

## with Mr Ray Johnston

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### More Sports Representatives

Corey Brown and Matt Stark have been selected in the Qld Swimming Team. Brooke McLeod, Andrew Maynard, Matthew Madsen and Rachel Withoos have made the 15 years Capricornia Football teams. These four students are merely the latest additions to an outstanding list of students who have made regional teams this year... and we currently have four students who've reached Queensland standard. Courtney Watt attends her Squash National Titles in Grafton in August, and Brad Millers his Volleyball National Titles in Adelaide in August. Good luck to both! *See inside for more...*

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### So What Do Employers Look For?

At a recent meeting of the Schools and Industry Network (SAIN), Mr Steve Ebenestelli, from the Gladstone Ports Corporation, spoke on this topic. *See inside for some interesting tips!*

PRINCIPAL

### Uniform Matters

Thanks to families for their cooperation with uniform, which is important at our school. A reminder that the following items are not consistent with our P&C Dress Code: jeans, skivvies, slip on shoes, black socks, rugby shorts, defaced shirts, non-school caps, coloured jumpers or beanies. All winter items are in stock, viz. panelled spray jacket or windcheater, and school track pants or tailored trousers.

### Federal Computers for Schools Program

Details of this scheme are still emerging, however some things we do know: schools can use the money to purchase laptops, desktops or other computers; schools will own the computers, not students, who will nevertheless have access to the computers; some schools will choose to let the students take laptops home; and the program will roll out over three years.

Our 1-1 Computing Committee will investigate and make recommendations about how and when we will access this program. We would still be pleased to have parent representatives on this committee. *Contact Mrs Narelle Cleaver 49799777.*

### QCS Practice

As this issue goes to print, our Year 12's are undergoing a 2-day practice for the Qld Core Skills Test. *Good luck!*



*Mr Johnston receives his surprise Birthday present*



*Farewell to Mr Alan Peard*



*Archer - Chris Bergqvist*

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Last week we featured photos of our new School Leaders. We would like to congratulate our new School Captains, Emma Slatter and Darcy Thompson, and new Vice Captains, Jessica Adie and Duran Stander.

Our new House Captains also have an important role in the running of school functions. Welcome to Whoolghun's Jason Gilmore and Ashleigh Burnes, Burarhl's Jarryd Brown and Kate Gray, Nagatin's Shelly Howie and Tim Faux and Ghinmhine's Zara Stross and Jack Goddard.

*New House Captains* These new Leaders will be sworn in at the Nagatin Formal Assembly next week. We wish them all the best in their new roles and thank our departing Leaders for their dedication and hard work over the past year.



## NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!

Congratulations to the following students who were selected in the Port Curtis Soccer teams...

**Tom Kirchner, Samir Sidhu, Andrew Maynard and Matthew Madsen – U15 Boys. Rachel Withoos, Charley Bond, Amber Grosskreutz, Renae Withoos, Nikki Cooke and Brooke McLeod – U15 Girls. Haydon, Matthew, Rachel and Brooke** also made the Capricornia Soccer Teams.

These students will participate in the Capricornia trials in Rockhampton later this year. Congratulations!

Whilst not a school sport the following students deserve recognition for their exceptional skill and talent shown at the recent National Outrigging Championships.

Congratulations to **James De Britt, Megan Hogan, Alex Fairbrother and Maigan Dart** who won their V12 race at the recent National Outrigging Championships in Penrith. **Maddison Hogan** (past student) received a gold in the individual 500m sprint whilst her sister **Megan** (Year 9) received a 5<sup>th</sup> place. Congratulations all – an outstanding effort.

**Linda Goodwin** recently returned from the State Soccer Championships. Her team played extremely well and gained 4<sup>th</sup> place. Well done Linda!

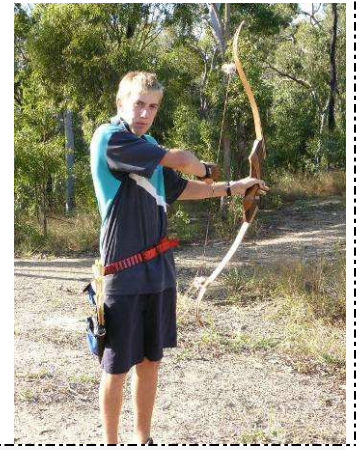


Outriggers: Alex Fairbrother, James DeBritt & Maigan Dart



## TANNUM'S OWN ROBIN HOOD

Tannum Sands State High School has its very own Robin Hood..... in the shape of Year 10 student Chris Bergqvist. Chris recently took part in the Australian Longbow and Recurve championships at Awoonga Dam and walked away with Junior Champion and the Bill Baker Trans - Tasman Memorial Award, making Chris the new International Champion as well. Chris, who has been a keen archer for four years now, is thrilled with his success, as we are at Tannum Sands Sate High School. Well done, Chris!



## SO WHAT DO EMPLOYERS LOOK FOR? (CONT'D)

Steve Ebenestelli from Gladstone Ports Corporation outlined what the GPC as an employer is looking for when recruiting, particularly Apprentices.

1. Resume – things looked for:

- Demonstrated interest in job applied for;
- Work Experience done in that field;
- Involvement in job related activities in spare time;
- Educational achievements.

2. Aptitude Testing

Interview suitability determined from assessment of Resume and Aptitude Test results.

3. Failure Points

Unable to sell themselves, unprepared and no work experience in particular field.

## Applying for University

In Qld schools, graduating Year 12 students apply for university through a “one stop shop for all Qld universities”, called the Qld Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC). You may like to visit their site [www.qtac.edu.au](http://www.qtac.edu.au)

The *QTAC Guide: Tertiary Courses* booklet will be distributed to all Queensland Schools during the week of 20 – 27 June 2008. This will show the vast array of courses available for students.

Once students have selected their preferred courses, they enter their preferences on-line, and will be shown at school how to do this in coming months. Each student has a PIN number, which s/he uses to enter and change preferences. They list their first six preferences, in order, listing the courses for which they wish to be considered. The higher the Overall Position (OP) they receive in December, the more likely they are to gain their first preference.

Please note that **applications open on Tuesday, 01 July 2008** for 2008/2009 Admissions i.e. **two weeks earlier than last year**. The on-time due date for applications is the last working day in September as per usual i.e. Tuesday, 30 September 2008. (Changes made after that date are possible, but incur late fees). Students can change their preferences after OP scores are received.

The demonstration version of the Twelve to Tertiary online application service is available on the QTAC public website at the following address:

<http://www.qtac.edu.au/OnlineServices/OnlineServices.html>. (Click on the bold and underlined link on that page to the Demonstration version of TTT). This will demonstrate to parents and students how applicants apply on-line.

There will be more information for parents during the year.

*Enquiries about tertiary entrance: contact Mrs Julie Gracey or Mr Nathan Wyer, School Guidance Officers.*

## BSL ZENITH – OUR GIFTED PROGRAM



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Passports (2008)

## MS Readathon Reading Relay

It is not too late to register and help change the lives of people living with multiple sclerosis (MS). Students can ask friends or family to sponsor them for their reading from June 1 – June 30 which includes current classroom and home reading texts. The fastest way to register is online at [www.msreadathon.org.au](http://www.msreadathon.org.au)

## ICAS Mathematics Competition

Entries for the competition close on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June. Payment forms are available at the office.

"I cannot teach anybody anything; I can only make them think." -- Socrates

# MIDDLE SCHOOLING

## Career Pathways

### Our Engineering course at school

By Kurt Dobbin (Year 11 Student)

Engineering is really great, as it teaches us skills we can use in the industry. At the moment we are making a folding shovel and a meat mallet, whilst learning to use machines like wood and metal lathes. We even learn to weld. I have learnt a lot about engineering with the help of my teacher, Mr Hewitt.



(left) Kurt Dobbin gaining hand-on experience using machinery in Engineering.

Grace Mesece in action (Furnishing - Year 11)



Parent Helper Mr Nick Fox and Jamie Hutchins



### DEFENCE FORCE VISIT

Any student interested in enlisting with ADFA general entry, officer entry or trade entry, or even getting some information about the ADFA gap year? Mr Wyer and Mr Comrie have arranged a visit on Wednesday 25th June 1:40pm - 2:00pm in the Library. If you are interested please put your name on the list outside Mr Comrie's office. There is limited space so please sign up before hand. Thanks: Mr Wyer and Mr Comrie.

### CAREERS NOTICEBOARD

**GIRLS ELECTRICAL COURSE** Girls interested in enrolling in a pre-trade electrical course must contact Gladstone Area Group Apprentices (GAGAL) to register their interest (Ph 49725988). For more information contact GAGAL or Mr Comrie in Staffroom 4 at the school.



### WORK EXPERIENCE NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2008

Students who would like to do work experience in November/December can start putting in their applications now. Year 12 students cannot apply for Work Experience in December. Any questions please call Todd Comrie 4979 9762 or Sherry Perkins 4979 9761.

**BSL APPRENTICESHIPS** BSL will be advertising for 2009 Apprentices in Gladstone Observer on 19th and 26th July. Applications to be submitted on-line. See the paper or their website for more information at that time.

### NEW INTERACTIVE WEBSITE ASSISTS STUDENTS WITH CAREER AND TRAINING OPTIONS

Students and parents can access a new site to assist students to make informed career, training and education choices with support from a new website developed by TAFE Queensland. The [TAFEinity anything's possible website](http://www.anythingspossible.com.au) features an online game, *Bring Home the Bacon*, which highlights the range of TAFE learning options in a fun and interactive way. It looks really good!



See [www.anythingspossible.com.au](http://www.anythingspossible.com.au)

### NEW BUILDING ADDITION

Our new shed is finally finished and in use out back of the performance centre. The right hand side is for storage of drama costumes, props, etc and the left for general storage. Alan Shaw and a helpful group of Year 10 drama students finished putting up the shelving last week.



Alan Shaw & Jed Farraway



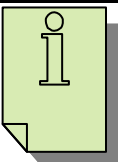
### COMMUNITY NOTICES

**MT LARCOM SHOW 2008** Great Family Fun Day to be held on Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd June Gates Open 8am. Adults: \$8.00, School Students: \$5.00. Bring the Family and Enjoy!!!!

### ISLAND SANDS BOXING CLUB INC

Come along – first session free. Boxing training Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. 4.30 to 5.30 Juniors & 6 – 7 pm Seniors. Call Russell on 0429 437918 or 4973 3738 (evenings) for further information

**FOR SALE:** Young Cockatiel approx. 6 months old. Yellow/grey \$15. Also Male & Female Guppies. Phone 0400 522842



### FOR THE FRIDGE

### JUNE 2008

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> QCS Practice Year 12  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Nagatin Formal Assembly

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> School Holidays commence