

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Burarhl Victory!

As we go to print, the Swimming Carnival Champions for 2008 are being decided – more next edition!

However, we do know who won our first house trophy for the year. Congratulations to fantastic Burarhl for winning the House Challenge. This was decided over the first few weeks, with all students competing in war games and the house cheer.

P&C AGM

Our Parents and Citizens Association has its Annual General Meeting on Thursday 13th March, at 7.30PM in the school's Resource Centre. Please come!

Uniform Matters

Thanks for parents' continuing cooperation with full uniform. A couple of issues to be aware of:

"White socks, short or ankle" are required. Long socks, or other colours are not permitted.

"Lace up joggers" must be worn. Slip on style shoes are not school uniform.

Each student is expected to own a winter uniform i.e. school trackpants or school tailored trousers. Students are not permitted to wear jeans – a note is appreciated, but students will still be asked whether they own the correct winter item. Parents are requested to purchase or order same, before cooler weather approaches.

Meet the Teacher Night

Thanks to all those who came. Some great information was shared. (I missed it – I was away sick for most of last week, unfortunately).

Should we still have this night? Most of our 75 teachers were there, and about 40 families (each teacher teaches 100-125 students). Should we try this at 3.30pm instead? Please send us some feedback. An e-mail along the lines of: "Please don't shift it to 3.30, we both work and couldn't make afternoon" OR "3.30 would be much better – fit in with primary school pick-up times" OR "We wouldn't come either way because..." would be great – send to info@tannumshs.eq.edu.au.

Ray Johnston
Principal



Cheer Judges: Maxine Brushe, Yvette Rimmer and Kevin Giles.

CHEER CHALLENGE



Burarhl



Nagatin



Ghinmhine



Whoolghun

CHEER CHALLENGE RESULTS

Ghinmhine steal the Cheer Challenge! But Burarhl take the overall House Shield

25 points secured last week's Ghinmhine win at the TSSHS House Cheer Challenge, with the majority of their house members donning the trademark yellow shirts with "Shine on Ghinmhine", reflecting their House Totem of the sun. The criteria by which performances were judged included Participation, Visual Impact, Volume (louder the better) and Synchronicity. Whoolghun came a close second with its survivor theme, with Nagatin third and Burarhl fourth. These points combined with Tug o war, kick tennis, poison ball, basket ball and tunnel ball, gave Burarhl the overall win in the House Challenge.

174 Burarhl

139 Ghinmhine

106 Whoolghun

73 Nagatin

YEAR 12'S LEAVE THEIR MARK...

Last year's graduating cohort has left a lasting mark on the school, in a good way! The new paved area, which was paid for by the students themselves, is certainly creating interest...



(left) Year 9's approve also



(above) Phil and Angelique



(right) Brianna Duggan and Rebekah Dunn

SUCCESS IN THE POOL

Tannum Sands State High School has two students who are travelling to Sydney next month to compete at the Open National Swimming Championships, which, this year double as the Olympic Selection Trials.

Matt Stark and Corey Brown, both Year 12 students, have progressed to this elite level of swimming and will also compete at School States Age Nationals in April and hopefully School Nationals.

Matt represents Boyne Tannum Bullets and is competing in the 50m Freestyle and 50 m Backstroke. Two weeks ago Matt won a Gold Medal at the State Titles in the 50m Backstroke, making him the fastest 16 year old at 50m Backstroke in this state.

Corey swims for Gladstone Gladiators and recently also competed in the 50 and 100m Breaststroke at the State Titles, bringing home a Silver Medal for the 50m event.



Corey Brown & Matt Stark

Both swimmers will be hoping to make a semi final in Sydney. Matt and Corey are both very dedicated swimmers. Tannum Sands State High School has many other young swimmers equally focused on competing at a high level. These students balance school, family and social life with the rigours of gruelling training sessions twice a day.

Swimmers generally have a great work ethic, positive attitude, love of swimming/competing and a great determination to succeed. You'd have to agree that these are wonderful skills for life.

REMINDER ABOUT SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS



Master School Portraits will be at school on Monday 3rd of March to take photographs of all students and staff. Any students absent on the day will have the opportunity to have photographs taken on the 4th or 7th of March. Envelopes for the purchase of photographs have been sent home with students. Students need to bring these with the correct money to the photographer on the day. Students **MUST** be in full school uniform to be in the photo's.

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE FOR NATIONAL CAPITAL EXCURSION



Students from our school have recently undertaken, an educational tour of the national capital. While on this tour they participate in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist you in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government is contributing funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme towards the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.



BSL ZENITH – OUR GIFTED PROGRAM



Nominations are now closed for our first competition of the year. The National Geographic Channel Australian Geography Competition will be held in April. The next competition on our calendar is the Rio Tinto Big Science Competition which will be held on Thursday 22nd May. Information regarding this competition will be advertised shortly in school notices as well as the newsletter.

Current status of Zenith Learning Plans. Some student's individualised learning plans have been sent to teachers to have the final say and they will be going out to parents after a final consultation.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sharon Schmidt



Ghinmhine, cheers to victory!

**STUDENT ABSENCE
DIRECT TELEPHONE
LINE**

We have a direct line for the reporting of all student absences. Please telephone 4979 9767 to record your child's absence. Should this line be busy, please leave a message including your child's full name, house group, date of the absence and the reason for that absence. The Automatic Absence Notification System diverts to the above telephone number. If you have changed your telephone/mobile numbers, please advise the school as soon as possible.

Please note: Replies by text message can only be returned on the day of the original



text message being sent to you. We are unable to access this information should you reply after the original date.

MORE SUCCESS FOR TANNUM SANDS SHS ATHLETES

Congratulations to Corey Brown, Sam Cartwright, Matt Stark, Henry Cartwright, Jarryd Brown, Ryan Beecroft, Ruby Lawler, Hayley Quartermaine and Amy Quartermaine who all successfully qualified for the Capricornia Swimming Team to compete at the State Titles in Brisbane.

Congratulations to Stevie Irons, Kristy Clark, Amber Grosskreutz, Brad Millers and Sam Dow for making the Port Curtis Volleyball team. These students will attend the Capricornia trials on the 6th March in Gladstone.

Remember there are still trials for touch, netball, AFL, soccer, hockey, squash, league, union and surfing all to come in the following month, so listen to the notices for the details. Good luck!



Stevie Irons and Kristy Clark make the Port Curtis Volleyball team



**BITS CENTRE - NEWSLETTER
ARTICLE**

Date: Wed. 20 February 2008
Written by: Kayla Brown – Year 12 – BCT



My name is Kayla Brown and this year I am graduating from the BITS Centre where I have studied Business Communication and Technology (BCT) since the start of Year 11 in 2007. Any student who enjoys working in the business area and would like to know more about the workforce, I recommend that you give the BITS Centre a try. The BITS Centre has been a new experience for me that I have enjoyed very much and has helped me to understand more about what is involved in the Business Communication and Technology area. I have been able to improve my business skills by completing work experience in the Gladstone area, and by undertaking tasks such as answering the phone, learning how to talk to people and creating documents etc. These are some of the skills that I have learned to complete my Certificate II in Business. By working in the real workforce, I now feel more confident in working in the business industry.

**CANCELLED:
YEAR 8 CARNARVON GORGE EXCURSION**

The excursion planned to Carnarvon Gorge for this March has been cancelled. Unfortunately the inclement weather, problems with accessibility and damage to attractions within the park has forced us to cancel the program for this year.

Staff are currently examining a closer, more accessible alternative venue which may be suitable for later in the year. Once some of the details are confirmed parents will be notified well in advance of any alternative proposals. For excursion information contact Mr Charles (HOD Humanities) on 4979 9726.

CAREERS NOTICEBOARD

Work Experience

Students applying for holiday work experience for the April break are reminded they must return their contacts before starting in the work place. There have been cases in the Gladstone region where students have damaged property of the employer and thankfully, through having a completed contact, costs have been covered by Education Queensland. However, to ease the mind of employers in all cases these were accidents and by far a rarity in the workplace.

Students wanting to engage in work experience in the June/July break can apply now to avoid the rush. *Contact Mr Todd Comrie for more information or for application forms details on 49799762.*

Vacancies

Chilli House School Based Traineeship in Clothing Production Resume & Handwritten cover letter to employer Closes 29 Feb 08
(see Careers Board)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

"Created Sexual & Enjoying It!" is a **Marriage Enrichment Seminar** presented by Dr Ivan & Pauline Herald. Contact Port City Christian Church on 49792866 for information & bookings. (Limited child minding available)

Wheelchair Basketball, Sunday 2nd & 9th March from 6-7pm at TSSHS. To register contact Michael on 0429 387062.

Gladstone Athletics Club is holding a Multi Event Carnival on Sunday 9th March 2008. Entries close Friday 7th March 2008. Competition is open to all athletes from Under 6 to Under 18. Contact Trish Smith on 4979 4068 or 0432 762616.

FOR THE FRIDGE

March 2008

Tuesday 4 th	CAP Trials Touch Football	Tuesday 11 th	PC Trials (Squash, Hockey, 19 yrs Football, 15/18 Rugby League)
Thursday 6 th	QCS Writing Test Practice & CAP Volleyball	Thursday 13 th	P & C Meeting 7:30pm
Friday 7 th	CAP Trials Surfing	Thursday 17 th	PC Trials (Boys Cricket)