Dear Parents and Carers

Tullawong State High – 2014 winner of the Peter Doherty Science Education Partnership Award.

It is with great pride in our staff and students at Tullawong State High, that I am able to announce that Tullawong State High School is one of only three recipients of the 2014 Peter Doherty Science Education Partnership Award.

The award is named after Professor Peter Doherty, a Brisbane-born Nobel Prize-winning Scientist who was educated at Indooroopilly State High School and the University of Queensland.

Over the past three years, Tullawong State High School has worked closely with Queensland University of Technology (QUT) to build and trial programs to increase student and teacher capability in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). This has resulted in wonderful opportunities for our school in Robotics, Biology, Junior Science and Mathematics through Science Camps, workshops and school visits. We have also used STEM as a transition day focus for students from the local Primary schools.

Last Wednesday, the partnership was recognised through the 2014 Peter Doherty Awards - Science Education Partnership Award. Previous winners have included the Science Centre and the CSIRO.

This is the first time a school partnership has been recognised by this award. Special thanks to Maria Barrett (QUT) and her Widening Participation program for the hard work she has contributed in providing experiences beyond the classroom for the Tullawong State High School community. I would also like to acknowledge the excellent work and commitment of Mrs Jennifer Borowski, Head of Junior Secondary, Mrs Charmaine Keal, Head of Science and the entire Science Faculty. Their collective work has resulted in this well-deserved accolade for Tullawong.

Queensland Core Skills Test

This week our senior students have been focussed on sitting for the Queensland Core Skills Assessment. As always our very generous hospitality students gave up their time to prepare the QCS Breakfast, ensuring that our year 12’s had the best possible start to the day. Thank you for efforts and care for your fellow students.

I have been very pleased with the preparation our Year 12 students have committed to these very important two days of testing. They have maintained a positive attitude throughout the week and supported each other to do their best.
Uniform Reminder

I would like to remind all parents and students that caps are not part of the Tullawong State High uniform. Caps are not to be worn with the uniform at any time, including on the way to or from school. Students have the option of purchasing the school bucket hat or broad brim hat (for years 10 to 12). All students participating in outdoor activities and sport activities are required to wear the school bucket hat.

Mobile Phone Reminder

Please note that mobile phones are to be turned off once students enter the school grounds and are not to be turned on until after 2.30pm. Students with phones visible or in use will have their phones confiscated, with the requirement that a parent or carer collect the phone from the office. Confiscated phones are held in a secure location and logged into the computer system to ensure security until collection.

Student Resource Scheme

Parents/Caregivers are reminded that the full amount of the Student Resource Scheme for 2014 were due to be finalised by Friday 28 March, unless a payment plan has been arranged. Non-payment of outstanding fees will result in your student’s non-participation in extracurricular activities ie. Year 12 Formal, Senior Jersey, Sport and excursions.

Parents/Caregivers of current Year 11 and 12 students will be issued with an up-to-date financial statement shortly. If your student has outstanding Student Resource Scheme Fees, they will be ineligible to receive a Senior Jersey or an invitation to the 2014 Senior Formal. These fees must be addressed by Friday 10 October 2014.

Payments can be made to the school via cash or cheque to our Cashier, direct deposit into our school account (BSB 064-405, Account No. 10103279) or Credit Card details via telephone.

Have Your Contact/Emergency Details Changed Recently?

If so, please advise the administration office as soon as possible on 5428 5222 so that our records are up to date in case of emergency!

Qld Health Dental Van

Date for your Diary

Queensland Health Dental Van will be visiting the school early in term 4. This service is available for all Tullawong students. Watch out for further details which will be sent home via your student.

Junior Secondary News

We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of 2015. Next week, 35 students with excellent behaviour from years 8, 9 and 10 will attend a three day leadership - Mentoring Program at Stanley Rivers EEC. These students will be trained as mentors for the Year 7 and 8 students next year. Also, they will be facilitating lunchtime activities and some traditional games will see a re-appearance. Who remembers elastics? Skipping and handball will also be organised, with the new handball court having its shading shelter built soon.

You will get further glimpses of the progress we’ve made in the last two years through a set of flyers that have been designed by Mrs Mel Horton for distribution through the community. The
Drama Aplenty!

As if teenagers don’t have enough Drama in their life, some come begging for more, in the form of Drama Troupe, our afterschool Drama club.

The culmination of our hard work occurred on 21 August, with the 2014 Drama Night, “In the Spotlight”. There was nervous confidence everywhere leading up to our successful evening.

Almost forty students across years 8 to 12 performed a mix of tragedy and comedy in 3 one-act plays for an appreciative audience of mixed ages. The first play was an emotional piece, “The Big Race”, where a young teenage boy starts at a new school, and spins a lie about his father, to cover for what is really going on at home. The second performance was a humorous version of Shakespeare’s “Hamlet”, the Danish prince who seeks revenge for his father’s death. The third play “Us and Them” light-heartedly explored the theme of two groups wanting to dominate a prime piece of land.

This year the directors experimented even further with lighting, staging and projection, aspects in which current theatre in Brisbane is advancing, particularly through the style of cinematic theatre. This was an exciting challenge for our senior Drama, non-OP students who were in charge of audio-visual, makeup, lighting and stage management this year.

Our performers shone, and the smiles at the end of the night, make all those rehearsals well worth it.

Gold Coast Dance Eisteddfod

On Friday 15 August, students travelled the two hour journey to the Gold Coast to compete in the Gold Coast Dance Eisteddfod for the first time at The Arts Centre.

Students certainly established a strong reputation for themselves at this Eisteddfod with their Orchestra dance placing Very Highly Commended out of twenty- four dances and Spider placing a very impressive first place out of twenty-three dances.

This was a fabulous way for Tullawong to finish their Eisteddfod schedule for 2014 and Miss Gray-Hanna and Miss Wells are exceptionally proud of all students who competed on the day and the way they conducted themselves both on and off stage.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

Ekka Strawberry Sundae Stalls

For the third year in a row, Year 12 Workplace Practice students travelled to the Ekka to volunteer at the iconic strawberry sundae stalls. This year our students were one of 2,800 volunteers who helped chopped strawberries, washed dishes, scooped ice cream, operated the cream gun, and of course served up delicious strawberry sundae treats to Ekka customers.

The day not only contributed towards students meeting course requirements by gaining valuable work experience, but also broadened their understanding of real world business practices, all whilst supporting a great cause, the Prince Charles Hospital...
Foundation. In fact, this year the Ekka strawberry sundaes stalls helped raise more than $160,000 for world class medical research which will help save and improve the lives of millions of Queenslanders living with chronic disease.

On behalf of the Business/IT Faculty, Mr Stout would like to thank all students who attended the excursion and to Ms Kerr and Mr Hislop for their support on the day. Certificates of appreciation will be issued to students on assembly in week 10.

**Big Cake Bake**

As some of you may remember, the Red Cross Blood Bank van visited Tullawong on Friday 8 August, with many of our senior students and staff bravely rolling up their sleeves to donate blood. Also on this day, our Year 12 Business Communication and Technologies (BCT) class hosted the Big Cake Bake Event and sold many delicious, homemade treats to help revive donors’ sugar levels, all whilst supporting a good cause.

The purpose of hosting the Big Cake Bake was not only to help raise much needed funds for the Red Cross, but also to help celebrate 100 years since the Red Cross was formed in Australia. Hosting the Big Cake Bake was also an engaging and social way for our Year 12 BCT students to learn more about the world’s largest humanitarian organisations.

In total, $498.00 was raised with all money going towards helping people in need and supporting the everyday work of the Red Cross. Thank you to all students and staff who supported the Big Cake Bake and congratulations to Year 12 BCT students for hosting this successful event.

**TERM 3 HAS BEEN CRAZY!**

Without a doubt, term 3 is the craziest term in the year, with Athletics Carnival, Christmas in July, QCS and Block Exams, term 3 is definitely where things shift a gear and where the rubber hits the road. Whatever’s been your source of stress over the term, remember to take some time out over these holidays to chillax and recharge those batteries. Speaking of which, the Moreton Bay Council has some great activities lined up for you over the 2 week break at ridiculously cheap prices in their SHAFT program, check out the link below for some more info: https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/shaft/

For those of you that will be joining me on the Splashout Caboolture Camp - congratulations on a MAMMOTH effort on raising money, I hope you’re ready for five days of action packed fun!

For the rest of you, see you in term 4!

**Petrus Pretorius**  
**School Chaplain**

**EXCHANGE STUDENT NEWS**

Finn Bialas hails from Germany. He is experiencing life as an Aussie school student through the Southern Cross Student Exchange Program. He loves sport and a highlight of his stay was when he played as a member of the winning rugby league team at Redcliffe in August.

He has selected his subjects for 2015 and will be a Year 11 student for four months before he leaves us in April 2015.

**Mrs Wilkie**  
**Head of Department Teaching & Learning**

**Brett Stout**  
**Business Teacher**
**SPORTS AWARDS NIGHT**

Tullawong State High School’s Annual Sports Awards evening is nearly here. 2014 has been another fantastic sporting year for Tullawong and we are looking forward to celebrating our successes. Students need to keep an eye out for award recipients that will be displayed on staffroom two noticeboard towards the end of term three.

Details for the evening are outlined below:

**Event:** Annual Sports Awards Night Evening  
**When:** Tuesday, 21st October  
**Time:** 6.15pm  
**Where:** Centenary Lakes Function Centre Stringfellow Road, Caboolture  
**Cost:** $28 per ticket (includes two course meal)  
**Dress:** Smart Casual  
**Special Guests:** Luke Feldman (Australian Cricketer) and Catherine Sargeant (Australian Touch Football Representative)

Awardees lists are on display on Staffroom 2 Noticeboard.

**Tiffany Samain-Venning, Claudia Werahiko (Sports Captains).**

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**RUGBY LEAGUE FINALS**

Both the Year 9 and Year 10 teams became District Champions at the recently completed Sunshine Coast Southern Zone Competition. The Year 9 team defeated Morayfield SHS: 36 to 6 in an outstanding display of Rugby League. The Year 10 team defeated Caboolture SHS: 22 to 10 in another high standard game. Both teams advanced to the Zone Grand Final which also doubles as the Quarter Finals of the Brisbane Metropolitan Rugby League Competition. Unfortunately the Year 9 team were defeated: 40 to 28 by Clontarf SHS, but played extremely well and were beaten by a better team on the night. The Year 10 team defeated Morayfield: 39 to 10. This was a well-deserved win for the boys as they had been beaten in the previous two Grand Finals in years 8 and 9.

The Year 10 team then advanced to the Metro Semi-Finals on Wednesday September 10 at Redcliffe against Wavell SHS. In an extremely hard fought game the boys defeated Wavell: 34 to 32 which advances them to the Metro Grand Final at Wynnum on Wednesday September 17. Good Luck to the Year 10’s, as the attempt to defeat Woodridge SHS to take out the Metro championship!

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**TULLAWONG TEACHER FINALIST IN NRL AWARD**

Congratulations to Jon Keal who is one of three finalists in the NRL’s Pullman Teacher of the Year Award for his contribution in school coaching. Jon will be attending the NRL One Community Awards in Sydney on 25 September. We wish Jon all the best and look forward to hearing the outcome.

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**HAVE FUN, MAKE NEW FRIENDS, AND LEARN ABOUT ANOTHER CULTURE!**

Volunteer to host an international high school student arriving into Australia in February 2015, and you’ll be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in February for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, the USA and Canada. They will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceast@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

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**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC) NEWS**

**Free Dress Day**

In Term 3 the time came around again for Tullawong students and teachers to host another free dress day. The chosen date occurred on Daffodil Day, Friday 22nd August, which provided us with the inspiration we needed to create the theme of "Pink..."
and Blue’ to raise awareness for the different cancers that have had impacted on the lives of those affected.

The brief was for everyone to dress in either fully pink or fully blue. Pink was chosen in recognition of breast cancer and blue was support prostate cancer and leukaemia.

The day was successful with many students and teachers flooding the school grounds with pink and blue colours. A big thank you to everyone who participated in free dress this term.

By Ashleigh Ford, SRC Member

Daffodil Day

It was that time of year again; the time for flowers, smiles and fundraising. That’s right, Daffodil Day! Daffodil Day is celebrated annually to raise much needed funds to help find a cure for cancer. With cancer affecting 130,000 people and their families each year, the Cancer Council is a major fundraising organisation working towards better patient support, more effective prevention campaigns and cancer research.

At Tullawong, we took it upon ourselves to help this fantastic cause by selling daffodils with a personalised message. The flowers were on pre-sale for the week leading up to the day, Friday 22 August and although sales were slow to begin with, the flowers were completely sold out by the Thursday.

On Daffodil Day, over 600 daffodils were handed out to students and teachers during House Parade. It was a pleasant sight to witness the looks on staff and student’s faces when they received their daffodils. Overall, nearly $500 was raised for the Cancer Council which will now be used for the benefits of those affected by cancer. Tullawong is proud to be contributing to such an important cause. Thank you to all students and staff who purchased a daffodil.

By Ashleigh Ford, SRC Member

Feedback

If any student has an idea, suggestion or school related issue they would like to discuss, the SRC encourage you to speak to any one of our school leaders who will pass on your comments during our fortnightly meetings.

Candice Meyrick, Brandon Poll, Shelimila Smith, Emily Burchmann
SRC Executives

What is important is that you are reading and you are seen to be reading.

Our next Tantalising Text Talk is on October 8 our guest reader will be Mr Krarup. Students who would like to read, need to sign up at the Library front counter.

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; these 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 over 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. Please download the application form below. It can be handed in at the Caboolture Library or at Tullawong SHS Library’s Front desk.

Have You read a Great Book!

Write a review on The Great Book Blog! The Great Book Blog can be found on The Library Portal

Competitions Galore at the Library Portal

The Library Portal now has a Competition Page where you will find lots of great competitions and other activities that you can participate in.

#ShakespeareSaid Competition

• Choose your favourite Shakespearean Quote to make a Meme  
• Take a photo or use an image from Creative Commons  
• Upload it to enter – find the link on The Library Portal  
• Competition closes 19 September 2014

Mash It Up School Holiday Workshops @ Moreton Bay Region Libraries

Free Work Shops Include:

• Green Screen Film Special Effects
• Manga Figure Drawing
• Skateboard Art
• BYO T-Shirt Screen Printing
Where can you find help when you are struggling at school?

**Personal Issues**

If things in your life are upsetting you or stressing you this will affect your ability to learn effectively. Talk to your family, talk to your friends or other people you are close to or teachers you feel comfortable sharing with. However, if you need additional support, make sure you find it rather than let things get worse. You can approach the Guidance Counsellor at school and they can give you some professional help or find someone who can help you with your specific problems. If you want someone to talk to, you can use Kids Helpline, a free confidential service: 1800 55 1800 or use the online service at www.kidshelp.com.au. It is much better to talk to someone rather than lock it all inside you.

**Learning Issues**

If you aren’t having trouble with a specific subject, but are finding learning for school in general difficult, the first people to talk to are your parents. You might like to write down your feelings or what you are experiencing so you can explain things to them clearly. Your parents can then help you decide what steps to take next. It is probably a good idea for them to talk to your teachers first to get their perspectives. They might make an appointment with one of the pastoral care staff like a House Leader to sit down with you and your parents to talk through the issues you are experiencing. The school has learning support staff who can help you work out what your issues are and who the best people are to help you. If the learning support staff can’t help you, they will be able to refer you to outside services who can diagnose and address any learning issues you might have.

Learn more this year about how to improve your results and be more efficient and effective with your schoolwork by working through the units on www.studyskillshandbook.com.au, our school’s access details are in your school diary page 23.

**Subject Specific Issues**

If you are finding a particular subject difficult, the first place you should seek help should be your classroom teacher. Firstly ask questions in class as problems arise. If you find you have too many questions to ask in class (as you’d end up disturbing the class) then ask your teacher if you can make a time to see them before or after class, during lunch or after school. Teachers are happy to help students who do their best and are keen to improve. Other places you might be able to find help are: books or extra textbooks in the school or local library, other students in the class, students in older years, other teachers at the school, family members, family friends. If you try all of these options and are still having problems, then you might consider looking for a tutor. Often ex-students from your school who are at University might be interested in doing some tutoring or even teachers at other schools. You can ask your teacher if they can recommend anyone. You can also attend after school tutoring on Wednesday afternoons in the Library. It is free!
TULLAWONG SHS P & C RAFFLE

RAFFLE
Proceeds to:
Tullawong High School Chaplaincy Program (Spar Юре Union Queensland)
Tullawong High School's Rugby League Development Program

First Prize: Football boot signed by FG’s og Wally Lewis,
Daren Lockyer, Shane Webcke etc.

Second Prize: Football signed by Greg Inglis (NRL Rabbitohs) + mystery

Third Prize: Football signed by Greg Inglis (NRL Rabbitohs)

Tickets $2
Drawn: Ljum Tuesday 21 October - Tullawong SHS Assembly

QUOTE OF THE MONTH!

one small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day