit card details ready.
- BY MAIL:** Payment by Credit Card, Cheque or Money Order. Cheques and Money Orders to be made payable to Tullawong State High School. Post to Tullawong State High School, PO Box 1129, Caboolture 4510
- IN PERSON:** Payment can be made at the school office Monday to Friday between 8.00am and 3.00pm
- INTERNET BANKING:** Direct Deposit to **BSB:** 064-405 **Account:** 10103279 **Ref:** Student Surname and invoice number
- BY CENTREPAY:** Accounts may be paid through a Centrelink Deduction.  
Please request a Centrepay form from the accounts office and return to the cashier for processing

Our school is aware that circumstances may arise which may make payment difficult. We have developed a payment plan process to accommodate these situations. Payment Plan enquiries should be directed to the accounts office.

The Cashiers Office hours are 8.00am – 3.00pm Monday to Friday. Payment and account enquiries can only be made during these hours.

**Nicole Burger**  
**Business Services Manager**

## “SOARING TO GREAT HEIGHTS IN THE FAST LANE!”

Our school's annual Swimming Carnival was held at the Burpengary Aquatic Centre on February 3. “Out to Sea” was the dress code for the day. Congratulations to all the students and staff for all their efforts on a successful day!

Results: **CONGRATULATIONS TO**

**WINNING HOUSE - KIATA!**  
**Second - ALINTA**  
**Third - BAMBARA**  
**Fourth - GARAGAH**  
**Fifth - WOOROONGA**



## YEAR 11 and 12 VET

Year 11 and 12 students have already harvested the vineyard and begun winemaking for the 2014 vintage.

Students were involved in crushing, de-stemming and pressing the grapes. They also learnt about the fermentation process and will conduct many tests over the year in the production of the wine.



## DANCE REPORT

### Dance Extension

2014 is off to a flying start The Dance Extension staff and students are looking forward to another successful and eventful year to build upon, the already prestigious reputation of Tullawong's Dance Extension.



Thirty-five of our Dance Extension students who successfully auditioned for our performance teams last year, have started rehearsing for our upcoming Eisteddfods and competitions which commence in May. Students will spend nine hours after school each week to prepare the two very different dance works that we look forward to sharing with you all soon.

This term, Year 8 Dance Extension students will be learning about the expectations of the Extension Program, as well as the importance of fitness in dance. The basics of Ballet technique and terminology will be introduced and explored.

Year 9 Dance Extension has begun delving into the importance and appreciation of Dance Analysis through looking at professional ballets such as *Sleeping Beauty*.

Year 10 Dance Extension students have been introduced to the expectations of a Certificate I in Dance and have started looking

at safe dance practises and began working on their feet and turn-out in preparation for their ballet unit.

Year 11 Dance Extension students have commenced their Certificate II in Dance studies which is comprised of competency booklets, ballet and dance health. They will begin working on their improvement plans in the next few lessons.

Year 12 Dance Extension students only have two more competencies to complete to attain their Certificate II in Dance and then students will focus on an intense period of technique and performance in preparation for their final year in Dance Extension. They are also working on their improvement plans.

We would also like to introduce our Junior and Senior Dance Troupe Leaders for 2014. These leaders play a vital role in Dance Extension and Dance Troupe. They are:

### ***Junior Dance Troupe Leaders***

Jodie Hammermeister, Monique Kennedy,  
Chelsea Robertson and Ebony Keegan

### ***Senior Vice Captain***

Kianah Witt

### ***Senior Dance Troupe Leaders***

Claudia Werahiko and Chloe Tarr

***Reminder: Year 8 Dance Extension and any new students to the program*** - we are holding a parent information session soon, so keep your ear out for more information!

## **Classroom Dance**

Students also have the opportunity to study classroom dance as an alternative to Dance Extension. These classes provided students with many skills in the dimensions of performance, choreography and appreciation. We have Classroom Dance in Year 8 (Multi Arts), Year 10, Year 11 and Year 12 running during Semester One and we are looking forward to adding Year 9 Dance to the list in Semester Two.

Students study a range of topics in Dance that connect to many other subjects they are studying outside of the Arts. During Term One, students will be learning:

**Year 8 Multi Arts Dance** students studying an introduction to the basics of dance (choreography/performance and appreciation) through the study of popular dance.

**Year 10 Dance** students are studying a unit titled "Behind the Scenes" which looks at safe dance practise, nutrition, risk taking and the importance of warming up. They will begin their first task which is to prepare a warm-up to present to the class.

**Year 11 Dance** students are currently studying the three Functions of Dance, through both engagement in each function and analysing the stylistic features of each. This will then lead into further examination of the functions through written examination.

**Year 12 Dance** students are studying how dance can be used to communicate a social/political/historical or environmental message. Their first performance task is based on the issue of domestic violence which affects almost 34% of the Australian population.



## **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**

Hello Tullawong students, teachers and parents. My name is Candice Meyrick and I am the Student Representative Council (SRC) President for 2014. My Executives are Brandon Poll (Vice President), Shelmila Schmidt (Secretary) and Emily Burchmann (Treasurer). We are also pleased to have on board this year our Junior Secondary School Captains - Tahlia Allinson, Jared Hungerford and Imogen Vaughan. The senior students in leadership positions form the remainder of the SRC committee.

So what exactly does the SRC do? The main role of the SRC is to represent the interest of students. In particular, we want to give students a voice by finding out what they think, have an impact on decision-making in the school, and ultimately help make Tullawong a better place for everyone!

The SRC have a number of exciting events and activities scheduled for this year. To kick off term 1, we will be running a Valentine's Day fundraiser, participating in "Be Brave and Shave", organising a St Patrick's free dress day, and running the free "Brekkie Club" service every Thursday morning. Listen out to the daily school notices for further information on these events.



If any student has an idea, suggestion or school related issue they would like to discuss, please talk to myself or any of our friendly SRC members. Remember, the SRC are here to give you a voice - make it be heard!



**Candice Meyrick**  
**Student Representative Council President**

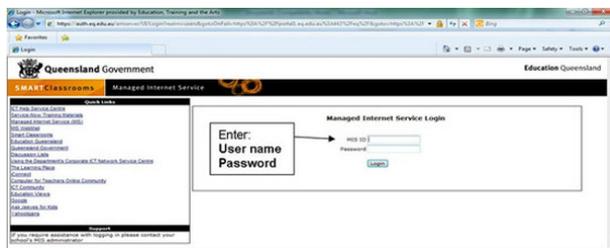
## **HOW TO ACCESS STUDENT PLANNERS THROUGH ONE SCHOOL**

**Parents and students, you can access student assessment planners through OneSchool!**

**Step 1** Open your Internet browser eg. **Firefox, Google Chrome, Explorer**

**Step 2** Go to **OneSchool** by typing in the following **url** - **<http://mis.eq.edu.au>**

**Step 3**



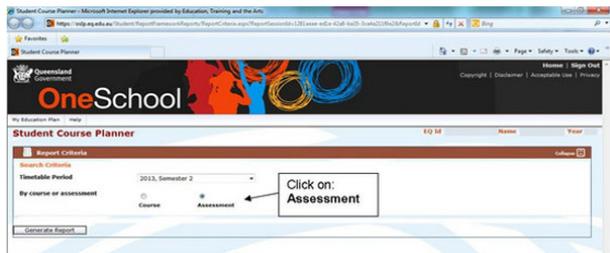
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View a list of subjects, assessment types and due dates.

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Print for future reference.

If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Wilkie – HOD Teaching and Learning Department, Tullawong SHS. Ph: 5428 5222 or Email: jwilk26@eq.edu.au

## AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

**AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING**

**RESOURCE CENTRE**  
**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS**  
**2:40-3:40pm**  
**FREE OF CHARGE**



**For more information, contact:**  
**Mrs WILKIE – HOD Teaching & Learning**  
**Mrs MCPHERSON – HOD Maths**

**Students may also arrange tutoring sessions with their own class teachers at suitable times.**

## EXPERIENCE YOUR WORLD WITH SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE

*“Italy, Germany, France, Spain, Ireland, Norway, Sweden, Holland, Denmark, Finland, USA, China, Japan plus new for 2014, Argentina, England and Mexico!”*



Australia's first and oldest student exchange organisation, Southern Cross Cultural Exchange, offers 2 - 10 month student-exchange programs to 16 countries across the globe. Be prepared for a true adventure! Experience life as a local in another country by living with a carefully selected host family - attending school and becoming a member of a new community.

This once in a lifetime opportunity is available for students 15-19 years old and applications for programs departing in 2014 are available to apply for now. Come along to one of our regular information sessions to find out more!

Visit our website [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au) email [scecaust@scce.com.au](mailto:scecaust@scce.com.au) or call us toll free on 1800 500 501

## LANGUAGE CLASSES SATURDAY MORNINGS

Weekend classes are available for all students who wish to learn the Filipino Language and Culture.

## RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

### Blind Date with a Book



February is Book Lover's Month and our competition is Blind Date with a Book. Come to the Library and select a mystery book for your Blind Date. Give the book a rating and a comment; completed hearts go into the prize draw.

### Celebrity Reader: Petrus Pretorius



One of the simplest ways to improve reading levels is to normalise reading. What this means, is that we show our children\students that reading is a normal everyday thing to do. We encourage



reading by modelling good reading habits, talking to our children\students about what we have read and letting them see us reading. It doesn't matter if you are reading a book, magazine, newspaper, graphic novel, comic or blog. What is important is that you are reading and you are seen to be reading.

This term we have our first of a series of **Celebrity Reader Interviews**. Our first Celebrity Reader is our School Chaplain Petrus Pretorius. Check out the full interview below. Petrus will be talking to students about what he likes to read.

## Senior Text Books

Senior Students are able to borrow text books from the Library before school (after 8am), lunch 1 and lunch 2 from the Library Front Desk.

## New at the LIBRARY



## Tullawong SHS Library Portal has gone live!

The Library Portal can be found in The Learning Place. It contains links to databases that students can access from home and at school. The subscription only databases need a username and password which are found in the Student Diary. There are many other useful links on the portal, as well as a page for Research Tips. I will be adding to this portal throughout the year and hope to provide a One Stop Shop for all research and Library needs.

## Moreton Bay Regional Library

I am encouraging all students to join the Moreton Bay Regional Library. This will give students access to a larger range of reading material including eBooks and audio books. It also will enable students to use the library's databases for research. The application form is attached. It can be handed in at Caboolture Library or at Tullawong SHS Library's Front desk.

## Study Skills Tips – Secondary School Success

Every parent and teacher would like to see students achieving their personal academic best at school. Knowing how to work efficiently can help students navigate the mire of academic demands in secondary school in a stress-free way. Working through the units on [www.studyskillshandbook.com.au](http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au) throughout this year, will help students build skills and learn techniques to become more effective learners. We encourage all students and parents to log into the site and browse the units to become familiar with the topics covered. Please see Student Diary for Password and Username

### TOP 5 HINTS: Making the most of your time at school and working efficiently at home.

**1. INDEPENDENT LEARNING:** There are two types of work in secondary school. The compulsory work your teacher tells you to do and independent learning that you are expected to do when you have no homework.

**2. WORK SMART:** If you want to still have a life, but get your schoolwork done (for most students this will be 1-2 hours per night) then you need to work smart. Keep your personal life and schoolwork separate. Don't do work in front of the TV, switch off your phone and Facebook. Work in half hour blocks and focus only on your schoolwork during that half hour block. If you are super busy with lots of activities then a great idea is to draw up a timetable for the week and allocate time for

schoolwork over the week. You might like to visit these **units** on the site: **Time Management Skills, Dealing with Distractions, Overcoming Procrastination.**

**3. BE ORGANISED AND PLAN:** Being organised makes your life easier! So have an organised space to work in, record homework in your diary, keep track of completed work and reschedule work not done. When you are told about a test or an assignment, plan the work out to be done over the available time. Make the most of your time in class, being organised and focused in the classroom means you will find it easier to complete your work and work on big things like assessments at home. Check out these **units** on the site: **Home Study Environment, Organisation and Filing, Managing Workload, Using Class time.**

**4. ASK FOR HELP EARLY:** If you don't understand something, ask for help. The sooner the better. If there isn't time in class, see your teacher before or after class or during the break times. No-one expects you to do things on your own. One of the most important contributors to being successful academically is to ask for help often and early. There is a unit on the site all about Asking for Help. **Tutorials are starting in The Library.**

### 5. LEARN HOW TO STUDY PROPERLY:

If you still think that to study for a test you just read your book over and over, time to learn how smart people study! The main things to remember about study for a test are: Make study notes or summaries first (write down in point form what you need to learn), learn these notes not just by reading but by testing yourself on them and do as many different questions as you can as practise. You can learn more from these **units: Summarising, Active Studying, Preparing for Exam Blocks, Test-Taking Techniques, Your Brain and Memory.**



## Caboolture Catholic Parish

*Catholic Parents* with children who have made their First Reconciliation and would like them to receive the *Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion* are invited to attend one of the following Parent Information Sessions to be held at St Peter's Catholic Church, 30 Beerburum Road, Caboolture on **Tuesday 25th February at 1.30pm or Thursday 27th February at 7.00pm.**

If you have further enquiries, please contact Sharron Macrae (Sacramental Co-ordinator) on 5495 1028 or 0409877311.