

with Mr Ray Johnston

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Photos are being taken next Monday the 2nd March. Students are to be in full summer school uniform. Payment/Order envelopes have been sent home this week. Students are to return these envelopes directly to the Photographer on the day and not the office.

GOOD NEWS WEEK

This week is Good News Week, which has been developed to celebrate the great achievements of some of our students. Teachers have been asked to identify two students each who have excelled in a subject or project and phone home to let parents know.

FIRST HOUSE TROPHY

Congratulations to Ghinmhine who drew first blood for the year in our interhouse competition. After a strong performance in lead-up War Games, the Gold Machine gained 2nd place in the culminating House Cheer to secure 1st overall. Special mention must go to Whoolghun for an *awesome* Cheer. The judges were really impressed – special thanks to Adopt a Cop Angela, Constable Ben Cross and Tannum Sands SS guest judges, Mrs Anderson and Mrs Sankey who filled in with very late notice.

SCHOLARSHIP SUCCESS

Two of our 2008 graduates received Scholarships worth \$6 000 in the first year at University. Congratulations to Michelle Ribot and Ellinor Johnston! 2009 Yr 12's: *apply this year when information comes out!*

MESSAGE FROM SENATOR CLAIRE MOORE

“I want to congratulate you, and your school community, for the participation of your students in the Rockhampton Constitutional Convention. Tannum Sands SHS was well represented by Amanda Vallance, and the students and teacher who attended the day. I know that participation in these events depends on the commitment and work of the teaching staff. These conventions provide real engagement for students with our Constitution and government, as well as interaction with other schools. Thank you ... Claire”

MORE VICTIM RELIEF

I am please to report that lots of enthusiastic Year 8's and Year 12's made \$250 dollars pure profit for Victorian Fire and Qld Flood victims last Sunday!! Thanks to eight staff members who assisted too. The humidity may have played havoc with our fairy floss machine but all the students gave 110% and worked really well as a team. Our Senior Mentors, particularly, lived up to their name. Well done, students. I am proud of you!

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Tannum Sands SHS Swimming Carnival is being held on Wed 18th of March. (This is a little later than usual due to Gladstone Pool bookings this year). It is going to be a *fantastic* day and we need everyone to attend. Students have received a permission note, which they have been asked to return to the office. The cost of the swimming carnival is \$6.00 (we subsidise the cost of bus and pool entry) and this needs to be paid to the office. Remember every person who attends gets a point for his/her house. Nominations to Port Curtis Swim happen through a different process, so our emphases for the day are: the house trophy that's up for grabs, and participation and fund! More serious swimmers compete for age champion and wins lots of points for their House too! Sun safety is a key responsibility for all on the day. *Enquiries about our carnival can be directed to Miss Jane Hurley.*

MESSAGE FROM BICYCLE QLD:

“Getting children out of cards and using active transport instead is believed to be the single most effective way to improve physical activity rates and reduce obesity in children” (Mackett, R. L. et al *The therapeutic value of children's everyday travel* Cycling Promotion Fund)



Our school leaders passed the bucket on parade last week for the Victoria Bushfire Appeal and raised \$2375 for their efforts. Well done and thank you to all those who donated.



International students Pia and Clara, speak to students on parade about their experiences and what they think of Australia.



HOUSE CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Ghinmhine on winning the overall House Challenge for 2009 with 50 points. Whoolghun came second with 40 points after winning the Cheer, followed by Burarhl with 30 points and then Nagatin with 10 points.



COMING UP

Wed 25th Feb
BSL Zenith
Launch
4:15pm in
Performance
Centre
Mon 2nd Mar
School Photos

DID YOU KNOW.....

EDUCATION TAX REFUNDS

We had included some detailed information as an insert, but for now, parents are advised to keep invoices *and* receipts e.g. for Resources Hire Scheme payments. The information sheet is available at the school office.

"WHAT'S MY TRADE"

All Year 10's have been invited to put their name down to attend "What's My Trade" on Friday 6th March. (See article or ring Mrs Harding for details).

STUDENT DEPARTURES

Any student arriving or leaving school outside normal school times must sign the attendance book in the office.

The school offers students a number of programs which results in some students being able to arrive late to school or arrive early on certain days. Students with this privilege will have a code of 'ABS' on their timetable in the periods in which they do not have to be at school. It is important, however, that students still abide by the rules and sign the attendance book when they arrive and/or when they leave. This is vital for our evacuation procedures and general student management. Failure to follow the rules may lead to cancellation of the privilege. *Please contact Mr Todd Comrie for more information*

LIVING AWAY FROM HOME ALLOWANCES SCHEME (LAFHAS) 2009

The Department of Education, Training and the Arts provides assistance to eligible Queensland families whose children must board away from home to attend school on a daily basis because:

- their homes are geographically isolated; and
- students do not have reasonable daily access to a Queensland government state school with the appropriate level of primary, secondary or special schooling.

One of the benefits available to eligible Queensland families is Remote Area Travel Allowance. This allowance assists with travelling expenses, provided the distance travelled to the boarding location is at least 50km. Assistance ranges from \$109 to \$1405 per annum per student. Travel payable is determined by the kilometric distance from the home location to the boarding location of the student.

Application forms and further information concerning conditions of eligibility and benefit levels payable are available from School Financial Services Unit, Department of Education, Training and the Arts, PO Box 15033, City East Qld 4002, freecall 1800 248 997.

Further information on this scheme is available through the Department's website at <http://education.qld.gov.au/finance/grants/fund/garp/html/par-stu.html>

ABSENTEE PHONE NUMBER

Please advise as early as possible if your child will be absent from school. For all absentee related issues, please phone 4979 9767.

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop Hours are: Mon, Wed, Fri from 8:15 – 11:15am. For enquires, please contact Monique Toner on 4979 9752.

This Newsletter can be emailed directly to parents on request by forwarding an email to lfl30@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>

CHEER CHALLENGE



Whoolghun reigned supreme in the Cheer Challenge and came 2nd place in the overall House Challenge.



BACK FROM THEIR FUTURES

Last year's Year 12 students, Josh Brown, Julia Cook, Hirru Manavasagan, Elli Johnston, Tom Bishop, Jay Booth and Rebecca DeBritt came back to let current students know what career opportunities they have been offered since leaving school.



YEAR 8 AND 10 VACCINATIONS

Vaccinations are being conducted on the 7th April. All students should have received the permission form last week. If you have not received this and would like your student to participate in the Vaccinations, please call into the office and sign this permission form.



'WHAT'S MY TRADE?'



This is a totally hands on experience where students can 'have a go' and actually construct something and take it home!

'What's My Trade?' is a great way to demonstrate what a trade looks like, feels like and in some instances, tastes like!

'What's My Trade?' is for all age groups and is available to both primary and secondary school students. The event can cater for 300 students per hour.

The 2009 event will be held at the GAGAL Technical Trades Centre, 28 Beckinsale Street, Gladstone on Thursday 5th & Friday 6th March from 9.00am to 3.00pm and Saturday 7th March from 8.30am to 12 noon. Parents are encouraged to bring along their younger children to 'have a go' at 'What's My Trade?' or have a go themselves!

Trades to try will include: Floor laying, carpentry, bricklaying, simulated crane driving, painting, plumbing, motor mechanics, hospitality, horticulture, warehousing, hairdressing, welding and lots, lots more. There will be snags and drinks on sale between 9.30am and 2.30pm for \$1.00 each. So come on down and "have a go"! For further information contact Cherie on 4972 5988 or email promotions@gagal.com.au

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE WEARING FULLY CLOSED IN SHOES TO ENTER AND PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENT.



COMPETITION DATES

National Geographic	31/3/09	\$2.50
Aust. Informatics	7/5/09	\$4.95
Rio Tinto Big Science	21/5/09	\$4.95
ICAS Computer	27/5/09	\$6.00
ICAS Science	10/6/09	\$6.00
ICAS Writing	23/6/09	\$11.00
ICAS English	4/8/09	\$6.00
Aust. Mathematics	6/8/09	\$4.95
ICAS Mathematics	19/8/09	\$6.00

Payment forms are now available for parents/students wishing to "bulk" enter. However, these forms can also be used to pay for individual competitions. They are available at the office or from Mrs Cook in SR1. NB: You do not have to be a BSL Zenith member to enter any of the competitions.

WANTED: Unwanted games of chess, bean bags & cushions.

The BSL Zenith Activities room is becoming increasingly popular, with more and more students participating in games of chess, puzzles etc. If anyone out there has any of the above items they would like to donate to us, it would certainly be appreciated by our students.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

“**Star of the Sea Catholic Parish** wishes to advise that registration for the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion will be available from 16th February. Registration is essential. For enquiries phone 49721025.

Sue Dengate - Fed Up with Children's Behaviour

Sue is presenting a talk on Thursday 19th March 2009 at 7.00pm at the Central Queensland Uni, Leo Zussino Building. Cost is \$10 per person. Book your ticket through the Gladstone Entertainment Centre 49722822.

Boyne Tannum (Crocs) Hockey

Sign-on 28 February and 2 March. For more details, contact Jenny Cross 49733903.

We're going potty!

Do you have some small to medium planter pots in your back shed that you are not using? Pots of any condition will be gratefully.

Can you volunteer? We need volunteers who can spare one hour, one day or one week. To get involved phone Pamela on 4972 4969, call into the Gladstone office at 14 Goondoon Street, go to our website www.conservationvolunteers.com.au.

Charity Concert in Aid of those affected by the Victorian bushfires. Local Bands inc. Gladstone Municipal Band, Jazz and Groove and Lost for Words will perform. Saturday 28th February 2009 – Gladstone Marina Stage 3pm to 6pm.

Entertainment, Food Stalls, Sausage Sizzle, Raffle



RIVER RANCH BUS RUN

A meeting for all parents whose children use the RIVER RANCH bus run will be held at 7pm on Monday 2nd March in the Staffroom at Calliope State School. It is most important that as many parents as possible attend the meeting. It is a mandatory audit requirement for the **continued operation of school bus runs** that Conveyance Committees hold an Annual General Meeting in February each year to elect Office Bearers and discuss general operation of the service. If this meeting is not attended by enough parents, there may be interruptions to the bus service. Enquiries please phone Robyn on 49 756 304 (evenings).

CANTEEN ROSTER

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

MARCH 2009

2 nd	Rhonda Johnsen
3 rd	Lyn Rosser
4 th	Vicky Baldwin
5 th	Lyn Rosser & Heather Dunn
6 th	Annie Williams
9 th	Rhonda Johnsen
10 th	Lyn Rosser
11 th	Vicky Baldwin & Louise Stubbo
12 th	Lyn Rosser
13 th	Annie Williams
16 th	Rhonda Johnsen
17 th	Lyn Rosser & Heather Dunn
18 th	Vicky Baldwin
19 th	Lyn Rosser
20 th	Annie Williams

This not so welcome green tree snake was caught at the Resource Centre last week. We are yet to determine what it wanted to borrow!



SCHOOL BASED BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION TRAINEE

Are you interested in administration? The Gladstone Regional Council is calling for all school based applicants interested in pursuing a career in the business sector to apply for an up and coming Business Administration Traineeship at the Discovery Coast Community Health Services in Agnes Water? Visit www.gladstonerc.qld.gov.au.



Year 11 Science students Riandi Benecke, Emma Johnstone, Melissa Elliott and Jackie Riches researched the preferred environment of Meal Bugs.



Year 8 Science students Erina O'Brien and Sarah Cross, measuring density by water displacement method.



CYBER SAFETY

The Australian Communications and Media Authority have started the national roll-out of *Cybersafety Outreach*. We will pass on information as it comes to hand. Here's some initial information for parents...

- A *cybersafety contact centre*. This centre provides information about cybersafety concerns and issues and operates between 8:00am and 10:00 pm in all states with interpreting and TTY services available – phone 1800 880 176
- *Internet safety publications on social networking, mobile phone use and safe use of the internet*. These brochures complement ACMA's Cybersmart Kids online safety advice website at <http://www.cybersmartkids.com.au/>. Over two million Cybersmart online safety brochures have been distributed since 2002.
- A *mobile phone guide*. The guide provides parents with 12 questions to ask their mobile service providers to minimise risks to children from the use of mobile phones.

More information about ACMA's cybersafety program is available at www.acma.gov.au/cybersafety

GIRLS ELECTRIC

Any girls 15 years or older interested in enrolling in the GAGAL course for girls who want to get into the Electrical Trade, see Mr Comrie ASAP. This is an expression of interest and running of the course will ultimately depend on the number of students interested across the region. In 2008 the course required students to attend TAFE after school. The format for 2009 has not been finalised.



TANNUM HIGH SCHOOL "RECYCLE" EDUCATION

Curriculum changes that affect resources at our school do not mean that all is lost. Tannum Sands State High School recycle superseded texts by donating them to schools in need including Papua New Guinea, The Solomon Islands and Africa. With the help of donated boxes from Gorman's Removals and the Boyne Island Lions Club over 500 books will be put to great use by schools less fortunate than us.

FOR THE FRIDGE

Wednesday 25th February
BSL Zenith Launch 4:15pm @ Performance Centre
Friday 27th February
Instrumental Music Workshop

Saturday 28th February
Lions Club Youth of the Year 12:30-10:00pm in the Resource Centre.
Monday 2nd March
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