

with Mr Ray Johnston

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

WELCOME TO 2009

I am very pleased to greet all new members of our school community in 2009 – students, staff and parents. If your family is new to our vicinity, welcome to our beautiful area!

I am really pleased with how quickly our new students, including all our Year 8's, and our new staff members are settling in. They have been ably assisted by older students and their peers. Thank you.

Welcome back to Mr Rohan Brooks, who will join Mr John Adie and Mr Kevin Giles as Deputy Principals for 2009. Mr Steve Moulds is back as Head of Department for Information Technology, which is great! *See inside* for more information on new staff.

Lastly, good luck to the Graduating Class of 2009: you now have 176 school days left to create your best Senior Statement and a Qld Certificate of Education. No time to waste!

NEWSLETTERS

Welcome to our first school newsletter. Our second edition will be posted home as it contains important information we want all parents to have. If you have changed address or other details recently please ring our office to update these over the phone. Future weekly editions will then be brought home by the students, usually on a Wednesday.

If you have any suggestions for future newsletter topics, please ring Ray Johnston, Principal on 49 799777.

CHANGES OF SUBJECTS

Any students who are requesting changes of subject must do so in the first two (Years 9 or 10) or three (Years 11 or 12) weeks. This must be for a valid educational reason (not because you don't like the teacher) and there must be room in the subject into which you wish to change.

In particular, those Year 12 students who failed subjects in Year 11 (LA or VLA) are urged to see the Guidance Officer, Mr Wyer, to consider changing now, instead of remaining in a subject 'way beyond' your abilities. Failed Year 12 subjects don't gain credit towards QLD Certificate of Education.

It is current school policy that ALL students will do a full 6-subject load UNLESS the student is doing some other approved off-campus learning or, in the view of the Principal, compassionate reasons exist for dropping one or more subjects.

MAKING EXPECTATIONS CLEAR

During parades so far this year, we have been reiterating some basic expectations to students. This makes it fair, so they understand how they are expected to behave. Reminders have included messages about:

Traffic safety, uniform do's and don'ts, appropriate language, using Organisers properly, hands off policy, appropriate use of mobiles and technology, respect for teachers, sun safety, punctuality, sick bay and late/early departures arrangements, and bullying - not tolerating it, reporting it.

Parents understand why these clear boundaries are in place - please reinforce these matters at home too. Some of these expectations will be repeated in the next (mailed) newsletter. Our expectations are also made clear in our Service Guide, issued to all families upon enrolment. This can also be found on our website.



David Kamholtz, hands over the Chaplaincy role to Margita Downey.



School Leaders

Emma Slatter (C), Duran Stander (V/C), Jessica Adie (V/C) & Darcy Thompson (C)

House Leaders

Shelly Howie, Tim Faux, Kate Gray, Jarryd Brown, Zara Stross, Jack Goddard, Ashleigh Burns, Jason Gilmore



WE WELCOME ALL NEW STUDENTS, FAMILIES AND STAFF WHO ARE JOINING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

BEST OF LUCK TO ALL STUDENTS FOR A FANTASTIC NEW YEAR!

No act of kindness, however small, is wasted.

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COMING UP

Thursday 5th
Rugby League Visitors
Years 10/11/12

Wednesday 18th
House Challenge

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF FOR 2009

Matthew Mason
Aimie McDonald
Amie Godwyn
Kate McLennan
Robyn Ashford
Cassie Geisman
Amanda Everingham

Steve Drew
Connie Amoruso
Rachel Nowitzke
Belinda Redden
Trudy Johnsen
Angela Hay
Margita Downey

Welcome Back
Rohan Brooks
Edwina Harding
Nick Hambling
Steve Moulds
Susanne Heron
Linda Craig



Cassie Geissmann
Business

Amie



Godwyn
Science & Maths



Robyn Ashford
Business, Maths & English



Steven Drew
Engineering Technology



Matthew Mason
Japanese and English



Angela Hay
History, Geography & SOSE

Aimie



McDonald
HPE

STUDENT ORGANISERS

We believe that students need to to develop skills for learning. In high school, this includes becoming much more organised and less teacher dependent for out of school learning. All students have been supplied with a Student Organiser. Time has also been allotted during extended House Group meetings to begin using these. Students should soon have completed pages 1, 3, 27, 28, 29 & 30. As assessment dates are issued these should be written in page 29 as well as on the relevant date.

Student Organisers should be kept as well as any other text or exercise book – they are not for defacing – and are for school work only. (Students are welcome to have a separate personal diary if they wish to record friends' birthdays, addresses and so on). Whilst the first Organiser is free (being part of the Resource Hire Scheme), replacements must be purchased. Students will be asked to purchase a replacement if they lose or deface their Organiser. Students have been told to write something for every lesson – homework, study, assignment or NIL.



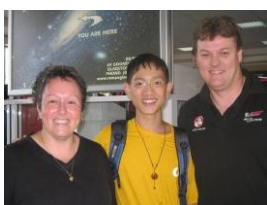
Amanda & Pia were welcomed by Kerry Chilcott and James.



The Flett Family welcomed Valerie.



Clara & Carla with June and Laura Humphries



Nikolas was welcomed by Pam and Steve Niven.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

For those new parents to Tannum High, our International student program is a very important part of our school that we have been running for a few years now. To date we have welcomed students from Norway, Germany, Mexico and Brazil. With the recent arrival of six new students, the school now has a total of nine international students studying at our school. We see this as a wonderful opportunity for all students at our school to learn from and become part of a unique cultural exchange.

The International students were welcomed by host families, who will also provide students with valuable Australian experiences during their stay.

CREATING OUR FUTURES

The range of activities for our students is certainly huge. All students are encouraged to try something new....perhaps check out the BSL Zenith Program, play lunchtime sport in the Performance Centre, get involved in the Shave for a Cure, read a book from our Resource Centre, try out for a school sporting team..... the list goes on. It is up to each one of us to set goals, put strategies in place and give life a go!

STUDENT SUPPORT

WELCOME MARGITA DOWNEY (NEW CHAPPY)



Hello from Margita, the new Chaplain. I would like to begin with saying that I feel very privileged and humbled at the same time, to be given the opportunity of serving as the school Chaplain. As I begin this role, I am mindful that the school community, together with parents, is working in co-operation to achieve the best outcome for the students. I also recognise the authority they hold. My role is to always seek to affirm the dignity and worth of each individual with my words, and my actions.

Students, staff and parents are welcome to come and talk to me about anything at all, whether it is depression, grief, bullying, or just a chat. Part of my role is to share the Christian message to enable people to make their own response, but I will do this with sensitivity, and will not make appeals that require a public response. Students of all faiths or none, are invited to see me for help and I will respect their beliefs.

There are a number of programs that will be run under the banner of "Chaplain". Breakfast Club, Shine, and Tour de Chaplain are just a few. There will also be invited guest speakers.

Thank you for making me feel so welcome and for being so helpful as I learn my way around and get acquainted with our school procedures. I look forward to getting to know you, and pray this year will be a fantastic experience for all of us.



The BSL Zenith Team would like to welcome back all of our Zenith students, and encourage any new students to have a look at our program and see if they would like to join. An information session will be held on the 25th February at 4:15pm in the Performance Centre for interested parents and students. More information will be available in the next newsletter.

At Tannum Sands State High School we believe that all students can be successful and achieve excellence. The Gifted Strategy is built around this foundation and encourages students with Talents, Interests and Gifts to seek out those opportunities that will allow them to go higher. Our Gifted program is given the name **The BSL Zenith Program** and has its origins in the meaning of the word *Zenith*. By taking part in the program students are encouraged to go above and beyond to attain the highest point they can reach.

The BSL Zenith Program was first developed in 2001 and has been growing strong ever since. Students have many activities, competitions, workshops and excursions in which they can choose to participate in. We can also arrange acceleration programs for students.

We look forward to seeing you all throughout the year. For further information, please contact Julia Cook on 4979 9723 or email jcook83@eq.edu.au.



YMCA Queensland Youth Parliament

The YMCA Queensland is seeking passionate youth to nominate to represent their area in the 2009 Queensland Youth Parliament.

This exciting and unique program unites young people between the ages of 15 – 25 from across Queensland, educates them about the decision-making process and empowers them to play a positive role in their community. The program teaches young people important skills, such as how government works, public speaking and debating, how to write and understand legislation and how to work with the community to achieve positive results.

We would be very appreciative if you would please publicise this program to your students and community by including information about the program in the school newsletter, website, announcements or upon assemblies. In the coming week brochures and nomination forms will be mailed to you school for your perusal and distribution to interested students.

This is a great opportunity for your school to be represented at a peak event. You may even have the next Youth Premier in your ranks!

Nominations will close on Friday the 20th February 2009. For more information or to nominate, visit our website at: www.ymcaqyp.org.

Mentor, Stephen Riches, was happy to help out on the holidays to 'spruce up' seating around the school

SIGNING OUT FOR APPOINTMENTS



If your child has an appointment during the day, please make sure he/she have a note with a specific reason for absence that is signed by you. They must have this to sign out at the office to ensure our

Workplace Health and Safety and legal requirements are met. Please note that driving lessons and shopping for family are not authorised absences according to EQ policy. Please do not make arrangements via mobile phones that keep our office out of the loop!

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property items are located at the Resource Centre. To ensure found items are returned to the correct owners, please ensure that all uniforms and items are labelled clearly with your name.

STUDENT ABSENCE DIRECT TELEPHONE LINE

We have a direct line for the reporting of all student absences. Please telephone **4979 9767** to record your child's absence. Should this line be busy, please leave a message including your child's full name, house group, date of the absence and the reason for that absence. The Automatic Absence Notification System diverts to the above telephone number. If you have changed your telephone/mobile numbers, please advise the school as soon as possible.

Please note: Please reply to current messages only. Replies by text message can only be returned on the day of the original text message being sent to you. We are unable to access this information should you reply after the original date by texting (so please ring 4979 9767 instead if a day or more has passed.). For the same reason, please do not save this mobile number. Instead save the direct line 4979 976 7 in you contact list.



CANTEEN ROSTER

If you can help, please phone Cath Brice on 4979 9735.



9th	Rhonda Johnsen	12th	Lyn Rosser
10th	Lyn Rosser	13th	Annie Williams
11th	Vicky Baldwin/Louise Stubbo		

FOR THE FRIDGE

FEBRUARY 09

Thurs 5 th	Rugby League Visitors Year 10/11/12	Mon 23 rd	Year 11 Monitoring, Year 11/12 Study Day
Thurs 12 th	RioTinto Alcan Intro session for Indigenous students	Wed 25 th	BSL Zenith Launch 5.30pm @ Performance Centre
Wed 18 th	House Challenge	Sat 28 th	Lion's Club Youth of the Year 12.30 to 10.00pm in Resource Centre

This Newsletter can be emailed directly to parents on request by forwarding an email to lfl30@eq.edu.au.

We are happy to add or remove your email address from our email list at any time.

The Newsletter is also updated weekly on our school website <http://www.tannumshs.eq.edu.au>.

2009 INTERSCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAM

SPORT & Convenor	TERM 1 (11 WEEKS)	TERM 2 (11 WEEKS)	TERM 3 (10 WEEKS)	TERM 4 (10 WEEKS)
NETBALL Georgie Webb TSHS		Week 6 – Mixed Week 8 - Girls (Thursday) 2 twilight carnivals		
VOLLEYBALL Kate Rudd GSHS	Week 5 Opens Week 7 Year 9/10 Week 8 Year 8 (Tuesday) 3 twilight carnivals			
AUST RULES Dan Coxen GSHS	Week 7 & 8 (Opens) (Wednesdays) Week 9 & 10 (8/9 Boys) (Friday)	Girls Comp Week 3-5 (Wednesday)		
RUGBY LEAGUE David Armstrong BSHS		Week 3-8 (Wednesday)		
RUGBY UNION Dave Capra Chanel			Week 9 (Tuesday) Twilight Carnival	
SOCCER Tim O'Connor SSLC			Week 2-7 (Wednesday)	
TOUCH Mark Davis Chanel				Week 2-7 (juniors) Week 2-5 (seniors) (Tuesday)
SURFING Leon Sternberg TSSHS	Saturday February 21 st			
BASKETBALL Mark Thomas TSHS			Week 2-5 4 twilight Carnivals One carnival per division (Thursday)	
CRICKET Michael Small GSHS	Monday Week 4 & 5			
HOCKEY Jane Hurley TSSHS		Week 4-7 Monday		

IMPORTANT SPORTS DATES FOR TSSHS STUDENTS

SPORT	PC TRIALS 2009	CAP TRIALS 2009		STATE TRIALS 2009	
	DATE	DATE	VENUE	DATE	VENUE
Softball	By Nomination	10th February	Rockhampton	26 - 29th March	Noosa
Tennis	3rd February	10th February	Mackay	26 - 29th March	Townsville
Touch	19th February	3rd March	Rockhampton	30th April - 3rd May	Brisbane
Volleyball	19th February	5th March	Gladstone	U 15 21 - 24th May	Cairns
Volleyball	19th February	5th March	Gladstone	U 19 23 - 26th May	Caloundra U15 Barcaldine/ Open Roma
Netball	12th March	24th March	Mackay	21 - 24th May	Sandgate
AFL	12th March	24th March	Mackay	21 - 24th May	Gympie
Football 19 Yrs Boys	10th March	25th March	Gladstone	14 - 17th May	Toowoomba
Football 19 Yrs Girls	10th March	25th March	Gladstone	28 - 31st May	Acacia Ridge
Squash	10th March	25th March	Rockhampton	7 - 10th May	Buderim
Hockey Boys	10th March	31st March	Rockhampton	14 - 17th May	Brisbane
Hockey Girls	10th March	31st March	Rockhampton	30th May - 2nd June	Mackay
Rugby League 15 Yrs	10th March	25th March	Gladstone	7 - 10th May	Townsville
Rugby League 18 Yrs	10th March	25th March	Gladstone	21 - 24th May	Rockhampton
Rugby Union 18 Yrs	12th March	31st March	Gladstone	4 - 7th June	Gold Coast
Surfing	By Nomination	6th March	Agnes Waters	21 - 24th May	Toowoomba
Cross Country	26th May	9th June	Mackay	26 - 27th July	Cairns
Basketball 15 Yrs	18th May	1st June	Rockhampton	15 - 18th August	Auchenflower
Basketball 19 Yrs	18th May	1st June	Rockhampton Central	18 - 21st July	Brisbane
Football 15 Yrs	18th May	1st June	Highlands	18 - 21st July	Hervey Bay
Rugby U15 Yrs	18th May	1st June	Rockhampton	13 - 16th August	Mackay
Cricket 14 Yrs	3rd August	19th August	Mackay	29th Nov - 3rd December	Toowoomba
Cricket 19 Yrs	3rd August	19th August	Mackay	11 - 13th October	Met East
Cricket 15 Yrs Girls				19 - 20th October	Met East
Cricket 19 Yrs Girls				19 - 20th October	Met East
Track and Field	6 - 7th August	27th August	Rockhampton	22 - 25th October	Brisbane
Waterpolo	By Nomination	TBA		12 - 15th March	Miami
Triathlon	By Nomination	TBA		19 - 21st February	Redcliffe
Swimming		By Nomination		2 - 4th April	Chandler