Name the Newsletter

As you can see, we’ve changed the design of the newsletter to include quick find sections for dates you may need to remember, important messages and lots of interesting regular pieces. The only thing we’re missing is a name for the publication. We’re hoping that you can help by emailing your suggestions to us. If your suggestions gets picked, not only will you be able to brag about it every fortnight but we’ll reward you with two movie tickets!

Email your suggestions to bpint2@eq.edu.au by Tuesday the 14th of May and the next edition will announce the winner and carry the name on the banner.
**Principal’s Piece**

Welcome back to school of the beginning of Term 2.

This term commences with the distribution of some very important information – the Term 1 Interim Report Card, the initial formal indicator of student academic, effort and behavioural progress at school in 2013.

Please review your child’s report card carefully and discuss the ratings with your child. Many of our students have definite plans about their future pathways to work or further study and it would be wise to evaluate whether they are on track. Setting a realistic goal based on the previous term’s results is a great technique for maintaining or improving performance. Monitoring the progress towards that goal takes time and discipline but it also sends a powerful message to your child about your interest and commitment to assist them to succeed as a learner at school.

An important component of this information sharing process is the opportunity to attend a Parent Teacher interview with your child to discuss the interim progress report. Building a quality relationship with each of our child’s teachers is a very important measure of the support for learning that ensures that your youngster is successful at school.

Information on the process of booking interview times is included in a mailing with your child’s interim progress report. Interviews will be held on Tuesday 7 May from 3:30-6:30pm in the Maths block. Book online via the school website - get in early to avoid disappointment.

**New Newsletter Format**

You will have noticed a change in the presentation of our newsletter in the edition. No doubt you have noticed that the masthead is missing. We look forward to seeing your suggestions for the publications new name, we’re sure there will be many very creative ideas out there.

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**Inspire, Encourage, Achieve - ARTIE**

The ‘ARTIE’ (Achieving Results Through Indigenous Education) program, named in honour of proud Indigenous State of Origin Legend Arthur Beetson, is available to Indigenous students attending selected Queensland secondary schools. The program sees Former Origin Greats Scheme (FOGS) visiting participating regions and promotes the importance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural identity and awareness amongst its participants. The ARTIE program has adopted the motto of “Inspire, Encourage, Succeed” which forms the bases of a myriad of strategies that aim to improve the schooling endeavours of participating students. It provides Indigenous students the opportunity to participate in a program that encourages and rewards improvements in school attendance, behaviour, academic achievement and effort.

Recently Steve Walters from the FOGS together with veteran 14 season NRL Broncos and Qld player Petro Civoniceva ran a night event with the ARTIE support team and participating students. The focus for the evening was setting up teams of students with coaches (teachers) and planning goals for achievement for each student based around ten identified areas for our indigenous students. The turnout of Toolooa students and parents was fabulous and our students performed impeccably making us very proud. We’ve already had a number of former students register as tutors under the program showing that it not only promotes achievement while at school but beyond as well. Another exciting initiative for our students!
Nurse Natters
The Role of the School Based Youth Health Nurse

My name is Lani Clements and I’m the School Based Youth Health Nurse for all students at Toolooa State High School. My role includes working within the school community on issues that may affect the health and wellbeing of young people. At present I’m running the virtual babies for Year 10 students to provide a realistic simulation of being a teenage parent. Usually students are keen to pick up the babies on Friday but cannot wait to hand them back on Monday.

I provide information through whole of school health promotion, classroom education and individual consultations with students on various issues such as growth and development, relationships, stress, self esteem, personal problems, healthy lifestyles, sexual health and drug and alcohol awareness. I can also provide information on other services and community agencies.

Student consultations are confidential except in circumstances where the student’s safety is at risk.

I am at the school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays in the Technology block. Students can make an appointment with me directly on the days that I am at school.

Yours in health,
Lani Clements
School Based Youth Health Nurse
Ph: 07 4971 4364

YEAR 7 LEADERSHIP DAY

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Our Year 7 teachers attended the day and organised activities and with Junior Secondary Deputy Principal Mr Townsend and our Chaplain ‘Waldo’ manning the BBQ the students we able to enjoy a great day.

Overall the students acquitted themselves very well in a range of challenges, showing a number of positive traits essential for future leaders. This day was a precursor to the Year 7 leadership camp occurring in Week 9 of term 2.

Thanks must also go the senior leaders who attended for being such able helpers as well as the Year leaders who lent their support.

Craig O’Connor
Year 7 and 8 Coordinator

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This will be an excellent opportunity for Toolooa students to experiencing the wealth of culture that Brisbane has to offer.

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They researched music styles and specific iconic imagery associated with music styles. This was a task that every senior student could relate to.

Their research started from the 1960’s where they found more foreign forms of music was introduced through bands like the Beatles. Led Zeppelin and Chicago were just some of the rock n’ roll bands that were formed and became popular in the 1970’s. In the 1980’s, the popularity of pop music skyrocketed with the help of newly developed compact discs and the rise of the popular music channel MTV.

They discovered various different styles of music were born during the 1980’s such as: psychedelia, acid house, death metal, Goth rock, hip hop, and folk. The music of the 1990’s started off strong for the music styles of pop and rap. During its development stages in the past decades, teenagers have learned to love music and learn from it.

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EQIP stands for Education Queensland & Industry Partnerships. This body is industry-school funded and led. It provides strategic oversight of a number of off-site programs established by the Gladstone Area State Secondary Schools Alliance (GASSSA).

The focus of these programs is authentic, industry-sited learning to create pathways for students and job-ready employees for industry. EQIP programs are sited at NRG Powerhouse (EESC – engineering and automotive certificates), BSL Smelter (BITS – Business and IT courses), McCosker Contracting (D2CC – civil construction) and the Technical College Gladstone Region (school-based apprenticeships and traineeships).

Students interested in these programs for 2014 are to keep an eye on notices for the upcoming key dates and opportunities.

**Proposed** key dates for Term 2 and Term 3 are:

1. 14 June  EQUIP Applications Open
2. 16 July  EQIP Information Evening 6-7pm – All programs
3. 22 July  PREQIP Information session 6-7pm
4. 23 July  ETCGR Information session 6-7pm
5. 24 July  EPMA Information session 6-7pm (at CQIT)
6. 30 July  EBITS Information Session
7. 5 August  Careers Expo Rockhampton
8. 6 August  Careers Expo Gladstone
9. 14 August  FOGS Careers Expo (Rockhampton – PREQIP students to attend)
10. 16 August  EQIP Application Close

See Mrs Read or Bree in the senior room for more information.

**Chaplin Report**

Hi Everyone,

My name is Dewald van der Merwe, also known to many as Waldo, and I am the Chaplain here at TSHS. My role as chaplain is mainly to deliver a service called Pastoral Care.

This entails supporting any needs that a student may have, whether those needs be spiritual, physical, or emotional.

I provide low-level counselling and any needs that cannot be met through the service I provide I refer on to relevant people who may have more expertise in certain areas. I also run programs/events that help students to discover who they are, and to help build their self-esteem and confidence.

I am passionate about building relationships with young people, and getting alongside them to encourage and help them discover the identity and potential that they were created with. I am here to serve TSHS and its needs as best I can, and look forward to what can be achieved through my position here.

**Memorial Service - Todd Flannigan**

On Tuesday the 7th May 2013 there will be a memorial service to honour and celebrate Todd Flanagan’s life. The service will start at 8:15am and be concluded by 8:40am. It will be held by the memorial post behind the tuckshop. All family and close friends are welcome to attend, please help spread the word to all relevant people.

Dewald

**NAPLAN Testing Time Line**

Our students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will soon participate in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The tests will be conducted in all state and non-state schools across the country from 14–16 May.

An individual NAPLAN report for each child will be sent home later this year. Results provide additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in key curriculum areas.

Please contact the school if you have any questions about your child participating in NAPLAN testing. Further information is available on the [ACARA website](http://www.nap.edu.au/).
I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and discuss briefly the role of the Guidance Officer at TSHS. I have been employed with Education QLD for 18 years. I worked as a classroom teacher for 8 years and during that time completed my Masters Degree majoring in Guidance and Counselling. I was employed as a Guidance Officer in 2003 and have worked in both primary and secondary schools.

Guidance Officers are experienced teachers who have completed post-graduate level qualifications in guidance and counselling. They also undergo training in other areas such as behaviour management, family therapy, grief counselling, mental health issues and career development.

Guidance Officers work in a team with members of other student support services such as the Chaplain, School Nurse and Head of Senior Schooling. They also work closely with administration and staff to ensure that the welfare needs of students are met.

Guidance Officers provide a direct service to both individuals and groups of students. Students may self-refer or be referred by parents, teachers or members of the administration. Guidance Officers provide counselling and advice on personal issues, resources and advice on careers and courses, personal development and mental health issues. They are also involved in behaviour management and give advice to parents.

Although they are members of the school staff, they are able to extend beyond the teacher role and handle sensitive situations in a confidential manner. They also maintain links with and can refer students and families to outside agencies.

- The role of a Guidance Officer is very broad. These may include:
  - Assessing students’ placement and specialist support needs.
  - Personal counselling in relation to individual safety and crisis management.
  - Helping students manage relationships and behavioural difficulties.
  - Study skills development.
  - Ascertainment of students with special needs.
  - Career counselling and advice.
  - Subject and Course selection.
  - Career planning and decision making.
  - Overseeing tertiary applications through QTAC.
  - Providing Information on jobs and how to get them.
  - Supporting Independent Students.
  - Student Education and Transition Plans.
  - Accessing Services.

Students and Parents may make appointments to see me. Parents may phone to either make an appointment or to speak to me by phone. If I’m not available, a message may be left on my message bank - 07 4971 4333.
Performance Night Term 2

This term Dance and Drama Students will be showcasing some of their creative work in Dance/Drama Night Term 2, on Wednesday the 12th of June, at 6pm. Year 8, 9 and Senior Dance will be performing Contemporary Dance, while Senior Drama will be presenting student-devised contemporary theatre works. Year 9 and 10 Drama will have the audience in stitches with their Clowning and Commedia Dell Arte scenes.

Term 1’s performance night was a great success with family and friends showing their support to our very talented students, the money raised by donations from our very generous audience going to assist the Arts at Toolooa.

We hope this term to have an even bigger show of support for our fantastic Arts students. We look forward to seeing you there!

Looking for something to do with the kids?

Calliope Crafty Capers has all of the hands-on, creative answers for you.

We make wonderful projects with craft; hold science experiments, “cook” and help save the environment with creative construction.

Workshops are Monday to Friday during school hours for 3-5 years and workshops after school hours for 5-16 years.

Please contact Tina on 0428 87 1010 or check-out and “like” my Facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/CalliopeCraftyCapers.

Toolooa Arts Camp

Toolooa Art’s Camp - Big thank you to Miss Mac Namara and all the other teachers work to organise the event. We will be having events such as life drawing, specialised music lessons, tours and experiencing performances. Overall it will be amazing. Thanks to all the staff who will be giving Anzac Day and the weekend so that students can gain this wonderful experience.

Mrs. Schmidt – HOD – The Arts.

Toolooa State High School

Offered for Sale by Tender

- Metal Lathe
- Make: Hafco
- Model 3iniHafco A128op

This small combination milling machine and metal lathe was purchased in 2003 and is now too small for our requirements.

Contact Robyn Nicolls at Toolooa State High School on 07 4971 4333. Viewing by appointment only.

Mothers Day Gala

Featuring Ramptons Danzenergy Dreamgirl Dancers & SIDESPLITTING COMEDY - OUTSTANDING IMPRESSIONS - GREAT COSTUMES

Starring Kerry James (UK) & Daniel Gold (Aust)

Imagine Marilyn Monroe, Dean Martin, Bette Midler, Jerry Lewis, Liza Minelli, Elvis Presley...ish, Tina Turner, Frank & Nancy Sinatra, Sonny & Cher, Dusty Springfield, Dolly Parton and Austin Powers all in one show performed by only two talented impressionists.

“The Vegas Legends Show Has Everything”

Saturday 11th May 2013 6.30pm
Clinton School Function Hall Harvey Road
Tickets $60 including complimentary glass of Champagne and Nibbles on Arrival

Gladstone Cental State School

Offered for Sale by Tender

TRACTOR (Yanmar YM 186) with attachments “as is”

Tender Opens: 9:00am 22nd April 2013
Tender Closes: 3:00pm 3rd May 2013

For more information or inspection please phone Administration on 49797222
or email dludk1@eq.edu.au
Working Towards Wellbeing

- Mental health in the workplace is a serious issue that needs to be addressed
- 1 in 5 Australians are affected by a mental health condition in some way which in the workplace means a loss of productivity and profits due to absenteeism and reduced hours
- The annual cost of mental illness in Australia is estimated at $20billion
- The benefits of a positive working environment as an integral part of rehabilitation and recovery from mental illness, is well documented.
- Similarly the connection of mental health issues through a negative working environment is also a common and current concern for business
- Working for wellbeing needn’t necessarily mean employment. It could mean volunteering, or investing time and getting involved in an activity or passion
- It’s about working towards good mental health and supporting those around you to do the same.
- Less well developed are the opportunities for the business community to engage with providers of mental health support in the working and general population as a whole, to foster discussion, increase awareness and enable solutions which provide better outcomes for all concerned; client, employer and the community. This week seeks to provide such an opportunity
- A great way to celebrate the week and raise awareness for mental health at the same time is by planning an event
- If you are planning an event in your workplace, school or community, register it here at mentalhealthweek.com.au.

SuperChallenge is coming

This year’s Toolooa SuperChallenge will be held on Thursday 6 June. All primary schools in the district are invited so if you have students at a local primary school, look out for information on nominations and events.
2013 QUEENSLAND CORE SKILLS (QCS) TEST

Expression of interest — (Chief) community representative
Closing date for applications is Friday 10 May 2013

The Queensland Studies Authority (QSA) invites expressions of interest from community members to nominate for appointment to the positions of chief community representative or community representative for the QCS Test. To maintain the accountability, security and proper conduct of the test, the QSA appoints members of the community to each test centre to carry out duties on behalf of the QSA.

A test centre is a secondary school, or another place approved by the QSA, where students may sit the QCS Test. All test centres are located within Queensland. Each centre has a chief supervisor, who is usually the school principal or a person acting in that capacity, to administer the test on behalf of the QSA.

This year the test will be held on Tuesday 3 September and Wednesday 4 September.

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### Kilometric allowance

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If the QSA appoints you to a test centre that is not your nominating school, you may be eligible to claim kilometric allowance for the extra distance you need to travel to perform your duties at the appointed test centre rather than your nominating school. For more information, please see the Position description.

No other chief community representatives or community representatives are eligible to claim kilometric allowance.

### How to apply

Members of the community interested in applying for these positions should contact the school principal to collect these documents:
- Position description — (Chief) community representative
- Application — (Chief) community representative
- Declaration of undertaking — (Chief) community representative.

The QSA will post appointment notices to successful applicants in late July.

### More information

Please email the Assessment Operations Unit at <qcs.admin@qsa.qld.edu.au>, or phone (07) 3864 0394.