

with Mr Ray Johnston

FROM

THE

PRINCIPAL

### **Congratulations to students and staff on a wonderful and productive Term 3.**

We have seen many wonderful events happen this term at our school. Some of the highlights include:

- “Phantom of the Music Hall” Theatre Restaurant
- NAIDOC Week celebrations
- Sporting Triumphs including our U15 Netball Team win, Courtney Watt, Brad Millers and Dylan Nankivell for National level achievements, and personal achievements by more than 20 other students at State or Port Curtis level.
- Parent/Student/Teacher Conferencing
- The arrival of our International students from Germany and Norway
- Year 12’s roll up their sleeves for donate blood for a great cause
- Jason Smith and Jordan Henderson being selected for the State Honours Ensemble Program
- Tour De Chaplain Ride
- Seniors Music Concert
- Athletics Carnival
- HPV Race Challenge
- Science Week activities
- Year 10 into 11 Information Night
- 40 Hours Famine
- QCS Testing
- Pacific Coal Maths Team Challenge
- Year 11 UQ Brisbane Excursion
- Year 12 Tertiary Information Evening
- QCAT Testing
- Outstanding Eisteddfod performances
- Whoolghun Formal Assembly

### **Reporting**

As previously advised there will be no report issued for students in Years 8 to 10 for Term 3. This is a result of the middle schooling review, which saw the implementation of Semester units.

Year 11 & 12 students will be issued with a profile for each of their subjects. The profiles differ from subject to subject, so it is important that parents/caregivers ask students to explain the profile, particularly in relation to how the level of achievement is determined.



**TSSHS Amnesty International Group**



The M1 Cycles bike being given away today at Assembly for healthy eating.



**HPV RESULTS**

Shown here racing are three of our teams, encouraging each other after they’ve negotiated the hairpin corner. What a result! 1<sup>st</sup> in Best Support Crew, 1<sup>st</sup> in Tandem, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Open Girls and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Junior Boys. Our Junior Boys placed 8<sup>th</sup> overall, and the Senior Boys 10<sup>th</sup>. All participants were excellent, and a big thanks to all the parents and staff who made the weekend so memorable. See next issue for more details.



**We have had a few changes in our Administration recently. We welcome (left) Business Services Managers Kerry Campbell and Julie Nott. Julie is holding the fort for Susanne Heron who is currently at District Office.**

**Our Timetabling is currently being looked after by Helen Vohland and Debbie Jorgensen.**



**Students are issued with the weekly newsletter every Wednesday during their House Parade. Parents/caregivers are encouraged to ask their students for a copy each week.**

This Newsletter can be emailed directly to parents on request by forwarding an email to lflet30@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>

*If you have done well in a sport or activity outside school, we would like to hear about it. Please contact Mrs Flett via Administration or email her on the above address.*

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Last Day of term

**Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Oct**  
P&C Meeting

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Student Free Day

**PAST STUDENT EXCELS IN CHOSEN CAREER**

Congratulations to John Cook, a foundation Year 8 student at TSSHS. John has recently been admitted to the legal profession as a Legal Practitioner after completing a Bachelor of Law, Bachelor of Justice and Graduate Diploma in Legal Practices. He now takes up a position of solicitor at a Brisbane law firm.

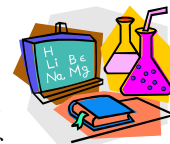


**John Cook**

**YEAR 10 INTO 11 SUBJECT SELECTION**

Mr Adie is finalising arrangements for subject offerings in Year 11, 2009. Students will be given subject selection sheets in the first week back after the holidays, and these will be due in Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

Students should consider their enrolment in any off-campus courses and make sure they complete any enrolment processes e.g. Australia Technical College, NRG Engineering, Skill Centre, TAFE, GAGAL etc. Watch out for these details, and see Mr Comrie/Mr Connolly for further details.



**MONEY FOR STUDY: DON'T MISS OUT**

**Check this out:**

**Commonwealth Scholarships (CS)**

Visit Scholarships at [www.qtac.edu.au](http://www.qtac.edu.au) and at [www.goingtouni.gov.au](http://www.goingtouni.gov.au)



**University scholarships for academic excellence, sporting excellence, regional preference, disadvantage, rural residence**

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**Medical Rural Bonded (MRB) scholarships**

Visit Rural Health scholarships at [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au)

**Privately funded scholarships and awards**

See Awards and scholarships at [www.myfuture.edu.au](http://www.myfuture.edu.au) and Other scholarship information at [www.goingtouni.gov.au](http://www.goingtouni.gov.au)

**Sporting Scholarships in the United States of America**

Australian information for College Prospects of America at [www.cpoa.com.au](http://www.cpoa.com.au)

**Education Scholarships**

See [www.education.qld.gov.au](http://www.education.qld.gov.au) > students Scholarships and awards

**Australian Veterans' Children Assistance Trust Grants**

See <http://www.onmyweb.net/~vvt/>

**EISTEDDFOD HONOUR BOARD**

**Shanice Anderson 15-18 years**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Art Song           | 1 <sup>st</sup> Australian Composer   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Sacred Song        | 1 <sup>st</sup> Cello Study solo      |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Cello Baroque solo | 1 <sup>st</sup> Cello Own Choice solo |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Folk Song          | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Modern Song           |

**Highest Mark Trophy**

Boyne Smelter :Most Outstanding Performer Trophy \$500

**Aggregate Trophy**

**Jessica Adie 15-18 years**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Stage Show  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Art Song |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Modern Song |                          |

**Friends of the Theatre:**

Encouragement Bursary \$100

**Jessica Adie and Tom Kirchner 15-18 years**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> WBP duo/trio |
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**Luisa Varcoe 13-14 years**

Aggregate Trophy Singing

**Andrew Liaw 13-14 years**

Aggregate Trophy Piano

**TSSHS Percussion Ensemble**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Small ensemble other |
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Congratulations to our Percussion Ensemble, which has been selected to appear in the Gladstone Eisteddfod Showcase program.

**TSSHS B# String Ensemble**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> String Ensemble |
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**TSSHS Grandioso**

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| 2 <sup>nd</sup> String Ensemble |
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**Ben Wreide Year 12 Engineering Technology class – made this bridge from paddle pop sticks and toothpicks which held a weight of 12.25kg with a 5mm deflection.**

Great effort!



**Christopher Wayne presented a powerful performance which captivated his audience.**

**ILLUSIONIST AND MAGICIAN HAS STUDENTS SPELLBOUND**

Christopher Wayne, who appears on Toasted TV as an Illusionist and Magician, visited Tannum Sands SHS to talk to Year 9 students about issues relating to life choices and values. This seminar is part of the Human Relationships Education / RE Program at Tannum Sands State High School. Chris speaks at hundreds of schools across Australia, and is in much demand due to his ability to engage with young people in a relevant and humorous manner.

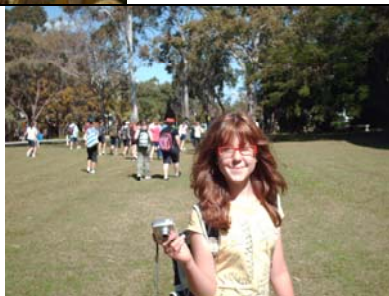
(right) Paige McCarthy and Daniel Varker get in on the act.



**BSL ZENITH – OUR GIFTED PROGRAM**



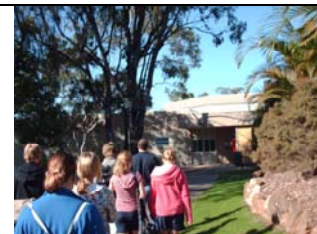
**187 Passports (2008)**



**GIFTED CAMP**

by Madison Wright

The writing camp was...interesting, to say the least. There wasn't much free-time, but most of the activities made up for that, especially the African drumming and the theatre sports! There were a lot of interesting people there too, and it was a shame to say goodbye at the end of the trip. All in all, I think that camp was really fun, and I'm definitely going again next year.



# AROUND THE SCHOOL



*Year 12's completing QCS Testing*



**Part of Japan/Saiki City Tour group. We look forward to hearing news of their adventures next term.**



*Shenea Peacock, April Lee, Marnie Machin, Cody Brown and Kylie Mallie with Gavin Vea Vea and Ben Beazley from Rio Tinto Alcan.*

## QCS TESTING

Tannum Sands SHS had 107 of our fabulous students sit the QCS Test. 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.

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).

The QCS Test does not test particular knowledge of specific Year 12 subjects. It tests the Common Curriculum Elements (CCEs), a set of generic skills identified in the Queensland senior curriculum. Those sitting the test are asked to respond to a variety of stimulus materials, such as prose passages, poetry, graphs, tables, maps, mathematical and scientific data, cartoons and artistic works.

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.

## RIO TINTO ALCAN-GOAL SETTING WORKSHOPS

Gavin Vea Vea and Ben Beezley From Rio Tinto Alcan visited Tannum High School recently to provide Goal Setting workshops for Indigenous students in Years 9 and 12. The Year 9 session encouraged and highlighted the need for planning, teamwork and setting achievable goals. This was done by splitting the students into groups to build a stable tower of straws within a time limit. Discussions afterwards allowed the students to realise all of the skills they had drawn on to make this project work. The other workshops in this series have included resume writing and traineeships with Rio Tinto Alcan.

## SEIZE THE DAY STUDY AWARDS

If you know of a student who has been affected by cancer, either personally or with a close member of their family, help is at hand.

Eligible students can now apply for the Cancer Council Queensland's 2008 Seize the Day Study Awards.

The awards provide assistance for education costs such as student fees, textbooks and stationery.

It's open to students aged 16 to 21 who are starting or continuing post-secondary school study in 2009. Applicants must be Queensland citizens.

In the past, awards have ranged from \$300 book prizes through to a \$3000 award, though amounts may vary from year to year.

Applications close 26 September.

For more information, call the Helpline on 13 11 20 (toll free) or visit the website [www.cancerqld.org.au/whatson](http://www.cancerqld.org.au/whatson)

## BACHELOR OF DIGITAL INNOVATION

This is an exciting degree for those interested in the digital industries. An information night will be held at CQUniversity Gladstone on 23 Sept 6-8pm. Attendees can find out more about the new game, *Spore*, use industry standard 3D animation software and create models using Autodesk Maya. For more information, contact [Christian Tryhorn](mailto:Christian.Tryhorn@cqu.edu.au) on 4923 2718.

## WORK EXPERIENCE IN DECEMBER

The closing date is **Monday 13th October** for work experience applications for placements from **1-5th December and/or 8-12th December**. This opportunity is open to Year 9-11 students who are 14 years old or more. Students are reminded that if your placement is in a trade area, you must have an industry blue card before you apply. Other students are reminded to complete a work place health and safety certificate course on line before applying. See Mr Comrie or Mrs Thompson in Staffroom 4 for more information.

## APPRENTICESHIP VACANCY

Keycut Services Pty Ltd, Gladstone Branch, is looking for a suitable applicant to fill the position of Apprentice Locksmith. CONTACT: Robert Lorroway on 4927 3400, or Mobile 0411 721 627 or Email: [robl@keycut.com.au](mailto:robl@keycut.com.au) and see the Career Noticeboard for more details.

## VACANCY IN ADMINISTRATION

RACQ has a vacancy in Cert 3 Financial Services. This is a full time position starting in December. They are looking for a motivated year 12 graduate, who would like to stay in the workforce (not a gap year person). If interested they can forward their resume to [Katrina.Bailey@racq.com.au](mailto:Katrina.Bailey@racq.com.au) or phone Katrina on 0749723911 for more information.

## CANTEEN ROSTER

If you can help, please phone Cath Brice on 4979 9735. **WEEK 3- SEPTEMBER 2008, WEEKS 2 & 4 OCTOBER 2008**

<b>15th</b>	Rhonda Johnsen/Vicky Balwin	<b>6th</b>	Rhonda Johnsen/Vicky Balwin	<b>13th</b>	Rhonda Johnsen/Vicky Balwin
<b>16th</b>	Tracey Webber-Hanson	<b>7th</b>	Tracey Webber-Hanson	<b>14th</b>	Tracey Webber-Hanson
<b>17th</b>	<b>Help Needed</b>	<b>8th</b>	Heather Dunn/ <b>Help Needed</b>	<b>15th</b>	<b>Help Needed</b>
<b>18th</b>	<b>Help Needed</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>Help Needed</b>	<b>16th</b>	<b>Help Needed</b>
<b>19th</b>	Annie Williams	<b>10th</b>	Annie Williams/Mandy Gaffel	<b>17th</b>	Annie Williams/ <b>Help Needed</b>

## FOR THE FRIDGE

## SEPTEMBER 2008

## OCTOBER 2008

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term (normal school day)  
Thur 25<sup>th</sup> - Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Japanese Trip

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup>  
Mon 20<sup>th</sup>

P&C Meeting @ 7:30pm  
Year 10 Geography Field Study  
Student Free Day