

FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK

National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

Our year 9 students will participate in nation testing on the mornings of:

- Tuesday 13 May: Two tests – Language conventions and Writing (narrative)
- Wednesday 14 May: Reading
- Thursday 15 May: Numeracy (two papers, calculator and non-calculator)

All students will be expected to participate with only the following variations being permitted:

- Exemption – Students may be exempt from sitting the test because they are non-English speakers or they have a disability.
- Absences – Students may be absent from school on the day and not be present on the catch-up day Friday 16th May. Absences would need to be properly explained.
- Special Consideration – Students may require adaptations to the test administration
- Parent Withdrawal – Students may be withdrawn at the written request of their parents/carers.

All exemptions and special considerations will need to be negotiated with the school and approved by the Principal in writing prior to the test dates. More information will be sent home closer to the test date.

Preparation of the students is already happening in English and Maths classes and some practice sessions will occur early next term.

GAMSET Success

Gladstone Area Mathematics Science and Engineering Teachers is a group of Mathematics and Science Heads of Department and teacher representatives from Primary School that focuses on the professional development of teachers. This group has recently been successful in obtaining Federal Government funding for two projects. The first project aims to engage more students in the study of higher levels of Mathematics through the development of real life applications of Mathematics. The second project aims to improve Science outcomes for indigenous students. The projects were awarded \$60 000 and \$75 000 respectively with Tannum Sands State High being the lead school for both projects.

P & C AGM Meeting

Please come to our P&C meeting tonight, (Thursday 13th March) at 7:30pm in the Resource Centre. The AGM will be followed by our March general meeting. We need you support!

Mr Kevin Giles
Deputy Principal

Thurs 13th
P & C AGM Meeting

Wed 19th
Indigenous Sport &
Cultural Day

Wed 26th
Uniform Free Day

MORE FROM THE SWIMMING CARNIVAL



Shay Machen, Ryan Couperthwaite, Matt Hillier, Brad McFarlane & Andrew Long



Leigh Delfsma & Katelin Beare



Mr Leon Sternberg & Alex Matheson-Brown



Don't worry, be happy! Having fun at the pool.



FORMAL ASSEMBLY:

Wednesday, April 2nd is the date set down for our next formal assembly (to be hosted by glorious Ghinmhine House). The assembly will run from approximately 9.00am to 10.15am, with morning tea being served at the conclusion of the ceremony. We welcome any parents who are able to attend, and ask if you could let the school know if you intend to join us, by Tuesday 25th June. This enables us to arrange seating and catering.

It should be a great morning, with the swimming champions being honoured, as well as a great range of other talent being displayed.

If there are any queries, or for more information, please don't hesitate to contact Ellen Kean on 4979 9728.

HUMAN POWERED LATHE

When discussing what our Year 9 Woodwork class could do for planet day, the idea of a bicycle powering the wood lathe came up. We talked about different set-ups and decided that the schools Human Powered Vehicles (Recumbent Tricycles) would be the most comfortable option, so the plan was put into action. The HPV was chosen, its rear tyre and tube were removed, a belt was found, the HPV was mounted on a wind-trainer and the first piece of timber was turned on the lathe. After a few teething problems were solved, and the RPM's calculated, the Human Powered Lathe was off and running. We have been using it in class for the last week, and students have been enjoying the experience. For further details contact Dave Dingle on 4979 9757.



Sean O'Connor(bike) and Mr Dave Dingle



STUDENT SAFETY

We have received a few calls from Tannum residents over the past months regarding the safety of our students. In particular road safety and awareness, or the lack thereof. The latest was in the Coles car park. It has been mentioned that some of our students are not obeying simple road rules such as looking before crossing the road, riding bicycles on the LHS of the road, and giving way to oncoming traffic. This not only endangers the lives of our students, but also the lives of others in the community.

We urge parents to convey this safety message to your children, no matter whether in primary or secondary school.

Remember, the life you harm may not be your own.



Chris Bergqvist (Bike) and Mackenzie Williams use the new HPV Lathe.

SPORTING EXCELLENCE

Once again Tannum Sands students are gaining selection in a large number of representative teams. It is great to see so many students trialling for Port Curtis teams. First term has been extremely chaotic with a large number of sports having their trials early on – with more still to happen! Thank you also to the large number of teachers who have kindly taken the time to select, train and travel with the students.

Congratulations to Ben Wriede for placing 12th at the State Triathlon Titles. Congratulations to Hayley Beaumont, Jaymee Williams, Tayla Morgan, Natalie Davis & Poppy Larson for their selection into the U15 PC Netball team, and to Shannon Kelly & Krystie-Lee Ziebell for their selection into the Open PC Netball team.

Congratulations to Hayley McMaster for her selection in the Open PC Touch team.

Congratulations to Brad Millers for his selection in the 15 boys Capricornia Volleyball team. Brad will compete at the state titles later this year. Well done!

Congratulations to Jarred Mercer, Callan Mercer, Sam Leschniok, Rachel Withoos, Chelsea Lalor and Morgan Bealing for their selection in the Capricornia Surfing team. They will all travel to North Stradbroke in May to compete the state titles.



BSL ZENITH – OUR GIFTED PROGRAM



**165
Passports
(2008)**

- ✚ The demand for World Maths Day 2008 was overwhelming with more than 1,000,000 participants in the event from all over the world. Because of the number of participants, the World Maths Day server had difficulty coping, causing delays in signing in. However, eventually most of our students were able to participate and enjoy their time playing other students around the world.
- ✚ The National Geographic Competition entries have now closed and will be held on Tuesday April 1st during lesson 1.
- ✚ 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 front counter or from Mrs Cook in Staffroom 1. The next two competitions for the year are Australian Informatics to be held on Thursday 8th May and Rio Tinto Big Science to be held on Thursday 22nd May. Registrations for both these competitions close on Friday 4th April. NB: You do not have to be a BSL Zenith member to enter any of the competitions, however we do encourage it!
- ✚ We would like to encourage any parents who are interested in finding out more about our BSL Zenith program, and were not able to attend the launch, to contact any of our team members at the school. Our BSL Zenith team consists of Mr Tony Muller: Acting Head of Department; Mrs Sharon Schmidt: Program Manager; Mrs Julia Cook and Mrs Kathy Gordon: Teacher Aides.
- ✚ If you would like to make an email enquiry please send it to jcook83@eq.edu.au.

MABERUELI HOMEWORK CENTRE – (Maberueli is an Eastern Torres Strait word meaning, 'you are learning in a classroom') Maberueli Homework Centre is located at the Resource Centre and is opened Monday and Tuesday every morning from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Mathematics, Science, SOSE and English teachers are on hand to assist with assignments, homework or exam questions and queries. Computers are also available for those who require access to them. For any students wishing to have extra assistance with Maths, tutoring is available in G211, Wednesday to Friday from 12:00 until 12:25 p.m. There are also teachers available at the Science Block, Tuesday and Friday lunch times for help with Physics.



**WHO'S WHO AT
TANNUM HIGH**

Nathan Weyer

Role: *Guidance Officer*

Nathan has recently commenced with us at Tannum High, working Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. His favourite food is Thai, the hotter the better. The Matrix Trilogy is a movie Nathan says has meaning and makes you wonder what life's about... is there something more?

A keen fisherman, Nathan enjoyed catching Bream with his grandfather from Point Cartwright. Nathan is also quite the adventurer, having swum in a glacier pond in NZ and travelled to Northern Thailand to support community development programs. He also enjoys downhill mountain bike racing with "Chappy", and his passion is helping people in need. Nathan recently received a scholarship looking at developing career education programs to support youth in transition, especially those at risk of leaving school.

THE SAFETY HOUSE PROGRAM NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT



At present there is only one Safety House between Gladstone, Calliope and Boyne Tannum for students to use when they need help. For information on becoming a safety house, please come to the information night at McDonalds Gladstone, 29th March at 4:00pm. For details contact Chaplain David Kamholtz 0412320475.

AN INVITATION IS EXTENDED TO YEAR 12 STUDENTS TO JOIN THIS EXCITING PROGRAM THE 2008 ELECTRICAL PILOT PROGRAM

Interested in pursuing a career in the electrical engineering field? Then the Electrical Pilot Program offered by the Gladstone Schools Engineering Skills Centre is for you!

The Electrical Pilot Program strengthens entry level qualifications into the electrical/instrumentation trades and tertiary studies in engineering through skills development, industry experience and awareness.

The Program Timetable:

- Thursday afternoons - 1:00pm to 5:00pm
- Two Saturdays - 7:30am to 3:30pm
- Two weeks industry placement during the June/July holidays.

Cost:

- \$60 for materials, Work Placement and CQTAFE fees
- Students will be required to provide their own PPE

At the moment, seven places are going begging? If you would like to know more about the Electrical Pilot Program contact the GSESC office on 4972 8950.

Applications for the Electrical Pilot Program close on Friday, 14 March 2008. They look forward to receiving your application.

SHAVE FOR A CURE

Congratulations to the following students who are participating in the Shave for a Cure.

Emma Rigney, Courtney Stewart, Jason Smith Jordan Roper, Dayle Arlt, Aaron Mulhare, Cori Castle, Emma Bush, Cody Brown, Josh Ward, David Hodgson, Rebecca Heider, Lochie Anderson, Haydon Wilson, Matt Hillier, Daniel Selff, and Sam Schuler. Please support these students in this wonderful cause. See next week for the after shots.



Emma Rigney and Courtney Stewart

POSITION VACANT – Business Administration Trainee

Suitable applicants are sought for an Administration Trainee position for a Certificate II or Certificate III in Business Administration.

Application packages are available from Tannum Sands State High School, located on Coronation Drive, Tannum Sands or by contacting the office on 4979 9777. **Applications close on the 28th March 2008.** Confirmation of employment will be conditional upon the preferred applicant being issued with a "Suitability Card" from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian.

Address applications "CONFIDENTIAL", to The Business Services Manager at Tannum Sands State High School, PO Box 3058, Tannum Sands, 4680. All applicants will remain current for a 12 month period and this potential applicant pool may be used to fill future vacancies.

CAREERS NOTICEBOARD

Vacancy

RepcO in Gladstone has a casual position (9hrs/fortnight) for a Parts Interpreter. Training will be provided. Apply online through www.repcO.com.au. Select Careers, then Australia and follow the links.

FOR THE FRIDGE

MARCH 2008

Thurs 13th Yr 12 QCS Short Response Practice
Cap Trials (Netball & AFL)
Mon 17th PC Trials for Boys Cricket

Tues 18th Cap Trials (19yrs Football, Squash, Hockey, R/League)
Wed 26th Yr 10 Mock Interviews, Cap Trials 18yrs R/Union
Thurs 27th Yr 8/9/10 Vaccinations
Mon 31st National Geographic Competition