

with Ms Yvette Rimmer

FROM THE DEPUTY

Assessment Planners for Semester 2

These were issued in House Group last Monday morning. Students should now have their subjects and assessment dates recorded in their Student Planner for term 3 and term 4. Please check your student's planner and familiarise yourself with "what assessment will be coming up".

School Uniform

Our Service Guide sets out the P & C approved uniform. In particular, Ink Navy micro fibre shorts (for boys and girls) or Ink Navy Sports skirt or Ink Navy box pleat skirt for girls. Jeans and "rugger" shorts are **not** acceptable at any time. The Uniform Shop is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:15 – 11:15am to purchase the approved clothing.

Year 11 and 12 – Possible Loss of Semester Credits

The Queensland Studies Authority (QSA) sets out the minimum number of hours, 220 hours, for which a senior subject must be studied. If attendance (at least 90%) and participation (completing work and assessment to an acceptable standard) is not maintained at the required level, a student may be at risk of losing a semester credit for the subject/s. Loss of credit may have implications on Overall Position (OP) eligibility and affect the chance of achieving a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE).

Year 11 and 12 – Cancellation of Enrolment Process

Non-participation in the learning program, that is, poor attendance and/or poor effort and completion of assessment, may lead to cancellation of your enrolment at this school. Initially a student will be issued with a Non Compliance Letter requiring the student and their parent/guardian to meet with a Deputy Principal to discuss the requirements of a Senior student. Students will be placed on a 4 week contract to improve their participation. If students comply with the contract, that is the end of the process (unless the same situation occurs at a later time). If students do not comply they will be issued with a Show Cause Letter asking the student to respond (within 5 days) as to why their enrolment should not be cancelled. Their response is viewed by the Principal who will make a decision which will result in cancellation or a possible extension of time to comply.

Signing Out for Appointments

If your child has an appointment during the day, please make sure they have a note with a **specific reason** for absence that is signed by you. They must have this to sign out at the office to ensure our Workplace Health and Safety requirements and also EQ policy are met. Please note that driving lessons and shopping for family are **not** authorised absences according to EQ policy.

Important Dates:

Wednesday 13 August	Student/Parent/Teacher Conferencing
Monday 18 August	Year 7 to 8 Night
Wednesday 27 August	Year 10 to 11 Subject Information Night

Yours in Education
Yvette Rimmer



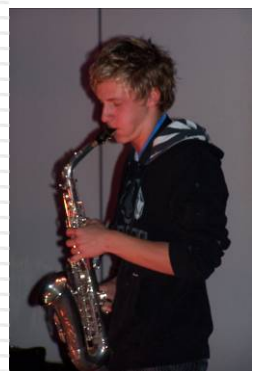
Shanice Andersen sings with the support of Rachael Tait and Caitlin Roffey at the Seniors Concert.



Robbie Smith on Guitar



Dynamic Duo Kristy Clark & Josh Harris.



Corey Brown On Sax

Congratulations to all of our Seniors who performed at the 2008 Seniors Concert last Tuesday night.

COMING UP

TODAY
Student/Parent/Teacher Conferencing
THURS 14TH
P & C Meeting @ 7:30pm

SCIENCE STUDENTS LOOK AT THE EFFECTS OF LIQUID NITROGEN ON VARIOUS OBJECTS.

Recently, some Grade 9, 10 & 12 students were lucky enough to learn more about particle theory by seeing demonstrations about the effect liquid nitrogen has on a variety of materials.



(above) Getting up close and personal to feel the frozen detergent bubbles.

(below) Miss Cooper demonstrates some gas laws for Year 12 Chemistry

Stay tuned for Science Week activities every day (18th-22nd August)



Laura Brazendale & Stacey Groves

SENIORS CONCERT

This years Seniors Concert again highlighted the many talented Year 11 and 12 students of TSSHS. The support from the audience including fellow students and families was outstanding, with many commenting on the high standard of the performances.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – TEACHER AIDE

TSSHS are currently looking for a pool of casual and temporary Teacher Aides. Please provide a written letter of application and a copy of your resume to the Business Services Manager Tannum Sands State High School PO Box 3058 Tannum Sands QLD 4680. Applications to be received by the 22nd August 2008.

WHO'S WHO AT TANNUM HIGH

Hello, my name is **Julie Duncan** and I'm a Teacher's Aide at Tannum High.

This is my 4th year working with the wonderful students here and I have definitely enjoyed it. Organising the Valedictory Breakfast will have lasting memories for me, both good and sad.

What you may not know about me:

I love steamed vegetables, my favourite movie is Shrek, I like fishing, and am actually quite patient, and I hate cold weather, but love white wine. Also I have wonderful memories of holidays at Grandma's. I enjoyed cooking, drawing, her doing my long hair and story telling.



SAFETY HOUSES

Safety Houses have been a critical step in ensuring our young people have a safe place to go if in trouble or if they are hurt. Sadly we may lose these 'safe houses' if the committee does not pick up new members. If a young person has been swooped by a magpie, fallen off their bike or have been pressured by other people, they can have a safe place to seek shelter or make a phone call. The Gladstone district Safety Houses Committee is desperate for new committee volunteers to keep this project alive and our young people safe. This is an urgent request for help to keep the committee functioning. Please call Jo Aylette on 0405169446



NATIONAL TREE DAY

Tannum Sands State High School's tree planting team "Tannachy" have been hard at work today to help celebrate National Tree Day. Donations from Gladstone Regional Council and our Parents and Citizens Association meant there was plenty of soil turned. Joining in with the regular team was two of our international students Vicky Eckner and Leonie Armbuster.



Madalynn Davis, Ashleigh Barnard, Mrs Heath, Vicki Stegink and Ben Heindrich enjoy planting trees with our international students.

WE WELCOME MR RICHARD JOHNSON

Hello, I hope that I can bring something different to the role of CEC. My experience in community development and employment related interests, as well as running a private company until recently, allows me to take a holistic view of issues and problem solving strategies.



As a 'Community Education Counsellor' my aim is to be as much in contact with community as possible. My objectives will be to engage the parents, grandparents or guardians in the school life of their students, as well as the social aspect of community. Coupled with developing and or extending a relationship with employers in the local area or on the wider scene, I would like to present a panoramic view of opportunities upon which students could extend their aspirations for a career or work environment.

As an important foundation stone, I would like to encourage each family to develop further their understanding of heritage and culture. There is a number of ways which our school community can begin to understand the importance of identity, and the role identity has in yours or your child's life. In conjunction with community role models, mentors, coaches and a range of activities inclusive of family members, we present students with tools which will aid and assist their future development.

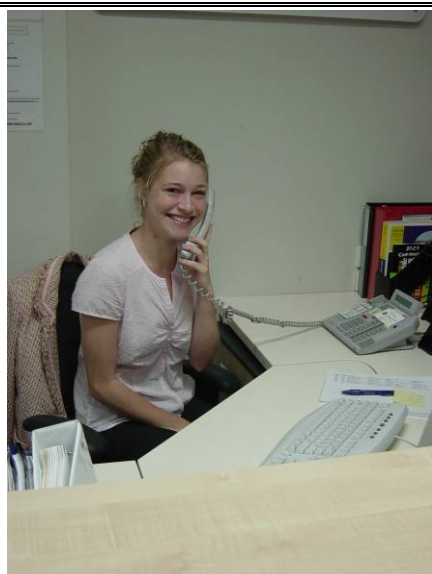
BSL ZENITH – OUR GIFTED PROGRAM



187 Passports (2008)

Gladstone Schools and Industry Science Groups SCIENCE CHALLENGE is on again. This event, that has been held for 14 years, will see ten of our Year 11 students taking part at the local campus of Central Queensland University. The Challenge involves groups of students from local high schools working in teams with Industry mentors to solve a scientifically relevant and challenging problem. Students will be based at the university, but depending on their Challenge project, will travel to study sites including field sites and studies based in Industry. Ms Joanne Cooper and Mr Alex Wabinski will also be attending the challenge to take part in the team challenge. The event is supported by local Industries including QAL, NRG, Orica, BSL and Rio Tinto Alcan. For more information see Ms Moller in Staffroom 1 or phone her on 4979 9723.

SENIOR SCHOOLING



This week I would like to introduce you to a very dynamic young woman by the name of Renee Tieman who is a Grade 12 student from Tannum Sands State High School. At the beginning of Renee's Year 11 she applied for a school based traineeship with Gladstone Environment & Industrial Development Board. Renee was successful with her application and started her school based traineeship in about April 2007.

Since then Renee has been attending her placement each Thursday. Renee is completing not a Certificate II but a Certificate III in Business Administration while also doing her OP subjects back at school (5 subjects). Renee also holds down a part time/casual job as well. Renee is so dedicated to her workload that she actually starts school on a Thursday at 7.30am – 8.00am, then leaves to go to her placement for the day which begins at 8.30am just so that she doesn't miss out on too much of her lesson back at school. With dedication and enthusiasm like this it is easy to see she has the potential to be a leader in future years.

Renee says that it is hard work and it is really really good to be doing the work experience through her traineeship and studying at the same time which means at the end of this year she will have an OP, a Certificate of Senior Education and a Certificate III in business administration under her belt ready to pursue her chosen career.

Renee has enjoyed the people skills that she has acquired by working with the Gladstone Environment and Industrial Development Board the most. These skills have come from dealing with customers and of course working with the staff.

Well done Renee.

Heather Harland

Manager

Schools and Industry Network - Gladstone Region Inc

CAREERS NOTICEBOARD

School based apprenticeship in tiling available through ATC. Contact Janelle at ATC 49723655.



UNI IN ADELAIDE?

The University of Adelaide's Fairway Scheme is designed to provide students from interstate country schools with extra bonus points (c. upgrade to OP) when applying for undergraduate programs. *More information is available from Michelle Mckinnon, 08 8303 8317 or michelle.mckinnon@adelaide.edu.au* or see a school Guidance Officer.

COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS

These financially assist students on low incomes with higher education costs. They are aimed at students looking to undertake (or already undertaking) undergraduates degrees at university. A significant number is available to students from regional and remote communities who need to move away from home to commence higher education.

Applications for the Commonwealth Scholarships Program are made online via QTAC. Applications for next year will commence in late August and should be lodged by the end of October. A range of Institution Equity Scholarships is available from individual universities too e.g. CQ University 50 \$2000 scholarships available.

Visit www.qtac.edu.au or pick up a brochure from one of our Guidance Officers, Mrs Gracey or Mr Wyer.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Australian Veterans' Children Assistance Trust (AVCAT) is offering financial assistance for up to 75 students under many different scholarship schemes. These are to help with the costs of tertiary education, and are means tested. Applicants may be either a child or grandchild of a person with operational service. *See the Guidance Officer for more information... or ring 1800620361... or e-mail vyt@accsoft.com.au*

SEIZE THE DAY STUDY AWARDS

These awards are open to all Queenslanders 16-21 yrs old who have had a personal experience with cancer, either themselves or with a close family member. The scholarship funding can be used for expenses incurred while undergoing post-secondary education and ranges from \$300-\$2500. Closing date is last Friday in Sept. Visit www.cancerqld.org.au or call 131120.

WHAT'S NEW

From 1 July 2008, **QTAC** is offering year-round tertiary applications. That means you can select courses commencing Semester 1, 2009 and Semester 2, 2009.

When you select your course preferences you will notice that they all have a start month. For example, *70700 UQ Bachelor of Arts MARCH 2009 START.*

If you don't get a place in Semester 1, your Semester 2 preferences will be considered later in the year.

If you want a break, you can select courses commencing later, e.g. July 2009 (many university courses have Semester 2 entry). Alternatively, you could apply for a Semester 1 start course and then, if allowed, request deferment.

When you apply, you will have six preferences. To maximise your chance of getting a place **USE ALL SIX Preferences.**

FOR THE FRIDGE

AUGUST 2008

Wednesday 13th Student/Parent/Teacher Conferencing
Thursday 14th P&C Meeting @ 7:30pm
Monday 18th Year 12's Apply for References

Tuesday 19th CAP Trials (Boys Cricket/15 year Girls Cricket)
Thursday 21st CAP Track and Field
Monday 25th Year 10 into 11 Subject Information Night