

with Mr Kevin Giles

FROM
THE
DEPUTY

School Performs Well On National Tests

Parents of year students should have received reports in the mail outlining their son/daughter's performance on national tests held earlier this year (see inside for more information). The school has received the results of each student on each of the tests. Heads of Department and teachers will be look through the results to identify strengths, weaknesses and anomalies for individual students.

It is pleasing to note that the overall school results for each test is at or above the state mean.

Student Free Day 20/10/08

About 20 of our teaching staff will attend Queensland Studies Authority Panel meetings in Rockhampton on this day. Panels meet to verify the decisions made by schools in relation to the standards awarded to students in each Authority subject. If panels disagree with the school decisions a process of negotiation is then entered into to arrive at agreement. Any changes as a result of final assessment must then be justified with the panel chair prior to final results being submitted to QSA for inclusion on Senior Statements of Attainment. These results are the major contributor to Overall Position (OP) calculations and eligibility for a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). It is therefore vitally important that Year 12 students continue to work toward the best possible result on final assessment items.

Cultural Exchange to Japan

Welcome back to our twenty students who travelled to Saiki City in Japan recently. They thoroughly enjoyed their week's home stay and have lots of new international friends. *Pictures tell the rest!*

University of Melbourne

National Scholarships opened on Monday 22 Sept and must be applied for on-line.

2009 Calendar

In last week's Newsletter, we included a 2009 School Calendar and Term Four Student Calendar. Unfortunately the 2009 page didn't copy as clearly as we would have liked. This Calendar is available for viewing as a link on the school website. Go to www.tannumshs.eq.edu.au, News.



Tannum students and Tannum teacher Danielle McCauley attend a Calligraphy lesson



Will Stobo attends class in Japan



REDI Parents welcomed guest speakers from the Tannum Police.

REDI PARENTS

Tannum Sands State High School's REDI (Resilience Education and Drug Information) Parents group includes parents with one thing in common: The hope to make their children more resilient to all kinds of negative influences in their lives.

Whether it is alcohol, smoking or bullies, this group was formed as a support network, which resolved to become more informed about issues pertinent to children and parents in today's world.

So far we have had guest speakers from Tannum Police, AToDs (Alcohol Tobacco and other Drugs) along with input from the school's Guidance Officer and School Based Youth Nurse. Our sister group, Families Matter at Toolooa State High, has given us valuable insight into how their group communicates information.

This terms meeting hopes to concentrate on issues around bullying. As a forerunner to this, parents are invited to attend a seminar with our Year 8 students on Thursday 16th October at 9.00.

This session with Rhys McFadden is aimed at our Year 8 cohort, but to continue on with our group's theme of 'parents increasing knowledge to be able to increase resilience in our children'. We're sure this seminar will be especially valuable. Rhys is a biker turned Minister, and a Founding Member of Exiles Australia. He is described as a gifted and animated communicator, who has been involved in High Schools seminar presenting since 1995. He has a passion and commitment to relate to youth and youth issues in a relevant way. *If you would like to attend this workshop, or find out more about REDI parents, please contact Carol Shuttleworth on 4979 9778.*

**COMING
UP**

**MONDAY
20th**

**Student
Free Day**

JAPAN TRIP 2008

On Thursday 25th September 20 students and three teachers from Tannum Sands combined with 10 students and two teachers from Toolooa State High School on the biannual Saiki City exchange trip.

We flew into Tokyo and settled into the Tokyo International Hostel. From here we explored this huge city, visiting Tokyo Tower, some temples and shrines, a museum, the Emperor's castle and of course famous shopping districts. We even got a photo with a sumo wrestler! The few days we had in Tokyo were a great introduction to Japanese language, food and culture.

On Monday 29th we flew south to Saiki City where we were greeted by our host families at Jonan and Tsuruya Junior High Schools. For one week students experienced what it was like to live with a Japanese family and attend a Japanese school. We got to try lots of new and interesting foods including Teppanyaki, yakitori sushi, and sashimi.

Students attended school with their host students and that meant listening to classes all in Japanese! They found they could do some things like maths, PE and science even if they didn't understand the language. Students also tried calligraphy, cooking, art, dance, judo and kendo. Outside of school, students joined with their host students' hobbies such as sport, going to the arcade or amusement park, bowling and shopping.

On Monday 6th October we said a sad farewell to our new friends, with the promise to keep in contact and perhaps the opportunity to meet up next year when the schools visit us in Australia. We made our way to Oita airport to begin our long journey home. By this stage there were some very exhausted but happy students. The group were excellent representatives of Tannum Sands State High School and we look forward to the 2010 trip.



Our representatives from TSSHS who attended the Japan trip.



YEAR 8 STUDIES OF SOCIETY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Students have recently been given the opportunity to select units of study which have been developed by the Year 8 teaching staff. This has necessitated in a 'reshuffle' of all classes based on the interests of the students.

Some of the topics being offered this term are: Global Issues – We are the world; Feeding the World; Climate Change-its getting hotter in here; Live Happily Ever After-Quality of Life issues.



Students will have the opportunity to further enhance their interest in Global Issues and we feel this structure will give them the opportunity to delve deeper into issues which interest them.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM – LITERACY AND NUMERACY TEST RESULTS

In May, all students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 across Australia participated in the first common national tests for reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. The results are now in, and the Queensland Studies Authority is in the process of distributing results to schools across Queensland. These reports are now being distributed via schools to parents and carers. **An individual report, describing the performance of each Year 9 who sat these national tests, was posted home during the September holidays.**

This report provides a range of information about each child's relative performance on the literacy and numeracy tests. It also contains a detailed guide on how to interpret these results. Parents and carers are encouraged to thoroughly read the report and the explanatory notes.

These literacy and numeracy results are used by schools and schooling systems to monitor school performance to ensure that they are meeting the educational needs of students.

While these tests are important 'point-in-time' indicators or 'snapshots', the results should be considered along with other information collected by our school about your child's performance. If you have any questions or concerns about the national testing, please contact Mr Giles, Deputy Principal.

BSL ZENITH – OUR GIFTED PROGRAM



187 Passports (2008)

INFORMATION FOR NEW PARENTS

The BSL Zenith Program is a school based program that is targeted but not limited to gifted and talented students. The program provides opportunities for students to participate in challenging activities and have that participation recognized. If you would like more information regarding the BSL Zenith Program, please feel free to contact Julia Cook or Sharon Schmidt in SR 1. The BSL Zenith Activities room is open in HE02 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 2nd break. This is where students have the opportunity to socialise with their peers by being involved in challenges, games, competitions etc. We welcome any new students to the school and encourage them to be involved in this program.

2008 HREOC PHOTO COMPETITION

The Human Rights & Equal Opportunity Commission (HREOC) is holding a photo competition based on the theme – 'Dignity & Justice for all of us'. Winners in each category will receive a voucher to the value of \$500 at Digital Camera Warehouse and all Highly Commended entries will receive a certificate and a year's subscription to Australian Photography Magazine. **Entries close 31st October 2008.** For more information see Mrs Schmidt in Staffroom 1 or log onto www.humanrights.gov.au/photo_comp





CALLING ALL DADS – On Tuesday 4th November the school will be having our annual Beach Bash. If you have any spare time to help with the BBQ in the morning, please call the office on 4979 9777 or Kath/Cher on 4979 9735 and let us know.

Our students enjoyed learning more about the Japanese culture.



CAREERS NOTICEBOARD



Indigenous Cadetship in Nursing

Cadetships are available for Indigenous students interested in Nursing. In preparation for applying for the National Indigenous Cadetship Project (NICP) Nursing Cadetship program you need to register online at the following website: <https://www.nicp.dewr.gov.au> under the heading, "Student". Here, you will find an option, "Registration", which you need to fill out for the Department of Education, Employment & Workplace Relations (DEEWR). On this website is the NICP Handbook. It is strongly recommend that you print this off & read it in full as it outlines the NICP program & Federal study allowance funding available. OCNO provides funding to cover the 12 weeks/annum Work Placement component of the Contract mentioned in the Handbook.



Please email OCNO_Cadetships@health.qld.gov.au or fax: (07) 3237 1559 a copy of your current Resume/CV; Proof of enrolment/Academic transcript; & Aboriginality or Torres Strait Islander Papers as confirmation of Indigenous Status. This is all in preparation for being approved to be granted a Cadetship, & must happen before we can start the process. If you require any further information contact Rada Hope, Office of the Chief Nursing Officer (OCNO) Phone: 07 3237 1559 Fax: 07 3234 0762

WANT TO BE AN ADMINISTRATION TRAINEE?

Junior Office Administration Traineeship - reception, data entry, accounts payable & receivable, day to day administrative tasks and general support with Mechanical Engineers Aust. in Gladstone. See Careers Board for more information or contact The Manager, Mechanical Engineers Australia, 5 Soppa Street, GLADSTONE QLD 4680. Applications close 31 October.



WANT TO BE AN OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR?

Office Administrator – Gap Year students or longer term for Kroombit Park Locherhar Station, 35kms from Biloela. *See career board for more information.*

WANT TO BE A DOCTOR?

Medicine at UQ information evening will be held Monday 20th Oct. 6pm at Acacia Conference Room. Quality Inn Centre Point. 131 George St. Rockhampton. 07-41246814 or 0403761880 for more information.



WANT TO BE A BUTCHER?

School Based Butchers Apprenticeship available. The student would work approximately 9 hours a week and attain Certificate II Meat Retailing, then continue into a Butcher Apprenticeship going into 2nd year apprenticeship pay. No TAFE! All training is done on site, and is competency based, so if they complete the course in 3 years or 5 years it is up to the individual. *See career board for more information.*



WANT TO BE A FLOOR SANDER?

This apprenticeship will result in the student attaining a Certificate III in Floor Covering and Finishing. Interested students can either phone or see the employer in person (Lee Lennon Floor Sanding, Boyne Waters, Bruce Hwy, Benaraby Qld 4680) or they can also contact Gordon Dunn at our office on 4975 0382 or email gh.dunn@efel.net.au if they need more information on apprenticeships.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be open for these extended hours during October.

Wednesday	22 nd October	3 – 5:15pm
Friday	24 th October	3 – 5:15pm
Monday	27 th October	3 – 5:15pm

Donations of second hand school uniforms are urgently needed.

Student Jamie Hutchins, helps out at the Community Nursery as part of the Certificate 1 in Active Volunteering run by the RTA Catchment Champions program. This nationally recognised work skills training program offers on the job training in areas such as OH&S and team building.



NEW WEBSITES FOR UNI OR VOC. ED CAREER PATHWAYS

Hobson's has two new websites, which together provide the ultimate resource for those students keen to continue their studies or follow a vocational or technical career pathway at tertiary level. www.GoodUniGuide.com.au - [More information about Good Uni Guide](#) offers a number of options for students to find the information they need to decide upon a future pathway. Students can search for any Australian [courses](#), and for [institutions](#) from all education sectors. If they prefer, the Good Uni Guide also offers a [career](#) search which can then be followed through to identify relevant courses.

To complement the Good Uni Guide website, as well as the information supplied by the universities themselves, Hobson's has recently launched the only student ratings website in Australia www.rateyouruni.com.au- [More information about Rate Your Uni](#)

School Dental Van – Final opportunity for students in Years 8, 9 and 10 to access the Dental Van. Please phone for an appointment on 0407 574287.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

TRIVIA NIGHT – Where: Calliope State School When: Sat 18th October 2008 at 6pm. \$15/person. For details contact Jo on 0405 169 446.

BEACH VOLLEYBALL - Sign On @ Gladstone State High School Quarry St. on Wed 15th Oct 5-7pm. Contact Becca on 4979 1549.



FOR THE FRIDGE

OCTOBER 2008

Monday 20 th	Student Free Day
Tuesday 21 st	Instrumental Music Camp
Tuesday 28 th	Year 8/9/10 Vaccinations, School Disco

NOVEMBER 2008

Monday 3 rd	Year 11 Geography Field Study
Tuesday 4 th	Beach Bash
Thursday 6 th	Awards Evening rehearsals