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From the Deputy’s Desk—Danielle Willard

There have been many exciting things happening across the school in the last two weeks. Last Thursday and Friday students participated in the Port Curtis Athletics carnival and achieved some amazing results.

Last Friday and Saturday night our musical was performed. They were fantastic performances that showcased the amazing talents of all involved. The musical received rave reviews. It was a credit to everyone who was involved.

On Tuesday night our Year 8 students participated in an Interschool Mathematics Competition and placed first and second. Our Year 9 and 10 students also won their competition last week. Congratulations to those students and to the staff who helped to prepare the students for the competition.

On Thursday we had students participating in the CQ Regional Chemical Analysis (Titration) Competition today. It is fantastic to see so many students participating in such a large variety of activities.

Cheers

Mrs Danielle Willard

Social Science

On behalf of our Social Science Department, I would like to say how proud we are of the excellent Semester 1 results, not just academically, but also in behaviour and effort. It is pleasing to see such hard work of all students paying dividends. One such student is Georgia Robertson in Year 11.

Out of Georgia’s six subjects, four include Social Science strands (Accounting, Ancient History, Legal Studies and Modern History). To undertake this level of study, not only having high literacy skills is required but knowledge of research skills is vital.

So last term when the Queensland History Association (QHA) contacted schools asking for high achieving students, who were interested in a career in research, to be nominated for a two day education program at the Queensland State Library, Georgia came to mind. Sally Townsend (Teacher/Librarian) submitted Georgia’s profile to QHA and was delighted when Georgia was one of only ten Regional Students chosen to attend this seminar.

Georgia must have been enthused because she is now sharing her expertise as a volunteer at our Gladstone Regional Library. She must have gotten the bug, because Georgia has now entered an ANZAC competition that if successful, sees her tripping off to Gallipoli (all expenses paid) next year for the 100 year celebrations.

We wish her well with her research and will not be at all surprised if she is again chosen to represent Central Queensland.

Good Luck Georgia.
Year 12 News

Adam Wright, Work Group Leader Customer Response at Ergon Energy, spoke to interested Year 12 students on Thursday 24th July about electrical careers with Ergon. Thank you to Adam for giving up his time to speak to these students. As it is that time of year when 2015 apprenticeships begin to be advertised, advice from a knowledgeable industry representative about resumes, job interviews and how to get an apprenticeship is incredibly valuable.

Garry Vettoretto spoke to the QCS Year 12s on Thursday 24th July. Garry spoke from a Neuro-Linguistic Programming perspective about recognising negative thought patterns and how to change them, as well as positive self-talk in order to provide students with strategies for success. Bonnie Clarke said “It was a new experience and it opened up my mind to thinking in different ways.”

“I think it will help me with the QCS as we now know to read information six to eight times to ensure we develop optimal understanding and comprehension,” Emma Kyle added. Thank you to Garry for supporting our students in this way.

Careers News

Some recent information from our careers newsletters. A reminder – senior students have this newsletter emailed to their school account every week. It contains a range of information about universities, private colleges, TAFE, scholarships, apprenticeships and other career information.

ACU Early Achievers’ Program
ACU’s Early Achievers Program is open to school leavers and non-school leavers and considers the voluntary contribution an applicant has made to their community through their school, workplace or other organisation. Applications open Monday 11th August and close Monday 20th October.
http://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/alternate_entry/early_entry

University of Queensland: Enhanced Studies Program
ESP provides students with an opportunity to extend their knowledge and find out more about university study, assessment, and campus life by doing a university subject during semester one of Year 12. Applications for 2015 are now open and close Friday 31st October
http://www.uq.edu.au/esp/

JMC Academy 2015 Scholarship Applications
Applications for scholarships for the 2015 intake are now open and must be submitted by Friday 5th December, 5pm.
http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/Admissions/Undergraduate-Scholarships.cfm

Study Assist
Study Assist is an Australian Government program that assists tertiary students with financing their education. This website contains information about the range of government assistance available to students participating in tertiary study.

Defence Work Experience Program
The Defence Work Experience Program provides young Australians interested in Defence as a future career, with the opportunity to sample life in Defence and learn more about the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and the Australian Public Service (APS).
To view available placements, visit the website: https://defencecareers.nga.net.au/cp/workexperience

Natalie Jounquay
Head of Senior Schooling
Some opportunities advertised in the recent newsletters:

**Griffith University: Sir Samuel Griffith Scholarships**
Griffith is offering a Deans' Sir Samuel Griffith (valued $60,000) and Sir Samuel Griffith (valued $24,000) scholarship to outstanding students commencing an undergraduate degree in 2015. Applications must be completed by 5pm Friday 12th December. [http://www.griffith.edu.au/scholarships/categories/deans-sir-samuel-griffith-and-sir-samuel-griffith-and-griffith-honours-college-scholarship](http://www.griffith.edu.au/scholarships/categories/deans-sir-samuel-griffith-and-sir-samuel-griffith-and-griffith-honours-college-scholarship)

**QUT Academic Scholarship Seminar**
Thursday 2nd October, 5:30pm - 7pm @ QUT Kelvin Grove
High-achieving year 12 students and their parents are invited to find out about applying for academic scholarships. Current scholarship recipients will share their experiences, and there will be an opportunity to speak one-on-one with staff and students. [https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events/academic-scholarships-seminar](https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events/academic-scholarships-seminar)

**QUT: STEM Camp**
Monday 29th September – Friday 3rd October
High achieving Year 11 Students will have an opportunity to attend a free five day event where they will experience real university laboratories and learning spaces at QUT’s Science and Engineering Centre, while interacting with current QUT STEM students, academic staff and leading researchers to find out what life is like on the university campus. The online application portal is now open. [http://www.qut.edu.au/study/undergraduate-study/do-you-advice-school-students/resources-for-schools/stem-for-schools/vice-chancellors-stem-regional-camp](http://www.qut.edu.au/study/undergraduate-study/do-you-advice-school-students/resources-for-schools/stem-for-schools/vice-chancellors-stem-regional-camp)

**University of Southern Queensland: The Science Experience**
Tuesday 23rd - Thursday 25th September, 8am - 4pm @ USQ Toowoomba
The Science Experience provides Year 9 & 10 students with an interest in Science the opportunity to engage in a wide range of hands-on science activities. Contact: sciences.engage@USQ.edu.au or (07) 4631 2361 [http://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events/2014/09/the-science-experience](http://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events/2014/09/the-science-experience)

**Nursing and Allied Health Undergraduate Scholarship and Support Scheme**
Available to students who intend to enrol in an accredited/approved undergraduate allied health course in 2015. Successful applicants will receive up to $5,000 per year for full time students ($2,500 for part time) as a contribution towards the cost of study, up to a maximum value of $30,000. Applications close Monday 15th September [http://www.acn.edu.au/nahsss_ug](http://www.acn.edu.au/nahsss_ug)


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School Read-A-Thon

Toolooa State High School will be holding a School Read-A-Thon between the 16th August and the 2nd September.

The School Read-A-Thon is a stimulating, fun and literacy based fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about developing literacy and a healthy mind. The main focus of this event is on participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved.

To participate, we are asking students to read 30 minutes a day, five days a week, over the two weeks. Ten minutes of each English lesson, over the two weeks, will be dedicated to reading. The remaining time needs to be completed in personal time, so we suggest parents get heavily involved with the School Read-A-Thon. You can do this by helping your kids choose a reading list and ensuring they are fulfilling the requirements of reading for 30 minutes a day, 5 days a week. We also ask that parents/caregivers sign the Reading Record form, to help your child keep track of their reading time.

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We ask all parents to read the Sponsorship Form and sign the front page to grant permission for their child to fundraise and participate in this event. In the Sponsorship Form you will find all the tools you need for successful fundraising, and more! Students who raise at least $10 will receive a reward for effort. We have educated students on the dangers of door knocking without adult supervision, please reiterate this at home. The best people to ask for sponsorship are people you know (e.g. friends, family, work colleagues and neighbours).

A new way to help your child reach their sponsorship goals is through online fundraising. Students raise 5.62 times more with online fundraising, with an average of $95.58 per student! To benefit from this new feature, log on to readathon.com.au/students today!

Once fundraising is complete, please help your child fill out Step 5 – How to Claim Prizes, on the back page of the Sponsorship Form. Then, tear it off and return it with all money raised to the library on or before 2nd September, 2014.

Student prizes will arrive shortly after this date.

Thank you in advance for your support of this event,

Sally Townsend
Teacher Librarian
(07) 49714347

Colleen Ainsworth
Assistant Librarian
(07) 49714346

WOW – What a Transformation

Over the past few weeks a major transformation has been taking place at the top of the circular drive thanks to our Schools Facility Officer (Grounds), Mr Scott Mercer.

The once dry, barren area under the big fig tree has taken on a new lease of life. Scott has spent hours preparing the area, placing boulders to make a visually appealing garden edge, mulching and planting out the region.

Often we are reminded of the need for equipment, resources needed to maximise learning in the classroom but what a fantastic way to start the day with by entering the school and seeing such a beautifully landscaped garden.

A HUGE thankyou to Scott for making Toolooa an even better place to both work and learn.
WAYS TO BE A GOOD FRIEND

Peer groups are groups of friends of about the same age. Having a group of friends is very important to a teenager, especially at school. Therefore ways to be a good friend and keep your group of friends are:

- Be there for your friends when they need you. Remember you may need a friend at some stage to talk to, when things are going not so right for you!
- Be truthful or honest
- Don’t talk about your friends behind their backs in a nasty manner. Rumours are not very nice and you would not want it too happen to you!!
- Be loyal by sticking up for each other. Never join in when others are being mean. Other option is to ignore it!
- When making a promise to your friends, keep it.
- Have fun by doing things together. For example, going to the movies
- Be kind and caring
- Laugh a lot with friends

Accept that friends have different opinions and that is okay

If requiring more information on peer groups, contact Lani, School Based Youth Health Nurse on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays Ph 4971 4364.

Yours in health,
School Based Youth Health Nurse
Phone 4971 4364.
Lani Clements

Relay for Life 2014

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Gladstone Relay for Life in 2014. It is great to see so many students taking an active part in community events and raising the much needed money for the Cancer Council.

Mrs Read and Mrs Patzwald were honoured and very proud of the Toolooa Team who represented themselves and the school with class – the relay baton the large Toolooa Tiger Shark kept going all night!!

The Toolooa team raised over $1200 this year which will be going to help in finding a cure for cancer.

Congratulations to Brad Fuller, Taylor Bland, Katie Morgan, Sarah Lumsden, Kaitlyn Read, Georgia Robertson, Cory Last, Megan Pascoe, Jasmyn Dew and Lauren Brennan who made up the Toolooa team.

Well done all on your fantastic effort!
Toolooa SHS - Mathematics Competitions Success.

Year 8:

Earlier this week Toolooa SHS was represented by two very good teams in the annual QAMT Year 8 Mathematics Competition held at Gladstone SHS. Of the ten teams that competed on the night I’m pleased to say that our two Toolooa SHS teams finished first and second blowing the competition away. Our winning team now goes onto the next stage of competition competing against teams from other regions in Bundaberg. Congratulations to our teams: Toolooa 2 who finished second: Nic Versic, Jake Holmes and Anna Meikle and especially our winning team Toolooa 1 consisting of Xavier Townsend, Lachlan Christie and Merin Ward.

Year 9/10:

Last week Toolooa SHS was represented by two teams at the annual Gladstone & Region yr9/10 Mathematics Tournament held at Tannum Sands SHS. Our year 10 team performed excellently tying for 4 place. Our year 9 team however was victorious on the day having tied with a Tannum Sands SHS team after the regular rounds and then being forced into a spine tingling tie breaker from which they emerged the winners. Congratulations to our winning team of Lootphee Dzulkamal, Botond Hajos, Jasmine Elliott, Tommy Flint and Protim Mir.

Year 11/12:

Two weeks ago we also had two teams competing in the annual Gladstone District Senior Mathematics Teams Tournament held here at Toolooa SHS. Whilst both teams were unsuccessful, they did in fact perform very well on the day with our year 11 team (5th overall) outperforming our year 12’s. Thank you to both teams for your participation.

Greg Hage
HOD Mathematics
2014 Early School Leavers Survey

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual state-wide survey of students who left school in Years 10, 11 and prior to completing Year 12 in 2013. The Early School Leavers survey is a brief, confidential survey that provides a picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school leavers in the year after they left school to understand why young people leave school early and to help early school leavers make positive career choices.

Between July and August, our students who left school in Years 10, 11 and prior to completing Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician’s Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate. Thank you for your support of the Early School Leavers survey in 2014.

For more information visit www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/ or telephone toll free on 1800 068 587.

2015 Applications for all EQIP programs are now open.
Expression of interest forms can be downloaded at eqipgladstone.com.au or can be collected from Gladstone Technical College 4 Boles Street, Gladstone

APPLICATIONS CLOSING ON 15TH AUGUST, 2014
For more information please contact
Phone: 07 4976 6129
Fax: 07 4976 6161
4 Boles Street, PO Box 280, Gladstone 4680
Email: admin@eqipgladstone.com.au

LOST PROPERTY
Please collect now!

Lost Property will be available to check through and collect at the Admin Building.
Our box is currently full of school jackets and jumpers. None of these have student names on them. Smaller items such as glasses, keys, jewellery, etc can be collected at the admin office also.

Please check the box prior to the end of term as any unclaimed items will be donated to charity.
Red Cross Blood donations 2014

Are you up to the challenge? In semester 1 over 150 lives were saved by Toolooa staff and students through their willingness to donate blood. With Red Cross Blood Donor week upon us students have given up their own time and blood to help those in need. A very big thankyou to Matthew Richter, Conor Ferguson-Rienks, Brittany Macleod and Molly Dawes who donated last week to start the semester two tally.

This semester the goal is to beat semester 1 numbers and save at least 180 lives! We need to have 60 donors this semester to reach this target which might sound like a lot but is only 3 donors per school week.

If you are 16 or over and would like to donate or know more see one of the student ambassadors or Mrs Read in the science block for more details.

Keep up the effort Toolooa you are life savers!

Operation Christmas Child 2014

This term the school will be participating in the Operation Christmas Child Appeal. This wonderful charity is run by Samaritan’s Purse, an international group that operates in impoverished countries all over the world. Much of their work involves helping communities provide some of their most basic needs – such as water filters, schools and medical treatment and many other things. These things help the entire community – but each year it is OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD that truly brings a smile to the faces of the children in these villages. Last year a record 316,323 boxes were sent from Australia and New Zealand.

The appeal involves preparing a shoebox of items for an impoverished child. Each shoebox contains at LEAST ONE item from SIX basic categories: something to love, something to play with, something for school, something for personal hygiene, something to wear and something special. It is very important that each box also includes enough money to cover the cost of shipping the box ($9). The best way to do this is to pay online, so that you can print a bar code to attach to your box. You will then receive an email early in 2015 to let you know which country your box was sent to.

When a child opens a shoe box, they’re opening more than a present lovingly prepared just for them. They’re opening up their community to a world of life-changing opportunities. The boxes bring joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world. As each shoe box gift is delivered, it is treasured by the child that receives it.

This year, many classes will be asked to work together to complete one or two boxes. Any students who would like to prepare a box on their own (or with their family) should see Miss Cooper in the Science Staffroom and she will give you an official box and all of the information that you need to be able to prepare your box correctly.

Last year the school prepared 54 boxes that were then sent to South-East Asia. Hopefully we can prepare an equal or greater number of boxes this year.

Ideally, all shoe boxes should be completed and returned to Miss Cooper in the Science Staffroom by Monday the 15th of September, but she can still accept them in the 1st few days of term 4.

For more information go to: www.operationchristmaschild.org.au
Tooooloa state high school recently performed an energetic and fun performance of ‘Alice In Wonderland,’ at the Gladstone Entertainment Centre. 53 cast and crew prepared over 9 months for the colourful show, and delivered an enthusiastic show. Children were on the edge of their seats as their much loved Disney characters were brought to life. After each show the cast and crew surprised the audience by mingling with the crowd in the foyer. Children and adults alike jumped in for photos with the cast and some actors were even asked for autographs.

The Tweedles taught the audience how to shake hands and the Cheshire Cats purred and slinked through the foyer. The staff at Toolooa are so proud of the student’s commitment, enthusiasm and talent. Many community members have passed on fantastic feedback about how much they enjoyed the show, and some children told their parents “now they want to come to Toolooa and be in a musical.” The costumes were designed by our drama teacher Phoebe Huttunen, and hand made by a parent Louisa Window, along with a few other community members and staff at the school. The musical not only offered an opportunity for students to build confidence and make friends, but also a great chance for those who shy away from the spotlight- to be involved in being a Techie crew member. These students controlled all of the set and prop changes along with the follow spots, music, video cues and lighting changes.

Toolooa love hiring the space at the Entertainment centre due to the quality of the productions held there and the professionalism of the staff. The students are already asking about when the next musical is. The students truly brought these characters to life, and the audience left with enormous smiles on their faces, and whistling catchy tunes such as ‘Zippedy Doo Dah.’ Toolooa offers students a vast array of opportunities within the Arts and other areas as well such as science and sport. We believe strongly in students pursuing excellence in and beyond the school walls, and encourage them to participate where possible in community events such as our school Musical. The staff at Toolooa are extremely dedicated and passionate and devote their time and efforts freely to support student success.

Such a fantastic show.

Wow!

Thank you to all the staff who assisted in the creation of this exciting performance and for all of the support from other staff and community members.

Mindi Mewing
ACTING HEAD OF THE ARTS
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Opti-MINDS Regional Challenge:
CQU Rockhampton - 24th August 2014

Toolooa State High School Office Hours
Monday to Friday 8:00am - 3:30 pm
General Enquiries Ph. 07 4971 4333
Student Absentee Notification Ph. 07 4971 4360

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