

Tullascope



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Term 4 is now well under way. This is a very busy term especially for our year 12 students who will be concluding 12 years of schooling. Talking with year 12 students suggests that they are undergoing the emotional rollercoaster of anticipation for the future, excitement about finishing school, saddened by the fact they may not see school mates again and anxiety about finishing assignments and exams to the best of their ability. We wish our year 12 students all the best as they engage in end of year activities, Awards Nights and exams for the last time.

Last week was a very sad time with vandalism of our commerce block and a fire which was deliberately lit in staffroom 2. It made me so proud to be the Principal of Tullawong SHS to see the way teachers responded and supported one another and the way students supported teachers. This was a real privilege to see. The support given from my Assistant Regional Director, Colin Allen-Waters and the Minister of Education John Paul Langbroek, highlighted genuine concern and empathy for the circumstances we as a school community were facing. Thank you to the school community for your support.

The recent review of the 4 day senior week highlighted a number of issues that impacted negatively on student learning outcomes. Staff and the school community were informed in Term 2 and 3 of the specific concerns about the 4 day senior week with overwhelming support from the community to change back to a 5 day senior week. Due to industrial conditions for teachers and ancillary staff, staff were required to cast a vote to determine the changes, if any. 87% of staff voted in favour of returning to a 5 day senior week with the introduction of an 8.30 am start and a 2.30 pm finish time for the whole school in 2013. This will mean opportunities for after school tutorial programs, sport training and curriculum development.

Our recent Sports Awards Night was an excellent showcase of student success and an outstanding example of young people determined to achieve positive outcomes. It was a very enjoyable evening and a credit to the HPE teaching staff. The Sports Awards Night was held at the Tullawong State School Hall for the first time. It is a fantastic school community resource and I'd like to thank Tullawong State School for allowing us to use this wonderful facility.

Our Awards Night was also held in the Tullawong State School Hall. The evening was wonderful and allowed the school community to reflect on the outstanding academic efforts of our young people. It was also the forum to announce the future student leaders of Tullawong State High School. Congratulations to those students who were successful in gaining leadership positions.

As the 2012 year comes to a close, I encourage all students to work hard, focus on concluding the academic year with the best results possible and to attend every lesson every day.

Peter Hoehn
Principal

DATE CLAIMER -- YEAR 10 SET PLANNING

Tuesday 27th November, Tullawong SHS, 9am - 5pm

Soaring to Great Heights

DANCE EXTENSION NEWS

On the 12th of October, 100 of our Dance Extension students competed in the South East Queensland Performing Arts Festival. Tullawong competed against both local high schools and studios from Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast. The evening was a huge success with the following results:

- Senior Dance Troupe - 1st Place
- Junior Dance Troupe - 1st Place
- Junior Mixed Dance Troupe - 1st Place
- Jazz Troupe - 4th Place

We also had a number of students performing solos, duos and trios with outstanding results. We congratulate the following students; Caitlin Friis, Angela Wilkinson-Dewar, Kim Mesina, Sheldyn Everson, Lauren Friis and Kacie Hepner.

On the 19th of October, our Junior Mixed Troupe and Senior Mixed Troupe competed at the annual Murrumba Dance Challenge competing against schools such as: Clontarf, Deception Bay, Narangba Valley, North Lakes, Dakabin, Morayfield and Pine Rivers. Tullawong placed second in both the Junior and Senior category and gained enough points to win the overall champion school which is an amazing feat! We are proud of every student who competed and did the school and Dance Extension program proud!

Also a very special mention and thank you to the dedication of the talented Dance Teachers that mentor our Dance Extension students. Without Miss Zoe Wells and Miss Gray-Hannah and their expertise, our dance students would not be given these opportunities to showcase their talents.



SARAH HUDSON - BMX CHAMPION

Look out for Sarah Hudson, a year 10 Tullawong student, at the 2016 Olympics in Rio. Sarah joined Caboolture BMX Club just two years ago and has been BMX (Bicycle Motocross) racing ever since. She races on motocross style tracks which consist of inclined starts, banked corners and obstacles to jump. After a tough start with a crash at the Zone and State titles last year, Sarah has trained hard and called upon sheer determination to improve in her chosen sport.

She has been rewarded this year by being named Rising Star by the Caboolture BMX Club. In June this year, Sarah raced at the South Queensland BMX titles and was the winner in the 15 year girls event. She was then invited to join the South Queensland Zone Talent ID Squad for riders to improve their development and skills. Her win at the South Queensland event qualified Sarah for the State titles which were held in Cairns over the September holidays where she placed 2nd. Sarah has now qualified to compete in the Australian Titles in Brisbane next year and has been invited to join the State Junior Development Squad.

She will be looking to make the podium at the Australian Titles and go on to the World Titles in July, to be held in New Zealand. Sarah is well on the way to her ultimate goal of competing in the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. We wish her all the best in her efforts to soar to great heights with BMX racing.

Respect

Encouragement

2012 ANNUAL DANCE NIGHT

On the 27th of October, many of the Dance and Dance Extension students performed in our annual Dance Night. For the first time, students performed in a Matinee and evening performance to sell out shows. The audience was treated to a variety of dance works in a number of different genres including: Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Contemporary, Hip Hop and Latin. At the end of the final show, one student from each grade was presented with a most improved award. These students were:

Year 8	Britney Cross Sims
Year 9	Jade Garland
Year 10	Nicole McAtee
Year 11	Sheldyn Everson
Year 12	Teagan Gault

We thank all of the staff and parents who assisted on the night - your help is greatly appreciated.

We congratulate all of the students involved and hope you enjoy a restful break!



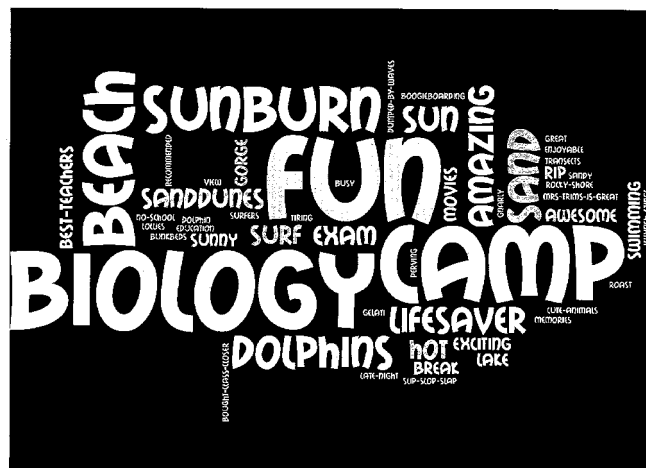
YEAR 11 BIOLOGY CAMP



The Year 11 Biology Class (23 students), Mrs Trims, Mr King and Jason (one of the best Scientific Officers in Qld) participated in the annual Biology Camp at Point Lookout, North Stradbroke Island. The students investigated the flora and fauna in this 'awesome' environment by measuring sand dunes heights, distance and dominant species, zonation on the Rocky Shores and conducted water tests and invertebrate counts at Brown Lake.

Although we had many funny moments (ie: booklets being washed away by a big freaky wave and racing around the Gorge Walk so we could have gelati), the students and their parents should be proud of the mature and responsible behaviour displayed such as working well as a group, cleaning up after themselves and by being enthusiastic and organised for all of the activities. The students have had their say in the Wordle to the left.

I appreciated the positive, eager and caring attitude my Biology class brought to camp as well as all the hard work they did whilst there. Thank you for an enjoyable time!!



DATE CLAIMER -- MUSIC AND DRAMA NIGHT

Friday the 9th November
Performing Arts Block 6:30pm

Adults \$10.00, Concession \$7.00, Family \$30.00

Aspiration

Care

Honesty

YEAR 8 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS 2013

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded a Year 8 scholarship and will be joining us in 2013.

The academic scholarship winners are: Toni-Ann Randle (Tullawong SS), Jodie Hammermeister (Delaney's Creek SS), Peta Horvath (Tullawong SS), Dylan Halpin (Southern Cross Catholic College), and Monique Kennedy (Caboolture SS).

The sport scholarship recipients are: Molly Bridgeman (Wamuran SS), Blayke Ramsay (Caboolture SS), Ebony Keegan (Minimbah SS) and Danah Bourke (Caboolture SS).

The cultural scholarship awardees are: Loren Arbon (Wamuran SS), Shanis Kleyn (Tullawong SS) and Shae Noorman (Elimbah SS).

This year, our awardees have come from a variety of Primary schools in the surrounding districts and we are confident that their talents will enrich our community.

LIBRARY SPOT

If you have assignments and do not know where to start, try the following resources available at the Library Spot & accessible from home.

Worldbook Online encyclopedia

- www.worldbookonline.com
- Username: tshs
- Password: t4510

The Australian Collaboration

- Website with downloadable information on important Australian issues
- www.Australiancollaboration.com.au

eLibrary

- Database of newspapers and magazine articles
- <http://elibrary.bigchalk.com>
- Username: 57-44305
- Password: bigchalk

Please note that passwords are only for Tullawong SHS students to use.

Announcement: The winner of "The Horror of it All" competition is Rhianon Pitkin-Gould B08A who correctly identified the 6 titles and their authors.



Weblinks

- Database of teacher approved websites
- <https://www.pledgerconsulting.com/login/>
- Username: tullawong
- Password: 1031

If you need to make a Bibliography & do not know how to then try:

Online Reference Generator

- Generates a bibliography
- www.slas.asn.au/org
- Username: (leave blank)
- Password: ben22

TAKE HOME LAPTOP PROGRAM

The Take Home Laptop Program will continue to operate in 2013. Students currently participating in the program are required to pay \$100 by 16 November to be able to keep the laptop over the Christmas school holidays. A new Charter Agreement also needs to be signed by both parent and student and handed to the cashier with the payment. If payment is not received by this date, the laptop is to be returned to the school. It is essential that students, who currently have laptops, bring them to the IT Room (RC08) during Lunch 1 any day of the week for a visual inspection for stocktake purposes. If you have not already done this, please do so ASAP.

New students joining the program in 2013 are required to pay \$100 by 16 November and hand in a signed Charter Agreement to the cashier to secure a laptop for next year. Please come to the IT Room (RC08) during Lunch 1 to select a skin design.

Two laptop information evenings will be held in the PA Block on 7 and 14 November at 6.15pm for current Year 9 students who would like to join the program in 2013. To be eligible to join the program, attendance at one of these meetings is essential.

Last term, Healing Hearts toiled hard to produce, purchase and individually wrap gifts to present to the families of sick children in the Caboolture Hospital. Students willingly sacrificed their activities time on a Wednesday afternoon to perform a charitable deed and serve the community.

The year kicked off to a flying start with students handcrafting soft cushions designed with vibrant colours in a variety of shapes and patterns. The Tullawong spirit was proven once again at Easter in response to the colouring-in and egg count competitions. The team then spent hours wrapping the presents which were purchased.

The annual visit to the hospital was conducted in the last week of Term 3, attended by four dedicated students. The teachers who accompanied the group were proud of the way the school was represented. Patients, parents and hospital staff were all gracious that the team had returned this year, with even more presents, and are keen to see us more often in 2013.

This achievement would not have been possible without the efforts put in to the group by student co-ordinator Yacine Khouzami and teachers Karen Eldridge and Louisa Van Rysbergen. Healing Hearts student support team should also be commended for this achievement. Donations have also immensely affected this outcome and are already being accepted for next year. Congratulations on an outstanding achievement for 2012!

Healing Hearts.



SUPPORTING YOUR STUDENT AT TULLAWONG SHS

The Student Support Team at Tullawong consists of Guidance Officers, School Based Youth Health Nurse, Chaplain and Youth Support Coordinator who work with all school staff to ensure the health and well-being of young people and their families.

Examples of how the Student Support Team may assist include:

- Helping students adjust to a new school
- Helping students manage stress and anxiety at school
- Referral to appropriate external services for students whose mental health is at risk
- Liaising and working with families and teachers to assist students who are having difficulties with school, home or health
- Assisting students who are experiencing conflict at home or at school
- Supporting students who are struggling with grief and loss, friendship issues, or who need help to develop resilience to deal with life's challenges.

If the young person agrees, the Student Support Team can work with other health professionals in the community to help with their problem.

These professionals may include:

- General practitioners
- Medical specialists
- Alcohol and drug counsellors
- Psychologists/psychiatrists

Apart from seeing young people on an individual basis, the Student Support Team work with the school community to identify and act on issues that may affect the health and well-being of students and the school community. This includes help with curriculum, teaching and learning activities and working with the community and other services.

Confidentiality

The Student Support Team do not share a young person's private information without their prior consent. If, however, staff believe that the young person may be at risk of being hurt, hurting themselves or someone else, they are required to act on this information. If staff feel it is best to talk to someone else about the problem, they will explain their reasons and talk with the young person about this. In most cases, it is best for the young people to talk to their parents about any problems and concerns they have. The Student Support Team staff can help them do this.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP - 2013 UNIFORMS

All students are welcome to try on uniforms for their 2013 orders from 8.15am until 11.10am on Mondays and 8.15 am until 10.45 am on Wednesdays. Year 10 students entering year 11 in 2013, are strongly encouraged to make time to do this as the senior uniform sizing is quite different from the junior uniforms.

Unfortunately, the uniform shop will not be taking in or selling second hand uniforms this year. We apologise for any inconvenience and encourage you to arrange to buy, sell or swap with other students where possible.