

## with Mr Ray Johnston

### Lions Youth of the Year

I was very pleased and proud that *seven* students represented our school in this public speaking contest last Saturday. Kate Turnbull won the Public Speaking section on the night with two awesome impromptu speeches and an authoritative prepared speech. Jenny Mercer finished Equal Second overall on the night in another strong performance, with Laura Koesler from Gladstone SHS taking out first place. *Thanks also to Ms McLennan, Ms Clements and the Boyne Tannum Lions!*



*Jack Ford, Matt Scott, Nathan Barker and Sam O'Brien are some of our Port Curtis Volleyball stars.*

### How Can I Help?

Sometimes parents ask me how I can help my child, now s/he has transitioned to high school. Even though students may not want as "direct" supervision as in the primary years, there are still plenty of *indirect* ways you can help:

- Show them you are interested! Read the newsletter, talk about report cards, drive them to rehearsals, watch sport
- Come to parent teacher functions, whether your child thinks you need to or not!
- Talk about the *future* – "What kind of job, house, relationships, and stability do you want?" – and link this to *present actions*
- Ask students to *explain to you* how they are becoming more organised – "Convince me, and then I won't have to worry or nag."
- Encourage students to do work experience, go to careers days, and see the Guidance Officer – again, future-talking...
- Help students to set clear and specific term goals, and encourage or reward attainment of these!
- Insist that students keep a *balance* between home study, part-time work, socialising, recreation and sleep



*Tannum students helped out to raise \$250 for the Victoria Fire and Queensland Flood victims at Millennium recently.*

### Latest enrolment predictions:

We are presently seeing our school size plateau, *as predicted*. Current predictions are 2010 1007, 2011 972, 2012 960 and 2013 923.

Why will this occur? Our largest cohorts – the Seniors of 2008, 2009 and 2010 – are gradually leaving (they started off as 230 Yr 8s) and are being replaced by the same size cohorts we took in pre-2008, namely c. 200 Year 8s. Simply put, a "bulge" we had is moving through.

NOTE: Our Enrolment Share is stable. Our intake from Yr 7 to 8 is 91% (including non-state); 95%+ from our state feeders. It is pleasing to see our school "settle" around a comfortable size for the next few years.

### Class Changes

We neither lost nor gained staff after official enrolment figures were submitted. However, Yr 9 enrolments were slightly up, and Year 11 slightly down on prediction. This resulted in reconfiguring of some Year 11 classes in the first weeks, and some new Year 9 classes being formed last Monday in English, SOSE, Maths, and Science. Thanks to John Adie, our Deputy Principal in charge of timetable, for an awesome job getting classes optimised and settled for the year. It is a huge and complex task!

### New Chaplain Commissioning

What a great asset to our school is our new Chaplain, Margita Downey! Margita has already established great connections and trust with our students.

All members of our school community are cordially invited to her commissioning, organised by the Gladstone Chaplaincy Committee. This service will be held at St Peter Chanel Catholic Church, Francis Way, Tannum Sands on 6.45pm for 7.00pm Wednesday 11 March, 2009.

### Good News Week

Last week, teachers rang two students' parents each, to tell them some "good news" about their child. Perhaps, parents, you are particularly pleased with a teacher your child has this year? If so, maybe you'd like to ring them. I really believe valuing teachers is something our community has to do more and more these days: it is at times a challenging, though rewarding and valuable profession!

### Working Bee

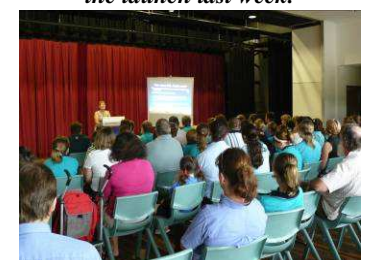
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*Our Futsal girls who triumphed recently in Gladstone.*



*(above) BSL Zenith participant, Jenni Mercer, speaks to the many parents and students who attended the launch last week.*



### COMING UP

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Uniform Free Day

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup>**  
P&C Meeting & AGM

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## DID YOU KNOW.....



### WORKING BEE

Boyne Tannum Christian Church is generously holding a Working Bee on the 7<sup>th</sup> March from 7-11am. This will be centred around garden maintenance. Please join us if you can – please bring hedge trimmers, trailers, bush saws, a safety mindset and a sense of humour. Students are welcome to attend with a note of consent from a parent, and children must be under the supervision of their parents at all times. Please sign in.

### 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 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.



*Keep our students safe in the afternoon and Delay picking up students by 5 minutes.* Accidents are more likely to occur when parents and students are rushed, or when frustrations occur from a bulk of traffic at one time.

### 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.

### FAMILY HOLIDAYS

Wherever possible, holidays should be arranged so as NOT to clash with school term dates, especially around peak assessment time. This is particularly important in Year 11/12. All students should now have all Semester 1 Assessment dates copied down on page 29 of their Student Organisers

### APPRENTICESHIPS INFO

#### CELEBRATES SECOND BIRTHDAY

*Apprenticeships Info* has celebrated its second year of providing Queenslanders with free advice, referrals and support about the many apprenticeship, traineeship and training options available. Established in February 2007 as a key part of the Queensland Skills Plan, *Apprenticeships Info* has aimed to provide improved support to apprentices and streamline service delivery, especially in regional areas. Clients have used self-help tools like the Apprenticeships Info website. These online tools have been successful and widely accepted by apprentices, trainees and employers. See <http://www.apprenticeshipsinfo.qld.gov.au/>

## VIKINGS CUP SCHOOL FUTSAL COMPETITION

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February Miss Maughan took six teams to the Gladstone PCYC to participate in the Regional Championships for the Vikings Cup School Futsal Competition. Many of the students had never played together as a team and over the course of the day improved tremendously. The competition was tough and the students displayed excellent behaviour and sportsmanship. The results are as follows:

U13 Girls – 3<sup>rd</sup>      U13 Boys - R/Up  
U14 Girls - R/Up    U14 Boys - R/Up  
U16 Girls – 4<sup>th</sup>      U16 Boys – R/Up

Four teams have been invited to the Regional Champion of Champions Trophy to be held in Brisbane in July. Well done

## STUDENT SUPPORT

Our School Nurse is Mrs Lyn Stiller. Mrs Stiller is available to speak to students and parents on Tuesday and Thursdays in relation to a variety of health issues. The following article we hope will help to keep our students' minds on their work and promote healthy eating.



### HOW TO PACK A POWER LUNCH

Something filling + Something lasting + Something colourful + A drink

**Something filling:** wholemeal or multigrain bread or roll, pasta, noodles, rice, wholegrain crackers or pita bread

**Something lasting:** skinless chicken, lean meat, canned tuna or salmon, low fat cheese, egg, baked beans, peanut butter or hummus.

**Something colourful:** fresh, tinned or dried fruit including bananas, berries, apples and oranges; fresh or frozen vegetables such as carrot, celery, capsicum and cucumber, salad or salsa.

**A drink:** make water your first choice.

**Power snacks:** sushi rolls, tub of yogurt, dried fruit and nuts, snack sized can of tuna or salmon, wrapped in pita bread with tomato.



(Info from Nicole Starkey – Community Nutritionalist – Qld Health)



(above) Year 8 boys Futsal team members  
(below) Year 10/11 Futsal action.



Year 12 student, Jess Gustafson, sews an item of clothing in Home Economics last week.



Mr Ray Johnston spoke to the large group of 80 parents and students who attended the Zenith launch.



### BSL ZENITH LAUNCH

Last Thursday BSL Zenith conducted its launch with a welcomed group of 80 parents and students. This informative session included current BSL Zenith students who spoke of their individual experiences as part of BSL Zenith. Also in attendance was Tania Murphy (Regional Gifted Education Project Officer), Mr Brian Cooper from BSL, Councillor Maxine Brushe, Pierre Viljoen (Head of Gladstone Campus – CQ University) & representatives from Education Queensland.

### HIGH SCHOOLS' MOOTING COMPETITION

Registrations are now open for the Bond University High Schools' Mooting Competition. A moot is a legal argument conducted by opposing teams before one or more judges. The argument involves the application of legal rules to fact situations like those dealt with by the courts every day. The contest is decided by assessing the advocacy skills of the participants, rather than on the merits of the case. For more information and registration forms log onto: [www.bond.edu.au/study-areas/law/mooting/index.html](http://www.bond.edu.au/study-areas/law/mooting/index.html)

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**BOYNE TANNUM CROCS HOCKEY** Sign on Saturday 7th March. Hockey is safe, fun and less expensive! For details contact Jenny Cross on 4973 3903.

**ADULT COMMUNITY EDUCATION (ACE)** Programs commencing in March 2009 through Learning Network Queensland. [EBay the basics of selling](#), [Stock market Introduction](#) and a variety of other programs are available. (Home or community hook-ups by application) [www.LNQace.com](http://www.LNQace.com) "Linked-Learning" section for details or to register your interest. "Distance" section for distance programs. Fact sheets available by phoning 4936 4068.

**ANGLICARE CENTRAL QUEENSLAND'S** Gladstone Office's Foster and Kinship Care program are seeking new Foster Care homes in the area. If you are interested in finding out how you can help, please contact **Barry Springett** on 4972 8220 or email: [bspringett@anglicarecq.org.au](mailto:bspringett@anglicarecq.org.au)

### GLADSTONE ATHLETIC CLUB

The Gladstone Athletic Club is holding a Multi Event Carnival on Sunday March 8, 2009 at the Gladstone TAFE Oval starting at 10am. Competition is open to all athletes from Under 6 through to Under 18 and for the first time this year we will have an OPEN age group. Interested students, teachers or parents please contact Trish Smith (President) on 49794068 or 0432762616. Entries close Friday 6 March 2009.

### WORKING WITH CHILDREN

Hi, I'm Tania Gorton and I'm a private Psychologist. I enjoy working with children, adolescence and also see adult clients. I have a keen focus on early intervention and prevention in mental health. I can assist youth with anger management, behavioural issues, self-esteem enhancement and building resilience, anxiety, depression and other mental health concerns. Appointments can be made by phoning 0458 010 477 or emailing [taniagorton@yahoo.com.au](mailto:taniagorton@yahoo.com.au). All sources of referral are accepted. Low income clients referred by their GP can access the service at a reduced rate and will be eligible to claim the Medicare rebate. I also accept private health insurance.

### MARCH CANTEEN ROSTER

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

9 <sup>th</sup>	Rhonda Johnsen
10 <sup>th</sup>	Lyn Rosser
11 <sup>th</sup>	Vicky Baldwin & Louise Stubbo
12 <sup>th</sup>	Lyn Rosser
13 <sup>th</sup>	Annie Williams
16 <sup>th</sup>	Rhonda Johnsen
17 <sup>th</sup>	Lyn Rosser & Heather Dunn
18 <sup>th</sup>	Vicky Baldwin
19 <sup>th</sup>	Lyn Rosser
20 <sup>th</sup>	Annie Williams

### FOR THE FRIDGE

#### MARCH 2009

Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	Interschool Cricket
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	Interschool Volleyball
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Uniform Free Day
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	School Swimming Carnival
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 10 Smart Start Financial Literacy
	Harmony Day Celebrations
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	Harmony Day



### Clara Aletsee from Germany plays Cello

Clara has already found favourite things about Australia. She loves our kangaroos...and Tim Tams! She finds Aussies very friendly and has already made lots of new friends. She has found Australians to be more open and relaxed than Germans, which she has found a pleasant experience.

### SPORTS SUCCESS

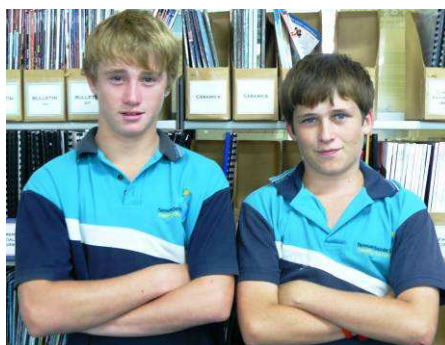
Tannum Sands SHS has already experienced a lot of success this year with many students trialling for a number of Port Curtis teams.

Congratulations to Sarhan Allen, Taylah Andreassen and Luisa Varcoe who were selected in the Port Curtis Softball team. The girls travelled to Rockhampton to compete in the Capricornia trials. Whilst they did not make the Capricornia team, it must be mentioned that this is the second year running that the girls have made the Port Curtis team. Well done girls!

Congratulations also to Sam Dow, James Bagnall, Nikki Cooke, Amber Grosskreutz, Renae Withoos and Hayley McMaster who all gained selection in the Port Curtis Touch teams. They will travel to the Capricornia trials in Rockhampton next week.

It is great to see so many students trialling for Port Curtis teams especially Year 8s and 9s. Whilst not all have been successful, these students are gaining invaluable experience and should be proud of their efforts. Keep up the great work!

If you have any queries or concerns in regards to Sport this year, please do not hesitate to contact Kate Holmes on ph: 4979 9777.



*Sam Dow & James Bagnall*

### P&C- WHY ME?

The Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) plays a vital part in any school.

The P&C is about people – **people just like you** – parents, care givers and community minded people who want to **help** their school. When people work closely with schools we build a stronger sense of community and belonging, and that's where all students benefit.

Without P&C participation our school would not have a convenient uniform shop, five day a week canteen (both of which are staffed by parent volunteers and paid convenors), have access to a wide range of public and private funding routes and our Principal would not have a body to provide him with advice and recommendations on issues and concerns in respect to the student body and the general operations and management of the school.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at 7.30** in the **Resource Centre**. This meeting will also include the **Annual General Meeting**; this is a particularly good time for a first visit as it will give a great overview of events covered in the last financial year, and a chance to meet the new committee. I urge all parents (old and new) to come along and help strengthen our school and community links. **Our P&C DOES need new parents. Sometimes our meeting numbers are as low as six. For non-executive members, you are donating just two hours of your time each month. PLEASE CONSIDER!**

In her Media Release accompanying the Family School Partnership Guide, the Minister for Education, the Hon. **Julia Gillard**, noted that families have a major influence on their children's achievement in school and through life. She added that the evidence shows that when schools, parents and communities work in partnership, children tend to do better in school, stay in school longer and enjoy school more.

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*Taylah Andreassen Luisa Varcoe and Sarhan Allen- Port Curtis Softball Reps.*

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