

with Miss Yvette Rimmer (Deputy Principal)

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### School Leaders

Our Term 2 Formal Assembly will be held this Wednesday. At this time our current school leaders will pass on their responsibility to our new school leaders for 2008/2009. Thank you to our current school leaders for your involvement in and successful running of many school activities. You have displayed excellent leadership skills and I hope our new school leaders have been watching closely. I would like to thank Miss Katrina Patzwald for her hard work in organising the student leader selection process.

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### Letters regarding student absence from school

Education Queensland sets out an Education Policies and Procedures Register (EPPR) which requires all student absences to be explained. To ensure our records are up to date, we will be sending home a letter fortnightly asking parents/guardians to identify valid reasons for absence eg illness, medical appointment or family emergency. To avoid having letters sent home, please ensure that if your child is absent from school for any length of time that a phone call is made to 4979 9767 (on the day) or a note explaining the reason for absence is sent with the student on their return.

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### School Watch

Help keep watch on our school 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.

### Last Week Attendance

Do students need to attend this week? **ABSOLUTELY!** Teachers have been instructed to commence term 3 work once all assessments have been completed.



**Chappy's Bike Team**  
See inside for details



**Mrs Anna Osborn with some of our very talented musicians.**



**QCS Practice Testing for Year 12's**



(left) Year 10 student Jesse Bell and his Eggnought which safely landed back on earth without harm.

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

### TSSHS THEATRE RESTAURANT

"Phantom of the Music Hall"

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> July  
Tickets \$25 and are available from the School Office.



**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> June**  
School  
Holidays  
**Tues 15<sup>th</sup> July**  
Back to  
School

## CHAPPY'S MOUNTAIN BIKE CHALLENGE

We're back, showered and clean! From the 4th to the 6th of June, a bunch of school lads and 4 adults have been riding through Bulburin National Park in the Boyne Valley. The "Mountain Bike Challenge" program provides outdoor opportunities to learn the importance of having a whole range of values. We drove four wheel drives through Granite Creek Forestry road and up into the Bulburin Rainforest. From there, we rode mountain bikes into the heart of the forestry, arriving at camp later that afternoon. The next day we began the 15 km downhill descent, riding all the way to Harmony Farm where we did archery and learnt about taking care of the bush. Around the campfire that night, we encouraged the boys to set goals and to be successful. The lads learnt that success mostly depends on your attitude in life. On the last day we rode through Blackman's gap to meet Lyn Stiller (our school nurse) for a hot breakfast. The camp provided challenges for everyone. I believe every one of these boys can be a success in life if he continues to learn the importance of good choices backed by strong values. Seeing the boys jumping in, showing initiative and taking ownership of what had to be done at the end of the camp brought me a feeling of success. During final clean up, none of the boys wanted to leave until they knew they had pulled their weight— a sign of community and commitment.

Thank you Nathan Wyer (School Guidance Officer), Andrew Higgins (Behaviour Management), Anthony Corbett (Volunteer), Lyn Stiller (School Nurse), Dennis and Betty Martin (Harmony Farm).



## YEAR 8 SUBJECT SELECTIONS

All year 8 students should now have received a copy of their subject selection sheet to take home and show their parents. Students have selected an elective unit of student for each semester beginning Semester 2 this year until Semester 1 in 2010 when they will be completing studies in Year 10. Later on, if students decide they wish to discuss alternative selections, please encourage them to see a deputy principal to discuss their aspirations and determine what subjects might be available.

**To indicate you have received this, please sign the attached note and send it back with your son/daughter to their House Group Teacher this week (Due Tuesday).** To discuss any issues relating to timetable, please phone John Adie on 49799777.

## YEAR 10 SUBJECTS FOR SEMESTER TWO

Year 10 students have chosen subject depending on their aspirations for study in the senior school and beyond. They have chosen the appropriate level of English and Mathematics as well as four elective choices for Semester 2. All Year 10 students have been handed a copy of their subject selection sheet along with details of the subjects we have been able to give them for next semester. These choices were determined using the students original selections to place the subjects in the timetable.

Heads of Department have reviewed student choices. In some cases where subjects were over-subscribed, some students have been given their spare choice(s) based on their previous performance in that subject. **To indicate you have received this, please sign the attached note and send it back with your son/daughter to their House Group Teacher this week (Due Tuesday).** If you wish to discuss any issues relating to subject selection, ask your son/daughter to see a Deputy Principal or please call John Adie on 49799777.

## NAIDOC WEEK 2008

This week we celebrate NAIDOC Week along the theme of "Advance Australia Fair?". The aim of this theme is to encourage people to reflect on the Australian principle of a "Fair Go" and for them to consider the inequalities still experienced by aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in this country today.

To celebrate NAIDOC week, we will be gathering on Wednesday morning before Formal Assembly at 8.00am for a pancake breakfast. It is proudly supported by Chappy's Crew, our wonderful band of supporters from our local churches who provide breakfast every Wednesday.



## P & C BUILDING FUND REMINDER



**\$30,000 Target – 1000 Children @ \$30 per child**

The P & C thanks all those who have contributed towards the current total of **\$2,850-00**. Don't forget that your pledge to the school is **tax deductible**. If your payment slip was "lost in the wash" or not received, forms are available from the school. Most families these days are busy and fundraising is very time consuming. By supporting the Building Fund you enable the P & C to meet its commitments and provide our children with valuable resources. These include loan repayments for "Cooler Schools" air-conditioning, musical & sporting equipment, text books, chaplaincy, special programs and much more.

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OUR GIFTED  
PROGRAM



**187  
Passports  
(2008)**

## CASE OF IDENTITY FORENSIC SCIENCE DAY

Selected students have received permission forms for this wonderful forensic experience. A Forensic Science team will be at our school on Wednesday 30th July to present a real crime scene for the students to witness and solve. Please ensure that permission forms and payment are in by the end of this term (Friday 27th June) as there are limited places.

There will be another *Girls in ICT* workshop held in Rockhampton on Aug 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to participate, see Mrs Cook for an application form. Registration closes June 27<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$50.00

# SENIOR SCHOOLING



## Business and IT Skills Centre

Hi, my name is Chene Kinny and I am a student at Tannum Sands State High School attending the Business and IT Skills Centre located at Boyne Smelters Ltd. I am completing Certificate III in Information Technology. Mamzi Beheshti, IT Site Support, is seen here explaining IT's important role at the Smelter. Mr Beheshti also talked about the network, software and applications used at the Smelter. This mentor's support helps contribute to my learning for my Certificate III in Information Technology. I really enjoy coming to the BITS Centre. It is a fun change from the normal school day and I feel like I'm actually in a workplace. Students have more freedom than at school but have to follow the workplace rules and the Smelter's Code of Conduct. I would recommend to any Year 10s to study either Accounting, Business Organisation and Management, Business Communication Technologies, Certificate III in Information Technology or Certificate II in Business in Year 11 at the Business and IT Skills Centre.



## QCS TESTING

Year 12 students at Tannum High had a chance to hone their exam skills last week with the two day Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test practice sessions.

The QCS Test contributes information for the calculation of Overall Positions (OPs) and Field Positions (FPs), which are used to rank students for tertiary entrance.

A student's individual QCS Test result is not used on its own in the calculation of their OP - instead, group results are used as part of the statistical scaling processes. A student's individual result on the QCS Test (from A to E) is reported on the student's Senior Statement or Statement of Results.

The QCS Test consists of 4 papers - a Writing Task (of 600 words), a Short Response paper and two Multiple Choice papers. The results achieved for each of the 4 test papers are combined into one grade, ranging from A (the highest grade) to E (the lowest).

Year 12 students who are eligible for an OP **must** sit the test and Year 12 students who are ineligible for an OP **may choose** to sit the test. The test takes place for real on September 2nd and 3rd.

## 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.



## THE RSL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The RSL (Qld Branch) and Bond University will be offering the *RSL Youth Development Program* again this year. This program has been designed to recognise and reward the outstanding efforts of high achieving Queensland students.

They plan to award over 140 grants of between \$2,600 and \$5,200 this year to students who have demonstrated success in the following categories:

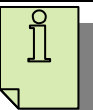
- Academic Achievement (inc of Arts, Drama, Dance & Media)
- Sporting Achievement
- Community Leadership & Civic Participation

Applications are now being taken online at [www.RSLyouth.com.au](http://www.RSLyouth.com.au) and will close at 5pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2008.

Applications are open to all QLD school students who will be completing Year 10 or 11 in 2008. For more information, see Mrs Cook in Staff Room 1 or phone 4979 9723.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Red Frogs Tour - 1<sup>st</sup> July at the Gladstone Skatepark or in case of rain Race Course. Skate/BMX demonstrations and competitions; live band; activities for girls (Chick Only Zone); free sausage sizzle; prize giveaways.**



### FOR THE FRIDGE

### JUNE 2008

### JULY 2008

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Nagatin Formal Assembly  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> School Holidays commence

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Student Free Day  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Indigenous Student Apprentice Site Tours  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> P&C Meeting & Yr 11 PE Excursion (Brisbane)  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Yr 11 PE Excursion (Brisbane)