

with Mr John Adie

Term 2 ushers in Autumn

Welcome back to Term 2 to all students. As we have a Semester based program, students continue their studies as they were last term. There may be some slight changes as we wish Mr Charles and Mr Comrie well as they enjoy some well earned long service leave at the beginning of this term. Thank you also to Mr Andrew Loutitt who will be Acting Head of Department for SOSE and Career Education, and Mrs Helen Hill who will act as Senior Schooling HOD. Our school Principal, Mr Ray Johnston, continues as Acting District Director this term and returns to us after 5 June. We are also mindful that there is some uncertainty in our school community over the economic climate and some employment issues. Please remember that the school can be an important partner in difficult times and do not hesitate to discuss important issues with us.

Formal Assembly

Term 1 ended in great style with our first Formal Assembly for the year. An event which prepares our students to participate in formal occasions, also allows us to showcase the talents of our students. Again the School Concert Band displayed some fine musicianship as they performed for the school community. A highlight of the assembly was the contribution from our departing International students. They not only left us with some lovely presents, but also the gift of their friendship. Our school culture is certainly enhanced by this outstanding program. We wish Helene, Tim, Anne and Valerie well as they return to Norway and Germany.

"Excelerate"

Our Moolbee staff and English Faculty are presently putting the final touches to a program aimed at developing further literacy for a number of our Year 8 students in Semester 2. The program is based on the highly successful Multi-Lit program that has been run at the Exodus Centre in Gladstone and is based on research done by Macquarie University. We plan to present an interesting high school version of this program at Moolbee Place. The program will be called "Excelerate", aiming to accelerate student's literacy skills so they can excel in their chosen futures! Watch out for further detail on this quality program to be run by Mrs Rachel Nowitzki.

Student/Parent/Teacher Conferencing –  
Wednesday 13 May

Our school Motto, *Creating Our Futures*, highlights the importance of the three-way partnership between the school, students and their parents. We therefore place great importance on having conversations where all three are present. Parents are asked to bring their students to interviews to enable a three-way sharing of information, aimed at continuing and producing quality student work. Ten minute interviews can be booked by phone. Detailed information on how to do this will be coming home with our Early Warning Student Reports that will be handed to students on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May. Students will be given an indication of their progress in their semester length courses along with ratings of their Effort and Behaviour.

FROM

THE

DEPUTY



*Everyone was welcomed by Ghinmhine House Captains Zara Stross & Jack Goddard.*



*Jaqueline Johnston gave the Acknowledgement of Country*



*Pia Suedkamp & Amy Quartermaine Performed a dramatic piece titled "Wolf Lullaby"*



*Clara Aletsee performs Bach "Prelude No 22 in B Major"*

COMING UP

APRIL

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup>  
P&C Meeting

Sat 25<sup>th</sup>  
Anzac Day

DID YOU KNOW.....

## SUBJECT SELECTIONS, YEAR 8 TO 10 AND YEAR 10 TO PRE-SENIOR COURSES

Students in Year 8 and 10 will be making important subject selections this Term. Year 8's select elective courses they will begin in Semester 2 and continue through to Semester 1, Year 10 (4 elective choices). Year 10 students make very important decisions about Semester 2 courses that will prepare them for their chosen Senior School subjects in Year 11 and 12. I encourage all these students to continue to investigate what their futures will be in preparation for these subject selection processes. Whilst students will have some preparation in school time, the forthcoming Subject Information Night is critical to assist both students and parents to make good choices. Please make this night a "must attend". The 8/10 Subject Information Night will be held on Wednesday 20 May. More detail will be out closer to this date, but please mark it in your diary.

## OUR CANTEEN NEEDS YOUR HELP

Canteen Volunteers needed, please help us to serve our students, by donating part day or full day help to our Canteen. You can choose how often you help us – weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

The friendly Canteen staff looks forward to meeting you. Please contact Cath on 4979 9735 to help out

## LOST PROPERTY

The following items of lost property are available for collection. Due to the barrel over-flowing, we ask that students and parents collect lost items before the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2009. After this date all items will be donated to Bindaree.

Blue T-shirt with red sides  
School hats x 5  
Blue pencil case – Ashleigh  
Year 10 English book (yellow binder)  
Red & black Billabong pencil case  
Light blue pencil case  
Black Aloha pencil case  
Pink four subject book  
Black & white Smash pencil case  
Blue bucket hat  
Pink CQ Uni bag inc. flash drive & other items  
Navy Billabong cap  
Santa's hat  
Rivers black jeans  
Pink cotton bag  
TSSHS T-shirt  
Red oxide cap with black cross on front  
2 x Smash water bottles – black and purple  
Black and white cap

## ABSENTEE PHONE NUMBER

Please advise as early as possible if your child will be absent from school. For all absentee related issues, please phone 4979 9767.

*This Newsletter can be emailed directly to parents on request by forwarding an email to [llet30@ea.edu.au](mailto:llet30@ea.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>*



## Swimming Champions from the 2009 Swimming Carnival

CONGRATULATIONS BRENDAN!



TSSHS student, Brendan Coyle (above), has been selected in the 2009 Capricornia 15 years Australian Football Team. Brendan will attend the State championships later this year. We look forward to hearing more on the outcome. Well done!

## YEAR 8 CARNARVON GORGE EXCURSION DETAILS



Students will be camping at "Takarokka" Bush Resort at Carnarvon Gorge for three days and two nights, while Topline Coach Tours will be providing the transport, accommodation and fully catered meals for the group.

Please note the excursion will now be conducted in **TWO** groups: **Group 1: 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> May, and Group 2: 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> May,**

Designations for each group have been placed on the Noticeboard outside Staffroom Two for students. Students may also check their group number with their SOSE teacher.

This excursion is not only a wonderful adventure for each of the students but it also an excellent opportunity to allow them to develop more self-confidence and to enjoy the social interactions of other new students to our school. The trip is deliberately organised early in the school year to allow students to experience new challenges and fellowship of both students and teachers in a non-school environment.

We realise family budgeting at this time of the year is very tight, but we believe both the weather and the overall benefits to the students are greater at this time of year.

A letter will be sent home with those Year Eights attending, outlining which group the student is in, trip details including departure and return dates/times, camp requirements and the usual consent forms. Please assist our staff by returning these completed, to Staffroom Two as soon as possible.

If you have any queries regarding this trip please contact Mr Andrew Loutitt (Trip Coordinator) during school hours on 4979 9734

## GHINMHINE FORMAL ASSEMBLY FOR TERM ONE

### Gold Card Awardees

Congratulations to the following recipients:

John Liaw  
Catriona Johnston  
Matthew Flanagan  
Shem Bryant  
Josh Noy



*Deputy Principal, Mr Brooks, and Mr Steve Schoemaker, Project Manager Port Development GLNG (Santos) presented the Gold Card Awards.*

### Students of the Term

#### Year 8

Kaleb Lockwood & Emily Braithwaite

#### Year 9

Hayden Griffiths Woodwood & Ebony Irwin

#### Year 10

Mathew Wooldridge & Ashleigh Barnard

#### Year 11

Spence Thomas & Bianca Batty

#### Year 12

Tom Mapes & Jessica Cockerill

We received a terrific amount of nominations with 19 nominations for Year 10 boys and 26 nominations for Year 12 girls. This was pleasing to see, as it proves the dedication of many of our students and their commitment, with many students receiving multiple nominations.

Thank you to Cr Maxine Brushe for presenting these awards to our students.



*Jess Cockerill receives her award from Cr Maxine Brushe*



**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

With term 1 finished it is now time to celebrate our successes and start preparations for the rest of the year's events.

**Let's Celebrate**

This year all state schools in Queensland were asked to nominate talented musicians to participate in a Musically Outstanding Students (MOST) residential program in Brisbane. Jacqueline Webber, Rafe Abraham, Jordan Henderson, Kate Gray, Jessica Adie, Jenni Mercer and Shanice Anderson were selected by their Instrumental teachers. From all the students who were nominated in the state, Kate Gray was selected to proceed to the audition stage of the application process. Congratulations Kate and good luck with the audition.



**Look who's coming to Tannum**

On the 30<sup>th</sup> April, Toogoolawah State High School will be visiting our school as part of their Instrumental Music Tour. Students in our concert band will be participating in a workshop with Toogoolawah's students and there will be a combined concert in the lunch break.

**Lost and Found**

Last year some students were issued with the performance vests. If you have one at home could you please return it to any instrumental teacher, Mrs Pallett or Mrs Osborn as soon as possible. Thanks for your help with this.

Some students still need to return their program contract and excursion consent form. If you need another copy please see Mrs Pallett or Mrs Osborn as soon as possible.

**Coming Up...**

- o Marching Band rehearsals begin
- o Toogoolawah SHS visit 30<sup>th</sup> April
- o Eisteddfod
- o Instrumental Music Showcase Concert
- o Combined Secondary Schools Instrumental Workshop

**"LEST WE FORGET"**

Tannum Sands State High School student Jess Cockerill has admitted to feeling a little nervous about having to speak at the ANZAC Day ceremony on Saturday, but the overwhelming sense of pride she feels for the men and women past and present that serve our country was her inspiration to overcome any fear. Jess has an Uncle currently in the Navy and Grandfather who served in the Second World War, and will deliver her two minute speech along the theme of "What ANZAC Day means to you". "My grandfather lied about his age to enlist in the army and helped prisoners of war in Japan" Jess reflected. "So when Mrs Osborn asked if anyone would like to speak, I felt drawn to it. I think everyone should be thankful and proud that we are a free country" As well as a strong turnout on Saturday's Parade and Service Tannum Sands State High School will have its own ceremony at 9.00 on Friday and the wider community is welcome to attend.



**Science in the Tropics**



Science in the Tropics is a six-day camp for any students in Year 11 & 12 who have an interest in the natural and physical sciences and would like to gain more information about the diverse range of study options and careers available if pursuing these areas of study.

Held at James Cook University in Townsville from 28<sup>th</sup> June to 3<sup>rd</sup> July, Science in the Tropics will cover a great mix of interesting and challenging topics as well as introduce students to the fun and social aspects of normal university life.

For selection in this great program, applications can be lodged on line at [www.jcu.edu.au/fse/secondary/sitt](http://www.jcu.edu.au/fse/secondary/sitt)

For more information please see Mrs Cook in Staffroom 1.

**ICAS COMPUTER COMPETITION ENTRIES CLOSING SOON**

Students interested in entering this competition please note that entries close on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April. Please complete a purple form and hand in at the front office along with the entry fee of \$6.00.

**ACTIVITY ROOM UPDATE**

This Term we have a group of Year 8 students participating in "Murder under the Microscope" – an on-line environmental challenge.

During the holidays we had eight Year 8 students busy reading books to enable them to compete in the Reader's Competition in Rockhampton in May.

**BETTER YOUR HEALTH AND POWER YOUR PERFORMANCE SENIOR SCHOOLING**



The Medical Centre required a mail out to 1500 employees to promote the "better your health and power your performance" workshop. It had to be done within a very short time frame. For this to be a successful task, the BITS Centre students from Tannum, Gladstone and Toolooa State High formed a team. Firstly they collected the data base of employees and checked its setting out. The letter was then designed. The data base had to be merged into the letters and printed off. The team then had to correctly fold letters and put into envelopes. This real life task taught us how to quickly organise ourselves to be as efficient as possible. Team members had to get along with each to ensure the task was completed quickly and was enjoyable.

By Meg Stafford and Jacqui Craig  
Year 11 BCT students

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Photography Exhibition** – Boyne Tannum Arts Business & Community Assoc. are hosting a Photography Exhibition with the theme being "2009 Coconet Classic BMX, Kiteboarding and Skateboarding". Opening night will be Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 6:30pm, and is being held at the Heron Room Boyne Island Community Centre until Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May from 10am to 4pm daily.

**Take a Kid Fishing Day** will be held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April. For details contact Brad Smith on 0417 618 501, or pick up an entry form from your local tackle shop. Lucky draw, sausage sizzle, prizes, freebies and activities stations will be running.

**NW ISLAND AND SUSTAINABLE FISHING**

Students are again preparing for their trip to NW Island. Part of this trip includes the co-operation of ANSA (Australian National Sportfishing Association) who are part of our Reef Guardian School and provide equipment in exchange for data collected by the students on their excursion. The assistance ANSA provides to the school is vital to the studies of our students. However not everyone can go to NW Island, but we can all help out ANSA.

A Sustainable Fishing Clinic is being conducted by ANSA on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May. This is a 'Tag and Release' fishing workshop which be held at 12 Mile Creek, Marmor. For further details contact Peter Stoneley on 4975 1128 or 0407 608771.



**APRIL/MAY CANTEEN ROSTER**

<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Help Needed</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	Lyndell Gilson/Annie Williams
<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	Rhonda Johnsen
<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	Tracey Webber-Hanson
<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	Heather Dunn
<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	Helen Mason
<b>May</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Annie Williams
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	Public Holiday
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	Tracey Webber-Hanson
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	Louise Stobbo
<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Help Needed</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	Annie Williams

**FOR THE FRIDGE**

<b>APRIL</b>	
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	School Cross Country
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	P & C Meeting
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	Anzac Day
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup>	Toogoolawah Music Tour
<b>MAY</b>	
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Labour Day Holiday
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	Australian Infomatics Competition
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Student/Parent/Teacher Conferencing
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 8/10 Subject Info Night
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	Rio Tinto Big Science Competition