

with Mr Ray Johnston

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations, Students!

Our student body generously donated \$2375 to the Bushfire Appeal. All funds raised will be directed via SchoolAID, a peak body for Student Councils throughout Australia. This is a great tradition in our school: *supporting those less fortunate.*

Federal Computers Program

Great News! We were advised recently that our application for a grant for 282 computers has been successful. As this money is spent over the next 12-18 months, we will reach a ratio of 1:2 for our Year 9 to 12 students.

We have a committee working on exactly how we will spend this money e.g. laptop, desktops and so on. *If you are interested in helping our committee, please contact Steve Moulds, Head of Department for I.T.*

Term 1 Goals

Recently students completed their term 1 goals in their Student Organisers. Parents may wish to discuss or encourage students to pursue these goals. We point out to students that goals are pointless unless they are accompanied by *Strategies* to achieve them and a *Commitment* to do the necessary work. This is a message worth reinforcing.

Work Experience Creates Futures

All our students are encouraged to undertake work experience, whether they are pursuing a vocational or academic pathway. Students can do work experience (more than one time, and many do!) once they turn 14. Employers tell us they really value seeing this in resumes. *See inside for a looming deadline....*

School Photos

Please mark 2 March on your calendar. (There will a catch up day on 3 Mar for those unavoidably absent). Full school uniform will be required.

Study Day Reminder

As previously advised, normal Yr 11/12 classes will not operate on Monday 23 Feb due to the number of teachers absent at Monitoring meetings. Yr 11/12 students may study at home with the permission of parents. Those parents whose Senior students are attending school are asked to ring Erika Davis or Helen Duhig in our Office, so that a list of attendees can be compiled. Truancy Call will NOT operate for these grades on this day.

Last week's flier

Don't forget the Meet the Teacher night this Thursday night!



Rio Tinto provided students with information at a recent workshop at the school.

See inside for more details.



Team Challenge is a team building exercise to help unite all participants in each individual House Group



A number of fun activities, including Tug-o-War and ball games, challenges individuals in each House Group and helps to welcome Year 8 students and other new team members.



COMING UP
Wednesday 18th
 House Challenge
Thursday 19th
 Meet the Teacher
 Night
Monday 23rd
 Year 11/12 Study
 Day



Students enjoyed learning new skills from the Cowboys recently at school.

VACANCY

Easter Holiday Work Experience

Work experience is highly regarded by employers. Students have the opportunity to do work experience for 5 day block over each of the school breaks. The closing date for applications for the Easter Break is Wednesday, 25th February. Application forms can be collected from Mr Comrie is Staffroom 4. The cost this year has been decreased to \$10 per placement. Students must complete and industry Blue Card course if they are wanting work experience in a construction related field or must complete an online WH&S course for all other types of work.

MABERUELI HOMEWORK CENTRE

(Maberueli is an Eastern Torres Strait word meaning, "You are learning in a classroom.") Maberueli Homework Centre is located at the Resource Centre and is opened Monday and Tuesday every morning from 7:40 to 8:30 a.m. Mathematics, Science, SOSE and English teachers are on hand to assist with assignments, homework or exam questions and queries. Computers are also available for those who require access to them.



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.



Instrumental Music

Welcome (or welcome back) to Tannum Sands SHS Instrumental Music Program. This year the program will be coordinated by Mrs Jodi Pallett, however there are no other changes to staffing – our wonderful teachers, Mrs Jenny Baldwin and Mrs Irene Milic, are still with us for this very busy year.

Want to start learning an instrument? It's not too late – just make sure you contact Mrs Pallett (Staffroom 1) or one of the IM teachers before week 3.

When do lessons/bands begin? Due to the beginners program in the primary schools our lessons will begin in week 3. Students will be given lesson times at the start of that week.

New to the program or need to know more? New students will be issued with an Instrumental Music Handbook at their first lesson. Continuing students will soon be able to access it on the school website or see Mrs Pallett if you require a hard copy. Otherwise please contact Mrs Pallett, Mrs Anna Osborn (Arts HOD) or the IM teachers on 49799777 if you have any questions about the program.

Coming Soon... Our own Instrumental Music Workshop at the school on 27th February 2009. A letter will be distributed soon.

(above) **Dustin Greenbury rocks on Drums. while Scott Cleaver, Jamie Quinn and Jarryd Brown practise Guitar .**



Lauren Griffiths (left) & Valerie Rhode (below) enjoy cooking during Hospitality class.



PROTECTING AGAINST THE SUN



Queensland state school students are protected from our harsh sun by the Department's *Developing a Sun Safety Strategy* policy.

This policy requires that all schools provide an SPF 30+ broad spectrum waterproof sunscreen to students for outdoor activities and ensure they are wearing protective clothing. It also requires schools to develop educational programs on sun safety.

As Tannum Sands SHS is a SunSmart school, we provide students with access to sunscreen as supplied by the Queensland Cancer Council (SPF30+) for personal use. It is recommended that students bring and use their own, however in the following locations students can access the school's supply: Office, Canteen, all four Staffrooms, Oval Shed and the Courts Shed. A reminder that all students should bring **every day** their school bucket or wide-brimmed hat, as activities occur frequently where students will need it (e.g. HPE classes, Sport, Emergency Evacuations, special Parades). If you have any enquiries about our school sun safety policy, please ring Leon Sternberg (HOD HPE/Sport/Life skills) on 49 799 727.

Schools develop sun safety strategies in consultation with their school community, and parents are encouraged to support the strategy by providing their children with appropriate protective clothing, including hats, sunglasses and swim shirts for water-based activities. Under the Department's policy, swim shirts must be worn by Prep to Year 7 students during all water-based activities except during races at school swimming carnivals.

The Queensland Cancer Council's website has plenty of tips for parents on reducing the risk of over-exposure to the sun. Visit their site at: http://www.cancerqld.org.au/reduce_risk/prevention/prevent_sunProtection.asp

NOTE: Walking to school without a hat = more sun exposure than a week at school!



INSURANCE COVER FOR STUDENTS UNDERTAKING PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

Physical activity and physical education, particularly contact sports, carry inherent risks of injury.

Parents are advised that the Department of Education Training and the Arts does not have Personal Accident Insurance cover for students.

Education Queensland has public liability cover for all approved school activities and provides compensation for students injured at school only when the Department is negligent. If this is not the case, then all costs associated with the injury are the responsibility of the parent or caregiver.

It is a personal decision for parents as to the type and level of private insurance they arrange to cover students for any accidental injury that may occur.

If you have any questions please feel free to call Rohan Brooks, Deputy Principal on 49799777.





**SHARE THE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME
A VOYAGE ON THE YOUNG ENDEAVOUR IN 2009**

A voyage aboard Young Endeavour is an awesome experience, and one which will give you skills for life. You'll learn not only how to sail a 44 metre, square rigged tall ship, but skills in teamwork, leadership and communication. Sailing with 23 other youth crew means you'll also make a bunch of new friends. Applications for the ballot (for voyages in the 2nd half of 2009) can be collected from Mrs Cook in Staffroom One.

Cadets

Youth Leaders of Tomorrow

TS Gladstone Navy Cadets meets on Monday nights from 6.30pm to 9.30pm at the 42nd/31st RQR Army Barracks, 11 Palm Drive, Gladstone. Cadets are welcome between the ages of 12.5yrs to 20yrs of age.

If you enjoy a maritime environment with sailing, power boating, learning naval customs, traditions and skills in a fun environment, come along and experience navy life through camps, ship visits and interacting with other cadets and navy personnel. Enquiries can be made to CO Mary Bartlett 0418983671 and XO Brad Lawson 0447617286.



The Rio Tinto coaching sessions are held twice a term with Indigenous students. This session highlighted career pathways, making the right decision and team decision strategies.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

!!!!Tennis News!!!! Go to www.tannumtennis.com.au or ring Ali Bird 0429895670 for all your junior tennis sign up news.

BITS Junior Golf_2009 for ages 3 to 17 years. For details contact Sonia 4973 9622.

WE WANT YOUR BRA'S – Clean out your lingerie and donate your old bras. Drop old unwanted bras to our school office marked "Attn: Jo Cooper". These will be forwarded to "Operation Uplift" who will forward them to third world countries that need support.

REDI PARENTS

TRIPLE P – POSITIVE PARENTING

Attention All Parents "Expression of Interest"

Positive parenting is an effective approach to raising children that emphasises the positive. This is important in raising healthy, well-adjusted children who have the skills and confidence they need to succeed at school and in their relationships with others.

Would you like more? Trained facilitators are looking to run seminars at your child's school (Education Queensland only – sorry) if enough interest is indicated.

Seminar Topics include:

1. The Power Of Positive Parenting
2. Raising Confident, Competent Children
3. Raising Resilient Children

Please contact Carol Shuttleworth on 49799778 to register your interest.

Positive parenting reduces the stress of parenting and makes it more rewarding and enjoyable.



FUND RAISER FOR NTH QLD FLOOD VICTIMS AND VIC BUSHFIRES

Support fellow Aussies – at the Aussie BBQ at Millennium Esplanade Tannum Sands on Sunday 22nd February from 11am- 3pm. Market stalls, face painting, food and entertainment. Organised by the Boyley Island Lions Club.



Our student support team include Margita Downey (Chaplain), Nathan Wyer (Guidance Officer) and Lyn Stiller (School Nurse). Students and parents are welcome and encouraged to make an appointment when needed by phoning 4979 9777.

SALE OF AUSTRALIAN SPORTING HISTORY HELPS OUR SCHOOL

A parent of one of the students has listed items on EBay to sell. They are all items of sporting Memorabilia.

Some of the items up for auction, include:

- Suzie O'Neill (Olympic Swimming) Signed Nike Shirt
- Nike Singlet signed by Miles Stewart (Triathlete World Champion)

All proceeds from the sale of these items will be donated to the TSSHS P&C. Check them out on www.ebay.com. The end date is 21/2/09.

EDUCATION TAX REFUND

The Education Tax Refund legislation was signed off on 9 December 2008. Information is available from the [Australian Taxation Office web site](http://www.ato.gov.au). An insert from the ATO will be included in our next newsletter. However, some advice we can give is that parents are advised to keep both the invoice and receipt to substantiate a claim for eligible items – a receipt represents proof of payment but contains only limited information, whereas an invoice can contain more details on the nature of the expense for consideration of eligibility.

School personnel are not qualified to provide financial or tax advice to parents. Therefore, we ask that you please do not ring school staff about this government policy. Specific advice to parents on the Education Tax Refund should be provided by a qualified tax agent or the Australian Taxation Office.

CANTEEN ROSTER

If you can help, please phone Cath Brice on 4979 9735

23rd Rhonda Johnsen
24th Lyn Rosser
25th Vicky Baldwin

26th Lyn Rosser
27th Annie Williams

FOR THE FRIDGE

FEBRUARY 09

Wed 18th House Challenge
Mon 23rd Year 11 Monitoring, Year 11/12 Study Day
Wed 25th BSL Zenith Launch 4:15pm @ Performance Ctr

Sat 28th Lion's Club Youth of the Year 12.30 to 10.00pm in the Resource Centre