

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

School Priorities 2008

Last year we developed our School Strategic Plan 2008-2010: we know where we are heading!

- Some of our priorities for this year will include:
- Maintaining our school's ethos, effective practices, reputation and successes
- Being open to further improvement in all areas
- Building upon our already strong academic performance
- Implementing the Qld Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Framework (QCAR)
- Implementing our Middle Phase Review improvements, including Smart Moves
- Using data to inform us, improve students' numeracy and literacy levels
- Focussing more on the education of boys
- Expanding our international students program
- Embedding new information technology e.g. One School Entrée , teacher laptops
- Enhancing our environment e.g. sustainability, facilities, gardens
- Communicating school policies even better to parents e.g. homework, bullying
- Developing further our staff skills for teaching, leadership, support and self-reflection
- Further enhancing learning opportunities via off-site campuses established in industry
- Reviewing and streamlining our anti-bullying strategies
- Enhancing further our excellent website

Important Policies

I'd like to flag that soon we will be posting to you some INFORMATION (about school policies such as behaviour, uniform, anti-bullying and support systems) plus a FORM TO SIGN AND RETURN. All Education Queensland schools ask parents to sign this ENROLMENT AGREEMENT. Please impress upon your son or daughter the importance of returning this form when it arrives in the mail.

Year 12 students with LA or VLA last year

Current Year 12's must be mindful of their eligibility for Qld Certificate of Education (QCE) points at the end of this year. If a student is currently sitting on LA or VLA and changes subjects at this stage of her/his course (i.e. by mid-February 2008), they may be eligible for up to two "concessional" credit points towards the QCE. However, should s/he leave it June to change, or continue until Nov 08, still failing, s/he will receive NO credit points from that original subject. Hence, those who were not gaining SA or above in Year 11 subjects currently EITHER need to lift this to at least SA by end of 2008 to gain 4 QCE credit points (the best option) OR consider a subject change to an "easier" or more suitable subject. To do this, the student MUST see a Deputy Principal about subject change and/or the Guidance Officer for advice... immediately – the matter is now urgent.

Year 11/12 Study Day

Monday 25 Feb, approximately a quarter of our teaching staff will be in Rockhampton at District Panel meetings, where samples of students' work from all over our region's schools, state and private, are viewed by panels of teachers to ensure comparability of assessment. This is an important part of the Qld Studies Authority quality assurance processes for school-based assessment. It is great to see so many of our teachers participating.

On this day, usual classes will not operate for Years 11 and 12. Those Seniors who bring in a note will be able to stay home to study, with their parent's permission. Others will be supervised at school.

Family Holidays

It is important that families plan their holidays taking into account the need for students to be at school to learn, and to sit assessment. Dates will be in the next newsletter or can be found at http://education.qld.gov.au/public_media/calendar/holidays.html



MEET THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS FOR SEMESTER ONE

Mr John Adie
*Timetabling and staffing
Data and Outcomes*

Miss Yvette Rimmer (Acting Deputy)
*Student Welfare and Monitoring
Senior Schooling*

Mr Kevin Giles
*Quality Teaching and Learning
ICT's for Teaching and Learning*



Georgia Long, Marijke Meyer and Lani Bergqvist have enjoyed their first taste of High School.



Mr Johnston addresses the Year 8's



Ky Hull, Lochie Aderson, Levi Smith, Corey Copeland, Jake Thomas and Josh Britton find some shade to catch up together.

START SMART SCHOOLS PROGRAM

On Wednesday the 13th of February, all Year 10 students will be participating in an interactive Financial Literacy Seminar run by the Start Smart Rural program in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank.



The program consists of a 2 hour workshop which incorporates essential knowledge of how to earn, save, spend and invest money. Stories, games, examples and activities will be delivered by world-class, professional facilitators who actively engage their audience and are passionate about inspiring students to learn skills in these important areas.

Our involvement in this program will help students become better equipped with essential financial literacy skills and supports movement from the Queensland Government to develop literacy and numeracy skills. If you would like any further information on this program, please contact Jennifer Wix on 49 799761.

YEAR 8.....MEET THE TEACHER

Parents of Year 8 students are invited to attend this evening starting at 7pm on Wednesday the 20th February. The night will include information in relation to homework and study skills and ways of assisting your student to achieve his/her best. There will be the opportunity for parents to meet your son/daughter's teachers. Whilst aimed at parents of Year 8 students, all parents are welcome to attend.

MALBERUELI HOMEWORK CENTRE –

(Malberueli is an Eastern Torres Strait word meaning, "You are learning in a classroom.") Malberueli Homework Centre is located at the Resource Centre and is opened Monday and Tuesday every morning from 7:30 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. For any students wishing to have extra assistance with Maths, tutoring is available in G211, Wednesday to Friday from 12:00 until 12:25 p.m. There are also teachers available at the Science Block, Tuesday and Friday lunch times for help with Physics.



CHANGE OF PORT CURTIS TRIAL DATES

Please amend the following dates on your Port Curtis Trials calendar:

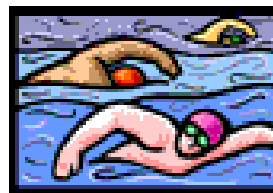
Soccer 19yrs Boys and Girls = 11th March
Rugby League 15yrs & 18yrs = 11th March

Thank-you
 Kate Holmes (Sport Coordinator)



SWIMMING CARNIVAL

It's time to start practising those strokes and doing some laps in preparation for Tannum High's Swimming Carnival. The carnival will be held on Thursday 28th February. Entry fee is \$5 per child, and must be paid by Tuesday 26th February. All students are expected to participate. It is vital that all students also slip, slop, slap and wrap so they can all enjoy wonderful day in the pool.



UNIFORM SHOP

The normal operating hours of the Uniform shop are:

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

For enquiries contact Monique on 4979 9752.

BSL ZENITH – OUR GIFTED PROGRAM



On **Thursday February 28th**, we will be holding an information afternoon tea in the Performance Centre at 5:30pm. All interested parents and students are invited. If you would like to attend, please phone the school office. *For any enquiries please contact Sharon Schmidt or Kathy Gordon on 49799777 or email to kgord45@eq.edu.au.*

Some new students this year whom we have identified have been invited to attend this information session, however, **ALL** interested parents and students are more than welcome to come along! We have lots of new and exciting activities in store for this year.

Our first competition for the year is the National Geographic Channel Australian Geography Competition, which will be held in April. Nominations close on **Friday 22nd February** and forms are available from Mrs Gordon (Staffroom 1) or Ms Tunnah (Staffroom 2).

The BSL Zenith activities room is now open at 2nd break on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. All students are welcome to come and interact with other students in various activities.

SLEEPING WELL

Having a good night's sleep is important for maintaining good health. The body needs the opportunity to recharge from the day's activities. Experiencing difficulty sleeping, however, is a common problem. Lack of sleep can lead to:

- Irritability
- Lack of energy
- Poor concentration

Good quality sleep isn't necessarily a long sleep – it's having what doctors call 'deep sleep' and 'dream sleep'. Most 'deep sleep' occurs during the first five hours after falling asleep. Even if you sleep for only four or five hours, you can still get about the same amount of 'deep sleep' as someone who sleeps for eight to ten hours.

Illness or pain can disrupt sleep. Depression, particularly, can lead to:

- Difficulty in getting to sleep
- Poor quality sleep
- Less sleep
- Frequently waking during the night

Poor quality 'deep sleep' can lead to:

- Tiredness during the day
- Poor concentration and irritability
- Aches and pains in muscles and bones
- Immune system that doesn't work well, leading to more frequent illness
- Longer periods of depression

Our ability to get good quality sleep can be disrupted by physical illness, infections, pain during the night and psychological stress.

Source: Beyondblue. For further information visit: www.beyondblue.org.au or beyondblue info line 1300 22 4636

COMMUNITY NOTICES

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS WANTED

Viola - Full or three quarter size and an Electronic Piano to buy. Please contact Carol on 49 799712.

Cello wanted, please contact Jo on 0418 733615.

Yaralla Junior Football is signing on for 2008 season and will have someone at Yaralla Sports Club in the Garden Lounge from 4.30 pm till 5.30pm every Tuesday 12/02,19/02, 26/02. With club training commencing Tuesday 4th March U6 to U/10 - 4.30 till 5.30pm and U/11 to U17- 5.30pm till 7pm.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Helpers are urgently needed to work in the Schools Canteen. Please contact Kath on 49799735 if you can lend a hand, so a Roster can be completed.

MIDDLE YEARS OF SCHOOLING ASSOC. INC COMPETITION

The Rockhampton Regional MYSA will be holding its Fourth Biennial Conference from the 6-7 March 2008. Students are invited to send in electronically a photo which reflects the theme of the Conference which is: *Get with it...*

- Get to know us: How and why we think, act and do
- Get "techo" like us: New ICT trends for the classroom
- Get with us: Positive behaviour practices

1st Prize \$100 2nd Prize \$50 3rd Prize \$25 (for each division). Please send entries (as an electronic attachment) to: patricia_mcdevitt@tccr.rok.catholic.edu.au by Friday 22nd February 2008. Make sure students include the following information:

Students name, Year Level, School, Contact details (name of teacher, email address, telephone number), a caption for the data image and electronic attachments (one digital photograph and a completed copyright release form for each student in the image as submitted photographs may be used as part of a display at the conference and in other MYSA publications. The prizewinners will be announced at the Conference and the prizes will be sent to the schools of the winning students.

CAREERS NOTICEBOARD

The school's Careers board is located in the Resource Centre. It has a wealth of information regarding positions vacant, apprenticeship information and external training information. Please visit the Resource Centre and have a look regularly to keep up to date on all of your options. Mr Todd Comrie and his team work hard to provide students with up to date apprenticeship information to help students get into the workforce after study.

For further information on the following vacancies, please see the Careers Noticeboard.

- Full time junior shop assistant in pet industry. Closing date 14 Feb. 08
- 3 x School-based apprenticeships in Fitting and Boilermaking. Closing date 19 Feb. 08
- 1 x School-based traineeship in Business. Closing date 15 Feb. 08

APRIL HOLIDAYS WORK EXPERIENCE

Applications for April holidays work experience close Thursday 21st February. Each year hundreds of Tannum Sands SHS students engage in work experience and students must get their applications forms in early to secure their first choice. Students must be 14 years or older and Yr 12 students are reminded that they cannot be placed during the final weeks of school in December as they are no longer students. Therefore all students interested in work experience should apply early. Application forms and more information can be obtained from Todd Comrie in Staffroom 4.



WHO'S WHO AT TANNUM HIGH

Name: Yvette Rimmer

Role: Deputy Principal

Whilst Yvette has only been at Tannum High for eight days, she says that she is enjoying her time with us and the challenges of being at a new school. Yvette's first challenge upon being appointed, was getting to Australia! She was stuck in Johannesburg and was on

standby for a flight home to Australia the day before she was due to start. Yvette is well travelled, having been to many countries including the UK, Ireland, Scotland, Italy, France, Greece, Germany, Austria, Czech Republic, America and New Zealand. In the future Yvette would love to travel to Egypt and Canada. Her favourite overseas destination was Tanzania and Santorini Island and her favourite food is Thai. Yvette also enjoys playing touch football. Her favourite childhood memory was getting a dog for her 13th birthday.

FOR THE FRIDGE

February 2008

Tuesday 12th CAP Trials for Tennis & Softball
Wednesday 13th Start Smart Financial Literacy Program Year 10
Thursday 14th House Challenge Practice & P&C Meeting

Monday 18th Civil Construction Course Year 11 & 12
Wednesday 20th PC Trials (Touch/Volleyball) & Meet the Teacher
Thursday 21st ...House Challenge (L1 & L2)

TERM 1			
February			
4	Monday		TAFE starts (11/12 - TC)
5	Tuesday		Mentor Training Day (12 -TM) PC Tennis Trials
12	Tuesday		CAP Trials (Softball, Tennis)
13	Wednesday	3	Start Smart Financial Literacy Program (Yr10, TC)
14	Thursday		House Challenge Practice (L1& 4) P & C Meeting 7.30pm
18	Monday		Year 11/12 students - Civil Construction Course 7.30-4pm 18-23/2/07
20	Wednesday	4	PC Trials (Touch, Volleyball)
21	Thursday		House Challenge (L1&2) L. 3 = L. 1, L. 4 = L. 2 classes
25	Monday		Year 11/12 Study Day
28	Thursday		Swimming Carnival, PC Trials (Netball, AFL, 18yrs Rugby Union)
March			
4	Tuesday		CAP Trials Touch, Carnarvon Trip 1. 4-7/3/08
6	Thursday		QCS Writing Test Practice (Y12, L3/4, TC), CAP Volleyball
7	Friday		CAP Trials Surfing Carnarvon Trip 2. 8 th -11 th March 08
11	Tuesday		PC Trials (Squash, Hockey, 19yrs Football, 15/18yrs Rugby League)
12	Wednesday	7	Carnarvon Trip 3. 12 th -15 th March 08
13	Thursday		Yr12 QCS Short Response Practice L.3/4 (TC), CAP Trials (Netball, AFL), P & C Meeting 7.30pm
17	Monday		PC Trials (Boys Cricket)
18	Tuesday		CAP Trials (19yrs Football, Squash, Hockey, Rugby League)
21	Friday		Good Friday
24	Monday		Easter Monday
26	Wednesday	9	Mock Interviews (Y10, EK), CAP Trials 18yrs Rugby Union
27	Thursday		Yr 8/9/10 Vaccinations (TR)
31	Monday		National Geographic Competition (JC, 31/3 to 11/4)
April			
1	Tuesday		Parade, SAIN Meeting (RJ), Teacher Development Meeting (NC)
2	Wednesday	10	SWAB Meeting (JA)
3	Thursday		HG Meetings, P & C Meeting 7.30pm
4	Friday		Parade
7	Monday		
8	Tuesday		
9	Wednesday		Easter Holidays
10	Thursday		
11	Friday		
14	Monday		Student Free Day (RJ)

AVOID EASTER AND SCHOOL HOLIDAY CONFUSION

Parents, please check the school holiday calendar before booking travel or accommodation for Easter this year.

"For the first time in at least 10 years, the Easter long weekend does not coincide with the end-of-first-term school holidays," the acting Attorney-General and Minister for Justice John Mickel said. "To avoid costly disappointments, families with school age children should be aware that the **Easter long weekend will take place between Friday, 21 March, and Monday, 24 March 2008.**

"Parents may mistakenly assume the school holidays begin with the Easter weekend, as it does most years, but that's not the case this year." Easter Friday and Easter Monday are public holidays but the school holidays do not begin until two weeks later.

"This year the public school holidays will run from 7 to 11 April.

Mr Mickel said traders were not obliged to make changes, or give refunds for cancellations, for pre-paid travel or accommodation bookings. "Consumers who make travel or accommodation bookings, based on their own miscalculation of holiday dates, may end up out of pocket," he said.

Parent's, please note that **Year 12 students finish** this year on **Friday 21 Nov** (NOT 14 Nov as originally advised by Education Qld: this correction was in several newsletters last year).

Holidays:

21-24 March	Easter public holidays	5-14 April	Easter school holidays
28 Jun – 14 Jul	Winter vacation	20 Sep – 5 Oct	Spring Vacation
20 Oct	Student Free Day	21 Nov	Year 12's finish
28 Nov	Year 10/11's finish	12 Dec	Year 8/9's finish
13 Dec-26 Jan	Christmas vacation (Years 8 & 9)		

STUDENT MENTOR DAY

Our current School Leaders, House Captains and Mentors had a great day organising the contributions they, as Year 12's, wish to make to our school this year.



PORT CURTIS DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL SPORT

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS

As a member of a Port Curtis Sporting Team, and/or as a participant in any Port Curtis District Secondary School Sport sanctioned competition, all Players will abide by the following:

- Compete by the competition conditions and rules
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team – your team's performance will benefit and so will your own
- Be a good sport
- Cooperate with your coach and team mates
- Wear the official team uniform at all times, as directed by team

Management/Officials

- Stay in the designated team area and support other team members during times when not competing
- Follow all directions of team management/officials
- Refrain from smoking, drinking of alcoholic beverages, or the use of any illegal substances

As a billet if applicable

- Be courteous
- Respect the wishes and routine of your billeting family
- Be responsible – you are representing your family, your school, and your district
- Pay for phone calls – don't borrow money
- Say "Thank You" often!
- Bring a small gift for your billeting family or write a letter of thanks