

with Mr Kevin Giles

Influenza H1N1 (Human Swine Flu)

Yesterday, Tuesday 26 May, all students present received a letter to take home from Education Queensland outlining the response to the Influenza H1N1 (Human Swine Flu) as it currently stands. The procedures are part of a nation wide response to reduce the impact of this particular flu. In part, this involves students that are returning or arriving from the following overseas countries: Mexico, United States of America, Canada, Panama and Japan being involved in a seven-day timeout period where they are asked not to attend school. This list can be found on the Department of Health and Ageing website: www.healthemergency.gov.au and is reviewed regularly in light of the current situation.

Anyone in this situation who has returned or is to return from one of the affected areas please advise the school and ensure that your child remains at home for seven days even if they do not have symptoms. The seven days includes weekends and public holidays. If your child becomes unwell, please seek immediate medical advice from your general practitioner.

In the event of a confirmed case of Influenza H1N1 (Human Swine Flu) in a student attending a school, the school will be closed for up to seven days. During a school closure – or if your child is involved in a seven-day timeout period – every attempt will be made to provide schoolwork. There will, however, be no school supervision provided to children on the seven-day timeout.

I took the opportunity on a school parade to remind students that all forms of the Flu should be treated seriously and that they can have a real impact on their own health and that of others if they follow some simple hygiene rules. Particularly:

- The use of tissues and handkerchiefs
- Putting tissues and other litter in bins
- Regular washing of hands
- Covering of mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing

Hopefully, with some commonsense responses to these circumstances our community can avoid the more dire impacts of this coming influenza season. It would be a real benefit if parents could reinforce to their children the importance of such hygiene rules as those above.

Subject Selection due Friday 28th May

It is important that Subject Selection Sheets for Years 8 and 10 students are returned on Friday 29th May. See details on your Subject Selection Sheets for further information. Extra copies are available at the school office. All students should have a copy of the subject information booklet. These are also available from the school office.

Year 9 Students Give NAPLAN Their Best Shot

Our year 9 students recently completed five tests as part of the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). Tests completed included Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and two Numeracy tests, one with a calculator and one without. It was great to see students turn up so well prepared for these tests and the committed effort they made to ensure good results for themselves and the school as a whole. All test books were posted last week and the marking will no doubt take some time. Parents can expect an individual report posted home later in the year. Thanks also go to Mr Paymon, Mrs Ball and the rest of the supervising teachers for organising the set up of each of the tests before school and during the breaks.

FROM

THE

DEPUTY



Reece O'Brien practices Guitar



Renee McKeown, William O'Brien and Celeste Keleher participated in the Basketball Coaching lesson



Jordan Cupitt & Brooke McLeod were successful at the PC Soccer Trials. See inside for details.

COMING UP

Fri 5th June
Ministerial Student
Free Day

Mon 8th June
Queens Birthday
Public Holiday

Thur 11th June
P&C Meeting
7:30pm

DID YOU KNOW.....

STUDENT FREE DAY – FRIDAY 5th 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.

QCS REMINDER

QCS practice testing will be held on Wednesday 17th June & Thursday 18th June. Further details will be given in upcoming Newsletters.

NAGATIN FORMAL ASSEMBLY

Nagatin Formal Assembly is less than a month away. All students are reminded to get their Future Awards and Excellence Awards in to receive a Gold Card. Gold Cards can be presented at a number of local businesses to receive discounts when purchasing goods locally.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are always interested in hearing from parents and members of the community who would like to assist students with their studies. Volunteering at the school is a rewarding experience. Students can benefit greatly from receiving an extra 'helping hand' and friendly assistance from our support team. Become a volunteer, and help to create the future of our students. For further details, or to express your interest, contact Mrs Carol Shuttleworth on 4979 9778.

VACCINATIONS TUESDAY 16TH JUNE

Reminder that all Year 10 and Year 8 Female vaccinations will be performed.

MABERUELI HOMEWORK CENTRE

(Maberueli is an Eastern Torres Strait word meaning, "You are learning in a classroom.") Maberueli Homework Centre is located at the Resource Centre and is opened Monday and Tuesday every morning from 7:40 to 8:30 a.m. Mathematics, Science, SOSE and English teachers are on hand to assist with assignments, homework or exam questions and queries. Computers are also available for those who require access to them.

FREE TUTORING

For any students wishing to have extra assistance with Maths, tutoring is available in G211 & HE01, Wednesday to Friday from 12:00 until 12:25 p.m. There are also teachers available in the Science Block at lunch times, with Chemistry in SC02 on Tuesday and Physics in SC09 on Monday for Year 11 students and Thursday for Year 12 students.

This Newsletter can be emailed directly to parents on request by forwarding an email to lflf30@eg.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>



Amber Grosskreutz, Renae Withoos, Elspeth Thorpe and Nikki Cooke

CONGRATULATIONS - PC SOCCER TRIALS

The following students were successful at the PC Soccer Trials. They will attend the Capricornia trials in Dysart on June 1st.

Girls

Renae Withoos
Amber Grosskreutz
Nikki Cooke
Brooke McLeod
Elspeth Thorpe
Charley Bond (shadow)

Boys

Jesse Batterson
Matt Madsen
Jordan Cupitt



Year 12 student, Ben Harvey, gained valuable assistance from Mr Smith at the Basketball Coaching session this week.

Mr Blair Smith, Basketball Queensland's Coaching and Development Officer, joined Mr Leon Sternberg's class this week.

Mr Smith provided students with great tips for increasing their skills, and showed them how to increase accuracy in shooting hoops.

BIENNIAL PERFORMING ARTS TOUR 2009

Every two years, Senior Music and Drama students have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the Arts for four days in Brisbane. Fifty students took advantage of the offer this time round and it soon became a memorable time for all. Miss Dora, Miss Werda and Mrs Robinson boarded the train Tuesday morning, 5th May and, along with their charges, waved goodbye to loved ones.

The first performance was an interesting one. *Score*, performed by the Expressions Dance Company explored the new and quite disturbing world of reality TV. The group was then challenged in workshops by world renowned ZENZENZO and *Q-Music*, followed by an awe-inspiring display of song, dance, acrobatics and overall entertainment in LaBoite's, *Blue Love* – the definite highlight of the tour for many. Everyone 'raved on' at *Buddy Holly*. A trip to Movie World, tour of QPAC and visit to the Museum wrapped up the four day culture fest.

It was a great experience which gave many students a new appreciation for the wonderfully diverse nature of the performing arts, community and each other.



Students at Movieworld

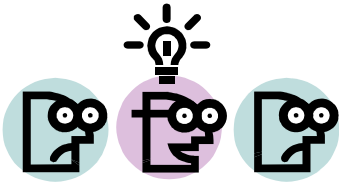


Angela Baker & Amber Goodwin



Gladstone train station waiting to go

Workshops for the Gifted



Challenge 2009

Tuesday 30 June and Wednesday 1 July 2009
Brisbane Boys' College, Kensington Terrace,
Toowong, Brisbane

This is an exciting two-day program of challenging activities designed for students enrolled in Years 1 to 10 who are seeking extension beyond the regular school curriculum. All workshops offered are fast-paced, rigorous and involve challenging activities pitched at individual abilities rather than chronological age. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to step up to a challenge, to meet other children of like mind and to establish new friendships.

Parents are invited to meet with QAGTC executive and experts at 10:30am each day. This is an opportunity to ask questions and to receive detailed information on the nature of giftedness and gifted education.

Remember when you select a workshop that you will be working at two years in advance of the school-year level indicated! Do you accept this challenge?

The website is at <http://www.qagtc.org.au/cc2009>

All enquiries: Contact the convenors (Sandra Lummis and Judith Hewton) by email cc@qagtc.org.au or phone: 3352 4288

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. The Boyne/Tannum Rotary club and the Sunrise Rotary Club are very keen to sponsor and may indeed assist financially for the right candidate.

Applications close 29th May 2009 (this Friday). If you are keen to have a go you need to see Mrs Cook immediately!



Katrina Woodrow & Katelyn Rawlings practice piano.

AROUND THE SCHOOL THIS WEEK



Chaplain, Margita Downey, chats to Michelle Schmidt.

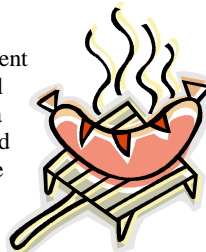


Former student, Nick Turnbull, helps Margareta with garden maintenance. Nick has been great support and a hard worker. Thanks Nick!

ORCHID SHOW

On the weekend, the student leaders and Year 12 Visual Art Studies students, held a sausage sizzle at the Orchid Show to raise funds for the student council and the Tunnel Project currently being undertaken by the Year 12 VAS students.

Just over \$500 was raised at this event, which was a fabulous effort by all participants.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Sister City Snapshots Photograph Competition. – Rockhampton Regional Council

Important dates of Sister City Snapshots Photograph Competition:

- competition opens – Monday, May 18
- competition closes – Friday, June 26
- Winners will be announced and the exhibition launched – Thursday, July 9
- Exhibition at Rockhampton Regional Library – July 9 – August 6 (also on Council's website, and then winning entries sent to our Sister City in Japan, Ibusuki, to be exhibited there.)

This year the competition will also feature a multimedia component, where they can enter a short 'you-tube' style entry.

Sister Cities Australia National Conference and Youth Conference

Young people really enjoy the youth conference. This year's Youth Conference is being held in Tamworth.

Rockhampton will next year host the 2010 Sister Cities Australia National Conference and Youth Conference from July 11 – July 14, at Rydges Capricorn Resort! People (and youth delegates) from all over Australia and from around the world will be attending.

Both events are wonderful opportunities for our young people to become involved in both local community and international relationships in fun and creative ways.

For further details contact Kirsty Stewart, Rockhampton Regional Council. The Entry Form & Conditions of Entry are now available from the Council's website at www.rockhamptonregion.qld.gov.au

CANTEEN ROSTER

May/June 2009

27 th	Heather Dunn
28 th	Helen Mison
29 th	Annie Williams
1 st	Rhonda Johnsen & Cindy Brown
2 nd	Tracey Webber-Hanson
3 rd	Louise Stobbo
4 th	Help Needed
5 th	Annie Williams

FOR THE FRIDGE



Wed 27 th	Rio Tinto Indigenous Coaching
JUNE	
Tues 2 nd	Year 10 Voc Prep Interviews
Fri 5 th	Ministerial Student Free Day
Mon 8 th	Queens Birthday Public Holiday
Wed 10 th	ICAS Science Comp
Thurs 11 th	P&C Meeting @ 7:30pm In the Resource Centre