

with Mr Ray Johnston

FORMAL ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome Back!

I have talked to lots of students and staff, who had a wonderful Spring break! Just as well, as term 4 is both busy and vital. Year 12's have about 20 days left to maximise their Senior Certificate results. It is vital that all students set clear and specific goals for this term.

Student Free Day

In Qld state schools, each term begins with a Student Free Day – except term 4! This is held on the third Monday instead. Thus, students do not attend on Monday 20 October, when staff will be attending professional development. See insert for future dates.

Transfers

The following teachers received transfers recently: Miss Jenny Wix (to Mirani SHS), Mr Chris Henderson (Albany Creek SHS), Mrs Rebecca Ord (Kin Kora SS) and Darren Boase (Proserpine SHS). All the best for 2009! We have not received incoming transfers yet.

Behaviour Management – “E-Offences”

A reminder to parents that *the following additions to our Responsible Behaviour Plan have now been approved by our P&C.*

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.

“Educational Debates” Series

I believe there are too many “simple solutions” being floated in the press by commentators and, indeed politicians at times, to many complex education issues. Perhaps it is time that our school helped readers of our newsletter discover some of the complexities in issues facing 21st century schooling. So, here goes...

Towards a national school funding model is a paper by Andrew Dowling, a Principal Research Fellow with the Australian Council for Educational Research. To me, this paper is one person's attempt to explain “It ain't that simple, folks.” See http://www.acer.edu.au/resdev/19_FundingModel.html Enjoy reading this article.

2009 School Year

Please find enclosed as an insert school term dates and holidays for next year.



GOLD CARD AWARDEES



SPORTS – AGE CHAMPIONS
 Shayne Ford, Zac Bond, Jackie Craig, Jamie Cunningham, Charley Bond and Ashleigh Burns



Josh Harris sings Advance Australia Fair with Bec Romeo



NATIONAL CHAMPIONS
 Brad Millers (Volleyball), Courtney Watt (Squash Doubles), Corey Brown & Matt Stark (Swimming), and Dylan Nankivell (Cross Country)

Thursday
 9th

P&C
 Meeting
 @ 7:30pm

TANNUM'S HUMAN POWERED VEHICLE STARS

Tannum High's participation in the Holden Maryborough Technology Challenge 24 Human Powered Vehicle Race goes from strength to strength, as each year has seen not only an increase in the number of students participating, but in the fantastic results achieved by the students and support crews. Our **Senior Girls' team** came an amazing **2nd in their category** by cycling 354 laps of the course, totalling 531 kilometres, with Jackie Riches being hailed 'Most Valuable Member' (MVM) Major Sponsor, Danielle Straatman from 'Coconet', was thrilled to be able to present the MVM awards at Formal Assembly recently. The Senior boys came a respectable 5th in their group, travelling 579klm (386 laps). Our three Junior Boys placed 3rd, 9th and 10th. Special mention go to David Vaughn, Patrick Falls and Nick Dow for their efforts. This year saw us enter a tandem bike and placing first in that category. Prue Mayke was awarded MVM for her part in the 341 laps completed. Our hand powered vehicle was a show stopper, manned by disabled and able bodied students, placing 2nd with a very respectable 79th overall. Perhaps, not surprisingly, the group's favourite award of the day was the 'Best Support Crew' award. The competition organisers highlighted the parents, teachers and family support given to all the students taking part in this fantastic event.



Whoolghun Formal Assembly



Whoolghun House Captains receive the Champions Athletics Trophy for this year.



Jacob Johnston and Carla Fortuin



"One and a Bang Bang" performed by the Percussion Ensemble



Mr Kevin Giles presented Gold Card Awards.



2008/2009 Mentors received their certificate from Councillor Maxine Brushe



Our catering team did an outstanding job providing food for invited guests such as Danielle Straatman from Coconet, following our Formal Assembly.

BIKE WINNER

Matt Scott was the lucky winner of M1 Cycles bike for healthy eating.



Celeste was just one of the team who prepared and served morning tea to the delight of our invited guests at Formal Assembly last term.

CONGRATULATIONS WHOOLGHUN

Yet again our fabulous teachers and students have banded together to present a Formal Assembly to be proud of. The effort put in by the organisers was definitely something they should be proud of.

The students who received awards, performed for our audience and prepared refreshments, should be thanked for their achievements.



STUDENT OF THE TERM

Year 8 Boys – Shem Bryant

Year 9 Boys – Hayden James

Year 10 Boys – Jacob Porteous

Year 11 Boys – Stephen Caven & Robbie Smith

Year 12 Boys – Daniel Selff, Sam Cartwright & Jason L Smith

Girls – Cassie Dart

Girls – Nikola Ballinger

Girls – Jamie Noto

Girls – Cass Cupitt & Emma Bush

Girls – Elli Johnston, Orue Maeyke & Hirru Manivasagan



We were very lucky to get Sgt. John Meiers to come into our Year 10 Legal Studies class. We were studying arrests, police rights, citizens rights, co-operating with the police and police powers. Yes, that's Matt being arrested. We had an arrest simulation in class which was so interesting, because we got to use the handcuffs. Sgt. Meiers also showed us the baton he would use to apprehend an offender if it was needed. We wanted to try the capsicum spray, but Sgt. Meiers wouldn't let us. At the end of the lesson we thanked Sgt. Meiers for his time. Thank you, Mr. Sidhu, for inviting Sgt. Meiers to the class.



Carly Pusnik with Sgt John Meiers from Tannum Police.



Matt Olsson with Sgt John Meiers



Business and IT Skills Centre



(From left) Shannon Wilson, Nicole Kelly, Katie Craig, Kayla Brown

My name is Shannon Wilson and I am a Year 11 student completing a Certificate II in Business at the Business and IT Skills Centre. My group has been working on producing 1500 membership cards for the Tannum Sands Surf Life Saving Club. This has involved a considerable amount of teamwork to complete all to the best possible standard. I like being at the BITS Centre because there is always a challenge, and I am being prepared for the future when I enter the workforce.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM - LITERACY AND NUMERACY

Reports for students in Year 9 have been posted home recently. These reports show individual students performance in relation to both the national average and the minimum standard (band 5) for Year 9 students across Australia. Students completed a series of five tests earlier this year. Any queries in relation to this report should be directed to Mr Kevin Giles on 4979 9777.



Rhiannan Gane, Carla Fortuin & Jordan Roper performed "A Midsummer Nights Dream".

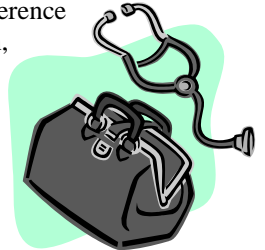
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - CLEANER

TSSHS is currently seeking casual Cleaners. Previous experience preferred but not essential. Please contact Kerry on 4979 9745 for further details.

WANT TO BE A DOCTOR?

The University of Qld is holding an information session for Year 10 to 12 students interested in a medical career. Parents are welcome too. This will be held in Rockhampton at 6pm on Monday 20 Oct at the Acacia Conference Centre, at the Quality Inn, 131 George St.

For more information, ring Matt Stevenson on 4120 6814 OR 040 376 1880



UNIFORM SHOP

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

Enquires to Monique Toner on 4979 9752

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	\$27.00		
Posture Tuff School Bags			\$60.00		

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

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Sixty Year 10 students will be doing one week work experience from 13th-17th Oct as a part of the Business courses. Work placement is not only valuable for students to gain experience in the fields of work they look to as a career but it also might assist them rule out a career option. Through the work placement students also gain valuable communication skills and work place health & safety knowledge, which is transferable across all types of employment.

IMPORTANT: Any students doing work experience must return signed contracts to the school before commencing.

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 7:30 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. For any students wishing to have extra assistance with Maths, tutoring is available in G211, Wednesday to Friday from 12:00 until 12:25 p.m. There are also teachers available at the Science Block, Tuesday and Friday lunch times for help with Physics.



IMPORTANT DATE FOR YEAR 8



When current Year 8's move into Year 9 next year they will sit the National Literacy and Numeracy Tests (NAPLAN). We have been advised the dates will be Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th May 2009. The Qld Studies Authority gives advance notice of these dates so that 2009 Year 9 families do not have family holidays planned around these dates.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Boyne Tannum Little Athletics!! - Competition starts Friday 10th October at 4.30pm @ BITS Oval, Jacaranda Dr, Boyne Island. 2 free trial days for new members. BBQ on the night-Sausage & Popper \$3. Enquiries to Chelsea 4973 9583 or belton6@dodo.com.au. Come along for some fun & fitness!!!

Gladstone Walk to Cure Diabetes – Sunday 19th October 8:45am Lions Park Dawson Highway. For details on registering go to <http://walk.jdrf.org.au> , phone the JDR Foundation on 1300 363 126 or Marie MacDougall on 4972 9116/0488 064279.

Rockwheelers – Come and try Wheelchair Basketball. Weekly local sessions are held at Tannum Sands State High School from 6-7pm Sundays. Cost just \$2 per session. To find out more contact Rebecca on 0401 705997. *No labels – No Limits.*

Volunteer Hosts Needed – World Education Program is looking for host families for International Students arriving in February 2009. For details contact Nikki Medwell on 1300 884 733 or email wep@wep.org.au . Info packs and students profiles available.

CANTEEN ROSTER

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

WEEKS 1-2 OCTOBER 2008

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