

with Ms Edwina Harding (Acting Deputy)

FROM THE DEPUTY

Cybersafety Outreach — Internet Safety Awareness presentations

As part of its Cybersafety Outreach program, the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA), delivers free internet safety awareness presentations for parents, teachers and students. Presentations provide valuable information about the risks confronting children online, and offer tools and tips to help make their internet experiences safe and positive.

Internet safety presentations cover topics including:

- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, illegal content, inappropriate contact, identity theft, grooming and predatory activity
- tips to help children stay safe online.

The presentation is thorough, non-technical and is conducted by an accredited cybersafety trainer. Presentations are free of charge.

The Cybersafety workshop for parents will at Gladstone State High School on Tuesday 13th May starting at 7.30 pm. Further information will be provided in the next newsletter.

New Organisation for Cross Country

In a flying start to Term 2, the Cross Country Event was held on the afternoon of Wednesday 22 April. A re-structuring of this event saw maximum participation of non-championship students. What a great afternoon! Thanks to Peter Collins and Kate Holmes for their excellent organisation. Also thanks to Phil and Marg Heath for their part in the assembly of tents and preparation of resources.

All credit to Whoolghun who ‘cleaned-up’ on the day – again – winning their fifth sports carnival in a row. See next weeks Newsletter for more details and photo’s from the day.

Coping with Unemployment

The global economic crisis is affecting our community, and with it, our school. We are well aware of the economic impact on families in this community as some face uncertainty about the future or are dealing with the shock of redundancy, unemployment or changed employment conditions such as reduced hours and so on. Our message to the community is that you feel confident to advise us of any circumstances which maybe causing financial and/or emotional stress and we will do what we can to assist. So what can the school do?

First of all, we can assist you financially by spreading the load; our Business Services Manager (Ms Susanne Heron) is the person to talk to about arranging a part-payment plan so that you can pay in instalments. This must be organised in advance of the excursion/activity or expense “due date”.

We have a team of Guidance and support staff to work with students and their families in time of grief, hardship, medical problems, conflicts and disputes, family breakdown and in dealing with the fallout from changed employment circumstances. Please contact the office or one of the Deputy Principals for more information.

Student /Parent /Teacher/ Conferencing – Wednesday 13 May

By the end of the week you will have had a chance to look over your child’s report. In keeping with our vision of excellence, we encourage you to make appointments with teachers. A flyer, giving details of how to make contact, and who to contact will be sent out with your student’s reports.



Shenea Peacock painting the NAIDOC banner at Eta Ea Netut. See inside for further details.



TSSHS Anzac Day Service



Our Cadets and Captains



Mr Jim Staats speaks to the students at Tannum High.

Thank you to all those who joined with us to celebrate the memory of the Anzac’s.

Monday 4th May
PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Wednesday 13th
May
Parent/Student/
Teacher
Conferencing

DID YOU KNOW.....

STUDENT FREE DAY - FRIDAY 5 JUNE 2009

Parents, please be aware that the school determined Student Free Day for 2009 will be on Friday 5th June this year. While students will not be at school that day, staff will be engaged in required professional development and will be in attendance for the whole day.

LOST PROPERTY

The following items are waiting for collection in the Resource Centre. As the barrel is overflowing with lost items, we require that students or parents check for any missing items by **Friday 1st May 2009**. After this date all items will be donated to Bindaree.

Blue t-shirt with red on sides
School Hat x 5
Blue pencil case – Ashleigh
Year 10 English book (yellow binder)
Red and black Billabong pencil case
Light blue pencil case
Black Aloha pencil case
Pink four subject book
Black and white smash pencil case
Blue bucket hat
Pink CQ Uni bag inc. flash drive 2mb & more
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 & white cap
Small blue pencil case
Umbrella
Sunglasses
Work boots

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.

UNIFORM SHOP

All uniform items are currently in stock.
Uniform Shop hours 8:15am – 11:15am
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Contact Monique on 4979 9752 for Uniform orders.

This Newsletter can be emailed directly to parents on request by forwarding an email to lflet30@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>



Congratulations to Rachel Withoos who will travel to the State Open Girls Soccer Championships with the Capricornia team in late May. Well done!



BECOME A STUDENT LEADER

As we approach the end of the first semester, the Student Leaders here at Tannum Sands State High School approach the end of their term of office. We run our leadership terms from July to June to allow our current leaders to step down from formal duties when they need to concentrate on their vital semester 4 studies. This also allows the current leaders to help the new leaders begin their leadership journeys, as they are still in the school.

However, the wind from one door closing opens another. Our leaders stepping down, allows us to find new leaders in our school, and we are now looking for students from years 10 and 11 to take on the role of Student Leaders.

Each year, here at Tannum Sands State High School, we select 12 students to create a Student Council. These students will take on the roles of School Captains, School Vice Captains and House Captains for each of the four houses. These students will have the opportunity to work both as individuals, and as team members, to develop their leadership abilities. The Year 11 students may nominate for any positions, while year 10 students may only apply for the House Captain roles. This year, nominations close on Friday May 1st.

The 2008/2009 School Captains, Vice Captains & House group Leaders.



GUIDANCE OFFICER

Hi, I am Nathan Wyer the School Guidance officer appointed by district office to Tannum Sands SHS five (5) days per week. I

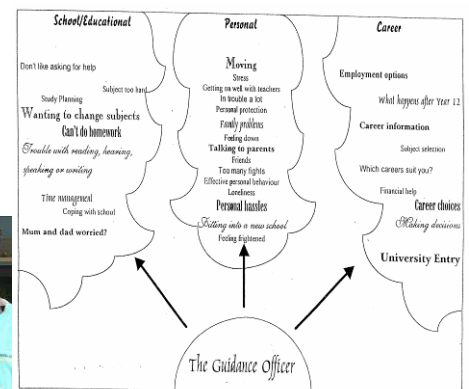


have lived in Gladstone now for ten years, which is the longest time I have ever stayed in one place in all of my 32 years. I am the son of a "Bank-Johnny" and third generation teacher, I could therefore say I had no choice but to join the 'family business', and I became a teacher in January 1999. As a family we moved all over Queensland seeking Dad's next promotion and so we lived an itinerant lifestyle. In these last ten years living in Gladstone I have not stopped learning; learning more about education, adolescents and more recently, counselling youth. In 2009, I have celebrated my 10th year wedding anniversary to my wife, and last week welcomed a new little girl to our family. So how can I help you and your child?

As a school Guidance Officer I am someone who is a trained counsellor and is available to help students and their families with:

- 1) personal difficulties
 - 2) school and educational issues, as well as
 - 3) career information
- (I have included a diagram that covers most but not all issues that a Guidance Officer could help you with.)

Students can be referred by parents or administration. Otherwise students can self-refer by using the booking sheet in the guidance office foyer. In short, I am just another person in the student welfare and support team at Tannum Sands SHS that students and their families can talk to and assist in the decision making process of "creating our futures".





THE SIEMENS SCIENCE EXPERIENCE

Science opportunity for Year 9 Students.

This is a 3 day hands-on practical science program, for students who will be entering Year 10 in 2010. Each program includes a wide variety of practical activities, excursions, career information together with interesting presentations by leading Australian Scientists and Engineers.

This is a Rotary Youth Services Project, supported by the Australian Science Teachers Association and The Young Scientists of Australia. The total cost of the three-day program is \$105 (including GST). Our local Rotary club is often willing to sponsor students to attend.

For further information please see Mrs Cook in Staffroom 1 or you could log onto www.scienceexperience.com.au.

Secondary Gifted Education Camp

Years 8-9 25th to 29th May 2009

Camp Fairbairn Outdoor Education Centre, Emerald. Cost Estimation: \$160.00 (does not include transport).

Expressions of interest must be received by Friday 1st May.

If interested please contact Mrs Sharon Schmidt in S/R 1 or phone 4979 9725.

TANNUM KEEPS THE ANZAC SPIRIT ALIVE



Tannum Sands State High School held its annual commemorative Anzac Service on Friday 24th April. A full school cohort was joined by Tannum Sands RSL Sub Branch President Jim Staats, Councillor Maxine Brushe and

124 Army Cadet Unit. School Captains Darcy Thompson and Emma Slatter led the moving ceremony, in what is to be one of their last official tasks in their roles.

Representatives from the Red Cross, Barbara Kennedy and Cheryle Nailor, emphasised the part their organisation plays in times of war and disaster, kindly presenting the school with a commemorative book on the battle of Toobruk for our library.

Students Shanice Anderson and Hayden James performed the National Anthems of Australia and New Zealand and Nicola Ballinger played the last post and Reveille.

ETA EA NETUT

This means coming together in Meriam language from the Torres Strait Island, and was the name and theme for the day at the PCYC that students from Tannum, Toolooa, Gladstone and Biloela participated in. The day consisted of a volleyball competition against the Gladstone Police and the health team from ATOD'S. Nhulundu Health. Local artists, Coral Craigie and Danielle Sullivan, designed banners which the students painted. One banner had an anti smoking message, while the other banner will be used at the NAIDOC march. Dane Corowa, a personal fitness instructor and trainer from Brisbane, showed the students some different exercises to test their fitness. Jovitah Corowa, Teacher Aide from Gladstone State High, taught dance. The day was funded by ATOD'S (Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drugs) and all students had a great time getting to know each other.



Allison Wilson painting the banner with Coral Craigie



Dylan Rawlings with Dane Corowa learning how to use the equipment



Darcy Thompson and Emma Slatter at our Anzac Parade

P&C Highlights

Our School's P&C meeting was held on Thursday 23rd of April this month due to the Easter half term break. This meeting supported projects such as the Year 12 Visual Arts Underpass Project, which includes a planned mural for the tunnel on Coronation Drive. The Paulownias Surf Board Program and sponsorship of four students to attend the ATSIAP (Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islander Aspirations Program) Student Challenge which is similar to 'Tournament of the Minds'. The P&C meets every **second Thursday** of the month at **7.30** in the **Resource Centre**. We always value input from parents and invite you to come along and have your say at the next meeting on Thursday 14th May.

From the Chaplain

Steve Apirana will be visiting our school on Tuesday 19th May to talk to our Year 8 & 9 students about self esteem issues. Steve's background is a musician/singer, and he will be presenting a powerful message with a Christian focus that all will enjoy.

If parents require any further information, please contact Margita on 4979 9777. Students in these years will automatically attend unless a note is written by the parent.



COMMUNITY NOTICE

Zinc Battle of the Bands will be held on Sunday 24th May from 1:30pm-3:30pm 1770 Festival Main Stage Endeavour Park. To enter go to www.1770festival.com.au, or phone 0458 491770

APRIL/MAY CANTEEN

ROSTER

28 th	Tracey Webber-Hanson
29 th	Heather Dunn
30 th	Helen Mason
May	
1 st	Annie Williams
4 th	Public Holiday
5 th	Tracey Webber-Hanson
6 th	Louise Stobbo
7 th	Help Needed
8 th	Annie Williams

FOR THE FRIDGE

APRIL

Thurs 30th Tooloolawah Music Tour

MAY

Mon 4th Labour Day Holiday
 Thurs 7th Australian Infomatics Competition
 Wed 13th Student/Parent/Teacher Conferencing
 Wed 20th Year 8/10 Subject Info Night