

with Mr John Adie

FROM THE DEPUTY

### QCS Practice Test 10th-11th June

An important part of our preparation for the Queensland Core Skills test completed by University eligible students in September is our full two day practice session. This occurs next week.

You may have noted that we have changed the dates for the QCS Practice Test. Due to a prior booking at the centre, the dates for the 2 day practice test have been changed to the 10th & 11th June. Students have been notified of this change. They have received a letter with important information on organisation for this practice along with the equipment required. It is important students read this information carefully. The practice tests will be sent away for professional marking to give students a good idea about how they are going so it is important the students take this practice test seriously.

Please be aware that transport is the responsibility of the student and alternate arrangements for students who catch a bus might need to be made. As well students will not be permitted to leave the Boyne Island Community Centre to get lunch etc. so they need to ensure they have enough supplies for the day.

**Non-QCS** students will be attending school as normal however some classes may be combined. Students are reminded they are to bring enough material to work independently on each subject in case they are not with their regular teacher. For more information on the 2 days please contact Todd Comrie.

### Assertive Problem Solving

As students progress through high school, they begin to use much more sophisticated problem solving strategies using **assertiveness**. This is where they learn how to express how they are feeling honestly but also making sure they do so with regard for others feelings. This more adult way of behaving is much better than *aggressive* ways involving threats, swearing and humiliation or *passive* ignoring or giving in.

Students begin to realise they do have **choices** in how they behave – “*It’s my decision about what I say and do!*”. Of course, sometimes it’s sensible to realise that the bully may not be ready to hear assertive language from you, so careful timing is required and sometimes it’s a good idea to report the behaviour rather than take it on. The **Harbour**, our active response to assist students who are being teased, harassed or feel bullied, is staffed by teachers who can assist you in this regard, either with words of advice about what to say, or to work with the students concerned on your behalf to solve the problem. Remember, we can’t help you if you don’t tell us you need help.

The trick in behaving assertively is to be very aware of your surroundings and make sure your responses are not too ‘cold’ or too ‘hot’ – aim for **‘just right!’** This means that you need to be polite, able to accept others opinions (even if you know they are not right), firm but nice, and able to handle problems without getting worked up.

Making a statement about what you believe – ‘I’ statements are very useful...I prefer if you.....I don’t like what you..... I feel.. These are very effective examples of assertive language. Say what you want, but in a way where you don’t make the problem worse. You decide what’s important and realise that you can only get upset about what someone else says or does if you decide to feel that way. It’s a good idea to work out in advance what you’ll say as well. Your parents can help with this!



Charley Bond presenting her oral on “Closing the Gap” at ATSIAP.



Students prepare to dive through a hole and out to the ocean with Mr Charles at Northwest last week.



Jason Goodfellow & Morgan Wairoa have fun at TSSS on Under 8’s Day



Chloe Cowan and TSSS Year 1 student, Connor Matthews, have some fun on Under 8’s day.

Friday 5th  
Student Free  
Day

Thurs 11<sup>th</sup>  
P&C Meeting  
@7:30pm

## 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 this Friday. While students will not be at school that day, staff will be engaged in required professional development and in attendance for the whole day.

### MORNING CLASSES WED 10 & THURS 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Please note for the 2-day Year 12 QCS practice, all Year 12 morning classes will be cancelled on these days.

### 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.

### 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.



This Newsletter can be emailed directly to parents on request by forwarding an email to [lflet30@eq.edu.au](mailto: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>

## ATSIAP – ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLAND ASPIRATION PROGRAM

By Michelle Dalgairns

Michelle Dalgairns, Taylah Andreassen, Ashleigh Newby and Charley Bond attended ATSIAP in Rockhampton. During this two day competition, the team worked incredibly well and made some new friends from other schools. Some of the other schools that competed were Rockhampton State High, North Rockhampton High, St Ursula's, Toolooa State High, Yeppoon High, Glenmore High, Marist College and Mount Morgan State School.

Thanks to Ms Carey, for taking time off and driving us to Rockhampton, helping us, and taking us to dinner. It made our time much more enjoyable. The P&C also deserves a big thank you for paying for our accommodation.

There were three events on the first day; the speeches, skits/plays and commercials which were organised for 2 minutes. On the second day, there was a quiz in the morning without our teachers, where we did an all right job. The second day they announced the finals for the first day event. Our group luckily got into the finals for our play, and Charley Bond for her speech. Afterwards, the girls discussed the wonderful time they had and thanked Ms Carey for her time and taking us to Rockhampton.



Charley, Taylah, Ashleigh and Michelle doing their Long Term Problem Solving activity



Mr John Adie speaks to parents and students about the Exclerate literacy program.

This intensive literacy program, based on work being done at the Gladstone Exodus Centre is being offered to selected Year 8's in Semester 2. It has been modified to suit our high school clients and promises to make a real difference to their learning.



International students, Pia & Clara, taste some of our marine life at North West Island.



Students, Craig, Lauren & Stormy, dissect a fish at North West.

### NORTHWEST ISLAND TRIP

This year 42 students and 7 supervisors (4 staff, and three volunteers) travelled 75 kms to NW Island on the Great Barrier Reef. This island is a pristine coral cay, which gave our students the opportunity to be involved in activities such as fish dissections, independent field reports, open water snorkelling, boat handling and boat licence tests, turtle watching, vegetation surveys and much more. Our newly acquired boats and motors were put into action and these proved to be invaluable whilst on the island. Both groups of students were involved in a wide range of activities and assessment relating to Reef Ecosystems, both living and non-living systems. Our students were also given the task of completing three major pieces of assessment which required them to collect raw data from the reef area and this was later processed via a Field Report and booklet, a Practical Skills test and a Fish Dissection Report.

Overall this excursion was an outstanding success in terms of the full and varied program experienced by all students. The beautiful setting to complete real-life learning outcomes and the excellent behaviour of our students, made them a pleasure to take away. All students must be congratulated for the way they cooperated and interacted together (sometimes under adverse weather conditions) and for their maturity and responsibility which was demonstrated throughout the excursion.

A special thankyou must go to Mr Ray Gordon, Mr Ian Macintosh and Mrs Sheelagh Loutitt who gave so much time and support to the students and staff throughout our stay and during the preparation and planning stages of the excursion.



Planning has already begun for next year's trip. For further details, contact Mr Charles on 4979 9777.

**YEAR 8 & 9 GIFTED AND TALENTED CAMP**

From the 25<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> of May, roughly 60 students from around Central Queensland, including 16 students from our school, attended a camp for the gifted and talented at Fairbairn Dam.

Early on Monday morning, we dragged ourselves out of bed for the long bus trip to Emerald. Upon arrival to the camp, we were split up into three groups; Saratoga, Red Claw and Whip Snakes. These groups were made up of students from each of the schools attending, so we were quickly on the way to making new friends. Over the next four days, we would take part in many fun and interesting activities. These included; tours of Ensham Mine and the CQ University, rock climbing, canoeing, astronomy and DPI & F workshops. The highlight of the CQ University tour was extracting DNA from a pea! The DPI & F workshop helped us to understand where some of our most important products originate. These include clothes, bio-plastics, and soup mixes. As well, we received lots of freebies! We left camp on Friday morning, but not before swapping email addresses and phone numbers with our new friends.

By Rhys Sharry



**Students gather DNA at the Gifted and Talented Camp**



**Kayaking was another of the activities for students.**

**SENIOR SCHOOLING**

**Brick and Block laying experience**

Year 10-12 students interested in getting brick and block laying experience for a week early in Semester II by an industry professional, must see Mr Comrie ASAP. Students will learn how to mix mortar, lay and plumb brick and blocks. Students will finish off a wall that houses the school boats as their final project. Numbers are limited so get in early. Applications close 17<sup>th</sup> June.

**Year 11-12 4-day camp**

Years 11&12 students interested in agribusiness, agriculture, animals, vet science, food or environment are invited to get experience through a 4-day FEAST camp organised by the University Queensland. For information and to register go to: [www.uq.edu.au/nravs/feast](http://www.uq.edu.au/nravs/feast) or phone 54601279.



**POSITION VACANT  
School-Based Traineeship  
Certificate II in Hospitality at  
Breezes Café**

Are you interested in the Hospitality Industry?  
Please submit a cover letter and résumé to:  
Mr Gavin Ryder, Breezes Café  
1/1 Orana Avenue, Boyne Island, Qld, 4680  
Applications close 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2009

**LITERACY TIPS FOR THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

During the holidays, your child can learn outside of the classroom and practise the skills they have learned at school.

Our school suggests these quick and inexpensive activities that you can do with your child during the break:

- plant a garden of plants or let your child help you look after some of the plants you have at home – involve your child in choosing the plants, researching and making a garden journal to record what is happening in the garden and figuring out how much water plants need and how often
- if visiting friends or going to different places over the holiday break, encourage your child to make their own postcards, creating a drawing on the front and writing a story on the back
- make up a bingo set using numbers, symbols, letters or words
- exploring the library is also a great holiday activity as there are books to read, listen to and borrow, games to play and events to keep your child busy and exercising their literacy skills.

If you would like further information on helping your child with literacy and numeracy in the holidays visit:



[www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map/](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map/).

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**THE MODEL OF NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH IS CHANGING.....**

Neighbourhood Watch as we know it is changing!!!

Gladstone District has been given the unique opportunity to trial a new model for Neighbourhood Watch.

Changes to the founding and running of Neighbourhood Watch committees is now more accessible and user friendly. No longer is it a requirement to conduct mapping, count houses, petition the community to show at least 70% community support or divide the targeted area into zones and blocks.

The concept of Neighbourhood Watch being a community group focused on reducing residential crime hasn't changed. Neighbourhood Watch is still about working together to improve personal safety and household security and encourage interaction and a sense of responsibility between neighbours and communities.

In order to showcase the new Neighbourhood Watch model and gauge community interest a public meeting will be held at:

*7pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June at the Heron Room, Boyne Tannum Community Centre.*

*Please contact the number below for details of the Turkey beach, Gladstone and Baffle Creek meetings.*

**Neighbourhood Watch will only work with community support.**

*For more information please contact the Gladstone District Crime Prevention Coordinator on 49713247.*



**CANTEEN**

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Louise Stobo
4 <sup>th</sup>	Help Needed
5 <sup>th</sup>	Annie Williams
8 <sup>th</sup>	QUEENS BIRTHDAY
9 <sup>th</sup>	Tracey Webber-Hanson
10 <sup>th</sup>	Heather Dunn
11 <sup>th</sup>	Helen Mison
12 <sup>th</sup>	Annie Williams
15 <sup>th</sup>	Rhonda Johnsen
16 <sup>th</sup>	Tracey Webber-Hanson
17 <sup>th</sup>	Help Needed
18 <sup>th</sup>	Help Needed
19 <sup>th</sup>	Lyndell Gilson & Annie Williams



**FOR THE FRIDGE**

**JUNE**

Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	Ministerial Student Free Day
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	Queens Birthday Public Holiday
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	ICAS Science Comp QCS Practice Testing P&C Meeting @7:30pm in the Resource Centre
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	QCS Practice Testing Vaccinations Year 10 and Year 8 Female
Tues 16	ICAS Writing Competition
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	Naidoc Sports Day at Dennis Park
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>	School Holidays Start
<b>JULY</b>	
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Student Free Day
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school