

with Mr Kevin Giles

FROM

Beach Bash

Students had a wonderful day at our annual Beach Bash Carnival last week. Victorious House was Whoolghun. Congratulations! I would like to thank those staff who arrived at 6am (some much earlier, for beach set-up!) for work, and those parents who similarly had students delivered on time for an early start... which is done for sun-safety reasons, obviously. Lastly, CONGRATS ON A JOB WELL DONE to Mr Craig Airton, Miss Jodi Gibson and their band of Senior Leaders.

Year 12 QCE Check - Important!

All Year 12 students **must check** their Provisional Statement issued by the Queensland Studies Authority. The (QSA) is responsible for the administration of the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). Students will receive one copy of their Provisional Statement through the school, with a second copy mailed home. Parents are urged to review this statement with their children to ensure it is accurate. Any errors or amendments must be followed up on (see below).

This is the first year graduates can receive a QCE and it is vitally important students ensure the details of their study (school, TAFE, traineeships etc.) are not only accurate but appear on the provisional statement. Determination on eligibility for a QCE will be based on the information in the Provisional Statement plus the exit results for each subject and/or the completion of VET courses.

Please note, the eligibility statement on the Provisional Statement **assumes successful completion** of the courses. If students exit with a below "Sound" result or have not fulfilled literacy and numeracy requirements they will not obtain their QCE this year. Any student who has not received a provisional statement to check must contact Mr Comrie immediately.

Rectifications:

- Check on-line <https://cis.qsa.qld.edu.au/> using your LUI number and password.
- Notify Todd Comrie (HOD Senior Schooling) at Tannum Sands SHS in writing (brief note) as soon as possible. Include a contact email address and phone number.
- You must contact your learning provider (e.g. TAFE) ASAP if the problem relates to a non-school course. (CQIT ask for Deborah Hasse/Debbie Anderson 49707725).

The school has continually educated students on the QCE and asked them to monitor their account continually. While the school makes every effort to ensure information is correct and current, we are unable to enter data from other learning providers nor able to monitor the individual status of every student. For additional information please contact the school.

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DEPUTY



Fitness and fun - The Raft Race was a great success and enjoyed by all.



Morgan Bennett and Sam Grace get into the spirit of Aussie Aussie Aussie at Beach Bash.

SENIOR FORMAL

On Wednesday 19th November, our Year 12 students will celebrate the end of their high school careers at the Senior Graduation Formal. This is a very special time for our school leavers and TSSHS will farewell a large cohort of school leavers - 169!! Our first arrival at the Boyne Island Community Centre will be at 4.10 and the last student will enjoy their 2 minutes in the spotlight at 6.45pm. It would be wonderful if those of you watching the arrivals could be there to see the first students as well as the last. There will be plenty of opportunities for photos, however we do ask that you do not call over the graduates to take pictures as they are making their way down the red carpet as it does hold things up. Please keep behind the safety barricades. We look forward to seeing lots of families at the Community Centre on the 19th to applaud our students as they enjoy this very special occasion.

BEACH BASH 2008

For one school day a year, all the school attends the annual Beach Bash at the Millennium Esplanade. The event is unique to our High School and has been running since the school started eleven years ago. The students have an early start, commencing their school day at 6.00am to run through a 'round robin' of events before the heat of the day kicks in.

Students take part in, amongst other things, a triathlon, flags race, raft race, and tug-o-war. A zigzag wading race in the ocean is held, using Principal Ray Johnston and Deputies John Adie and Kevin Giles as human buoys (making sure they get a splashing on the way past).

This year's theme was Aussie Aussie Aussie, and all the students rose to the challenge to 'Aussie' it up. Whoolghun House were triumphant winners of the points competition on the day totting up 1090 points, closely followed by Ghinmhine on 1000. From the volume levels, the real winners on the day were the students and staff who joined in and cheered on fellow 'Bashers'.

Thursday
13th
P&C
Meeting

Wednesday
19th
Senior
Formal



Students had a great time, with the many activities arranged for them.

BEACH BASH

2008



German International Students, Leoni and Viktoria, get a taste for our Aussie Beach Bash.



Year 8 boys have a little fun with their sea faring friend.



Teacher, Gary Hill, checks out the bicycles for safety before the Triathlon.



Teachers trial a new disciplinary action for students caught cheating.

AGE CHAMPIONS FOR 2008

Thank you to all of the students who participated in this year's Carnivals. Outstanding performances were achieved by:

Swimming	Cross Country	Athletics	Triathlon
13 Years - Chris Scott & Hayley Quartermaine	13 Years - Dylan Nankivell & Nikki Cooke	13 Years - Reece Richardson & Nikki Cooke	13 Years - Hayden Lester
14 Years - Ryan Beecroft, Charley Bond & Jesse Johnson	14 Years - Jamie Cunninghame & Charley Bond	14 Years - Jamie Cunninghame & Charley Bond	14 Years - Matt Madsen & Charley Bond
15 Years - Jarryd Brown & Amy Quartermaine	15 Years - Will Stobo & Rachel Withoos	15 Years - Cory Butcher & Jacqui Craig	15 Years - David Vaughan & Rachel Withoos
16 Years - Zac Bond & Morgan Bealing	16 Years - Zac Bond & Emma Carroll	16 Years - Zac Bond & Ashleigh Burns	16 Years - Zac Bond
17 Years & Over - Matt Stark & Emily Quartermaine	17 Years & Over - Ben Wriede & Shayne Ford	17 Years & Over - Brandon Gillett & Shayne Ford	17 Years & Over - Corey Brown & Katie Craig



There was fast action during the Flags events.



Time to relax a little in between events.



The girls Triathlon participants were safe under the watchful eye of Mr Johnston.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Every Day Counts is a state-wide initiative addressing the issue of student attendance at school. The initiative is designed to change parent, community and student attitudes to school attendance. It requires the support of both parents and the community if student attendance is to be successfully addressed.

Every Day Counts promotes four key messages:

- All children should be enrolled at school and attend on every school day
- Schools should monitor, communicate and implement strategies to improve regular school attendance
- Truanting can place a student in unsafe situations and impact on their future employability and life choices
- Attendance at school is the responsibility of everyone in the community.

TANNUM FAIRS WELL IN CAPRICORNIA COMPETITIONS

Tannum Sands students and teachers should be very proud of their outstanding efforts in representing our school at Capricornia competitions in 2008. Including teacher officials, we had 50 representatives, which is the second highest in the region. Rockhampton Grammar led the way with 70. An incredible effort, due in no small part to the efforts of the HPE and Sport staff at the school. Well done to all these dedicated students and staff involved.

WELL DONE

LOST PROPERTY

We currently have a bank of used / lost jumpers that we are giving away to parents. These will be located at the front office and available until Friday 21st November. After this date, any remaining items will be donated to Bindaree or the local Salvation Army.

NEED MORE INFO !! CHECK-OUT THESE WEBSITES

GAP YEAR INFO

www.thegoodguides.com.au
www.goabroadprograms.com
www.jobsearch.gov.au/harvesttrail
www.fairtrading.qld.gov.au >
Youth only area > Get out there!
www.launchpadaustralia.com

APPRENTICESHIP INFO

www.apprenticeshipinfo.qld.gov.au
www.grouptraining.com.au
www.scips.org.au
www.trainandemploy.qld.gov.au
www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au

STUDY INFO

www.qsa.qld.edu.au
www.tafe.qld.gov.au
www.goingtouni.gov.au
www.year12whatnext.gov.au
www.qtac.edu.au

YOUTH INFO

www.thesource.gov.au
www.jobjuice.gov.au
www.year12whatnext.gov.au
www.generate.qld.gov.au
www.myfuture.edu.au

D2CC STUDENTS FINISH

Eleven students from Year 11 & 12 will obtain their Certificate I in Infrastructure and Resource Operations (Civil) and/or their Statement of Attainment after most completed their last work experience placement over the school break. Students began the Doorways to Civil Construction course in Term 1, constructing the base for the school's Aquaponics project. They completed work place health and safety modules and drove virtual machinery before putting into practice what they had learnt in 2 x 1 week blocks of work experience. Students who completed the course will not only gain the Certificate qualification but earn 2 points towards their Queensland Certificate of Education.

The Doorways 2 Civil Construction (D2CC) initiative will directly address the skills required for entry to the civil infrastructure sector of the industry.

The Civil Contractors Federation (CCF), in collaboration with their funding partners Construction Skills Queensland, is delivering a school based program designed to deliver the entry level skills required to students who wish to pursue a career in the civil infrastructure sector. The D2CC program is already underway within Queensland schools.

The Civil Contractors Federation, in partnership with both Construction Skills Queensland and Hanson have provided a 'stand out' high visibility trailer to support the training of the students.



CREATING THEIR FUTURES WITH WORK EXPERIENCE

Fifty-six Tannum Sands SHS students engaged in work experience over the September break, and from all reports they did a great job. More and more employers are looking for evidence of work experience during the job application process, and Tannum Sands SHS students are certainly taking note. Up until the start of Term 3, approximately 450 placements of various types had been arranged through the school with more being made for the last two weeks of school in December. While the majority have been placed in the Gladstone region, students have also found hosts in Rockhampton, Brisbane and Gold Coast regions and even Kingfisher Bay Resort on Fraser Island. It is great so many students are getting involved.

WORK EXPERIENCE MATTERS !!

THANK YOU TO WORK EXPERIENCE HOST EMPLOYERS

It would be impossible for our students to gain valuable skills and get a taste of many different careers if local businesses and employers didn't take on students for work experience placements. On behalf of the students and the school we thank employers for their patience, assistance and contribution to students' education and career development. While the vast majority of feedback from hosts is positive we ask employers not to tolerate students who may not do the right thing by you and your workplace. On occasion, students' attitude towards the work, behaviour and/or attendance may become unacceptable. In these circumstances I urge you discuss this with the student and/or if necessary cancel the placement and notify the school. Having said that, we have found most employers and students benefit from the partnership with many students being offered casual, part-time or full time work following the placement. Any employers interested in getting involved with hosting work experience students can contact Heather Harland at Schools and Industry Network (SAIN) or Todd Comrie at Tannum Sands SHS.

CREATIVE GENERATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Talented senior students should nominate now for the *Creative Generation Excellence Awards in Dance, Drama and Contemporary Music 2009*.

The awards recognise and celebrate students in the senior years of schooling by rewarding them with the opportunity to attend workshops in Brisbane, with highly respected artists in a program specific to their art form. The challenging workshops will recognise the breadth of artistic experiences across a wide variety of contexts, genres and styles within each art form.

Year 12 students in 2009 should submit nomination forms and supporting documentation by Friday 5 December 2008. For further information email [Felicity Mandile](mailto:Felicity.Mandile), phone (07) 3237 1271 or visit the [Creative Generation website](http://www.creativegeneration.com.au).

VACANCY - Apprentice Boiler Maker and Machinists with Forgacs Engineering Gladstone starting 2009. Send resume and application to: The Business Manager, Forgacs Engineering P/L, Gladstone QLD. 4680 or email jmclain@forgacs.com.au. See Careers Noticeboard for more information.

KIDS HELPLINE We'd all like to think that when our children and young people have problems, they can talk openly to an adult they trust – but this isn't always the case. Kids Helpline is Australia's only free, confidential and anonymous telephone and online counselling service specifically for young people aged between five and 25. More than 12,000 calls and online contacts are made to Kids Helpline every week about issues ranging from relationship breakdown, bullying, sexual abuse, mental health issues, homelessness, suicidal thoughts, and drug and alcohol usage. The service provides counselling over the phone or via email and the web. All counsellors are fully qualified, paid professionals who undergo additional accredited training. The demand for the Kids Helpline service increases in the lead-up to Christmas. So don't let a child you know become a statistic – make sure every child knows where they can get support. The Kids Helpline number is 1800 55 1800. To find out more about Kids Helpline or to get involved in raising awareness or much-needed funds, visit the website: www.kidshelp.com.au, email: admin@kidshelp.com.au or phone Jessica Tatzenko (07) 3867 124

FOR THE FRIDGE

November 2008

Thurs 13th P&C Meeting @ 7:30pm & Student Leadership Conference
Mon 17th Year 12 Transition Week commences
Wed 19th Senior Formal – Arrivals commencing at 4:10pm

Thurs 20th Year 12 Pyjama Day
Fri 21st Year 12 Graduation Breakfast & Formal Assembly
Fri 28th Last Day for Years 10 & 11 students