On Monday 18 February, Alan Whitfield proudly recognised six students who were accepted into the Queensland Certificate of Education Scholarship Support Program.

On November 2008, an educational trust known as the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation (QATSIF) was created to advance the education and life opportunities of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people in Queensland through the provision and promotion of scholarships.

QATSIF patron, Aunty Ruth Hegarty writes passionately about her personal experience as a member of the ‘Stolen Wages’ and the generational affect this has had on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

The loss of wages created considerable stress for our Elders who felt they had been robbed, considering the years spent in employment and sometimes far away from families.

“In support of all unclaimed monies, I believe the move to set up the Foundation by Government is a way of making sure our children benefit and achieve greatness in higher education of which we, the Elders, were deprived.

Because of our struggle, knowledge and experiences we entrust you with the gift of education to take you, the First Nations young people forward. Empowering you will give precedence to future generations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait islanders,” Ruth says.

Gary Highland, National Director, Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation says “When I was in school, I was told that Australia developed on the sheep’s back. I now know that it developed on the backs of thousands of Aboriginal men, women and children.”

Acceptance into the Scholarship Program requires significant commitment from the recipients not only to successfully obtain their Queensland Certificate of Education but to the generations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people who were denied the opportunity for education and improvement by the withholding of wages.

Alan Whitfield, Principal
YEAR 7/8 COORDINATOR
Welcome to all parents and caregivers of Year 7 and 8 students in 2013. If you have had a student here at Toolooa before you will probably know my name. If, like your year 7 or 8 student this year, you are new to our school, my name is Craig O’Connor and I am the Year Level Coordinator (YLC) for both Years 7 and 8 in 2013. At Toolooa SHS, that means my job is to get to know every student as well as possible during the year and ensure that their transition from primary to high school is as smooth and positive as it can be. Part of that occurred in 2012 when I, along with Junior Secondary Deputy Principal Bryan Townsend, visited with the students at their primary schools and spoke first with them and later with their teachers about any specific learning needs or any information that would assist us in making their high school life successful.

This year it involves regular year level assemblies, careful and specific tracking of individual student results and performance and providing a supportive and detailed student wellbeing program for when those almost inevitable ‘bumps in the road’ occur in the life of a teenager.

Keep a look out for reminders about our Year 7 and 8 ‘Meet the Parents’ night on Tuesday February 26th. This is a great opportunity for all the adults involved in the school life of each young person in Year 7 and 8, to have an informal chat over a sausage sandwich about how the high school year has started.

If you would like to speak to me or have any questions, my direct number is 4971 4341. If I am not at my desk, I will do my best to get back to you the same day.

Additionally my EQ e-mail address is ccocon20@eq.edu.au.
I look forward to seeing or speaking with you in the near future.
Sincerely
Craig O’Connor, Year 7 and 8 Coordinator

YEAR 9 COORDINATOR
Hi, I’m Greg Hale and this year I will be the Year Level Coordinator for Year 9. I see my role as providing an extra level of support for our students in 2013. This includes monitoring attendance, providing support for pastoral care for students, providing a point of contact for bullying and harassment, tracking and monitoring academic and social progress and celebrating successes.

As the highest year level in the Junior Secondary School, students in Year 9 will have a range of opportunities to participate in leadership activities. Part of my role will be to assist students in developing their leadership potential by encouraging them to engage in a variety of challenging tasks while providing services to the school.

I am looking forward to working with all of the Year 9 students and their families in 2013.

Please feel free to contact me regarding Year 9 students if the need arises.
Greg Hale
ghale9@eq.edu.au
49714342

YEAR 10 COORDINATOR
Hi, I’m Jess Bathey, the Year 10 Co-ordinator for 2013. I’m looking forward to a busy and exciting year filled with lots of transition opportunities for our year ten students. This year, my first focus for the year ten cohort will be on attendance. It is absolutely vital that our students are attending school on a regular basis to ensure they are reaching their full potential.

As part of my role as a Year Level Co-ordinator at Toolooa SHS, I will also be overseeing the school-wide Success Celebration initiative. This will include the recognition of outstanding behaviour, academic achievement, as well as sporting and cultural endeavours.

If you would like to contact me at any stage throughout the school year, I can be reached directly on 49 714 316 or via e-mail at bate112@eq.edu.au. If I’m unavailable to speak when you call, I’ll always make it a priority to get back to you as soon as possible.

YEAR 11 COORDINATOR
Welcome back to 2013! For those of you who do not know me, my name is Bill Moloney and I am the Year 11 Coordinator - amongst other things! This will be an important year for our Year 11 students, as it represents the first year of a two year course of study which will open the door to their chosen careers and adult life.

We ask our year 11 students to remember three key points. Firstly, attend school EVERY DAY. Secondly, be organised and focused in all areas of study and training. Thirdly be great role models for our younger students and ambassadors for our school when out in the general public.

Please remember, if your son/daughter is experiencing a difficult time with their education, please contact me on 49714314, so we can work together to obtain a successful outcome.

YEAR 12 COORDINATOR
Hi my name is Georgie Schluter and I am year 12 coordinator for 2013. This will be an important year for our Year 12 students, as it is there last year of study. Our expectation is that all of our year 12 students exit with a QCE and are able to successfully transition into their future pathway.

We ask our students to remember three key points: Firstly, attend school at least 95% of the time; secondly, try your best in all your subjects, and thirdly, show respect to our teaching and Office staff.

As part of my role I am responsible for the following, tracking of QCE attainment; formal point collation and communication; student pathway consultation; tracking of attendance and engagement levels.

Please remember, if you wish to discuss any issues with me at any time, please feel free to contact me on either gschl4@eq.edu.au or 49714339.

INDIGENOUS PROGRAMS
What a start to what is shaping up as a great year for indigenous education. We started the year with our Year 9’s and 10’s travelling to Brisbane for a University experience – experiencing the life of a university student and participating in a number of adventure activities.

Students returned from the camp with a renewed perspective and now a number of our students are considering university as an option when they complete Year 12.

Also coming up is our ARTIE (Achieving Results Through Indigenous Education) launch with Steve Walters and Petro Civoniceva. This program will mentor our Indigenous students, helping them to strive for improved attendance, increased effort in class and better results. The launch for our Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students will be happening Monday 11 March from 5.30pm – 7.30 pm at CQU.

Additionally, our Year 10’s will be working very closely with Former Origin Great Steve Price.

The program, known as “Pricey pathways”, will be running at Toolooa once a month. The aim of this program is to encourage our Year 10’s to achieve enhanced academic outcomes and transition them to senior schooling.

Finally, we welcome a new member to our Indigenous support team - Cassie Benjamin. Cassie brings a wealth of experience to our department and will be working closely with our senior students.

Any questions regarding our indigenous programs, please contact Bill Moloney or Cassie Benjamin on 49714314.
ART'S THIS YEAR IS OFF TO A GREAT START

Miss Mewing (Instrumental Music co-ordinator) and IM teachers have met with new parents and students. First practice with the concert band and symphonic band started this week. Everyone is excited to see so many new faces. We are going to have a great year with a “Mad March Music” and a Music Camp in term 2.

Dance excellence program is up and running with selected students having the opportunity to develop their dance and writing skills for senior. The girls are very dedicated to striving to achieve their best. They are early risers with school starting at 7:30 am. The students are working well and are committed to developing their skills. We are all looking forward to seeing them perform.

Several junior band members have been chosen for SHEP Middle school (State Honours Ensemble Performance). Students had successful auditions to be accepted for this prestigious workshop and performance. Congratulations Toolooa students.

“Drama and Dance” will be having a performance night Wednesday 20th March for year 9 to 12 in the Dance/Drama room.

Please keep an eye out for the notices for more information. It should be a great night.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations Toolooa. What a performance! The 2013 swimming carnival was a great success!

The day started out with a whole school parade. Students went to great lengths to show their Careport colours and support. Looking around the shelter, the once uniformed student body of Toolooa had transformed into a mass of colour and excitement. Everywhere you looked there was red, blue, green and yellow mixing together as the excitement started to build for the day ahead. It was great to see that the friendly rivalry between the Careports didn’t end with the students as teachers also made it clear which Careport they belonged to.

Throughout the day first place varied, but in the end it came down to student participation and relay team points. Heat after heat and final after final, our tough competitors swam proudly for their Careports. At the end of the day eleven swimmers stood out from the rest, our ‘Age Champions’ for 2013. Although the large majority of Champions came from Curtis it was evident that participation was the key to Heron’s success on the day.

| U/12 MALE | Henry Kean |
| U/12 FEMALE | Merin Ward |
| U/13 MALE | Max Allison |
| U/13 FEMALE | Ally Ware |
| U/14 MALE | Nathan Spencer |
| U/14 FEMALE | Janaya Ray |
| U/15 MALE | Matt Furness |
| U/15 FEMALE | Blake Ward |
| U/16 MALE | Georgia Muir |
| U/16 FEMALE | Angus Allison |
| U/19 MALE | Brianna Elliott |
| U/19 FEMALE | Miguel Penglai |

Congratulations to all of our ‘Age Champions’ for 2013. Overall, the day was a huge success. The best thing to come out of the event was everyone having fun and participating. Congratulations to those students who got involved. A big thank you must go out to the teachers involved and the PE department for organising the day.

2013 Swimming Carnival Results!!
1. Heron 1296 points
2. Curtis 1218 points
3. Elliott 1035 points
4. Keppel 959 points

TOOLOOA'S GOT TALENT COMPETITION 2012- A HUGER SUCCESS

Toolooa is proud to announce the Winners of the Toolooa’s Got Talent competition for 2012!

Over 200 auditions were held over the two weeks, with an enormous interest and support by students at the school.

It was spectacular to see the massive response from our students, and it was inspiring to see the amazing talents that they possess.

From comedy acts to full rock band entries, it was an extremely entertaining experience.

The students flooded the audition rooms to support their friends and enjoy the Arts in their lunch breaks. The judges meticulously selected the Top 10 acts- who then performed at a concert in the shelter. From these performances the Top 5 were then selected.

The votes were tallied and the results were as follows:

1st place: Sarah Wright St Clair (received $1500 worth of equipment)
2nd place: Michelle Mayanzaneise (received $600 worth of equipment)
3rd place: Cheyenne Gomez & Sarah Wright St Clair (shared $400 worth of prizes)

Highly commended: Maddy Wieland, Emily Newman and Ben Lanzon (all received a $50 voucher each)

The students also received an engraved trophy for their efforts.

Thank you to all staff, students, community members and businesses who supported this fantastic competition, that has been created to encourage and continue students at Toolooa’s active participation, and passion in the Arts.

Congratulations to all participants, and I look forward to seeing the talent displayed at the 2013 Term 3 Toolooa’s Got Talent competition.

Mindi Mewing
PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME 2013

Accounts are DUE now!!

Receipting times for the school office are from 8:00am until 1:45pm. After 1:45pm payments can still be made using cash or credit card details for processing on the next business day.

Payments can also be made over the phone if you have a Visa or MasterCard. The receipt can be emailed to you.

Alternatively, it is possible to do a Bank Transfer from your account into the school account. Please contact the school office for necessary details if this is your preference.

For anyone who is unable to pay the full amount now a Payment Plan is available. Please contact the office regarding these arrangements. Please make sure that you have signed and returned the Student Resource Scheme form for 2013. This signed agreement is essential to confirm arrangements between yourself and the school regarding the Resource Scheme.

Additional items are available through the school office. These are:

Art Diary $8.50
Art Brushes (set) $4
Art Palette $2
Calculator (scientific) $18
Calculator (graphics) $185 for Maths B & C senior students
Earplugs $2
QCS Book $25 for senior students
School Jackets $43
Safety Glasses $5

Please have correct money for these purchases if possible.

Miss Paap - Sports Co-ordinator

Toolooa S.H.S
in Bailai, GoorengGooreng and Gurang country.

Articles from this newsletter are also accessible on our school website: http://www.toolooashs.eq.edu.au
The National Council of Women of Queensland Inc

is proud to launch the

2013 Bursary Program

for female students

Would $1000 help you with your studies?

Do you live in... Ipswich? Cairns? Logan?
Do you want to be a teacher?
Is your home in regional or rural Queensland?
Does a family member have cancer?
Are you transitioning from care to independent living?
Are you over 25 and returning to the workforce?
Are you keen to work in aged care?
Do you have a disability or mental illness?
Do you live in Rockhampton in a sole parent family?

If you answered YES to any of those questions you may be eligible to apply.
Each of these bursary has its own criteria, Tertiary and secondary students should apply.
Go to the NCWQ website www.ncwq.org.au
and follow the links for the bursary information.

Applications open on 18 February and close on 8 April 2013
For further information contact
Avril avrilki@bigpond.com 3886 0045
or Kathy raynev@bigpond.net.au 3408 9456

CLINTON JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB ARE
CHASING A FEW PLAYERS IN THE FOLLOWING
DIVISIONS:

Under 6 - (boys and girls born 2007)
Under 9 - (boys and girls born 2004)
Under 13 boys born 2000

Players can register on-line at www.myfootballclub.com.au

If you have never played before and would like to give football a try
that's fine, all are very welcome.

Enquiries can be directed to : Jeff Jackson 4978 5481, Greg Hage 4978 0160 or Jon Gifford 0417 382 098 or email juniors@clintonfc.com.au

ONE TO ONE LAPTOP PROGRAM

Did you miss the first information session? Are you interested in being part of the program in 2013?
An information session for parents of grade 9, 10, 11 & 12 students interested in becoming part of our Laptop program will be held on Monday, 4th March at 5:30pm in the library.

Attendance at an information session, payment of all school fees and the laptop parent contribution of $100 is required before a Laptop will be issued to your child.

This is a fantastic opportunity to secure a Laptop for your child for the remainder of the year – don’t miss out! For more information please contact Tara Stewart on 49714312.

ARTS TOUR TO BRISBANE - EXPRESSIONS OF
INTEREST ARE BEING SOUGHT.

We would like to take a bus down to the bright lights of Brisbane and enjoy a bit of culture.

This trip will be mostly for year 12’s and year 11’s. Students will be
selected to attend and enjoy workshops, theatre and art galleries.

We hope to be travelling on Anzac day and returning the following Monday. Itinerary is now being planned so please keep an ear and eye out if you are interested.

Mrs. Schmidt – HOD The Arts.

CHAPLAINCY JUNIOR BIKE CHALLENGE

The Gladstone Schools Chaplaincy Committee will be holding a Junior Bike Challenge as a fund raising event for School Chaplainy on Saturday March 2nd between 2:00 and 4:30pm.

This event allows riders from grades 4 to 7 to choose the distance they
think they can ride in 2.5 hours and then challenge themselves to
achieve their goal.

The venue for the ride will be the Gladstone Showgrounds, which
eliminates the dangers associated with riding on the road.

Riders fund raise by gaining sponsorship for their personal effort and
can win a family holiday if they
become the rider who raises the most money.

Riders will need both permission and support from their parents to
participate.

For more information and registration please phone:
SHELLEY HARVIE 0411813859 or see
Chaplain Dewald (Waldo) at school for a permission form.

AGM - TOOLOOA SHS P&C

WHEN: Wednesday 13.03.2013 at 6pm
WHERE: Senior Room Toolooa State High School.

PACE PROGRAM FOR EDUCATING
PARENTS/CARERS OF INDIGENOUS STUDENTS.

This program is to assist parents or carers of indigenous students so
they can assist students with the education of their children. A small
workshop is being held at:

PLACE: The Gladstone Aboriginal and Islanders
Co-operative Society
WHERE: Shop 1/35 Off Street Gladstone
WHEN: Wednesday the 6th of March 2013
TIME: 11:00am – 1:00pm
R.S.V.P. 27.2.2013
Contact Lisa McClelland on Mobile 0424 437 516.

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