Awards Evening

What a wonderful evening! Having the opportunity to recognise the outstanding efforts and achievements of our students is extremely important at Toolooa SHS and the awards evening last week was a fantastic showcase for this. I was thoroughly impressed with all elements of the evening however special mention must go to the student presenters. They should be very proud of the quality of their speeches and the way they handled themselves on stage in front of a large audience.

I would like to recognise the enormous job that Mr Bryan Townsend, Mrs Ellen Kean and Ms Rachel Hartwig did in organising this event as well as thanking Mr Alan Whitfield for his inspirational key note address. Congratulations go to all award winners, with special mention to our Student of the Year, Brad Fuller.

Movember

The ‘mo’ is back, albeit for just the month of November! Passionate about this cause, Mr Greg Hale has rallied the troops with a significant number of our male teachers growing the moustache for this worthy cause. Yes, our top lips may look a little hairy, but it is a small price to pay if it raises awareness men’s health issues. Thank you Greg for your commitment to addressing the issues of men’s health in our school and community.

Explicit Instruction

With the focus clearly on continuing to improve the very strong teaching practices already embedded at Toolooa SHS, our understanding and implementation of the key areas of Explicit Instruction is building well. Our teachers are ensuring that our students know what is expected each lesson through our WWSS:

◆ What are we learning
◆ Why are we learning it
◆ Skills we will be covering in the lesson
◆ Success Criteria – how we will know that student have achieved the required learning

Additionally, they are breaking large skills down to component parts and teaching them individually. There are also some very strong practices about how we debrief with the students at the end of the lesson; restating and checking the WWSS and summing up the learning in the lesson.
On Thursday 30th of October Toolooa SHS celebrated its annual awards night. Once again it was a stellar occasion which showcased to parents, staff and the wider community the wonderful achievements of our students. This year the event was based on the theme of the future is you.

Highlights of the night included the professional presentation skills of both our junior and senior leaders, moving principal’s address from Garry Goltz and entertaining speeches from our guest speakers Alan Whitfield and Josh Reilly (2013 DUX). Additionally entertainment for the night was exemplary and the efforts of our bands, student performers and Taiko drumming group must be acknowledged.

Our major award winners for the night are listed below however special acknowledgment must go to our student of the year Bradley Fuller who received our most coveted award for the night which for him caps off a tremendous 2014.

Bradley Fuller

We also now look forward to announcing our 2014 Dux who will come from our 5 outstanding academic achievement winners Bradley Fuller, Alisha Benson, Beth Hackfath, Emma Kyle and Lana Lette.

This award will be formally announced and presented on our first parade for 2015 after final results, OP and university entrances are complete.
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Week 4 has started with a Whole School Parade. It was great to see so many students being acknowledged for their amazing achievements. Students were presented with awards for Mathematics, Music and Science. Congratulations to those students and also to the staff that helped prepare the students. Thursday night will see more students rewarded for their efforts at the Annual Awards Night.

Another proud moment for all members of Toolooa’s community comes from the large number of students who are ready to support others who are less fortunate than themselves. Mrs Zagami presented certificates to a large number of students who participated in this year’s 40 hour famine. Mrs Zagami and these students raised over $7000 through sponsorship. Well done to all of these students. Thank you to everyone who helped support these students and Mrs Zagami.

Students from Toolooa’s Interact Club have also been actively fund raising and actively supporting our community. On Monday at parade we saw Mr Slape and Mrs Keen presented with some lovely clothing items that they have agreed to wear following fund raising for the Shelter Box project. Mr Slape looked very handsome in his Toolooa shirt however I’m not sure that Mrs Keen was quite as excited about her steel capped boots and high vis shirt! The students from Interact have been very active in their fund raising efforts. Here are just a few of the more recent ones, they have supported South Gladstone Rotary Club by assisting at the Senior Citizens Dinner, participating in Relay for Life and selling Bandanas for Bandana Day. They are also planning to participate in Reclalm the Night and Adopt a family. Again, it is really impressive to see so many students actively supporting others both in our community and abroad.

One final group to mention is the group of students who donate blood. Mrs Read set a challenge yesterday at parade; she is keen for Toolooa to reach 100 donations for the year. Toolooa is currently sitting at 82 donations. We are very close to reaching the goal, I am certain that we will be able to reach and even surpass that goal. We all know someone or know of someone who has had to access the support from the Blood Bank. It is fabulous to see such community spirit from our students.

Cheers

Mrs Danielle Willard

RSPCA Christmas Appeal

This Christmas consider supporting your local RSPCA centre through the gift of giving! Our shelter and its cats and dogs are in need of:

- Cat dry/wet food (Whiskers preferred)
- Dog dry/wet food (Pedigree pal preferred)
- Pet treats
- Pet toys
- 2nd hand towels, sheets and blankets

Other valuable items include

- Chux/dish cloths
- Laundry liquid/powder
- Dish washing liquid
- Bin liners
- Freezer bags/doggy bags

Your donations will go under our Christmas tree and they will ensure our centre can cater for our animals into the New Year.

Please place your donations with Miss Miranda Smith at Toolooa House.

Year 12 End of Week Activities

Year 12 end of week activities will begin on Monday the 17th November. Student attendance in the final week is mandatory; any absences in this week must be accompanied by a medical certificate or direct communication with the Principal. As part of the week, students will be working through various rotations. Students will receive this timetable during week 5. The cost of end of week activities, including the Graduation Breakfast, will be $75. This must be paid by the 7th of November.

Graduation Breakfast

Year 12 Graduation Breakfast will be held at the Gladstone Entertainment Centre on Thursday the 20th November. Students and parents are to assemble at the venue by 6:30am for a 6:45am seating. Parents and Guardians are welcome to purchase a maximum of four tickets (strictly parents only) from the school office for $32.50 per ticket. This must be paid by the 13th November.

Any question please contact Bill Moloney 49 714 333

Bill Moloney Year 12 Co-Ordinator.
It is interesting when considering the number of children and adults alike who believe that a Mum or Dad should be a ‘friend’ in preference to being a ‘parent’. The job of being a parent is so much more than being a friend and holds a great deal of responsibility. This is worth some discussion.

What does Being a Parent mean?:

- Being there for your child – to talk with them, take them places, stay up late waiting for them to come home to know they are safe, helping them with homework that sometimes is beyond your own knowledge, having school meetings with teachers, preparing lunches for years on end (this alone would test any friendship)
- Being with them to celebrate the good times but also to help them through the difficult times (and at times the difficult times out way the good times)
- Even when they say “I hate you’ you give them unconditional love by answering ‘I love you’ and adding ‘but I don’t like your behaviour’ (not many friends would last the distance if they felt unloved).
- Using tough love when needed (letting them know when they have done the wrong thing; getting them to take responsibility for their actions; setting limits)
- Saying ‘no’ – and sticking to your decision when you know it’s in their best interest (this takes energy and strength to resist the emotional blackmail and the language that comes with this eg. you’re ruining my life/ my friendships/my future). Life not always going ‘your’ way actually helps build resilience/ it’s the struggles that make us stronger (we could go on and on with the benefits of ‘no’)
- Letting them know what they are doing well but also letting them know what they may need to improve on (which they may not want to hear)
- Being honest but not harsh e.g. if an outfit is inappropriate who better to tell them than a parent (a friend most probably wouldn’t)
- Being the shoulder to cry on but eager to talk through the issue causing the problem
- Modelling good behaviour and educating your child with skills needed for them to be ready for living in the community – socially appropriate people are more employable than those lacking such skills

In drastic times - dropping everything and coming to their aid – at these times putting their needs before your own

It takes more than a friend to be a parent. It takes love, commitment, selflessness, and endurance. Let’s congratulate ourselves for lasting the distance.

From the Guidance Officer
Senior Schooling News
With Natalie Jounquay

Year 12s
The end of the term, and their schooling, is fast approaching for our Year 12s. Students need to ensure they stay on track right up until they graduate. Assessment is occurring throughout Week 6 – students need to be organised!

Year 11 QCS Preparation Program
Gilmore Education Services, experts in the Queensland Core Skills Test, will be presenting sessions to our Year 11 QCS students on Thursday 6th November on strategies for success in the QCS test. This is part of our QCS preparation program to ensure our students achieve their best.

2015 CQU VET courses
The 2015 CQU VET offerings have been released. Students may collect a booklet from the Senior Room. Applications need to be returned to Ms Jounquay or Bree in the Senior Room.

QTAC Tertiary Prerequisites 2017
2014 Year 10 students can now check out the prerequisites for entry into university courses in 2017. The guide is available as either an ebook or as PDF versions. See the website: http://www.qtac.edu.au/Schools/Resources.html

Career Opportunities
Here are some opportunities from the latest careers newsletter:

Aurizon offers rail and road-based freight transport and infrastructure solutions across Australia. They are seeking individuals to undertake work in Rockhampton in the following apprenticeships:

- Electrical
- Fitter & Turner
- Painter
- Boilermaker


Energex Apprenticeships
The two apprentice trades currently offered at Energex are:

- Electrical Fitter Mechanic (Electrician)
- Overhead Linesperson


CQUniversity: Online Information Session
Tuesday 2nd December, 4pm - 7pm
Explore your options at CQUniversity and have your questions answered from the comfort of your own home. CQU offers full-time or part-time study either on-campus or by distance education.

http://www.cqu.edu.au/calendar/event-items/information-session/online-information-session10?SQCALENDAR_DATE=2014-12-02
Toolooa’s Art Program, has created exciting opportunities for students to participate in a range of fantastic local Community Artworks. Miss Laura Jane Macnamara took a group of Toolooa Art students to Tanyalla Conference Centre at Tannum Sands earlier in the year, and created an impressive ‘Under the sea’ Mural across a large wall at the centre. This showcase of the student’s talents to the community, excited other local community groups and associations, and therefore they sought out opportunities for our students to create Murals at their venues as well. This included the recent Kin Kora Kindergarten Mural painting of their ‘Friendship Garden, and yesterday’s CQ University Mural of “Rainforest meets the Sea.”

These Community groups contacted the school regarding a theme/idea and a location they wished a mural to be created, liased with Miss Macnamara regarding designs, paint and equipment requirements, and then a group of students enjoyed a day applying their skills and artistic flair to create a Community Mural. This has given the students a unique opportunity to create public artworks, to follow design briefs and time lines, to put into practise techniques learnt in class, and a great experience to add to their resume.- Mindi Mewing

“On Thursday Week 3 this term, a selection of year 11 and 12 students embarked on an adventure to paint a 12 metre long wall at the CQ University. The theme was “Rainforest meets the ocean” to create a calm and tranquil environment for the University staff and students to enjoy their lunch. This was an excellent day filled with hard work, dedicated students, lots of messy paint and a tonne of fun. The University staff were full of high praise for the students’ artistic skills and I couldn’t be prouder as their art teacher. Well done to all.

- Miss. MacNamara (Visual Art Teacher)"
Operation Christmas Child 2014

Well done to everyone who got involved in this year’s Operation Christmas Child Appeal. Miss Cooper delivered 50 shoe boxes from the Staff and Students of Toolooa State High School to the drop off location (MP Liz Cunningham’s office) in week 2 of this term.

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. Most of these boxes went to children in South-east Asia and the South Pacific.

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.

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.

**Joanne Cooper—Science Department.**

Interactor Fundraising For Shelter Box

Term 4 sees two well-known Toolooa teachers step out of their comfort zone to aid Interactors in fundraising for a shelter box. This year has seen the Toolooa Interact members run lolly guessing, money boards and now the ‘no heels for Mrs Kean and Mr Slape in a t-shirt’ challenge. Shelter box is an international disaster relief charity that delivers emergency shelter, warmth and dignity to people affected by disaster. The challenge has seen Mrs Kean and Mr Slape understand how important dignity is in times of need by changing their habits.

Mrs Kean who is always impeccably dressed with matching shoes agreed that if students raised over $100 she would give up the heels for sneakers and/or boots. Mr Slape who has a very structured wardrobe clearly labelled as Monday collared shirt, Tuesday collared shirt….. with his supply of trusty pens accepted the challenge to wear different shirts or t-shirts for three days if $100 was raised.

Thanks to the generosity of students, staff and loose change from the tuckshop the both staff members have accepted the challenge given a total of $213 was raised.

A special THANK YOU must be given to Mrs Kean and Mr Slape for being willing to be part of the FUN.
Volleyball Junior Schools Cup

Between the 16th-19th October TSHS sent an U15 Boys and an U15 Girls team (accompanied and coached by Mr Hill and Miss Paap respectively) to the QLD Volleyball Junior Schools Cup held in Brisbane. The boys competed in Division 2 held at The Gap SHS and the girls competed in Division 3 at the Beenleigh Indoor Sport Centre.

The teams comprised of: (Boys) – Lachlan Warwick, Reid Sunderland, Nathan Spencer, Ryan Elliot, Brad Preston, Connor Mulhern, Michael Ludkin and (Girls) – Lucia Coleiro, Janaya Ray, Jess Chalmers, Jessy Edwards, Charmaine Brady, Rachelle Eastaway, Tierney Sunderland and Laine Sunderland. Both teams played within the spirit of the game, displaying excellent on and off-court behaviour, exceptional skill and team work and were excellent representatives of TSHS.

The Girls managed to place 12th in their division whilst the boys, who showed incredible grit and determination won GOLD (1st place) in Division Two against local arch rivals Gladstone SHS. Great job Boys!

Well done to both teams and a big thanks to both Mr Hill and Miss Paap who have gave up countless hours of their own time to train and prepare the teams for this competition.

Technology News

Moving to the end of the end we are starting to hear of some great opportunities that our senior student is getting out in the Gladstone industries and work places, participating in work experience and receiving offers for apprenticeships.

We hope the time spent in our workshop will help you with a smooth transition into your working careers.

Also Toolooa SHS as had some successful applicants for EQUIP’s Engineering Skills Centre, which will commence at the start of next year.

These students have been chosen out of hundreds of year 10 and 11 student who applied for the limited number of position.

To be successful in the application process they needed a high standard of behaviour and effort at school while academically also achieving great results.

Congratulations To Our Successful Students and Good Luck!

Bailey Camm
Ryan Elliott
Mitchell Glossip
Dan Hage
Aiden Melville
Gavin Smith
Robbie Sumerfield
Reid Sunderland
Tomas Wright

Students At Work

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Empowering Families

FREE Workshop for Parents and Significant Others
Date: Sunday 16th November 2014
9am – 3pm (morning tea and lunch provided)
Venue: Gladstone and District Darts Association, 10 Moura Crescent Barney Point
RSVP: Monday 6th November 2014
Contact Karen: 49778112 or karen.sullivan@communitysolutions.org.au

A day to share — break bread together, laugh and cry but most of all a day of learning how to cope with the challenging behaviours and complex needs of a child / loved one struggling to manage life with a mental health condition or disability. Their lives are often characterized by recurrent, significant crises and how we cope with these challenges often determines their quality of life.

Developed from the lived experience this peer to peer Workshop is innovative, evidence based and designed to deliver cutting edge life skills and strategies training to Parents and Significant Others adjusting to this sometimes — emotional roller coaster ride.

Learn how to:
- Increase your communication and boundary setting skills
- Identify and promote person directed care
- Enhance your ability to manage significant emotional challenges
- Enhance your understanding of ‘Self’ and the ‘Parent/Support Person’ role
- Develop strategies that build relationships
- Build networks of support to maintain your sense of health and wellbeing.

Response to previous workshops:
“Workshop was brilliant, gave me insight and enthusiasm, to realise how powerful knowledge is, confirmation of my own hopes, dreams and intentions, knowing my boundaries and limits and finding myself again.”

“Sue is empowering, inspirational and has changed my life and my thinking, thank you so much.”

About the Facilitator
Sue Koning is an author, motivational speaker and Life Coach. Sue has facilitated educational support programs through two of Gold Coasts major Drug Rehabilitation Centres and successfully co-ordinated a program for people in recovery from Dual Diagnosis conditions to re-enter the workforce. Sue has spoken at a number of seminars throughout Queensland for Mental Health Qld, and has held the position of Team Leader at a Domestic Violence Refuge for women and children. Today Sue specialises in working with families, because she believes they represent one of our most under recognized sources of power that can transform our Mental Health System. “Families understand that each member possesses unique strengths and abilities”. Sue holds a Diploma of Community Services.

Community Solutions
Rio Tinto Alcan
Qld Government
Queensland Alumina
MIFQI
Recovery
Anglicare

Uniform FREE DAY
Wednesday the 12th November.

Wednesday 12th November (week 6) will see the final uniform free day for 2014.

The money raised will go towards the chaplaincy program which offers support to students within our school community.

The normal rules for uniform free day applies including:
- Shirts with sleeves (sun safety)
- Low cut shirts are also not appropriate for school
- Closed in footwear
- Shorts/skirts/pants that are of appropriate length
- No offensive logos, images or phrases
- Hats must still be worn if participating in outside activities

Support the chaplaincy program at Toolooa by remembering your gold coin donation for the last free dress day of 2015.

Gladstone Aquatic Centre
70 Tank Street, Gladstone
Saturday
November 22
7-9pm

Normal Pool Entry Applies
Canteen will be open with drinks and snacks available for purchase.

Gladstone Regional Council
Notice to all Schools in the Gladstone Region

All schools are invited to participate in this year’s Remembrance Day Service.

A service to remember all Australian Service men and women, who gave their lives because of war or subsequently from the effects of war, will be held at Anzac Park on Tuesday 11th November commencing about 10.30am.

This is the 95th anniversary of the signing of the armistice in 1918 on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month that concluded what we now call the First World War or the great war of 1914-18. It was predicted to be the war that ended all wars but with including conflicts since there have been over 102,000 servicemen and women killed.

All students are welcome to attend and are encouraged to lay a wreath.

Wreaths are available from the RSL drop-in-centre and participants are encouraged to contact me so that your school can be mentioned during the wreath laying ceremony.

Hoping to see you there.

Yours faithfully

Peter Young
Secretary
RSL Gladstone Sub Branch
Businesses urged to make a Queensland Apprenticeship Pledge

The State Government has launched the Queensland Apprenticeship Pledge, an exciting new initiative that aims to drive the creation of additional apprenticeship opportunities.

Under the Queensland Apprenticeship Pledge, the government has asked industry to commit to providing additional apprenticeship opportunities to further develop a strong skills base for the state’s economy.

In return eligible employers who sign up to the program will be paid an incentive of up to $5000 for each additional apprentice they take on above their benchmark.

The Queensland Apprenticeship Pledge supports the Queensland Government’s $86 million commitment to create 10,000 additional apprenticeships over six years.

It also builds on the success of two other initiatives implemented under the Queensland Government’s Great skills Real opportunities training reform action plan - the School to Trade Pathway Incentive program and the Group Training Additional Apprentice Bonus.

For more information or to make a pledge to employ additional apprentices please go to http://training.qld.gov.au/pledge

Lost Property

Please collect now!

Our box is currently full of hats, jackets and jumpers. None of these have student names on them. Smaller items lost at school such as glasses, keys, jewellery, etc can be collected at the admin office also.

Unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

Let’s take steps together to create a world without type 1 diabetes.

Come and join the Walk to Cure Diabetes Lohns Park on the 16th of November at 3pm.

Please support me and make a donation today.

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