

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Cross Country

Congratulations to Whoolghun House for their victory in the Cross-Country last week! *More stories and photos inside...*

My Favourite Teacher

My Favourite Teacher is an opportunity to recognise and reward the commitment of Queensland state school teachers. I would like to encourage students and parents to consider nominating a teacher – as there are so many deserving ones in our school!

Nominations close on Friday 2 May, with Favourite Teachers announced during State Education Week from 26 to 30 May. Students can nominate by clicking the link on the DETA website:

www.education.qld.gov.au/community/events/edweek/favteacher/

Textbooks

There is a small number of students whose parents have not joined our Resources Hire Scheme. This is the simplest way to make sure that students have all their textbooks and other resources for all subjects. Letters will go home soon to those students whose parents have not yet joined the scheme OR have not yet purchased textbooks themselves.

QAL Work Experience Program

Students have been given plenty of information by Mr Comrie about this one-off opportunity in July. Applications open next Monday 28 April and close two days later. This is a great addition to a resume when seeking apprenticeship, especially at QAL. *See inside for more details...*

Japan Trip Update

We have at last received a reply back from Saiki City to our letter of August last year, so we are now planning for this trip – subject to staffing, costs, flights and timelines. If the trip goes ahead, it will be leaving 25 Sep and returning around 7 October. The trip looks like being over-subscribed, so there will be selection procedures put in place. Cost is likely to be around \$2500. More advice about this biennial Cultural Exchange will be issued as it comes to hand.

Important Dates - please note...

(a) Senior Qualifications and Pathways Evening

A note went home last week about this information evening for parents next Tuesday 29 April 6.30pm. Please come and find out information about the new Qld Certificate of Education, OP scores, apprenticeships and lots more, as we inform parents and students about post-Year 12 pathways. All grades welcome.

(b) Student Free Day

A note also went home last Friday about our school's Concessional Student Free Day, which will be held on Tuesday 6 May.

(c) Student Parent Teacher Conferencing

This is our name for parent-teacher interviews, because we want our learners there with parents, so we can talk *with* the students, not *about* them. Conferencing will be held on Wed 7 May. Parents make interview times by phoning an advertised hotline. More information will come home via notes. PLEASE MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR!

Ray Johnston
Principal



Year 12's put in some snorkelling practice for their North West Island excursion next month.



Nathaniel from AusLife helped Year 10 and 11 students with goal setting and relationships this week.



Emma Rigney and Charlotte Love enjoyed Ms Chipman's entertaining way to remember how cells are made up.... by making pizzas with the ingredients representing cell organelles.
Year 11 Biology.

SCHOOL
FREE DAYS
Friday 25th
Anzac Day
Monday 5th
Labour Day
Tuesday 6th
Student Free
Day

DELAY BY FIVE

What does that funny sign mean? Our local Schools Traffic Safety Action Group is suggesting that, if parents delayed their child's pick up by just FIVE MINUTES in the afternoon, traffic congestion would ease and car parking spots would be easier to find



HELP IS AVAILABLE!

Students struggling with assignments or school work can attend our Homework Centre. This is available before school and has been advertised regularly in our newsletter. For more information, contact the *Resource Centre* on 49799709. There is also tutoring in maths, science and other subjects available at lunchtimes. Please encourage students to listen carefully to notices... and GO!



OUR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Hey, it's Melina!

The first term is over now, and I want to share some of my experiences with you. School in Australia is very different to school in Germany, and I really enjoy the lunch break, which is as long as our school lessons.

A lot has happened in the last two months, and I think the best thing is that I have found friends. The first weeks I was very bored after school, however now I can hang out with my friends and have heaps of fun with them. I have enjoyed going on scary rides at the Harbour Festival, watching movies on DVD night, going to the beach and colouring Hippee pants on a Sunday evening. I have enjoyed everything, and I want to thank you for these days.

Have fun during the next term.

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Congratulations House Winners..... **Whoolghun** with 1015 Points! Burarhl came in a close second with 944, followed by Ghinmhine on 878 and good old Nagatin with 825. Attendance on the day was great, with over ¾ of the school taking part. Age champions were...

13 yrs boys – Dylan Nankivell (Ghinmhine), **13 yrs girls** – Nikki Cooke (Whoolghun); **14 yrs boys** – Jamie Cunninghame (W), **14 yrs girls** – Charley Bond (Burarhl); **15 yrs boys** – Will Stobo (G), **15 yrs girls** – Rachel Withoos (B); **16 yrs boys** – Zac Bond (B), **16 yrs girls** – Emma Carroll (Nagatin); **17 yrs and over boys** – Ben Wriede (W), **17 yrs and over girls** – Shayne Ford (B). Congratulations, champions!



BSL ZENITH –
OUR GIFTED
PROGRAM



167
Passports
(2008)

OPTI-MINDS CHALLENGE 2008

Opti-MINDS is a creative problem solving program for teams of participants required to solve demanding, open-ended challenges. The Opti-MINDS challenge is an opportunity for all those with a passion for learning and problem solving to showcase their skills and talents in an exciting, vibrant and public way.

Any students interested in forming a team please see Mrs Cook in Staffroom 1.

“QUIZTIVITY”

Year 8 students who participated in our “Quiztivity” had a totally enjoyable time. It is hoped that we will hold more of these activities each term.

YOUTH WEEK SHARE, LIVE & UNITE ONLINE COMPETITION

The competition is about YOU!

- **Shout** out about issues important to you as a young Queenslander
- **Share** your ideas, opinions and creativity with everyone
- **Live** life to the full in your own community and express what community means to you
- **Unite** with your peers and chat about their ideas, opinions and what makes a community

We will accept entries in animation, audio, design, film, interactive media, photography, visual arts or writing. The competition is the perfect opportunity to showcase your skills in whatever medium you choose.

You could win a laptop or \$2000 cash! ENTRIES CLOSE 30th April.

www.generate.qld.gov.au

Please note that an UPDATED orange payment form for competitions, with registration dates adjusted, is now available at the front office. Please disregard the original purple payment form.



Business and IT Skills Centre

The BITS Centre students were visited by Robyn Loughlin from BSL, and Bernie Karstake from NQX. NQX are the transport contractors engaged to deliver products to domestic customers and to the export container yard in Brisbane. Bernie spoke about her role as Operations Manager of NQX and how completing her Certificate I, II and III in Business helped her learn the transferable skills used in her present job.

Last year Luke Taucher undertook work experience with NQX, and was assisted by safety officer Kerry Martin to take videos of key tasks in the yard, to enable the training packages to be updated and become more visual to trainees. Students this year will assist in safety audits, data entry and build-ups of common procedures e.g. on how to load a truck. Students interested will be applying for the position, with Robyn and her team selecting the person they think is right for the job. Students who are part of the BITS programme participate in real life duties, learning to work with new people and adults. It is all about putting what is learned in the classroom into action.

By Caitlin Hooley and Donna Steele



WHO'S WHO AT TANNUM HIGH

Hi, I'm Leon Sternberg and my role is as Head of Department HPE/Sport/Life skills. As a foundation staff member, I have loved every minute of working with the students and staff at Tannum High.

One of Leon's defining moments was walking around on the first day in 1998 in a brand new school that had no history – creating it has been thrilling! Leon enjoys a mean Thai Green Curry while relaxing watching The Little Elves Go To Dreamtopia. As a youngster, Leon fondly remembers the enjoyment of making things with his Dad. He would also like to add that he is jealous of Mrs Kean getting all the Crème Eggs, as noted in her article in Issue 9.

CAREERS NOTICEBOARD



Community Supervisors for QCS Test

Nominations for Community Representative for the 2008 QCS Test will be mid-April (closing 16th May). These are paid positions and you will most likely be assigned supervision of a Gladstone school. You are required to meet with the school's Chief Supervisor on occasions prior to the test to witness the delivery of materials, and then attend the QCS Test on 2nd and 3rd September. If you are interested in applying, please contact the school for an application pack or email Todd Comrie (tcomr1@eq.edu.au) to be sent the relevant information.

QAL Work Experience Program

QAL will be offering 6 Electrical and 6 Fitting and Turning placements each week for the various schools from 14/7/08 – 8/8/08. This year Tannum Sands State High School will be offered a full week block from 14/7/08 – 18/7/08. Placement forms can be collected from Mr Comrie or the school's office on Monday 28/4/08 at 9am and must be returned to Mr Comrie by noon on Wednesday 30/4/08. Unfortunately no applications can be accepted after this date as the organiser in Gladstone will not take late applications. All students must have an industry blue card and enter this number onto their application form.

As in previous years, this is open to Year 12 students as priority with Year 11 students filling up any remaining places. Students can put their names (and mobile phone numbers) on the list on Mr Comrie's door to ensure they are told when the application packs arrive.

For more information contact Todd Comrie.

SENIOR SCHOOLING

University Expo will be at our school on Monday 12th May for Year 11/12 students and optional for Year 10 students. More information on times as it comes to hand. Contact Mr Comrie for further details.



QLD ACADEMY OF SPORT



Congratulations to Rachel Withoos, who has been selected in the Qld Academy of Sport (QSA) Regional Program for Cricket!

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2008-2010

We have been notified by the Qld Studies Authority that the relevant finishing dates for year 12's are:

- o For 2008 – 21 November
- o For 2009 – 20 November
- o For 2010 – 19 November

School holidays for ALL four terms for 2008, 2009 and 2010 can be found at

http://education.qld.gov.au/public_media/calendar/holidays.html

FOR THE FRIDGE

Thursday 24th
Friday 25th

Parade – Anzac Day Ceremony, Year 12 Variation Starts
Anzac Day Holiday

APRIL 2008

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

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

MAY 2008