

FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK

Welcome back to Term 2!

Teachers get into IT

All teaching staff have spent our student free day this week participating in a range of activities to further our skills in information technology, learning about a range of programs including Microsoft Outlook, Excel, The Learning Place (Education Queensland's Web Portal) where we looked at Wikis and Blogs and some staff also developed their skills in Adobe Photoshop. Our teachers are working towards completing their ICT Certificates this year in order to make better use of our computing resources.

Inter-House Cross Country

We got straight into action this term with our school cross country that was held this Thursday afternoon during lessons 3 and 4. All students were encouraged to take part and keep a healthy active lifestyle – we saw the full range of participation from those students who blazed around the course following weeks of training to those who enjoyed a relaxing walk along the course. Sun-safe clothing, Hats, Sunscreen and sunglasses were the order of the day. Watch out for results and photos in next weeks newsletter

Anzac Day 2008

Next week we will commemorate those who have died in war to grant us our "Lucky Country" way of life. The Spirit of ANZAC was suggested by official war historian C.E.W. Bean to have 'stood, and still stands, for reckless valour in a good cause, for enterprise, resourcefulness, fidelity, comradeship and endurance that will never own defeat.' The Spirit was epitomised in the deeds of Simpson with his donkey at Gallipoli - comradeship, courage and sacrifice: others before self. It also encompasses the laughter, the pride and the love of life that is in every Australian. We hope that our students can learn something about looking after their mates and developing the strong bonds of community as well as enterprise and resourcefulness towards their school studies that were shown by our brave ANZACs.

This year's commemoration will be next Thursday, 24th April at 9.00am at our Anzac Garden in front of the school's Administration Building. We thank the Tannum Sands RSL for their support of our ceremony and Miss Monique Werder who is coordinating this year's activity. Our students are also encouraged to participate in the Dawn Service on Anzac Day or in the community march and service later that morning.

Term 1 Reports and Student/Parent/Teacher Conferencing

Our Term 1 progress reports are currently being finalised and we anticipate that they will be distributed Monday 28th April. For most students these reports give an indication of student progress in their studies as well as guidance on their effort and behaviour. Only those subjects of one term in length will receive results on an A to E scale. We encourage all parents to mark our Student/Parent/Teacher Conferencing afternoon of Wednesday 7th May in their calendars. You can make appointments by phone. See the information that comes home with your students' reports

P&C Executive Committee

Our new Executive committee was formed at the AGM last Month. President Petra Wheeler, Secretary Suzie Chick, Treasurer John Wessling. The last meeting was **Thursday 17th April** in the Resource Centre at 7.30 all parents are encouraged and welcome to attend. Make 2008 the year you contribute to this vital part of school life. Without P&C support many areas of funding would be unavailable, as well as a convenient Uniform shop and Canteen that is managed and staffed by your P&C. Come along and have your say on issues that matter to you at our next meeting on 8th May at 7.30

Thursday 24th
Term 1 Reports
Distributed

Friday 25th
Anzac Day
Holiday

Monday 5th
Labour Day
Holiday



Mr Alan Shaw retires from his role as School's Officer Facilities, after being a much loved member of the Tannum High team.



Daniel Selff and Michael Roffey practise the recovery position



Sabrina practises CPR training, now compulsory for all year 12 students



Mrs Hogan's Year 8 Cookery Class

NEXT STEP 2008

In case you know some Year 12's from last year.....

The Queensland Government will again be conducting its annual state wide destination survey of all students who completed Year 12, or equivalent, in 2007. The Next Step survey is a brief confidential survey that aims to gain a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school leavers.

Any person who completed Year 12, or equivalent, last year can expect to receive a telephone call or a paper-based survey by mail, between March and May 2008. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate in the survey. Thank you for your support of the Next Step survey in 2008.

For more information visit www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/ or telephone toll free on 1800 068 587.

AROUND THE SCHOOL

Freya Moller and Matthew Miller from Year 8, are busy cooking Pizza's during their Home Economics lesson.



SENIOR SCHOOLING

June/July Holiday Work Experience

The closing date for work experience applications for the June/July holidays is Wednesday 14th May. This is one of the last chances for Year 12 students to engage in work experience, as they cannot be placed in December. It is important for students to enter at least three preferences are some field e.g. electrical are very popular and students from all schools in Gladstone can apply. Students wanting to work in any construction area (including cabinet making, painting etc.) must have an Industry Blue Card before applying. Industry Blue Card Courses are run periodically at the school. For further information see Mr Connolly. Students wanting to work in an area with children (e.g. Child Care) must have applied for the Working with Children Blue Card, Mr Comrie will assist you with this.

Tax File Numbers

Students can apply for a Tax File Number through the school. Apparently, it is easier for students to apply through the school than other avenues. Application forms can be collected from Mr Comrie, and are submitted through the office. Certain forms of identification may be required. See the application form for more details.

BSL ZENITH – OUR GIFTED PROGRAM



**165
Passports
(2008)**



Ecofest will be celebrating its 10th Anniversary this year and as part of these celebrations, there is to be an environmental short film festival for budding and professional filmmakers. Your short film can be made on any topic or subject matter within an environmental theme. The best film will win a \$1000 gift voucher for Audio Visual equipment and software plus free entry into the Qld Multimedia Awards. Ecofest will be held on Sunday 1st June and entries into this competition must be received by 4pm on Thursday 22nd May.

QAGTC Inc. ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CONFERENCE! 8th & 9th July 2008 at Clayfield College Brisbane

Attention all students looking for a challenge! You are invited to an exciting two-day program of holiday activities that will extend you beyond the regular school curriculum. Programs include Clay animation, Creative Writing, Music Composition, Aboriginal art, Website design, Animal physiology and dissection, Drama and the Arts, Sports Science, PC game design, Printmaking and Forensic Science.

Check out www.qagtc.org.au/cc2008 for more information: subject list, costs, registration pack. Book early as places are filling fast!

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THESE ACTIVITIES CONTACT MRS COOK OR MRS SCHMIDT AT THE SCHOOL (or email jcook83@eq.edu.au)

MORE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Facial Jewellery

Please be aware that students may not wear sharp or projecting facial jewellery to school. This is a workplace health and safety issue. Of course, students would be well advised to avoid facial piercing, given the health warnings that abound about these.

Writing on Shirts

Students are NOT permitted to wear shirts to school that have been defaced with Nikko or similar. This "graffiti" will need to be completely removed or a new uniform shirt purchased.

Absence Reasons

Thanks to parents who supply notes to explain their son's or daughter's absence. Name, House Group, date(s) of absence, reason(s) and a parent/guardian signature are requested. Please be advised that, to fulfil our obligations under the Education Act, the note needs to include a reason for the absence. We can then categorise the absence as, for example: medical, bereavement, sporting, unauthorised, and so on.

FOR THE FRIDGE

Thursday 17 th	School Cross Country
Monday 21 st	Austlife Program
Thursday 24 th	Parade – Anzac Day Ceremony, Year 12 Variation Starts
Friday 25 th	Anzac Day Holiday

APRIL 2008

Thursday 1 st
Friday 2 nd
Monday 5 th
Tuesday 6 th

Girls Futsal (Rockhampton)
Boys Futsal (Rockhampton)
Labour Day Public Holiday
PC Trials Cross Country

MAY 2008



Early classes are working really well for Mrs Keanes Year 12 English Class
Tannum High Given GCBF \$\$



Tannum Sands State High School's Instrumental Music Program has been given a great boost, thanks to the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. The School was awarded \$27,237.00 in the

latest round and Head of Arts/ Middle Schooling Mrs Anna Osborn is thrilled that much needed resources will be able to be purchased with the funding. Seated Mrs Anna Osborn From left Jason Smith Rebecca Romeo Luke Taucher and Jenna Lee Thompson - Can't wait to start using the new instruments.

YEAR 10-12 Senior Qualifications and Pathways Night
DATE CHANGE

This will be held at the Performance Centre on **Tuesday 29 April** from 6:30 - 7:30pm. The evening will be run in two sessions. Session One from 6:30 - 7:00 pm will explain what the **Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)** is and how students can achieve this. Session Two from 7:00 - 7:30 pm will be split into two options. Option 1 for **Overall Position (OP)** eligible students explaining what requirements need to be met to achieve this, calculation and what it is used for. Option 2 will be **VET (Vocational Education & Training)** based explaining alternative pathways such as school-based apprenticeships and traineeships, TAFE courses and other possible pathways. Parents of all year levels are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you at the evening. Yvette Rimmer



Business and IT Skills Centre



Hello, our names are Cass and Candice and we are studying Accounting and Cert II Business at the Business and IT Skills Centre. Recently we celebrated Boyne Smelters Ltd achievement of the safety milestone of 100 days Lost Time Injury (LTI) free. This is the

second time in the last eight months this has been achieved. We mail merged the congratulation letters to employees. All employees received a \$50 Coles voucher in recognition of the result. To help contribute to workplace health and safety we take part in a Workplace Health and Safety tool box meeting before our day at the Centre starts. Matters relating to safety are discussed and improvements are suggested and put into action



REDI Parents Meeting

Weds 23rd April 9.15 PC16 Tannum High School. All Welcome Our first guest speaker is a representative from Tannum Police, who will talk to any interested parents

about drug and alcohol issues in our local area. We will follow the information session with our monthly meeting. Please RSVP to Carol Shuttleworth on 4979 9778



CAREERS NOTICEBOARD

University Expo. at School

On Monday 12th May, a number of Universities and TAFE Colleges will be in the school as a part of the Uni Expo organised by the Schools and Industry Network (SAIN). All Year 12 students will attend the Expo in period 1. Interested Year 10 and 11 students will have an opportunity to attend during Period 2, with other students welcome during 1st break. Each session will begin with a brief presentation by speakers such as our Guidance Officer Julie Gracey. Students will then meet with and listen to representatives from the various educational institutes, and ask questions about university life and courses etc. For more information please contact Todd Comrie (HOD Senior Schooling & Business) on 4979 9762.

POSITION VACANT

Leading Edge Electronics in Gladstone, currently have a vacant position for a computer technician and sales person. This position would ideally suit a student currently studying IT, Computer science and or Information Processing.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Volunteers are needed to become tutors in a free literacy and numeracy program at Central Queensland TAFE in Gladstone. Anyone who is confident in their reading and writing abilities and who is keen to help others would be perfect for this important community service. The program runs from 9am to noon on Thursdays, from April 24 to May 29, at CQ TAFE, Derby Street, Gladstone. To sign up, or for further information, please call Karen Stockwell or Peta Hill on 4970 7743

**CENTRAL QUEENSLAND ORAL HEALTH SERVICES
 CHANGES TO SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE**

The delivery of the School Dental Service will be changing in 2008. The mobile school dental vans will no longer be visiting the schools. When it is your schools turn to receive treatment, children of the same family will be offered treatment at the mobile dental van at Tannum Sands State Primary School. It will be the parent's responsibility to arrange and transport their children to the appointments. The same comprehensive treatment will be offered as has been in the past. Only the location of the treatment has changed.

When this service is available, further information will be sent home. This service is only available to students in years 8 to 10

Below Year 10 Genetics students make Vege People !!Back Jess Falzon Amanda Robinson Amy Quartermaine Chloe Cowan Taylor Johnstone Front : Jaimi Noto Tahlia Diehm Roxy McCrea

