

with Mr Ray Johnston

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**Eisteddfod**

I have been very proud of our students' on-going successes in the Gladstone Eisteddfod. *See our next Edition for more details...*

**Behaviour Management**

After consultation via earlier newsletters, *the following additions to our Responsible Behaviour Plan have now been approved by our P&C.* We are currently going through an education program about this with our students. Parents are asked to take note of these changes, too, and discuss them at home:

Suspension

"The types of offences considered serious enough to lead to suspension include "E-offences" e.g. electronically recording, storing, forwarding, or posting to the Internet or other highly public forum, material that the Principal deems to be highly inappropriate and connected to the school, especially that containing violent, sexually explicit or illegal images or material.

Exclusion

The Principal will make application for exclusion (expulsion) to the Executive Director Schools for any instances of posting on the Internet of grossly inappropriate material concerning a staff member e.g. threats, abuse, gross denigration, insinuations or privacy breaches."

**Early Morning Classes**

Some Year 11 and 12 students have chosen the responsibility of trading some "9 to 3" lessons for English or Mathematics classes starting at 7.30am. Students are expected to be there at 7.25am, ready for class, EVERY week. Those missing early morning classes, or continually arriving late, without reasonable excuse, will have contact made with parents. Failure to respond will mean that timetables will be adjusted to shift all lessons back to "normal" times. *"With privileges come responsibilities."*

**Tertiary Information Night**

Don't forget about this previously advised, very informative session for parents this Thursday 4th September in the Resource Centre at 7pm. Targeted particularly at those parents and students considering university study in 2009, this night is also open, however, to those from younger grades. Topics covered will include TTT (Twelve to Tertiary) process, University Life, Fee Help (previously known as HECS) and how to apply for University Scholarships and what is available. Some of the presenters will be parents who've "been there, done that" in sending students to uni in the last year or two. Please come!

**AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS**

Congratulations to Courtney Watt, who recently attended the Australian Squash Championships. Courtney partnered another Queensland team member to contest the doubles. They won, making this duo our National Champions. This is a fantastic achievement – Congratulations, Courtney!!

Year 8 student, Dylan Nankivell (below) has won the National Cross Country Championships, making him the fastest 13 year old boy over a 3km distance in Australia.



*Sam Wriede rides his horse, High Jinx, at the Junior Polocrosse Trials in Chinchilla.*

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*TSSHS is very proud of all our sports achievers. Further proving that with great determination the rewards of success are in our grasp, not only in sport but in all we do with our life.*

**SAM WRIEDE REPRESENTS QUEENSLAND IN POLOCROSSE**

Sam Wriede was recently selected to represent Queensland at the National Polocrosse Titles in Perth in October. Sam and his Australian Stockhorse, High Jinx, attended the Junior Polocrosse Trials at Chinchilla in June. From these trials, eleven boys and four girls were chosen to make up an Open Junior Team and a Mixed Team. Sam was one of the 7 boys selected to play in the Open Junior Team. Last weekend the Open Junior team competed against NSW in the Interstate Series in Warwick. They were victorious in all three games and won the trophy for QLD. This selection has capped off an exciting year for Sam. His horse was selected by the Australian Stock Horse Society as the winner of the Junior Rookie Stock Horse Award for Queensland and he was presented with an embroidered rug at the annual Polocrosse Awards Night in March. This was made all the more special, because Sam has trained the horse himself and the two have achieved a lot together in a short space of time; including representing the Capricornia Zone last year. We wish Sam and his team well in Perth. They are sure to represent Queensland well and are in with a great chance.

**COMING UP**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> P&C Meeting @ 7:30pm**

## AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

Many of you will have heard about the Amnesty International group at our school. The group looks at current human rights issues, and this term our main focus is Medicines Sans Frontiers (or MSF), a charity organisation that provides medical care for those who can't easily access it, particularly refugees. We are currently organising a fundraiser for MSF this term, which you'll find out about later. We hope that everyone will support us in this, and if you would like to be involved in Amnesty we hold meetings at first break on Tuesdays in AR06.



*Shem Bryant enjoyed Creating Crystals.*



## SCIENCE WEEK ACTIVITIES

Shem Bryant checks on the crystal he is growing as part of the RACI crystal growing competition. Nine students are growing crystals as part of the competition. The crystals will grow for 2 to 3 weeks before they are sent away to Brisbane for judging.



*Adam White tries to create the perfect bubble.*



*(above) Shem Bryant creates crystals*

*(right) Christie and Erin at the Titration competition.*



## P&C CONSTITUTION

The next General Meeting of the P&C will be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 11 September in the Resource Centre. Notice is hereby given that a Special General Meeting will be held beforehand at 7.25pm on this day for the purposes of adopting a new Constitution for our P&C.

## SCIENCE WEEK

August 18th to the 22nd saw the school celebrate National Science Week with daily science quiz competitions and activities every lunch-time. On Wednesday about 20 students participated in a Chemistry activity to try and find the perfect bubble formula. Students were given distilled water, several brands of dishwashing liquid and some glycerine. They then had to try and find the perfect ratio to create large, long-lasting bubbles.

While Tannum didn't win the Central Queensland Titration competition held on the 14th of August, congratulations must go to Shannon O'Brien, who was only +0.0004 M off the actual concentration and to Ben Heinrich, who was only +0.0007 M off the actual concentration. Well done to all of those who participated.

## HOT STUFF!

Year 11 Multi-strand students recently conducted valuable scientific research which may assist in preserving the non-renewable resources of our planet! Their task was to design and build a solar hot water system using only basic materials, and designed to heat 500mL water using the sun's energy. With varying results, dependent on the design, the students now have to write a report to discuss their findings.

## BSL ZENITH – OUR GIFTED PROGRAM



**187  
Passports  
(2008)**

## UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

**SNAP TO IT!** – Photographic Competition. – Open to students in Years 10-12.

A joint initiative of Queensland Health and Diabetes Australia Queensland, entrants are asked to submit a photo around the theme of "Living well in Qld" or "Living well with Diabetes."

The winners will receive \$2000 worth of photographic equipment. Entries close 27<sup>th</sup> October 2008. For further details contact Natasha Evans at Diabetes Aust. on 3239 5613 or visit the website [www.diabetesqld.org.au](http://www.diabetesqld.org.au)

**FRANK HARDCASE MUSIC PIRACY COMPETITION** – Win \$1000 for your school and \$500 Ticketek vouchers for yourself.

Animated character Frank Hardcase has been created to teach today's 9 to 15 year old music consumers that while music can be easily obtained for free, there will always be a cost, not only to the industry but to individuals trying to make a career in the industry. Students can write a short story, design a poster or flyer or make a short film/documentary. BSL Zenith students are encouraged to enter this competition and will be given advice and assistance in the activity room.

To watch Frank Hardcase in action go to: [www.frankhardcase.com.au](http://www.frankhardcase.com.au). For more information see Mrs Cook in Staffroom 1.

**SIEMENS SCIENCE 2008**

Any parents or students, who would like more information about this wonderful three day University program to be held in January 2009, can contact Mrs Cook or Ms Moller at school. This is open to all year 9 students.



# SENIOR SCHOOLING



From left: Luke Taucher, Tara Wells, Terri Pienaar, Skye McMahon, and Nicole Kelly.

My name is Nicole Kelly and I am studying Certificate II in Business. I like the hands on work that comes with being part of the BITS Centre. I think our team work is of high quality and something to be proud of. Adapting to the early start (7:30 am) was easier than expected. By attending the BITS Centre I have received helpful connections that will be beneficial when applying for a job in administrative fields of work upon graduating from high school. Already I have benefited from receiving a school based traineeship at the beginning of this year. I am pictured here with Terri Pienarr, Human Resource Capability Manager for Rio Tinto Alcan, who visited the Centre to see how it operates and to further develop links with the business community.

## CAREERS NOTICEBOARD



### 2009 Apprenticeship Intake with Xstrata Coal Qld

Four year training program for Electrical and Mechanical tradesperson. Applications open July and close 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009 for the 2009 intake. Visit [www.xstrata.com](http://www.xstrata.com) for more information and details.

**Brumbys in Gladstone** has a vacancy for a school based traineeship. See the school careers board for more information or contact Mission Australia on 1300 626 227.

### SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ASPIRING TEACHERS

Applications are now open for the Pearl Duncan Teaching Scholarships, valued at up to \$20 000 each.

The Pearl Duncan Teaching Scholarships are open to people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent who plan to start a teaching degree at a recognised Queensland university in 2009. Up to 15 scholarships will be awarded.

All Pearl Duncan Teaching Scholarship holders are guaranteed employment as teachers with Education Queensland following successful completion of their teaching degrees.

Application forms and guidelines are available at: [www.education.qld.gov.au/staff/development/scholarships/index.html](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/staff/development/scholarships/index.html)

For further details, contact the Senior Project Officer, Wendy Kirby on 07 3237 0698 or email [wendy.kirby@deta.qld.gov.au](mailto:wendy.kirby@deta.qld.gov.au).

Applications close 13 October 2008.

## UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop Hrs: Mon, Wed, Fri 8:15-11:15am

Enquires to Monique Toner on 4979 9752

. Please note that these **new** prices are effective immediately.

Shirts	\$36.00	Shorts	\$20.00	Hats	\$12.00
Windcheaters	\$40.00	Track pants	\$25.00	Box Pleat Skirts	\$38.00
Panelled Jacket	\$45.00	Calculators	\$28.00	Posture Tuff School Bags	\$60.00

There are several school ties and representative shirts missing from the pool of Representative Uniforms that are used for special occasions i.e. Japan Trip. Could parents and students please check at home if you have any of these uniforms and please return them to the Uniform Shop as soon as possible?

Donations of second hand school uniforms are urgently needed. Please leave any donations at the School Office or Uniform Shop.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



**Sign on for Gladstone Futsal** (5 a side indoor soccer) club summer season , will be held at PCYC Yarroon St, Gladstone from 6pm to 8 pm on Wednesday 10th September 08 from 6pm - 8pm. All age groups 6 years to open men and women. Enquiries to Lawreen on 0407 014 982 or email [gail.j@qldfutsal.com.au](mailto:gail.j@qldfutsal.com.au).

**The Women's Health, Community Health and Anglicare** are working together to promote Child Protection week within the community. They aim to provide emergency "love and care packs" for children who are placed into foster care. They are asking for assistance from parents within our school community to fit out these packs. If you can provide any of these: colouring book, colouring pencils, PJ's (a range of sizes will be needed for children 0 to 16 years, boy and girl), Small Teddy Bear, personal diary with pen, Nappies (new born to toddler), Baby Bottles or Underwear (for boys and girls again under 16 years), please drop them off to Erika Davis at our Office Counter. Collection of any items donated will take place between the 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of September. If you would like any more information, please contact Tania Greenhill, Support Worker, Gladstone Women's Health Centre on Ph 4979 1456.

## ACTING CAREERS

**NIDA** Open Program is offering short courses in film, television and theatre at the Walter Reid Cultural Centre in Rockhampton these September holidays from 30 September – 5 October. Short courses are fun and challenging, with professional tutors extending and developing creative skills and giving participants an insight into careers in the entertainment industry. Students have been directed to collect an application form from Mrs Osborn.



## FOR THE FRIDGE

SEPTEMBER 2008

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>. Year 12 QCS Test  
 Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Year 12 Variation Lessons 3 and 4, Tertiary Info Night  
 Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Uniform Free Day

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> P&C Meeting @ 7:30pm  
 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Year 12 Reference Applications Close  
 Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Formal Assembly