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THE TOOLOOA STATE HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL SPORTS AWARDS EVENING.

The Toolooa State High School Annual Sports Awards evening took place on Wednesday, 14th of November at the Harvey Road Tavern. The event was a huge success, with over one hundred and thirty guests attending the night.

Ms Paap (Sports Coordinator) opened the proceedings, and hosted the evening with the assistance of key note speakers Steve Price and Brent Tate. Both of these speakers provided inspirational words of encouragement and congratulations to Toolooa's athletes.

In our show of support and recognition of sporting achievement, numerous pennants, certificates and trophies were presented to the deserving students who competed both in individual and team sports through the 2012 school year. The awards are far too numerous to mention, but it was a fantastic opportunity to showcase the sporting talent at Toolooa State High School. The highlight of these presentations was the crowning of the Junior and Senior Sportsperson of the year, and the team of the year. This year's Junior Sportsperson of the year recipient was Georgia Muir, with Sam Smith taking out the Senior Sportsperson of the year award.

Throughout the year Georgia achieved the following accolades which clearly indicate why he was chosen as Toolooa State High Schools 2012 Junior Sports person of the year;

- ❖ Swimming Age Champion
- ❖ Athletics Age Champion
- ❖ Cross Country Age Champion
- ❖ Port Curtis Cross Country
- ❖ Port Curtis Football
- ❖ Port Curtis Track and Field
- ❖ Port Curtis Touch
- ❖ Capricornia Cross Country
- ❖ Capricornia Track and Field
- ❖ Capricornia Football
- ❖ Interschool Netball
- ❖ Interschool Mixed Netball
- ❖ Interschool Touch
- ❖ Interschool Volleyball
- ❖ All Schools Touch Team
- ❖ QLD Country All Stars Soccer
- ❖ 2nd in Botanic to Bridge

Whilst Sam Smith achieved the following outcomes during his 2012 sporting year;

- ❖ Age Champion Athletics
- ❖ Best and Fairest Touch
- ❖ Port Curtis Volleyball
- ❖ Port Curtis Touch
- ❖ Port Curtis Rugby League
- ❖ Port Curtis Athletics
- ❖ Capricornia Athletics (Bronze in hammer throw)
- ❖ Interschool Touch
- ❖ Interschool Rugby League
- ❖ Gladstone Athletics Age Champion
- ❖ Gladstone Athletics Senior Club Champion
- ❖ Valleys Rugby League International Highest Point Scorer and Best Rep Player
- ❖ Gladstone Rugby League Rep Player of the Year
- ❖ Capras Best Back
- ❖ U16 QLD State of Origin Rugby League
- ❖ QLD Academy of Sport Rugby League Touring Team
- ❖ Signed 4 year U20s NRL Contract with NQ Cowboys
- ❖ Invited to Australian Institute of Sport (Rugby League)



THE TOOLOOA STATE HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL SPORTS AWARDS EVENING CONTINUED.....

The Year 8 Boys Rugby League Team, led by Mr Muir and Mr Hage, who achieved were able to secure their spot as the Port Curtis Rugby League champions earned them the title of Toolooa's Sports Team of the Year.

One of the other highlights of the night was the draw for the raffle prizes. Students had been busy selling tickets in the weeks leading up to the night. The winners this year were

- 1st prize** Sally Pearson signed and framed Olympic Flag- Daryl Rootes
2nd prize 6 Month Gym Membership at HUB Total Fitness- Michael Hankinson
3rd prize Anna Mears signed Hero Shot- Bruce Anderson
4th Prize Jhural Yow Yeh signed supports pack- Tahnee Guinea

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Toolooa State High Physical Education Staff
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Scott Mercer (Groundsman)

And very special thank you to Ms Paap for her hard work in organising the evening

In closing, this event could not have happened had it not been for the Toolooa students. The hard work, determination, commitment and mateship that these athletes have developed will continue to pay dividends long after their high school sporting achievements are forgotten.

10 DRAMA PERFORMANCE CONFESSIONS

In term 3, on the 14th of September, the very talented year 10 Drama students presented their class play *Confessions*.



A community theatre piece written by the year 10 Drama class of 2009, which had the goal of revealing the problems faced by Gladstone teens. Using comedy, drama, and some very interesting characters *Confessions* showed the outcome of bullying, peer-pressure and underage drinking. The students' hard work paid off and the audience enjoyed the performance, one parent commenting that the play made them think about how they talk to their kids.

A big thank you to the wonderful year 9 helpers who donated their time to assist with the production. The whole cast did a wonderful job on the night and should be very proud of their performance.
Phoebe Huttunen

SUBJECT: HORTICULTURE DESTINATION: THE WORLD

Congratulations to all the year 12 Certificate II in Horticulture students who have successfully completed their modules requirements and attained their certificates. These students were required to complete 17 modules and undertake practical work both on site at school and in the wider community. It has been a busy two years but particularly a busy 2012. Student involvement in the Hill Close housing development was a surprise



TOOLOOA STAFF AND STUDENTS CONTRIBUTE TO KMART WISHING TREE APPEAL

Caley Duncan placed six gifts under the Kmart wishing tree on behalf of our school on Thursday the 22nd of November. These gifts were possible thanks to contributions from staff and students at Toolooa State High School. The official launch of the Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal took place on Thursday the 15th of November and you can place gifts under the tree up until Christmas Eve.



Caley Duncan

The Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal is Australia's largest Christmas gift appeal. Thanks to the incredible generosity of Australians, the Appeal has collected more than 5 million gifts for people in need over the past 24 years. This year we are celebrating our 25th anniversary of giving. Last year, the Appeal raised more than 461,000 gifts. In 2012, The Appeal aims to collect more than 500,000 gifts nationally, for distribution via our charity partner, The Salvation Army.

Now an Australian Christmas tradition, the Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal is heavily relied upon by The Salvation Army to provide support to families in need at Christmas.

Hundreds of thousands of Australian's in need this Christmas are once again hoping for some much needed festive cheer.

As working families struggle with continued financial strain, The Salvation Army reports that one in ten Australians are living in poverty. Major Peter Sutcliffe from The Salvation Army reiterated the need for Australians to give generously to the Appeal. "Our studies show that around half the country's low income households are experiencing cash flow concerns. This forces some to take drastic measures such as increasing credit card debt, exhausting their savings and borrowing money off friends. With many Australians still finding it difficult to rebound from the effects of the global financial crisis, the pressures of this year's Christmas may be felt most by those people who are in need for the first time," said Major Sutcliffe.

Managing Director of Kmart, Mr Guy Russo said that "This Appeal is so important. Australian families and the many thousands of people, who seek help from The Salvation Army, rely on us. We can't let them down. Everyone deserves to have some joy, peace and happiness at such a special time of the year."

Major Sutcliffe urged donors to remember all those in need when donating gifts. Some groups, such as teenagers and the elderly, are often forgotten as they can be difficult to buy for. "It's important to remember people of all ages need our support and, in particular, teenage boys and girls, as this is the age group that most often goes without at Christmas. A few simple ideas include books, clothing, and games, toys and sports equipment."

We hope that many more staff and students of Toolooa State High will consider making a donation to the Kmart Wishing Tree by Christmas Eve
Miss Cooper.

STEM - 10 EXTENSION SCIENCE VISIT CQU ROCKHAMPTON

Thursday 8th November saw 16 students from the extension science – STEM class travel to CQU to participate in career planning and academic experiences. Students were given the opportunity to identify careers and courses that may suit their interests and personalities along with experiencing some of the types of activities they may do as undergraduates in nursing and engineering. The opportunity to visit and speak to local university staff helped clarify questions and opened student's eyes to the wide range of possibilities available locally. Special thanks needs to be given to the staff of CQU who assisted on the day to make it a success.



Photos show student involved in a nursing trust activity and electrical engineering challenge.

and a unique experience in a number of ways. A number of students undertook induction and work experience at Gladstone Ports Corporation while others gained work experience with Yaralla at the Gladstone Golf Course. Some students were lucky enough to participate in all these learning experiences and through the demonstration of positive attitudes and dedicated work ethics were invited back by the companies concerned. Congratulations goes to Matthew Walker whose determined attitude and hard work saw him gain a school based apprenticeship during this last semester which means that he has now begun permanent employment with Yaralla where he will complete his apprenticeship and gain a wealth of knowledge. Congratulations to Rachel Potter whose commitment to the subject and willingness to partake of any Horticulture work experience more than once gained her the award for 2012. Well done to all; 2012 has been a year to remember.



TITRATION FINAL RESULTS

Congratulations to Bryn Rohdman who was awarded a gold medallion for her result (within 0.019 of the actual value) in the National Final of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute (RACI) Australian National Chemical Analysis (Titration) Competition. Congratulations also to Kahlia Mallet-Jackson and Josephine Tucker who were both awarded silver medallions for their results (both students had results within 0.077 of the actual value).

The Royal Australian Chemical Institute (RACI) Australian National Chemical Analysis (Titration) Competition has been running since 1984. Acid-base titration is a method in chemistry that allows quantitative analysis of the concentration of an unknown acid or base solution. This technique is used for chemical analysis in nearly every working laboratory.



Bryn, Josephine and Kahlia

The competition has two stages – the first round involves Regional Competitions in each state. The teams that place 1st, 2nd or 3rd in the Regional Competition are then invited to take part in the National Finals.

All participating schools in Queensland compete initially in one of four regions;

1. S.E. QLD - Brisbane, Gold Coast, Toowoomba and Sunshine Coast Regional
2. Central Queensland Regional Competition
3. Townsville and Cairns Regional Competition
4. Mackay Regional Competition

In the regional competition students compete in teams of three in order to accurately identify the concentration of three different solutions of acetic acid by titration.

Toolooa's 2012 Team 1 consisted of Bryn Rohdman, Kahlia Mallet-Jackson and Josephine Tucker. The team placed 1st in the Regional Competition and were then invited to compete in the National Finals.

Team 1 travelled to the Gladstone campus of Central Queensland University to compete in the National Finals on Thursday the 11th of October. There were 12 teams that are Queensland finalists and many others from each state and territory as well. Each team of finalists across the nation competed in the Finals at their closest participating University campus.

The finals were much more demanding than the regional competition and students had just two hours to complete the analysis and calculations. Each year only the best teams in the Finals achieve remarkable accuracy in this quite difficult exercise, getting results within 0.25% of the actual values.

The students worked hard with several after school and weekend practice sessions in order to prepare for the National competition. QAL's Heather Warren provided invaluable assistance by providing chemicals for practice sessions and by attending practice sessions alongside Chemistry teacher Joanne Cooper in order to assist the students in their preparation for the finals.

2013 SCHOOL DATES

Term	Term dates	Duration
Term 1	Tuesday 29 January - Thursday 28 March	9 weeks
Term 2	Monday 15 April - Friday 21 June	10 weeks
Term 3	Monday 8 July - Friday 20 September	11 weeks
Term 4	Tuesday 8 October - Friday 13 December	10 weeks

2013 School starting date for Toolooa State High School

- Year 7, 8 & 9 – Tuesday 29 January
- Year 10, 11 & 12 – Wednesday 30 January

2013 Student Free Dates

- Thursday 24 and Friday 25 January
- Wednesday 11, Thursday 12 & Friday 13 April,
- Monday 21 October

2013 Year 10 & 12 finishing dates

- Year 12 – Friday 15 November
- Year 10 and 11 – Friday 29 November
- Year 7, 8 & 9 – Friday 13 December

TOOLOOA STUDENTS SAVE LIVES

Toolooa students have decided to make a difference to the lives of others by rolling up their sleeves and donating blood. Five year 11 students gave up their time to attend the Red Cross Blood donation centre at the Gladstone Hospital in order to help others. All first time donors they enthusiastically filled out the paperwork, gained parental permission, completed the interview and then courageously gave blood. The students will be followed by another 3 three students next week undertaking the same life saving gift of donating. Well done to those students who made the decision to help others – you are wonderful individuals, an asset to Toolooa and heroes to others in the community!!



Photos show students enjoying refreshments after donating and Brittney donating.

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BIODIVERSITY DAY

On Friday 2nd November, 2012, five enthusiastic and excited year 9 extension science students attended the QMEA Biodiversity Day at Odgers Road, Dumgree. Described as pioneers, these students were the very first to visit the temporary nursery environment and the permanent translocation sites for the endangered species of *Cycas megacarpa* – cycads. Karl Brennan, Seth Martin, Megan Pascoe, Kaitlyn Read and Georgia Robertson worked side-by-side with a number of professional consultants and scientists in development of a LNG school unit.



An enjoyable day was had by all with all students returning home better informed, more environmentally aware and very tired. Congratulations to all five students for their enthusiastic attitude, willingness to participate, enquiring minds and fantastic behaviour which made this excursion one of the most enjoyable and relaxed.

DATES TO REMEMBER

30/11/2012	Year 6 Orientation Day 8:45am - 3:00pm
1/12/2012	Canberra Trip 12:00am – 6/12/12 11:59pm
3/12/2012	Year 7 Orientation Day 8:45am – 3:00pm
11/12/2012	Artie Reward Trip R'Ton 9:00am – 3:00pm
12/12.2012	P&C Meeting 7:00pm – 8:30pm Admin Building

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