



with Mr Rohan Brooks (Acting Principal)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we move into the second term of this semester, the school is alive with a wide variety of activities both associated with the subjects students are studying, and also many extra-curricula opportunities.

Two major curriculum based excursions have just occurred. Our Year 8 students have just returned from their two Carnarvon Gorge trips that enhance their studies of SOSE in this semester. Also the Senior Arts excursion to Brisbane has just been completed. From all reports, all these activities were very successful. My congratulations to all the students involved, as the teachers' reports were that the long standing tradition of quality behaviour and engagement with the excursions was once again upheld. Also my particular thanks and congratulations to all the staff involved in these, as I am fully aware of the additional time and workload that such activities require; not to mention the commitment and effort required when working with large groups of teenagers in a supervised 24 hour environment. Included in this edition are some initial photos and comments. We hope to have more reports of these activities in future publications of the newsletter.

Parent, Student, Teacher Conferencing - Wednesday

A reminder that this conferencing is occurring this week. We actively encourage the attendance of students at this meeting. It is always better to talk with students rather than about them. It is through such expectations and the clear demonstration of families and the school working together, that we see students mature and continue to take increased personal responsibility for their learning. If it has not been possible for you to meet with any teachers, please remember that it is always possible to call the school to arrange a phone or personal meeting.

Student Leaders Elections for July 2009 to July 2010.

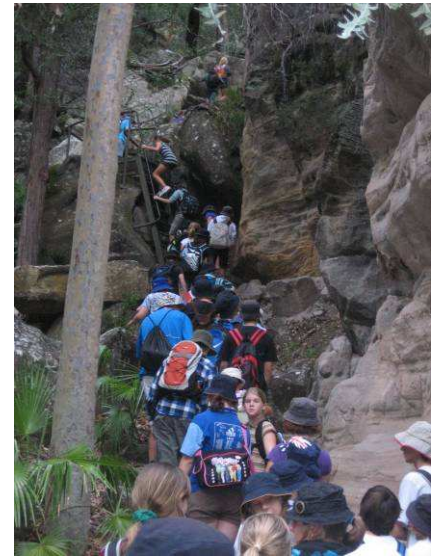
Our student leaders' election process is now in action. For those families new to the school, you may not be aware that we elect our student leaders on a financial year basis. This allows our current Year 12s to step-back and focus on their last six months of Senior High School without the pressures of office. Year 11 students may apply to nominate for School Captain, Vice Captain and House Leader while Year 10 students are also able to apply to be House Leaders as well.

Winter Is Here

We have been constantly reminding students that they need to ensure they have the full school winter uniform for the cold months ahead. This includes the school track top and pants. There are stocks available at the school uniform shop which is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. The school appreciates the significant parent support that is apparent in maintaining the appropriate dress standards of the school.

Notification Of Teachers' Union Action

The school has been advised that the Queensland Teachers' Union has directed members to stop work for a period of 24 hours on **Tuesday 19th May 2009** in support of the current process of enterprise bargaining which is seen as currently stalled. There will be stop work meetings in Gladstone on this day, and as such **the school will have very limited capacity to provide supervision of students across the day.** It is not possible to provide the normal school academic program on this day. Also because it is anticipated that the majority of students will not be in attendance on the day, **the automatic notification of absences via SMS etc will not occur on this day,** as it is impractical to process the expected level of absenteeism. A more detailed letter will be forwarded to families if further information comes to hand later in the week.



Year 8 Carnarvon Gorge excursion. See inside for details



Candice Ferris, Sarah Connolly and Amanda Vallance attended the Mooting Competition.



Toogoolawah State School visit Read more about the visit inside.



Cyber Safety awareness - Mr Maynard speaks with students Daniel and Jarred.

Thurs 14th
May
P & C Meeting
@ 7:30pm
Wed 20th May
Year 8/10
Subject Info
Night

DID YOU KNOW.....

UNIFORM SHOP

ARE YOU READY FOR THE COOL WEATHER?

All winter uniforms are currently in stock.

Windcheaters	\$40
Panelled Jackets	\$45
Track Pants	\$25

Monday, Wednesday & Friday
8:15am – 11:15am

Phone: Monique on 4979 9752.

URGENTLY NEEDED – DONATIONS OF SECONDHAND UNIFORMS

HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED

Tannum Sands State High School has official Education Queensland International recognition.

As an International School, full fee-paying international students can enrol for periods from 3 months up to 12 months.

The greatest highlight for our international students is living with an Australian family.

International students live and socialise with the Homestay families. Homestay families provide students with a caring and safe family environment in which to live while they study.

Living with an Australian family, enables students to fully engage in school and family life and to quickly improve their educational and social skills.

All families have been carefully selected by school staff and hold a government-authorised permit (Blue Card) to host international students.

Homestay provides:

- a safe, warm and friendly environment for students studying in a different country.
- International students with an excellent opportunity to learn about Australian culture and lifestyle.
- family activities to help students adjust to living in another country and experience our Australian lifestyle.
- three meals per day, seven days per week
- student's own bedroom with study facilities
- assistance to find transport to and from school.

The underlying principle of providing Homestay accommodation is to provide a safe, warm and friendly environment for students studying in a different country.

Both the family and student must work at the relationship for it to be successful.

An important responsibility of both parties to the Homestay arrangement, relates to the status of the student within the Homestay household.

Homestay families are expected to welcome the student as a valued member of the household and students, in return, are expected to show consideration, courtesy and respect for the Homestay family.

Homestay families are paid a weekly tax free allowance to help defray costs of hosting a student.

As an approved Homestay Family you will also require:

- Blue Card - B category (no cost and organised with you)
- Household Insurance

Are you interested in providing a safe, warm and friendly Homestay environment for International Students studying at Tannum Sands State High School?

Please contact our Homestay Coordinator for further information on 0417 074 675.

SNAPSHOT OF 2008 GRADUATES RELEASED

A state-wide snapshot of the education outcomes of last year's graduating seniors was published on a school-by-school basis in *The Courier-Mail* on Tuesday May 5. Regional snapshots have also been printed in major regional daily newspapers.

The publication of Year 12 outcomes is part of wider Government reforms to provide more information to parents and the community about student and school achievements.

The data, compiled by the Queensland Studies Authority and presented alphabetically by school, includes the percentage of Year 12 students receiving tertiary offers, the number of students completing or continuing school-based apprenticeships or traineeships, the percentage of students with an OP 1-15 and the number of vocational qualifications awarded.

This year the report also includes information on the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE), the Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA) and the International Baccalaureate Diploma offered by the Queensland Academies and a number of schools.

The Year 12 graduate profile is not a league table – it does not rank schools.

What it provides is an overview of the wide range of learning options students can now choose from, whether it be studying for university entry, a vocational qualification or a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship, and the outcomes students are achieving.

If you have any questions about our school's data you should contact me (the Principal).

From May 5 you can access the Year 12 outcomes data and an information pack at: www.qsa.qld.edu.au



TOOGOOLAWAH MUSICAL VISIT

Toogoolawah SHS recently conducted their instrumental music tour which, included visiting our high school. The schools choir and band performed with Tannum High's concert band in a workshop which was conducted in the morning. A concert of the combined schools followed, presenting a powerful musical ensemble in the Performance Centre.



CARNARVON GORGE EXCURSION

This year's Year 8 excursion to Carnarvon Gorge was held last week with two trips being completed between the 5th and 10th of May. The response from teacher, Mr Scott Barnard, was that it was 'just great'. Students and teachers stayed at the Takarakka Camping Area, where they could rest ready to see and enjoy all that Carnarvon Gorge had to offer. Bushwalking through this area gave participants a unique experience for the beautiful rainforests and plant life, tranquil waterfalls and the historic aboriginal paintings.



Our students witnessed first hand the spectacular views and scenery of Carnarvon Gorge



Aboriginal art at Carnarvon Gorge

ART WORKS FOR COLLECTION

Art works belonging to Year 12 students from 2008 are now available for collection. Please contact the office to arrange collection.

Donations of artistic materials are always greatly appreciated. If you have any magazines, wire, lace, fabric, etc please bring it in marked 'ART DEPT'.





**NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM –
INSPIRING FUTURES**

The NYSF offers students currently in Year 11 a unique opportunity to ‘test drive’ careers in Science, Engineering and related disciplines. For twelve days in January, students come to Canberra or Perth and live on campus as a university student. There, they will meet a range of scientists and researchers, visit them at work and do the kinds of things they do every day. Students will debate the hottest topics in Science and Engineering and pick up valuable skills to give them the edge through Year 12 and beyond. The selection process is quite rigorous, therefore preparation will be vital.

Applications close 29th May 2009.

For more information log onto WWW.NYSF.EDU.AU or see Mrs Cook in Staffroom 1.

ICAS WRITING COMPETITION

Payment for this competition is due on Tuesday 25th May. Payment forms are available at the front office.



20th Anniversary Year High Schools' Mooting Competition.

**BOND UNIVERSITY MOOTING
COMPETITION**

Bond University Faculty of Law conducts an annual mooting competition involving student representatives from secondary schools around Australia. It is the only national competition of its type and in 2009 will mark the 20th anniversary of the competition.

A moot is a legal argument conducted by opposing teams before one or more judges. The argument involves the application of legal rules to fact situations like those dealt with by the courts every day. The contest is decided by assessing the advocacy skills of the participants, rather than on the merits of the case.

On Thursday 7th May, three year 12 students (Candice Ferris, Sarah Connolly and Amanda Vallance) travelled to Rockhampton with Mrs Cook to compete against students from Biloela State High School in their first round of ‘mooting’. All three girls represented our school extremely well and we are very proud of their achievement. We await the results!



(Left to right)

Jasmine Davis, Monique Henry, Tara-Leigh Wells, Mrs Marxsen, Rachelle Martin and Sky McMahon.

Year 11 and 12 Tannum Sands, Gladstone and Toolooa State High school students are currently attending the Business and IT Skills Centre as part of their senior schooling programme. We can study BCT (Business Communication and Technologies), BOM (Business Organisation and Management) and IT (Information Technology). These subjects are studied in the morning and in the afternoon we complete enterprise work which is sent in from businesses. Students also have the opportunity to work out on site at the Smelter. Enterprise helps us experience what it is like to do real work in a business environment. The students pictured are working with Mrs Marxsen who is coordinating the Boyne Tannum Orchid and Foliage Society Expo on the 23rd and 24th May at Tannum Sands State High School. We are discussing plans and designs for the flyers and posters that will promote the Expo.

Tara-Leigh Wells (student)

"CALLING NEW LEADERS!"

Once again it is that time of the year when the school is looking for new leaders. This week, all nominated students will be giving speeches as follows: House Captains speeches and voting will take place on Wednesday 13th May and School/Vice Captain speeches will be on Thursday 15th May during parade. Good luck and happy campaigning for all the nominated students.



TWO BIG REMINDERS

Year 8 & 10 Subject Info Evening

This will be held on the 20th May. Year 8 from 6-7:30pm and Year 10 from 7:30-9pm.

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 in attendance for the whole day.

This Newsletter can be emailed directly to parents on request by forwarding an email to lfllet30@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> Photos can be viewed in colour on the School Website following the newsletter links.

We're going potty!

Have you any small to medium sized planter pots in your back shed that you are not using? Drop off pots in any condition to Conservation Volunteers, 14 Goondoon Street, Gladstone for our community nursery.

You make a difference!

Keep fit in the fresh air and sunshine. Have fun and help the environment at the same time! Come for a day or come every day! Meet new people, socialise and have a great time doing something with a purpose - making a real difference to the environment. For more information phone Pamela on 4972 4969, or 0428 533 002 or visit www.conservationvolunteers.com.au or Conservation Volunteers, 14 Goondoon Street, Gladstone.



FREE FLU VACCINES

In an effort to improve vaccination levels within our local community, Gladstone Central Medical Centre (located in the Night Owl Centre) will be offering completely free vaccinations for influenza for those under 16 and over 65. All other age groups will be charged the price of the vaccine only! New stocks of the vaccine are due mid June. Book now before the vaccines become unavailable by phoning 4972 8689.

**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
2009 QUEENSLAND CORE
SKILLS (QCS) TEST**

Members of the community are invited to nominate for appointment to the positions of Chief Community Representative or Community Representative for the QCS test. The QLD Studies Authority (QSA) appoints to each test centre, members of the community to carry out duties on their behalf to ensure the test is conducted in a secure and accountable manner. Successful applicants may be required to supervise at test centres in Gladstone or Boyne Island. Interested persons are asked to contact TSSHS for more information and an application package. Alternatively you can download the package from QSA website www.qsa.qld.edu.au. >assessment>QCS Test>Administration>Forms & Documents >Community Representatives. Closing date for applications is Friday 15th May.

MAY CANTEEN ROSTER

14 th	Helen Mison
15 th	Annie Williams
18 th	Rhonda Johnson
19 th	Tracey Webber-Hanson
20 th	Help Needed
21 st	Help Needed
22 nd	Lyndell Gilson/Annie Williams

FOR THE FRIDGE

Wed 13 th	Student/Parent/Teacher Conferencing
Thur 14 th	P&C Meeting @7:30pm
Tues 21 st	Steve Apirana visiting Year 8 & 9 students
Wed 20 th	Year 8/10 Subject Info Night