

with Mr Rohan Brooks (Deputy Principal)

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to Ray Johnston, our Principal, who has completed his stint as Acting Education Director, Schools, for the Curtis Coast District. My thanks to all the students, parents and staff who made my time as Acting Principal so enjoyable. My particular thanks to Mrs Edwina Harding who was working as Deputy Principal and Ms Monique Werda who acted as House Coordinator for Ghinmhine.

IMPACT OF HUMAN SWINE FLU MANAGEMENT ON QUEENSLAND SCHOOLS

You may have heard recent media reports that national authorities have moved to a new “protect” response phase to manage the outbreak of H1N1 Influenza 09 (also known as Human Swine Influenza) in Australia.

Queensland’s Deputy Premier and Health Minister Paul Lucas said Queensland would move to the new protect phase from next Monday (June 22) but would keep its policy of school exclusions and school closures in place until the end of term next Friday (June 26).

Queensland’s Chief Health Officer Dr Jeannette Young said the extra week of possible school closures followed by school holidays provided a circuit breaker, further lessening the spread and the potential impacts to the Queensland community.

Dr Young has advised that Queensland’s efforts to restrict the spread of H1N1 Influenza 09 have been very effective and will continue until the end of Term 2 on 26 June.

It means that until Friday 26 June our school will:

- Continue to be prepared to act quickly to close the school to students if advised to do so by Queensland Health.
- Continue the current guidelines for seven-day time-out for any students returning to Queensland from areas of concern, including Victoria.

Because the seven-day time-out guidelines for students end on 26 June, there will be no restrictions on students entering Queensland from areas of concern including Mexico, the United States of America, Canada, Panama, Japan, Chile and Argentina or students that are returning from Victoria after that date.

In addition study tours and International Student Programs will no longer be affected by H1N1 Influenza 09 after 26 June.

For further information please contact the school or visit the Education Queensland website at www.education.qld.gov.au

For further information about H1N1 Influenza 09 (Human Swine Influenza) contact 13 HEALTH or visit www.health.qld.gov.au/swineflu

Education Queensland is working closely with Queensland Health and will continue to be guided by the advice provided by their medical experts in relation to any situations where action by schools would benefit the school and broader community.

A PROMPT TO YEAR 10, YEAR 11 AND YEAR 12 STUDENTS

Any students who are considering applying for Apprenticeships in VARIOUS trades being offered by the larger industries in this area need to be aware that these will be advertised in the papers in July, quite possibly during the holidays, and that the interviews for many of these will occur in the coming September holidays. CONSEQUENTLY students hoping to be eligible for these positions should not plan to be absent on holidays in this period.



Nick Fruk gets into the spirit of the free dress Pirate Day last Friday.



Reading Awards



Year 8 students were taught how to make Sushi by Year 9 student, Savannah Williams-Piper, in Japanese class last week.

SAFE HOLIDAYS

We wish all families a very happy and particularly a safe Winter Holidays and look forward to everyone returning to the school refreshed for Semester 2.

FROM THE DEPUTY

JUNE
Mon 29th
School Holidays commence
JULY
Mon 13th
Student Free Day
Tues 14th
Back to school

DID YOU KNOW.....

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Have you seen the school's website lately? We regularly update the web to keep our parents informed about important school issues. We also upload the Newsletter each week, so you can view the photos in colour. Check it out today!!

EDUCATION TAX REFUND – DON'T FORGET TO CLAIM

How do I claim the Education Tax Refund?

In your tax return or if you don't lodge a tax return, claim on a separate form or over the phone. If you use a tax agent, make sure you ask them to claim for you.

The Education Tax Refund lets you claim up to 50 per cent of eligible education expenses for school children. If you are eligible, you can get back up to \$375 for each primary student and up to \$750 for each secondary student.

Check with your Accountant if you are eligible, or find out more about this and other information such as what you can and can't claim go to www.australia.gov.au/educationtaxrefund or call the Tax Office on 13 28 61.

HELP US KEEP OUR SCHOOL SECURE THESE HOLIDAYS

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school.

If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88.

The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

If you do see something suspicious, please don't attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let's work together to help create a safer school community.

If you would like to know more about the School Watch Program, please call Education Queensland's School Security Section on (07) 3237 0874.

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.

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 lfl30@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>

Sport News

Following on from last week's Port Curtis success stories.

Soccer – Rachel Withoos. Rachel was a member of the Capricornia Soccer team that competed at the recent State Soccer Championships. Rachel was an extremely valuable team member and her team placed a credible 9th place.

Surfing – Luisa Varco, Katrina Woodrow, Ebony Irvin. The girls travelled to the sunny Gold Coast as members of the Capricornia

Surfing team, only to be greeted by some of the worst weather the Coast has seen in many years. The State Surfing Titles were moved to the Sunshine Coast and whilst they didn't have much of an opportunity to surf due to the weather, the girls had a great time and were exposed to competition surfing.

AFL – Brendan Coyle was a member of the Capricornia AFL team. He travelled to Brisbane to play at the State Championships where his team won the Country division. Congratulations, Brendan!

Squash – Courtney Watt (State squash team member 2008) competed as a member of the Capricornia Squash team at the recent State Championships. Courtney played extremely well and was named reserve for the State team. Congratulations to Courtney for being able to achieve such a result considering she has no where to train in the Gladstone area due to the one and only squash courts being closed recently!



Congratulations to **Dylan Nankivell** (above) who competed at the **Queensland All Schools Cross Country Championships in Brisbane.** Dylan, once again, showed off his exceptional athletic talent and took out **1st place.** Congratulations Dylan!

Brad Millers has once again gained selection in the **Queensland Volleyball team.** This is the 2nd year in a row that Brad has gained selection in the U15 team! Brad also recently returned from Thailand where he was a member of the **National Youth Boys team** that competed at the Thailand Junior Volleyball Championships. He gained invaluable experience and was given the opportunity to play against some very talented players whilst also seeing and experiencing a different country. Brad is also now waiting to hear whether or not he has been successful in gaining a spot in the team to tour Asia later in the year. Congratulations and good luck, Brad!



Students, David Vaughan and Jacqui Craig, along with all the other new leaders, received their Student Leader ties Monday morning.

Senior Leaders

Tannum High's P & C Association kindly donated Senior ties to all new Senior Leaders, which were presented at a full school parade on Monday.

Following the holidays, we will proudly issue photo's in the Newsletter of our Leaders being presented with their blazers before they take their formal oath of Leadership.

Congratulations again to all our new leaders.



Congratulations to Year 12 English students on their very successful Pirate theme Free Dress Day. Over \$1000 was raised in support of Relay for Life/Qld Cancer. Students also sold over 200 sausages and 100 bags of fairy floss. Face painting and pirate tattoos were another hit. The Scavenger Hunt saw crazy bands of pirates pillaging staffrooms for treasure. The winner of Best Dressed female was Emily Braithwaite and Best Dressed male was Phil Crow. Both won vouchers to the Gladstone Cinemas.



Taylor Johnstone, Stephanie Rawlings and Phil Crow dress for Pirate free dress day



**CQU UNIVERSITY AUSTRALIA
BAUHINIA LITERARY AWARDS 2009**

CQUniversity's *Idiom 23* Literary Magazine has become a force in regional and national writing, since it was first published in 1987. *Idiom 23* publishes short stories, poetry, the latest book reviews and some exciting photography from both writers and photographers.

If you are interested in submitting a poem or short story with the chance of winning a monetary prize, as well as having your piece published, please see Mrs Cook in Staffroom 1 for an application form. For more information log onto www.idiom23.equ.edu.au

**SCHOOLYARD WARRIORS
CONSERVATION CHALLENGE 2009**



This challenge is a hands on, creative and exciting program designed especially for schools to get involved in conservation.

There are great prizes up for grabs including a \$2000 grant for our school's conservation project. BSL Zenith has registered to participate in this challenge and invite any interested students to join. If you are interested, please see Mrs Cook in staffroom 1.

SENIOR SCHOOLING

SCHOOL-BASED TRAINEESHIP

GLO JUICE is looking for a **Year 11 or 12 student** to fill a school-based traineeship Certificate II in Hospitality. This will be a 1 day per week position, with additional hours available on Second & Fourth Saturdays from 7am to 12:30pm.

Applicants can send a cover letter and resume to:
SAIN
Attention: Karen Dixon
PO Box 519
Gladstone QLD 4680

SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIP

Vacancy with Reece Plumbing in Gladstone. To see more information about Reece and to register for the position go to: <http://www.reece.com.au/careers/asba>.

YR 11 AND 12 WORK EXPERIENCE

Year 11 and 12 students can do work experience from 10-14 Aug. (Week 5 next term). This block is usually reserved for students doing a course containing a V.E.T. Certificate, however it is now an opportunity for all Year 11-12 students. This week is during school time, and students are expected to catch up on any work missed. Tannum Sands SHS students are more likely to get their first preference. For more information and for applications forms contact Mr Comrie. Applications close Thursday 25th June.

Wild Cattle Creek Project

On 29th May 40 Year 11 Multi-strand students went down to wild cattle creek for their annual excursion to the mangroves. The group of students was given the task of completing one of their pieces of assessment which required them to collect raw data from the mangrove area. This meant that students explored the mangrove ecosystem looking at various factors that influenced the area. All students need to be praised on their excellent behaviour and participation throughout the day. A great time was had by all.

**INQUIRY INTO CHRONIC DISEASE -
INVITATION TO MAKE A
SUBMISSION**

The Social Development Committee has received a reference from the Queensland Parliament to inquire into and report on the impact of chronic diseases on communities and the steps that can be taken to reduce the incidence of chronic disease in our communities. **In undertaking this inquiry, the Committee will consider, among other things, programs that can encourage children and young people to develop and maintain individual responsibility for their own health and well-being throughout their lives.**

The foundation of health and welfare begins in infancy. Exposure to risk factors such as excess weight, tobacco smoke, poor nutrition and inadequate physical activity in childhood has major impacts in adult life.

Recent reports have suggested a range of actions which could impact on people in your school community, for example:

- Massively scaling up physical activity and healthy eating programs in early learning centres, schools and workplaces
- A total ban on junk food advertising.
- Establishing planning and development guidelines for healthy communities, including 'healthy by design' principles and guidelines in regional and urban planning instruments for Government and Local Authority regulations.
- Increasing investment in pedestrian and cycling facilities, end of trip facilities, and public transport to promote active and public transport.
- Prioritising the most vulnerable groups within the Queensland community in the planning, design and delivery of programs to prevent disease and improve health, including Children and young people.

The committee invites all interested people and organisations to have their say by making a submission to the inquiry by 31 July 2009. I would appreciate if you would make the inquiry known to your school community, e.g. by including details in your school newsletter and/or on your website.

Attached is an inquiry information paper outlining the details of the committee, the inquiry, and how to make a submission. Further information can be found on the Committee's website at: <http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/view/committees/SDC>.



Readers Cup Challenge

Last Wednesday, eight students from Year 8 travelled to Rockhampton for the regional Readers Cup Challenge. It was the first time Tannum High has participated in the challenge, and the two teams of four performed remarkably well. Team 1 (Emma de Britt, Emily Braithwaite, Heather Elliott and Winona Sewell) was placed second in the competition, with Team 2 (Zara Wagner, Gretel Waugh, Amy Brown and Linda Agyei- Yeboah) placed third. Congratulations to all girls.

Community Notices

The **Tannum Sands Tennis Association** invites everyone to come and play at our Fun Day Sunday on 5th July from 9am.

Test out the speed of your serve with our SpeedBall Radar Speed Camera \$1 a serve Lots of tennis action for the adults and activities for the children
BBQ lunch for \$7.50 or \$25 for the family. Canteen facilities available.

The **Port Curtis Sailing Club** will be running its basic skills Junior Learn to Sail program (age 9-15yrs) commencing 12th July 2009. No sailing experience or equipment necessary. Contact the Sailing Club on 4972 2294.



CANTEEN

JULY	
Tues 14 th	Tracey Webber-
Hanson	
Wed 15 th	Help Needed
Thurs 16 th	Help Needed
Fri 17 th	Lyndell Gilson/ Annie Williams
Mon 20 th	Rhonda Johnsen
Tues 21 st	Tracey Webber-
Hanson	
Wed 22 nd	Heather Dunn
Thurs 23 rd	Helen Mison
Fri 24 th	Annie Williams

FOR THE FRIDGE

JUNE	
Mon 29 th	School Holidays Start
JULY	
Mon 13 th	Student Free Day
Tue 14 th	Back to school Rio Tinto Site Tour for Indigenous students
Wed 22 nd	Athletics Carnival