

FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy

Year 9 students will undertake a series of tests next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during lessons 1 and 2. Information for parents was sent home with students last Wednesday. Parent support in ensuring students have the required equipment will assist in the smooth running of each component of the assessment program. Students require a 2B or HB pencil, a blue or black biro, an eraser, a sharpener and a calculator. The school only has a limited backup supply of the above items so it is essential students have each of these items. Contact Mr Kevin Giles if you require further information.



A Busy Week for Year 12 Students

A large number of our year 12 students are experiencing learning in a different setting this week. With excursions to North West Island for Marine Studies students, SeaWorld Nara Resort for Hospitality students and a Brisbane University experience for those thinking of tertiary study, the number of students remaining at school this week was drastically reduced. Future newsletters will, I am sure, have photos and articles of these great experiences available to students.

The students at school have had an alternative timetable with Wednesday and Friday being curriculum days where students completed consolidation work set by their regular teachers. Thursday saw talks by invited guests in relation to preparing for work, whether it be full or part time.

Kevin Giles

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: 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



Luke Smith and Ruby Manning chat With Anita Sgalippa – Deputy Principal, Robina Sate High School



Jenni Mercer and Hirru Manivasagan show Anita Blay around the BSL Zenith room.

AROUND THE SCHOOL



Ms Hurley's Year 9 Class practice some 'Heel and Toe' dancing



Ms Cochrane's Year 8 Japanese Class perfect their use of chopsticks

Yr12 Josh Brown from our Blue Sails Restaurant serves the District delegates who visited our school last week as part of an ICT in Schools seminar.



ROBINA SCHOOL VISIT

Tannum High had yet another reason to show off this week: Robina State School visited our BSL Zenith programme to pick up tips to help them start their own, similar course at their school.

The visiting teaching staff were very impressed with both the politeness of the students and the quality of information and resources available to our students.

FROM THE APPRENTICESHIP HOTLINE:

Parents' responsibilities through school-based apprenticeships and traineeships (SATs)

Family support is vital to ensure young people succeed at balancing the school, work and training involved in a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship (SAT).

SAT's allow students to work for an employer and train towards a recognised qualification, while they are still at school. They are a great way for young people to explore their career options and develop skills and confidence in their areas of interest.

Parents have an important role to play in enabling young people to successfully make the transition from student to employee.

Legislation requires that school-based apprentices and trainees aged under 18, and who are under the care and control of a parent or legal guardian at the date of signing their training contract, must include a parent or guardian's details and signature on the contract.

In cases where the parent or guardian is a party to the training contract, the parent/guardian must ensure that the school-based apprentice or trainee upholds all of the responsibilities attached to the contract.

How parents can help

Talk with your child about their career goals and the apprenticeship or traineeship which will best support these goals.

Seek support through school to discuss how a SAT may assist with QCE points, gain TAFE credits and underpin tertiary study.

- Develop strategies to balance the additional workload of school, work and training.
- Consider and discuss transportation - how will your child get to his or her workplace?
- Discuss the responsibilities involved in being a paid member of the workforce.
- Talk to your child about their day at work and discuss how school subjects relate to their job.
- Encourage your child to talk about issues they may be facing during their SAT and devise possible solutions.

For more information, visit www.apprenticeshipsinfo.qld.gov.au or phone the Apprenticeships Info hotline on 1800 210 210.

REDI PARENT NEWS



The group held an open and frank question and answer session with representatives from Tannum Police Station, Constable Bree Baker and Snr Sgt Peter Grace. Snr Sergeant Peter Grace was very helpful and agrees that the group is an invaluable resource for community consultation, feedback and awareness raising.

It was noted by the group, that whilst drugs are available in the area, (marijuana is the most prevalent problem, with speed/methamphetamines rarer) the police's main concern for youth in the area was the consumption of alcohol closely followed by alcohol related offences; public nuisance, large parties and large groups of youths (sometimes drunk) roaming the streets. Snr Sgt Grace encouraged all parents to know where their children are, and urges them not to buy or supply alcohol for their children, which can attract a \$600 fine. Under "Duty of Care", it is also an offence to allow an under 18 year old to use alcohol or drugs in your home (max 15 years in prison). Underage possession of alcohol in a public place is a \$225 fine, failure to provide a name/ state a false name can mean a \$225 fine and using fake i.d \$450.

Tannum Police run a 'Party Safe' programme which provides advice and support should parents want to hold parties in their own homes. He assured us that an Adopt-a-Cop for Tannum High was being looked into. He is also happy to return to speak to the group, or answer individual concerns personally. 'Crime-stoppers' 1800 333 000 <http://www.crimestoppers.com.au/> is also a useful tool should members of the public wish to remain completely anonymous when reporting any crime. Our next meeting is at Breezes Café on May 23rd. ALL parents are welcome to attend. Should you require any more information, please Contact Carol Shuttleworth on 4979 9778.

BSL ZENITH – OUR GIFTED PROGRAM



184 Passports (2008)

PASSPORTS

Over the past weeks we have been able to hand out passports to our new BSL Zenith members. Each student has been asked to see Mrs. Shuttleworth at the Resource Centre to have his/her photo taken (which is included in their passport). If your student has not received a Passport as yet, it will be because they have not had the photo taken. A friendly reminder from parents would be appreciated. ☺

Please remind students to apply for Zenith points. These can be for activities participated in or out of school (sports, music, clubs etc). Once they have applied for and are allotted points, they will receive point stickers to paste into their Passports.

APEX AUSTRALIA TEENAGE FASHION AWARDS – Closes 15th June

AATFA is a unique opportunity for students interested in the fashion or design industries to demonstrate their skill and flair through a friendly competition. The Awards are an extraordinary co-curricular activity, which offers students the opportunity and encouragement to explore their creativity in the fields of fashion, design and textiles.

The competition comprises three key categories:

- > Casual Day Wear
- > Evening Wear / Formal / After 5
- > Fantasy Wear
- > My Culture - Trial WA, QLD & VIC

www.aatfa.org.au



Hysen and Angus relax with a game of chess



Mrs Cook with Jenni, Erin and Ms Blay from Robina SHS



Lilly and Catriona show Mrs Blay the computers in the Zenith room



Business and IT Skills Centre

Hello my name is Tara Wells, and I am studying Business Communication and Technologies. Working onsite at the Smelter means that we are part of BSL work environment. This meant that we were included in the Disaster Management Recovery (DMR) simulation that we were not expecting to be doing during our normal working day. Karen Swemmer is pictured here explaining to us why we and all BSL staff were being isolated for a period of 3 hours. We were not allowed to leave the Centre and were able to observe barriers being put up around the walkways to keep out the media. Co-ordinating staff wore orange vests. It was stressed to us how important these simulations are, so staff can respond correctly if a disaster happens at the Smelter. This was like a lockdown at school. I like being part of the BITS Centre program because it is like working in a real job, even though we are really at school. We get to meet interesting people all the time and learn new and exciting things.



WHO'S WHO

My name is **Nicky Townsend**.

My role at Tannum High is as Science Operations Officer (SOO).

During the three months that I have worked here, I have absolutely loved my role and the people I work with. I have already been a murder victim for the Year 11 Forensics prac. Being nominated for "Staff Member of the Month" along with my partner in crime, Louise O'Neill, was great, as it's nice to know that you're appreciated.

Now, for some inside information! My favourite foods are lamb roast and apple crumble. The movie "A Long Kiss Goodnight" with Geena Davis made an impact on me. One very memorable childhood moment was when it snowed on Christmas Day in New Zealand while we were camping at Lake Avimore. Also, I was the first female in the southern hemisphere to do and pass woodwork as a Year 12 subject. Another of my many talents is poetry. My poem called "Sighs of Silence" was published in the Liquid Mirror and I also won the Editors Choice Award for it. Whilst I'm married and have a wonderful son, I also have an extended family consisting of a cat, a dog, a bird, two chooks and nine lizards.



QCS TEST COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES REQUIRED

Each year the school must nominate a number of community representatives to assist with supervision of the Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test sat by Year 12 students on 2-3 September. Applicants must be available on the test days and at some other times previous to the test date to witness the receipt of test material. Successful applicants for our school will most likely be supervising students from other Gladstone schools (not Tannum Sands SHS students). These are paid positions. For more information please contact Todd Comrie (49799777 or email tcomr1@eq.edu.au - *Subject QCS Community Rep.*) and once application packs are available I will contact you.

SUCCESS OF PAST STUDENTS

We have received information from Hastings Deering in Brisbane regarding Callum Biggs. For those who didn't know Callum, he left Tannum High last year. Callum's employer at Hastings Deering, have commented that they are extremely impressed with him and have forwarded this photo to us. We congratulate Callum on his achievements and wish him well in his chosen career



CAREERS NOTICEBOARD

CQU OFFERINGS

- Start Uni Now (SUN) Program – Year 10-12 students are eligible to apply for the SUN program. Application forms available from the career board or contact CQU Admissions Office on 1300 360 444.



INDUSTRY BLUE CARD COURSE AT SCHOOL

Our next blue card course is on the 14th May. Students require this card to enter construction sites. Any student wanting to do work experience in a construction area must have this qualification before their application will be accepted. Students must pay \$35 at the office, and it is on a 'first in first served' basis. The course is run during school time, at the school.

STUDENTS MUST SIGN IN/OUT

Any student arriving or leaving school outside normal school times must sign the attendance book in the office.

The school offers students a number of programs which results in some students being able to arrive late to school or arrive early on certain days. Students with this privilege will have a code of 'ABS' on their timetable in the periods in which they do not have to be at school. It is important, however, that students abide by the rules and sign the attendance book when they arrive and/or when they leave. This is vital for our evacuation procedures and general student management. Failure to follow the rules may lead to cancellation of the privilege. Please contact Mr Todd Comrie for more information.

FOR THE FRIDGE

MAY 2008

Thursday 8 th	Aust Infomatics Competition & PC Basketball
Wednesday 14 th	Year 8/10 Subject Information Night
Thursday 15 th	RTA Indigenous Year 8 Activity & Vicky Wilson Netball

Monday 18 th	Year 8/10 Subject Selections Due
Thursday 22 nd	QUT Smart Train, QCS MC for Year 12's, RTA Big Science
Tuesday 27 th	Years 8, 9 & 10 Vaccinations