Dear School Community,

My name is David Friis and I am the newly appointed Acting Principal at Tullawong State High School for 2016. I have been a Secondary Principal for the past 15 years across three other secondary schools in Qld.

I have extremely high expectations of student work ethic and behaviour. This, combined with high quality teaching, guarantees us great results. I take my job very seriously, which is the success of each individual student here at Tullawong High. I have been a part of Tullawong State High’s school community over the past 7 years as a parent, with all of my children successfully being educated here at Tullawong State High School. I, therefore know, first-hand the quality outcomes this school produces and I am very excited to lead this school to even greater outcomes.

Parents, please be aware that you can now have your students access One School to print out their individual assessment planners. Please ensure that this assessment planner is placed in a location visible to all e.g. on the fridge. It is essential that we all assist our students to ensure that they are organised and submit on time, all of their assessment pieces.

I would like to thank everybody in our school community for making me feel welcome and I look forward to working with each and every one of you in 2016.

David Friis
Acting Principal

Welcome back for 2016. Thank you to all parents/caregivers who have paid their fees for 2016 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 2016 is $220. Instalments dates are as follows:

- 1st Instalment $120 – 29 January 2016
- 2nd Instalment $50 – 26 February 2016
- 3rd Instalment $50 – 24 March 2016

Once your 1st 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.
The vaccinations will be conducted by a team of specially trained registered nurses and/or a medical practitioner.

A consent form for each vaccination offered was given to your child to bring home. Please read the information carefully, sign the consent form and return consent form to the school by Friday, 11 March.

Parents are encouraged to ensure their children have breakfast on the morning of vaccination.

For more information about diseases, vaccines or School Immunisation Program, visit the link below or call 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84).


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Senior School Information Evening

Thank you to the parents who attended the Senior School information evening on Wednesday 17 February. This evening was open to parents with students in Years 9-12. The purpose

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.

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

By BPOINT All information required to make a BPOINT payment is available on our invoices. When making payments please ensure you enter the Customer Reference Number, Invoice Number and Amount to pay. It is important that you enter the correct invoice number so that it matches to your account. The school biller code is #1002534.

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.

Nicole Burger Business Services Manager

IMMUNISATION PROGRAM COMES TO SCHOOL

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of the information session is to help parents understand the complexities around senior school, including OPs, QCEs, ranks and QTAC (applying to university). In addition, Tullawong State High School is undergoing changes in the senior school which will impact on current Year 10s and year 9s in response to the Queensland Government’s announcement last year regarding senior school. The Queensland Government has announced a steady and considered transition to revitalised senior assessment and tertiary entrance systems. Designed to meet the needs of current and future students, the features of these systems will be:

- a model that uses school-based assessment and common external assessment
- new processes that strengthen the quality and comparability of school-based assessment
- a move away from the Overall Position (OP) rank to an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).

The actual changes to the senior school impact on the current Year 9 cohort, who will be the first cohort to go through the new system.

DANCE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Welcome to all of our new and continuing dance and dance extension students and their families! Miss Wells and Miss Gray-Hanna are looking forward to another big year in the dance department in 2016. Already, the Performing Arts Block has been a hive of activity and rehearsals are well in full swing.

DANCE TROUPE LEADERS

Miss Wells and Miss Gray-Hanna are proud to present our 2016 Dance Troupe Leaders - Bella Jahnke, Tahlia Noorman and Alex Tomlinson. These students were awarded this prestigious position at the end of 2015 after an intensive nomination process including an interview, Dance Extension group vote and a polishing session. We look forward to working with the three of you this year!

Dance Troupe Leaders: Alex Tomlinson, Bella Jahnke and Tahlia Noorman

This year we have also elected Class Captains from Year 8-11. These students are:

- YEAR 8 - Summer Howe
- YEAR 9 - Jade Shorter

YEAR 10 - Tahlia Devine
YEAR 11 - Carly Orr.

These students will act as a support system in the dance extension classes and also to the Dance Troupe Leaders.

PERFORMANCE TEAM

This year, our performance team will be performing in four large scale dance works in our upcoming Eisteddfod schedule, including two contemporary works, one jazz and a novelty routine. We are all looking forward to the challenge of diversifying and challenging ourselves in other categories. Entries have been completed for the Sunshine Coast Dance Eisteddfod and the Brisbane Dance Eisteddfod. Students are reminded that their performance team contracts are now overdue and need to be returned by Friday.

BONDING DAY

Dance students in our performance team recently participated in a team bonding day to strengthen the team spirit and encourage a united bond between all students. The students engaged in team bonding games including Balloon Relay and Dice Chocolate, choreographic tasks and received an inspirational talk from Jessica Cove- former professional ballerina who now works as a mentor to young dancers building positive self-esteem and self-worth.

FEES

A reminder that all dance extension fees need to be paid by 1st March. The fee structure for 2016 is:

Non Performance Team Students
- New students - $150
- Continuing Students - $50

Performance Team Students
- New Students to Performance Team - $190
- Continuing students in performance team - $90

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

A parent information session was held early in the term for all parents and students about Dance Extension. If any parents missed the session, please contact your child’s dance teacher for a handout from the session. If you still have any other queries or concerns, please feel free to contact us at the school.
UNIFORM AND SHOES
A reminder that all dance extension students should wear a dance uniform and appropriate dance shoes every lesson. New uniform items will be distributed to all students in the coming weeks.

SPORTS CAPTAINS WRAP
We would like to acknowledge the achievements of outstanding athletes that we have in our school. This week we would like to mention both Rachael Harper and Aaron Nelson who have excelled in their sports. Rachael has made the Under 16 Australian team for Oz Tag which she is playing at the end of March in New Zealand and Aaron made the Queensland team for rugby league which he will be playing in June. We wish them the best of luck.

Rachael Harper  
Aaron Nelson

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Tullawong’s annual swimming carnival was extremely successful, running smoothly. The theme for the event was ‘Beach’ which had a great outcome in participation. The hot day resulted in many students taking part in the swimming events, as well as playing touch, which ensured the day being filled with fun and excellent behaviour. The hard work the teachers put in to this event is what made the day possible.

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HOUSE CHAMPIONS
1st Kiata, 484pts  
2nd Garagah, 477pts  
3rd Alinta, 374pts  
4th Wooroonga, 270pts  
5th Bambara, 266pts

TSHS Sports Captains

YEAR 7 PARENT STUDENT TEACHER MEET AND GREET
What better way to welcome the new Year 7 cohort to High School, than with a BBQ! Parents, students and teachers were invited to attend the BBQ, held on Wednesday afternoon, 3 Feb. This event provided students with the opportunity to introduce their parents to their teachers. Despite the threatening weather, a large group of people mingled at Under-Cover Area 2, meeting the Principal, David Friis, Ms Kate Allen, Head of Special Education, as well as other members of the Administration team and teachers.

Guests were expertly catered for by Mrs Keegan and her Hospitality team, as well as the Student School Leaders under the supervision of House Leaders and Petrus the school chaplain.

The BBQ, which is an annual event, is a wonderful and informal way to make connections between the school and the community. If you were unable to attend, don’t be shy. Contact the school and the teachers of your student, just to touch base and find out what is going on.

PRACTICE FOR NAPLAN
To maximise your child’s success at NAPLAN, Tullawong High is conducting a NAPLAN practice session for the Year 7 and 9 cohorts. This practice session will happen in Week 7 over Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th March.
Practice is very important as it familiarises the students with the routines of the test process and the changes to roaming. When the students are familiar with the processes, they experience less stress and anxiety, and as a flow on, improve their chances of success.

**KOKODA 2016**

The year has started off quite busy for the Kokoda team of 2016 with a number of key events having already taken place. This year, like last year Tullawong State High School plans to enter a number of teams into the schools event of the Kokoda Challenge. This event occurs on 16 and 17 July and is a 48km trek through the Gold Coast hinterlands. Teams of 4 students and 1 staff member walk to honour the Kokoda legacy in the Jim Stillman Cup.

**Trial Walk**

The first event of the year occurred before most students in the state had even returned to school. On Monday 25 January, 43 students and 10 staff, including Deputy Principal David Ferguson, travelled to Mt Coot-tha to walk the Kokoda circuit. This walk included Year 10, 11 and 12 students who were interested in participating in the Kokoda Challenge in 2016. Tullawong SHS had 3 teams compete in the Kokoda challenge with great success in 2015. This year there has already been immense interest from staff and students, hoping to build on those achievements.

The conditions were quite difficult on the day, as the walk began in very hot and humid conditions at around 10.00am in the morning. The circuit the staff and students walked on is the same one the Kokoda teams used last year to prepare for the event. It will again be used this year in term 2 for the teams which are successfully registered. It is a 4km loop opposite Channel 9 on Mt Coot-tha. It is essentially 2km straight down and 2km back up, including the Kokoda track which is one of the most difficult hills to walk in the greater Brisbane area. Staff and students handled the conditions quite well with Mr King setting a cracking pace with a fair number of students able to keep up. Over the time spent walking, the students demonstrated a great attitude despite various fitness levels. A number of students were able to complete additional reps of the Kokoda hill which speaks to both the mental and physical conditions of those already involved. After more than 8km of walking, including some intense hills, the students were in very good spirits and were still very enthusiastic about being a part of the Kokoda team in 2016.

**Parent Information Evening**

Early in February, we were also able to conduct the parent information evening. This was conducted in order to explain the particulars of the Kokoda challenge, as well as the necessary commitments. Over the two sessions, team leaders and support crew from last year spoke about the Kokoda challenge and also gave parents an opportunity to ask questions about the event. Topics included the structure of the event, trainings, nutrition and equipment as well as a few nasty photos of blisters. Across the two nights close to twenty staff members and nearly forty families participated, which I think demonstrates how this event really brings the community of Tullawong together. Participation in the Kokoda challenge requires a significant commitment from the staff, students and all the families involved. The training schedule is quite intense, as walking 48km up and down mountains is not the easiest thing to do. The support and feedback we have received from all those involved has been tremendously positive and has helped us have such a successful start to the year.

**Team Registration**

On 17 February, the Kokoda team was successfully able to register 6 Tullawong State High School teams for 2016. Team compositions and team leaders will be detailed in the next newsletter.

It has been a busy but exciting start to the year for the Kokoda team and we are expecting a fun filled year where we will keep you updated on the journey of the 6 Kokoda teams of 2016.

Written by Sam Gordon and edited by Alison Morish on behalf of the Kokoda team.

**NUMERACY STRATEGY OF THE FORTNIGHT**

This year, we are introducing a Numeracy Strategy of the Fortnight that is being taught explicitly to our Junior Secondary classes. These strategies are designed to develop students’ mental computation abilities.

**Why is Numeracy important?**

People use numbers for many different reasons:

- using money
- to manage finances for living
- to solve problems
- to manage one’s time
- for work purposes
- to be able to read and interpret data presented in tables, charts and graphs.
We use numeracy skills every day, from when we go shopping, comparing petrol prices, reading the time, following a timetable schedule, using a budget, finding percentages, calculating interest, reading and following recipes and in many other situations. There are many jobs and tertiary courses which require competency in numeracy or mathematics.

The strategies covered this term will be Chunking, the Jump Strategy, and Partitioning.

**What can you do to help your student?**

- Talk positively about mathematics with your student – even if you struggled with it at school yourself.
- Talk to your student about how you use numeracy in everyday life – and help them to see the real-life purpose for the skills they learn at school. Try talking about:
  - the cost and value of various mobile phone plans to find the most economical option based on call costs, calling patterns, your teenager’s phone usage and analysing previous bills
  - household bills, such as electricity and water – analyse graphs and discuss costs and ways to reduce energy or water consumption or just how to make a simple budget. There are great templates for these online.
  - numerical information, statistics and data in newspapers and online (this could be sporting statistics, or weather information such as on www.bom.gov.au)
  - whilst out shopping, have them estimate the final cost of an item after a discount
  - read an analogue clock to tell you the time or how long until a specific event
- Encourage your student to use different strategies to solve a problem
- Ask your student to explain the strategy to you – this is a great way for them to deepen their own understanding.

Click the link below for more information on the types of numeracy skills your student needs to develop, or for more ideas on how to help:


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**LIBRARY NEWS**

"The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library."

Albert Einstein

**HAVE YOU FOUND THE LIBRARY YET?**

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**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 star rating and a comment; completed hearts go into the prize draw.

**TANTALISING TEXT TALK:**

Tantalising Text Talk is back for 2016. The first TTT will be on Wednesday 24 February Lunch 1 in the Library to coincide with World Read Out Loud Day. Sign up if you would like to read something or just turn up to be part of the audience. Petrus is the Guest Text Talker.

**CHAPPY’S CHESS CLUB:**

The Chappy’s Chess Club is starting up from Friday 19 February. Students who would like to learn to play chess or those that would like to improve their game are welcome to come along every Friday Lunch 1 in the Library (RC09).

**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.

**TULLAWONG SHS LIBRARY PORTAL:**

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. This portal will be added to over the year to provide a One Stop Shop for all research and Library needs.

**MORETON BAY REGIONAL LIBRARY:**

All students are encouraged 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.

**QATSIF SCHOLARSHIP REPORT**

Tullawong State High school is pleased to announce the successful applicants of the 2016 - 2017 QATSIF Scholarships. The Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation (QATSIF) awards the scholarship to Indigenous students who have achieved results beyond expectations and have achieved exemplary attendance. The scholarship is designed to assist students in a financial capacity to complete Senior Schooling.

The successful applicants are:
Our challenge was launched alongside the ‘Beyond the Broncos’ team in Week 3. We had an excellent turn out and students enjoyed meeting some footy legends and participating in a traditional, cultural dance experience with Jeanette Fabila, renowned dancer, teacher and choreographer.

**ARTIE ACCELERATE CHALLENGE**

We will be selecting students with attendance rates of 65 – 89% and providing them with support and the opportunity to get their attendance back on track. One-on-one strategies including goal setting and coaching will be implemented to help students and families understand the importance of maintaining perfect school attendance.

For any further information on any of our programs, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Andreana Stewart  
**ARTIE Education Coordinator (Caboolture district)**  
drinas@fogs.com.au

2016 is already off to a roaring start for the SRC! We have lots of things planned for Term 1, kicking off with our annual Valentine’s Day Fundraiser last week which raised money for the Year 12s 2016 Legacy Gift.

Later in the term we will be participating in Clean Up Australia Day where students are invited from every grade to help clean up our school community and environment. We will also be participating in the International Women’s Day Fun Run where we will be fundraising for the Mater Chicks in Pink. Continuing with our community spirit, we will also be raising funds for the Leukaemia Foundation’s “Shave For a Cure” campaign, where brave students from our school will shave their heads in support of the cause.

It’s going to be a busy year, but we are all ready for the challenge and excited to see what the year has in store for us!

**Your 2016 SRC Executives:**

Tahlia Noorman (President)  
Steph Fazio (Vice-President)  
Chloe Mara (Treasurer)  
Faith Barnett (Secretary)  
Rebecca Peereboom (SRC Coordinating Teacher)
Every year over 15,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer in Australia alone. To show our support for these brave women, on Sunday 6 March, Tullawong will be joining the RACQ International Women’s Day Fun Run. The SRC Social Committee are raising funds for Mater Chicks in Pink to support women with breast cancer by providing support services and items like house cleaning, counselling and mastectomy bras.

If you want to join our team or donate, head to the Women’s Day Fun Run website and select ‘Register Now’ and choose the School Team option. Search for our team ‘Tullawong SHS’ and fill out your details ensuring you select the ‘Walk’ category, even if you plan on running. Getting together to support this great cause has proven to motivate our students with many already signing up and we hope that we can get a lot of support from our community for this event.

Thank You,
Liana Nation

BEYOND THE BRONCOS PROGRAM

The ‘Beyond the Broncos’ program aims to provide Year 10, 11 and 12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students with the support they need to stay in school, complete their senior studies and transition into further education or employment. The Broncos have worked hard to gain a better understanding and awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the issues they face in today’s society. Therefore, we are committed to using our staff and resources to support the aim of the program and reach our goals. Our area of work includes the Brisbane metropolitan, Caboolture, Logan, Beenleigh and Ipswich areas. We believe education will help improve the quality of life amongst indigenous Australians and close the life expectancy gap with non-indigenous Australians. The Broncos will work with Tullawong State High School, to provide a program that encourages students to attend school and complete studies.

Merle Cashman is Tullawong State High School’s allocated Broncos Community Program Support Officer. Also this year, we have an exciting new initiative; a Brisbane Broncos player ambassador – Alex Glenn. Alex will take a keen interest in Tullawong State High’s outcomes.

Merle Cashman has worked within the Queensland State Education system for 25 years based in Primary and Secondary schools in North QLD and Southeast QLD. Some of the roles she has held are Community Education Councillor and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Support Officer. Merle holds a Cert IV in TAE and Cert IV in Education. She has also worked with the Brisbane Broncos for the last 5 years in Broncos Mentoring Program/ Beyond the Broncos.

She is a proud Aboriginal woman from Quandamooka Nation, who works tirelessly for great outcomes from our participants. Merle will be based at Tullawong State High School, in the Wandi Room, every Thursday from 8am to 3pm. In her role with the Broncos, Merle will be supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and to make contact with families who have a child/children in Year 10, 11 and 12. If you would like to speak to Merle regarding any concerns about your child/children, please feel free to contact her on 0488 729479 or email merle@broncos.com.au.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

ONE KIND WORD can change someone’s entire day