

FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all students who attended our swimming carnival this year. There was a sea of colour as each house filled the pool during their participation swims, as students showed off their house colours and as our swimming champions raced to the end of the pool to complete their events. The weather for the day was spectacular and the carnival ran very smoothly thanks to the fine efforts of our teachers and event coordinators, Graham Leeson and Peter Wilson. It was great to see that our Sun Safe School Policy was out in force with lots of Slip (shirts), Slop (sunscreen), Slap (Hats) and Wrap (sunglasses) in evidence!

Indigenous Careers Project

Our Teacher Librarian, Deidre Carey, has moved to District Office to take up a position of Education Advisor until September this year to coordinate our successful Commonwealth Funded project – Strong Indigenous Youth. This is a project designed to improve career awareness for young people in primary schools as well as strengthening our high school careers program. This program will assist all learners, as well as provide some focussed programs for our indigenous learners. Mrs Carey has been replaced by Mrs Danielle McAuley, who has previous library experience and has settled in well to our busy Resource Centre. Mrs Carey can be contacted at Education Queensland's Gladstone District Office on 49713600.

Queensland Core Skills Test Preparation

Our Year 12 students have begun their important work in preparing for the Queensland Core Skills Tests this year and they complete their first Writing Test practice this week. Our students last year produced results on this test that were again above the State average. We will be working with this year's cohort to ensure they are well prepared too! All Year 12 students who are OP eligible are expected to complete this essential test preparation. If you have any queries, please contact Todd Comrie or Russ Maynard on 49799777.

Try-A Trade program – Gladstone TAFE

I encourage all students in Year 9 and 10 who are considering trade based careers to get along to the GAGAL Try-A-Trade days being held this Thursday to Saturday. Our school has organised a visit this Thursday. If you've missed this, contact GAGAL and get along to one of the other sessions.

John Adie
Deputy Principal



Having fun in the House Participation event.



Alvaro Reyes, Tyler Stross and Tom Weber.

Swimming Carnival

A number of new records were set at this year's Swimming Carnival. See inside for these highlights and our Champions Report.



NAGATIN

REIGNS SUPREME

Nagatin took out the Swimming carnival honours with 643 points. Other team points included Burarhl 598, Ghinmhine 524 and Whoolghun 485 points.



Corey Brown, Sam Cartwright & Matthew Stark.



Taking the Plunge



Great to see the Slip, Slop, Slap.

COMING UP

Thurs 6th
QCS Writing
Test Practice
Thurs 13th
P & C
Meeting

SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS

NEW RECORDS SET AT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

A number of new records were set again this year. New record holders include:

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| Hayley Quartermaine | 50m Freestyle | 29.07 |
| 13 yrs & Under | 50m Backstroke | 33.88 |
| | 50m Butterfly | 32.14 |
| Amy Quartermaine | 50m Freestyle | 29.10 |
| 15yrs Female | 50m Backstroke | 33.75 |
| Emily Quartermaine | 50m Butterfly | 35.16 |
| 17+ Female | | |
| Jarryd Brown | 50m Backstroke | 33.61 |
| 15 yr Male | 50m Breaststroke | 35.54 |
| | 50m Butterfly | 30.88 |
| Adrian Jess | 50m Backstroke | 33.61 |
| 15 yr Male | | |
| Matthew Stark | 50m Backstroke | 31.74 |
| 17+ Male | | |
| Tana Thorpe | 50m Breaststroke | 40.38 |
| 15 yr Female | | |
| Corey Brown | 50m Breaststroke | 33.94 |
| 17+ Male | | |
| Sam Cartwright | 50m Butterfly | 29.74 |
| 17+ Female | | |

CHAMPIONS REPORT

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|--------------|---------------------|
| 13/U Female | Hayley Quartermaine |
| 13/U Male | Chris Scott |
| 14 yr Female | Jessie Johnson |
| | Charley Bond |
| 14yr Male | Ryan Beecroft |
| 15yr Female | Amy Quartermaine |
| 15yr Male | Jarryd Brown |
| 16yr Female | Morgan Bealing |
| 16yr Male | Zac Bond |
| 17+ Female | Emily Quartermaine |
| 17+ Male | Matthew Stark |



More success for Tannum Sands SHS athletes:

Term 1 has seen a larger number of Tannum Sands students being selected in Port Curtis Sport teams. It is great to see so many trialling for sport teams and a large number of those having success in selection. The following students have been selected in their respective sports and will compete at the Capricornia trials later this year.

VOLLEYBALL

Stevie Irons, Kristy Clark, Amber Grosskreutz, Brad Miller and Sam Down.

15's AFL

Corey Butcher, Tyler Walker, Haydon Griffiths-Woodward, Ky Hull and Haydon Murphy for their selection in the PC AFL Team.

TOUCH FOOTBALL

Tom Kirchner, Amber Grosskreutz, Nikki Cooke and Kristy Ziebell

SWIMMING

The following students have been selected for the Capricornia swimming team and will compete at the State Titles later this year.

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| Corey Brown | Sam Cartwright |
| Henry Cartwright | Jarryd Brown |
| Matt Stark | Ryan Beecroft |
| Ruby Lawler | Hayley Quartermaine |
| Amy Quartermaine | |

GOLF



Taylor McManus, Hannah Edmondstone, Lily McKelvie (pictured left) and Caitlin Hooley competed at the Capricornia Interschool Golf Challenge. All played well with Caitlin winning the 18 hole Girls Pin Shot (Secondary). Well done, girls!

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

For further information contact Kate Holmes on 4979 9734.



Nikki Cooke and Amber Grosskreutz (above)
Tom Kirchner (below)



NEWS FLASH !!

Mum's Taxi off the road Friday 14th March.

That's right, on Friday 14th March Tannum High and some of its feeder schools, are having a Day for the Planet. Staff and students are going to reduce our carbon footprint by cutting down our energy usage. Teachers and students are going to walk or ride bikes where they can and use as little electricity as possible on the day. The aim of the day is to raise our environmental awareness as well as making a start on the fight against global warming. Various activities with an environmental flavour will be held on the day. We thank Leading Edge Electronics, Bunnings, Albany International and BCF Gladstone for providing prizes for the competitions we are holding in conjunction with the event. For further details contact Mr Jamie Lees 4979 9757.



BSL ZENITH – OUR GIFTED PROGRAM



The BSL Zenith launch last Thursday afternoon was a great success. It was very pleasing to see so many parents and students attend, and we are confident that they went away understanding so much more about the BSL Zenith program. Special thanks must go to Jordan Henderson, Hirru Manivasagan and Jenny Mercer for speaking about their individual experiences and opportunities with BSL Zenith. We would also like to thank our special guests who attended from Education Qld., BSL, CQU, Calliope Shire Council and our own P&C. Your support of our program is greatly appreciated.

Any parents who were unable to attend, but would like more information, could you please contact Sharon Schmidt or Julia Cook. On 4979 9777.

Now that the launch is over, the BSL Zenith team will be accepting and processing Passport applications. Any new students to the school who would like to become a member of BSL Zenith can find out more information by attending the BSL Zenith activities room. We are open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at second break in HE02.



Creating Our Futures

The range of activities for our students is certainly huge. All students are encouraged to try something new...perhaps check out the BSL Zenith Program, play lunchtime sport in the Performance Centre, get involved in the Shave for a Cure, read a book from our Resource Centre, try out for a school sporting team..... the list goes on. It is up to each one of us to set goals, put strategies in place and give life a go!

Boys 2 Men Mentoring Day

Students from Tannum Sands State High School took part in a mentoring day for Indigenous pupils at 'Billabong' (an Indigenous property reserved for community gatherings) this week. The day, made possible by "Success For Boys" funding, allowed both male and female students from Tannum, Toolooa and Gladstone State High Schools to come together to celebrate their culture and participate in activities including: Bush Tucker Walks, motivational talks, learning about traditional tools and instruments and preparing a Kup Murri. This is a traditional camp oven formed by making a pit containing heated rocks, covered with gum leaves, hessian sacks and mounded with earth. The ladies made tie dyed scarves, collecting leaves to make imprints, with 'Auntie' Julie Ingra, and after the fantastic meal and game of touch footy, the students took part in Indigenous dance. The 'Men's Group' along with Anthony Jarrett made the day very memorable.



REDI FOR ACTION

Resilience Education and Drug Information (REDI) parents met this week to decide how to form an active, informed, parent lead group at Tannum Sands State High School. The meeting was well attended by ten parents, Senior Constable Vicki Dredge and staff including Lyn Stiller (School Based Nurse), Nathan Wyer (Guidance Officer), Leon Sternberg (Head of HPE and Lifeskills) and Community Liaison Officer, Carol Shuttleworth. The group, which will be parent driven, was given advice by Bill Brown from The Global Institute for Learning & Development (gild), on how to resourcefully keep the momentum of the network going and also how to help formulate protective strategies for use during crucial times in teenagers' lives. Life events such as transition to High School, peer pressure, binge drinking and body image are some of the many issues identified as areas the group would like to address in the future. If you would like more information on the group, please contact Carol Shuttleworth on 4979 9778. The next meeting is Friday 14th March at Breezes commencing at 10:30am. All welcome!

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

The Coconet Classic has become one of the country's premier exhibitions of extreme sports and entertainment, and we'd love to again invite you to attend the festivities and enter in your chosen sport.

The event begins on Good Friday 9am at the Skate Park for the Skate/BMX/Inline/Scooter Winch and "Coconut Clash" (Battle of the Bands) competitions. Saturday and Sunday will be at the Millennium Esplanade from 9am for the Kiteboarding, live music, beach games, free giveaways and Sunday Markets.

Last year, the DVD and many local students made the front cover of Australia's leading "Kiteboarder Magazine", and this year, Fuel TV, Slam Magazine, 2020 Magazine, Kiteboarder Magazine and HOT FM have agreed to cover the event nationally. So come on down, get filmed and catch all of the action!

For more information, or to register for a sport, band or stall, simply go to the website:



www.coconetclassic.net.au. Or contact Danielle at Coconet on 1300 664 907, email danielle@coconet.net.au.

CAREERS NOTICEBOARD

Yr 12 VET Students' Compulsory Work Placement

Yr 12 VET students (subjects listed below) must engage in a block of work experience each year to ensure they can apply the competencies they are learning in a real work environment. The applications for Yr 12 VET students are due Friday 13th March for placement from 6th - 9th May. Students must ask their teacher for more information.

VET subjects: Music in Industry (MIS), Hospitality (HOS), Engineering Strand B (ESB), Furnishings (FSC), Certificate in Business (BAA), Business Communication and Technology (BCT) and Certificate in IT.



Qld Training Awards 2008

School-based apprentices and trainees and/or employers should nominate for the training awards. There are several categories including Vocational Student of the Year, School-based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year, ATSI Student of the Year, Small Employer of the Year and more. Students and employers should go to www.qta.qld.gov.au for more information.

Yr 12 Work Experience

Year 12 students wanting to do work experience from the 6th-9th of May must apply now. During this time there are a number of activities for Yr 12 students and an alternate program is usually organised for the week. As the number of curriculum lessons for Yr 12 students is decreased it is a good time for students (especially OP eligible students and/or those that have not done any work experience before) to engage in work placement. Applications close 13th March. For more information contact Todd Comrie (HOD Senior Schooling & Business) in Staffroom 4.

RAAF Career Information Seminars 2008

The RAAF host a 2 day seminar for students interested in a career in the Defence Force. It is held at the RAAF Base Amberly during the dates below. Transport, accommodation etc. are at the expense of the student (not covered by the Defence Force). Electronic applications can be located at <http://education.qld.gov.au/students/placement/work/amberly.html> or a hard copy will be placed on the school's Career Noticeboard.

Seminar dates are: 15-16 April, 13-14 May, 17-18 June, 22-23 July, 19-20 Aug, 16-17 Sept.

| FOR THE FRIDGE | | MARCH 2008 | |
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| Thursday 6 th | Cap Volleyball | Monday 17 th | PC Trials for Boys Cricket |
| Friday 7 th | Cap Trials Surfing | Tuesday 18 th | Cap Trials (19yrs Football, Squash, Hockey, Rugby League) |
| Tuesday 11 th | PC Trials (Squash, Hockey, 19yrs Football, 15/18 Rugby League. | Wednesday 26 th | Yr 10 Mock Interviews, Cap Trials 18yrs Rugby Union |
| Thursday 13 th | Yr 12 QCS Short Response Practice | Thursday 27 th | Yr 8/9/10 Vaccinations |
| | Cap Trials (Netball & AFL) | Monday 31 st | National Geographic Competition |