**Tumbi Talks**

**Thursday, 14th August, 2014**

Message Stick

We have been fortunate to have hosted the message stick that is going to all schools aligned to Kuriwa AECG as we all plan for the annual gathering and celebration of Aboriginal culture at Gulung Fest. The message stick began its journey with us and during NAIDOC Week. We passed it to Brooke Avenue PS who staged an amazing welcome ceremony. It is wonderful to be a part of the reawakening of culture for all.

*Photo of Katie with the Message Stick at Brooke Avenue PS*

**STOP PRESS** - Wakakirri performance through to State Finals!

**Tumbi Rocks Rocked!**

Wednesday night showcased the depth of talent and dedication in our colleagues as with our talented students staged another edition of Tumbi Rocks. Congratulations goes to Mrs Drennan, Mr Donnelly, Mr Miller, Mr Pennings, Mr Chittick and Darren Brailey for a wonderful night's entertainment where the brightest and often the quietest absolutely shone. Everything from the auditions to rehearsals, publicity, lighting, sound, staging, compering and performance was amazing. The relationships between students and staff were clear and the teamwork made this an occasion to remember.

Students from all areas stepped up and took new challenges while encouraging and supporting each other. Where else would you see the range of students working together. We had students from Utopia, Years 7 to 10, brothers and sisters, best friends and some "mature" performers. Mrs Drennan showcased the work she has been doing with through the boys and girls program run through the Learning Support Team. The guitar solos on Sweet Child of Mine left us all cheering - not to mention Matthew's solo!

It is no mean feat putting on such an event where your skills, expertise and passion is on public show and the effectiveness of your teaching methods is out there for all to see - not to mention so many colleagues coming out to see our students perform.

As always Mr Brailey provided his tireless support, encouragement and leadership to the event and the faculty - always at their side ensuring that they could focus on the job at hand. Thank you for your effort and the enjoyment you gave us all.

**Public Education Appreciation Awards**

On Wednesday evening 12 August, we joined all Central Coast public schools at Northlakes High School to recognise the depth of talent and commitment in our public schools and community. This event has been running for many years and every year it is a pleasure to see the pride on the faces of recipients and their families as their efforts are shared with all. Our campus community took great pleasure in recognising the effort of those involved in the following programs

- PCYC Program – accepted by Mr Olzomer, Ms Dempsey, Mrs Taylor, Mrs McCauley
- Be Strong Be in Control – accepted by Mrs Brailey
- Homework Centre – accepted by Mr Rowlison

We also joined the celebration of the work of Ms Fulcher and Mrs Pountney who both share their expertise and dedication to students with all schools across Tuggerah Lakes Learning Community.

How fortunate is public education to have such dedicated and talented people as a part of it. We know that at Tumbi we could have nominated everyone!

**Vale Amber O’Sullivan**

Thanks for your support over the past two weeks as the campus supports its students, staff and community through the passing of our special Year 10 student, Amber O’Sullivan. Amber was a wonderful young lady who epitomised the joy that is the teenage years – sharing her time with friends, staff and the wider community and actively joining in campus life. We have been fortunate to have Amber as a part of our campus and its story. She will be missed.

Be kind to those around you

**Shayne Player**

**Proud Principal**
Here are some Picture Books that were done by our great Year 8 students. I have read through all of the picture books and was very impressed by the quality of work, especially when they involved themes such as the environment, fitting in, choices and beginnings. I was also impressed with those books that spoke to their audiences.  

Mr Rowlison

On Friday, 8 August, Tumbi Speaks! provided a fantastic opportunity for our outstanding public speakers to go head to head. All students arrived with their prepared speeches ready to go and did such an amazing job. All grades then were given a tutorial in the art of Impromptu delivery. It was such a joy to see our young speakers learn from the outstanding Abbey (8) and then become mesmerised by the powerful and touching Jessica (9).

Below are the Year Winners, Runners Up and Audience choice picks.

**Year 7 Topic: On This Day In History**, *(2 mins)*
- Brad - Winner Prepared Speech
- Paris - Runner Up Prepared and Joint Audience Choice
- Olivia - Joint Audience Choice
- Angela, Emily, Destiny, Deen

**Year 8 Topic: Social Media - Too Much or Not Enough?** *(3 mins)*
- Abbey - Winner Prepared Speech and Audience Choice
- Sam - Runner Up Prepared Speech
- Jaques, Elyssa, Zoe, Eliza, Kyrah

**Year 9 Topic: If You Ask Me** *(4 mins)*
- Jessica - Winner Prepared Speech and Audience Choice
- Ben - Runner Up Prepared Speech
- Heather

**Year 10 Topic: If** *(5 mins)*
- Ellie - Winner Prepared Speech and Audience Choice
- Kai - Runner Up Prepared Speech

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**Tumbi Girls Netball!**

We won all day! We were strong all day!

We were first past the post against Maitland High School, St Pauls, Booragul, St Peters Maitland, St Josephs and Aberdeen.

We played Wadalba in the Grand Final.

In the last 10 seconds we missed a goal that would have drawn the game and given us extra time.

We played like LEGENDS!

Everyone loved our uniform. We are very proud TUC students!

We go to the next level!!!!!
Mock Interviews

On Wednesday 30 July, we held our annual Mock Interviews for our Year 10 students. By 10.10am we had interviewed just under 200 students. The feedback from both interviewers and students has been very positive.

Firstly I would like to thank the interviewers who took precious time out of their normal schedules to come and assist us in this very important activity. I would also like to thank all of my colleagues who helped in a variety of ways to make this possible.

Finally a very big thank you to our great Year 10 students for taking part and making the effort to impress and impress you did!

Mrs Dignam / Careers Advisor

Subject Selection Evening for Year 9 2015

On Monday 4 August, we held our annual Subject Selection night for Year 9 2015 and once again it was an amazing showcase of what is on offer for our students and the community. It was the end result of a team effort from all of our colleagues who worked tirelessly to pull this evening together.

The gym dazzled and the team tshirts that have made an appearance really hit home. The Food and Hospitality area was awesome given that the chocolate cups held cold mashed potato, but they looked gorgeous.....the tricks that are used by food stylists defies imagination. Mrs Fletcher and Mrs Martin have been singled out to show the diversity of choice.

Every faculty shone with possibility and promise that is delivered to students. Our parents/carers were blown away by what is on offer. A couple of ex-students returned with their much younger siblings. They wanted to know why they only had two electives in their day!

Parents and carers stayed on in the PWS to ask questions, seek advice and to congratulate the campus on what it does for young people. Thank you for letting us know we are appreciated and that the community holds the campus in the highest regard.

Love Bites

On Monday 28 July, we held our first round of our Love Bites Program for Year 10 Students.

A special thank you to Mr Brailey for organising today's creative art workshop.

Students completed the attached tiles and also created a rap with Mr Skidmore, the music man.

Mrs McInnes
On Wednesday 6 August, our great students were involved in the Wakakirri performance held in Sydney. I can honestly say that all of the teachers were super proud of every single student involved in Wakakirri, from the way they held themselves in public, to the positive energy they put into the NIDA rehearsals and show preparation to the professional and polished performance they put on in the evening.

The costume and make-up preparation, the impeccable backstage movement of sets, Jack's soundtrack and projection, Oliver's lighting skills, the convincing dramatic acting and the dancing carried out by every dancer, make us all look like a professional performing arts school which we are!

After our performance, the judges were asked to comment. Mark Wilson (a judge from Dancing with the Stars) said “This could take while”, and proceeded to explain the effectiveness of every element of our performance from the storyline, drama, dancers and the ‘club scene’ which skilfully captured the main character's downhill demise. Our public speakers Bree, and Chloe, also must have captivated them as we took out the public speaking award.

The State Wakakirri Co-ordinator said that the beautiful energy of our students on and off stage “made her day” and she genuinely meant it!! Tumbi really did make me so proud and I felt privileged to be a part of what they were doing. They were buzzing with excitement before and after the performance and are already excited about next year.

A special thanks to Miss Proust for polishing up our dancers’ performances which allow all students of all experience level, to shine on stage. Ms Kirwan for her relentless and brilliant work with the drama students. Ms Pace for her work with hair and make-up and making the performers look stage ready. Ms Taylor for her work with the dancers and her organisation of notes and rolls for 107 students on top of her Year 10 Year Advisor responsibilities on days that were emotionally hard on both her and every Year 10 student. Ms Bandy and Ms Goodwin for being so enthusiastically gung-ho for these big performances that it gets our campus production off the ground and happening in the first place! Mr Horton and Mr Chittick for their hard work in and out of school hours to get our sets looking amazing and transported as well as being the male equilibrium in the team. Lastly, but not least, Mr Brailey and Mrs Player for their on-going support year after year making it possible, and looking out for us to ensure the stress and hard work of it all doesn't over take us!

Time to start planning next year!!! First to the Finals!!!!

Ms Wilkinson

Wakakirri Results

We’re in the FINALS!!!

We received the following results -

**Nominations**
- Combination of Dancing and Acting
- Set Change
- Impressive Finale
- Concept
- Choreography
- Solo Acting

**Show Awards**
- Best Public Speaking

**Major Awards**
- Performing at Awards Night
- Best Dramatic Story Award
Macbeth Excursion

On Monday 11 August we took 50 Year 10 students to see Macbeth at The Opera House Drama Theatre. They were on the edge of their seats through the whole performance. It was a minimal set production with eight actors who remained on stage the entire time. It was an intriguing performance.

It was such a great experience for them and they left the theatre raving about Lady Macbeth and the demise of Macbeth. We enjoyed conversations of a mature and intelligent kind proving once again the power of performance to lift the spirits. I managed to take a clichéd shot of the students on the Opera House steps to mark the occasion.

We were definitely the best behaved school because they demonstrated theatre etiquette, laughing at the appropriate times and not squealing with laughter when Lady Macbeth said “unsex me” or “breast”. We were very proud that our group showed the utmost respect for the actors.

Miss Boulting
English Teacher

Engineering and IT Discovery Day

On 18 July, five studious Year 10 Engineering students had an early morning departure for a day of engineering at the University of Technology in Sydney. The day started with some current university students telling us how much fun university is and the variety of opportunities available above and beyond learning for a successful career. Four interesting activities then followed;

- robobowls,
- formula car racing,
- floating houses
- celebrity app launch

Tumbi students walked away victors from 3 of the 4 activities. Connor won a t-shirt for the fastest tyre change on the formula 1 style car. The five students won best party boat in the floating houses challenge (honour only, no prize). The final challenge of the day, the project management of the launch of a new bank app was won with creativity and style by the Tumbi Swag team. Great day, a lot learnt and prizes for everyone!

Ms Turner
H/T Technical and Applied Sciences

HOMEWORK CENTRE

Day: Wednesday
Venue: Library
Time: 2:20-3.50pm
Bus: A bus leaves at 4pm to most areas.
Staff: Tumbi teachers will be in attendance.
(Note: If a student needs attention from particular teachers they need to arrange that with those teachers).
For more details please ring the school: 43856802
On Friday 25 July, our U14’s and U16’s Rugby teams went to Narara Valley to participate in the Coast to Country Cup competition.

The U14’s played valiantly all day, with a win over Narara Valley and tight losses to Kariong Mountains and Brisbane Water Secondary College. Some injuries to key players throughout the course of the day and impacted on the team. Standout players on the day were Tom, Kaleb (in his first ever game of rugby), Dylan and Jesse.

The U16’s turned up with the bare bones of a team, having only 14 players plus Matt playing up a few age groups to take part in the day. The boys started well with a tight win over MacKillop College and Narara Valley and a gallant defeat to St Edwards A team with only 13 players, which means they qualified for the semi-finals. Standout performers were Jake G, Jay, Matt and Jake S.

All the boys that played deserve tremendous congratulations for the way they approached all of the games and the courage that they all showed with minimal players.

Well done to all our great students.

Mr Howard and Mr Armstrong Coaches

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On Wednesday 13th August Plan-it Youth students had a very fun and informative day at the University of Newcastle, Ourimbah campus. All have decided that university is an option for the future. They were given personalised tours through the psychology department, dental clinics, library, nursing school, early childhood unit and the IT room.

We also explored sport science and the TAFE. The day definitely was an eye opener for them all. Check out what they found in the front of the university.

Mrs Pennay
Important Notice - Research in the School
The school is participating in the Aspirations Study, a research study run by Professor Jenny Gore and her colleagues at the University of Newcastle.

Parents of students in Years 7, 9 and 11 have the opportunity to fill out a 2014 parent/carer survey at http://goo.gl/xsMgo. If you require a paper copy, please request one from the school office.

For more information or to download a withdrawal form, please visit www.newcastle.edu.au/aspirations.

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