

with Mr Rohan Brooks

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Having been absent from Tannum High for 12 months one of the great joys is noting how much students can change in that time. It is wonderful to see our Senior students stepping up to the mark with obviously maturing confidence and presence. They seem prepared to take on the responsibilities of charting a course for themselves and putting something back into the school, rather than just arriving here each day. Similarly, students who were in my mind last in Year 8 are now working towards the completion of Year 10 and starting to look at their options, interests and opportunities. While these are challenging times, the enthusiasm and initiative of so many of our students fills me with hope.

An example of this was the reports the school received following the Year 10 excursion to the GAGAL "What's my Trade?" exposition. A report on this is further on in the newsletter. It was wonderful to hear the compliments the Year 10 students (over 100 of them) received from both the presenters and their supervising teachers. The students were attending as part of their program within the SOSE department that is preparing all Year 10s to complete their Senior Education and Training (SET) Plans. The SET Plan is a planning document that asks students, in consultation with their parents, to start to chart a course for themselves as they move into their Senior years of schooling or out into the workforce. This is a requirement of all students in Queensland before they finish Year 10. All our Year 10's should have completed this by the end of this semester – June.

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Students are however, more successful when they have support around them. The combined work of parents, teachers and other support staff can make a huge difference to the focus and success of our students, and here at Tannum Sands State High School we continually look to build these relationships. Please encourage students to be aware of and use the support available to them to be as successful at their learning as possible.

Congratulations to all of the participants in this year's Shave for a Cure. Our Student Council raised \$2263.45 last week as students, teachers and other staff members either shaved their head, had legs waxed or coloured their hair. This is yet again another great effort by the whole school community and everyone involved should be commended.

DEPUTY

We have a terrific team of girls who are proactive in litter reduction; these being Jenni Mercer, Kate Gray and Courtney Stewardson. The following is an insight from Kate Gray in relation to their efforts.

As dedicated senior mentors, the environmental committee have planned a competition to run for the remainder of this year, and continuing into the many years which still await us. The focus will be to change the mind-set towards litter. With up to \$2000 worth of prizes and the tremendous support of teachers and staff, it shall be a thrilling adventure witnessing our fellow students becoming more aware and proud of their school environment, which will eventually lead to the same values for the Boyne Tannum neighbourhood.



**Fri 20th March**  
Year 10  
Financial  
Literacy

**Tues 7th April**  
Year 8  
Vaccinations



**These students attended Try a Trade last week and had a try at plumbing. See inside for more details.**



**Year 8 student, Rhianna Schmidt, prepares a Meatloaf in Home Economics class this week.**



**Last week a group of Tannum students participated in the Port Curtis Surfing Trials. See next weeks Newsletter for all of the details and action.**

## DID YOU KNOW.....

### OUR CANTEEN NEEDS YOUR HELP

Canteen Volunteers needed; please help us to serve our students, by donating part day or full day help to our Canteen. You can choose how often you help us – weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

The friendly Canteen staff look forward to meeting you. Please contact Cath on 4979 9735 to help out.

### FORMAL ASSEMBLY

Once a term a **Formal Assembly** is held at our school. The aims include:

- A chance to celebrate and reward the terms' achievements
- Opportunity for our arts and other students to perform to a large audience
- Have the student body get used to a formal occasion, a skill for life
- Each House coordinates one, giving Leaders experience at chairing
- Guest speaker is invited so students gain tips about preparing for study and work
- Parents and community members can view our school "on show"
- Blue Sails Restaurant students gain practice at catering for large numbers

Parents of awardees may gain a personalised invitation, but ALL parents are invited and encouraged to attend Formal Assemblies. *Please come on Wed 8th April at 9am in our Performance Centre*

### UNIFORM SHOP

Winter uniforms need to be ordered now. An order form was included in last weeks Newsletter.

Prices:

Windcheater	\$40
Micro-fibre Panelled Jacket	\$45
Micro-fibre Straight Legged Track Pant	\$25
Ink Navy School Trousers	\$40

Please ensure that all winter uniform orders are received by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2009.

For further information phone Monique on 4979 9752.

### SALE OF AUSTRALIAN SPORTING HISTORY HELPS OUR SCHOOL

A parent of one of the students has listed items on EBay to sell. They are all items of sporting Memorabilia.

The items up for auction, include:

- Sydney Olympics 2000 - Nike Unitard signed by Jai Taurima
- Nike Polo shirt signed by Hayley Lewis
- Sydney Olympics 2000 - Bag from Opening Ceremony

These are the last three items to be listed on E-Bay! All proceeds from the sale of these items will be donated to the TSSHS P&C. Check them out on [www.ebay.com](http://www.ebay.com). The end date is 21/3/09.

### 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.

### LAST WEEKS BRAIN TEASER ANSWER

T and Z. The alphabet with the following sequence of spaces between the letters: two, three, two, four, two, five, two and six.

*This Newsletter can be emailed directly to parents on request by forwarding an email to [lflet30@eq.edu.au](mailto:lflet30@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>*



**Zac Bond and Meagan Sheppard in action.**

### SENIOR MENTORS TRAINING DAY

The *Senior Mentors* group has formed again at school for the new year. They recently attended a training day at the Surf Club, where they learnt about what it means to be a leader and how to *choose your own attitude*. They had a lot of fun getting involved in the team-building activities, and then the afternoon saw them forming new committees. The committees are: Environment, Disco, International Charity, Local Charity, School Magazine and Sport & Health. The day was a huge success and the Seniors have a renewed sense of direction and vitality within each of their committees, with some brilliant new ideas coming through. Their first task is promoting sun-safety at the swimming carnival, with some great prizes up for grabs. Thanks to the Seniors for a fantastic day – you are a credit to our school!



### TANNUM HIGH'S PORT CURTIS NETBALL SUCCESS

The following Netball players have been chosen for Port Curtis teams this year. Congratulations!

Poppy Larson	U15 netball
Paige McCarthy	U15 netball
Hayley Beaumont	Open Netball
Jaymee Williams	Open Netball
Hannah Jeffries	Open Netball
Natalie Davis	Open Netball

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### NUMERACY TIPS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS TO HELP HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

To support your high school student's efforts at school you can continue the lessons they learn in the classroom by helping them to develop their numeracy skills at home. Some activities you could do include: asking for their help when using a map or street directory to travel to a new destination; planning a family holiday, including budget and travel times, discussing what measurements you need for decorating or renovating a room. For example, "What measurements do we need to make when buying a desk?" and "Do we need to measure or will estimating be acceptable?" When assembling furniture read the assembly instructions and relate them to the real object. Discuss how two-dimensional drawings are related to three-dimensional items; draw and discuss plans related to landscaping decisions around the home; discuss the implications of time issues related to overseas locations; use computer packages that create virtual rooms to help visualise what a room would look like, if planning renovations. For more information about how you can help your child with literacy and numeracy visit [www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map)



### AUSTRALIAN AWARDS FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE 2009

Nominations are now open for the Australian Awards for Teaching Excellence. The awards this year will be made in the following six categories, with an additional Minister's Award for Excellence in ICT:

- Excellence by a Teacher
- Excellence in Teacher Leadership
- Excellence by a Principal
- Excellence by a Beginning Teacher
- Excellence by a Support Staff Member
- Excellence by a School and its Community.

Teaching Australia is managing the awards nomination and selection process, in partnership with the Australian College of Educators.

The closing date for nominations is 19 June 2009.

The presentation will be made by the Minister for Education, the Hon Julia Gillard, in a ceremony in the Great Hall, Parliament House, Canberra in October, in association with World Teachers' Day.

To find out more go to:

<http://www.teachingaustralia.edu.au>

**SIEMENS SCIENCE EXPERIENCE**

By Zoë Wheeler

On the 20<sup>th</sup> January Jordan Henderson, Hayden James, Ryan Beecroft and I started a 3 day science filled experience. The three days were fun and interesting. On the first day we listened to people talk, built a DC motor (it is a piece of wire that spins and does not stop), constructed a bridge which we tested to see how strong it was (in other words destroyed it) and also had a quiz (my team came third – Yeah!!). On the second day we tested water for chemicals, put drugs on a toad heart and watched it beat (it was cool), and had the quiz again (my team came third again). On the final day we made a tone generator, tested our saliva for lysozyme which kills some bacteria (the girls had the most), and had the quiz but only the team who came first out of the two days got to participate individually. Jordan was in that group, he won a watch and movie tickets. We were then presented with certificates. The experience was great and I had fun and learnt a lot. I recommend it to any year 9's going into year 10 next year.

**MURDER UNDER THE MICROSCOPE**

Murder under the Microscope is an online environmental game for school students in Years 5 to 10. The objective is for detective teams to solve a **fictional eco-crime**. BSL Zenith have organised a team of Year eight Zenith students to participate in this event under the guidance of Mr Hiscox. As the theme is "crisis on the coast", the students are sure to be motivated to learn and will benefit from solving the crime and submitting a plan to protect the environment.



**SENIOR SCHOOLING**

**SCHOOL-BASED TRAINEESHIP IN ADMINISTRATION** with Dept. Tourism, Reg. Dev. & Ind. Gladstone. Two year program through Years 11-12. A resume including recent copies of school results and a cover letter to be posted, delivered or emailed to: Katarina Kardum, PO Box 539, 33 Goondoon Street, Old Post Office Building, Gladstone Qld 4680, katarina.kardum@dtirdi.qld.gov.au

**STUDENTS STUDY AND WORK OVERSEAS.** Education First are advertising the opportunity for students to study overseas for periods of 2-12 months. Scholarships also available. For more information visit [www.ef.com/highschool](http://www.ef.com/highschool) or see the Career Board at school. Applications close 31st March.

Culture Care Au Pair are advertising opportunities for 18-26 Year olds to work in the USA. Visit [www.culturalcare.com.au](http://www.culturalcare.com.au) or see the Career Board at the school.

**SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIP** with Reece (Bathrooms and Plumbing products) in Gladstone. For more information and to apply go to: [www.reece.com.au/careers/asba](http://www.reece.com.au/careers/asba).



**TRY MY TRADE**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March found 95 Year 10 T.S.S.H.S. students spending a blisteringly hot afternoon at the G.A.G.A.L. trades training area in Beckinsale St, Gladstone. Provided with a feast of hands-on opportunities, our students were exposed to a wide range of trades including electrical, mechanical, carpentry, construction, bricklaying, plumbing, hairdressing, retail, hospitality, horticulture, machine operation, tiling and painting. Under the watchful gaze of qualified supervisors, the students welded, painted and generally applied themselves with great enthusiasm to the wide variety of activities. It was a delight to see so many of our former students on-site offering their wisdom and assistance as well. My thanks go to G.A.G.A.L for their excellent organisation, and to our Year 10 students for their exemplary behaviour, good manners and enthusiasm.



Students enjoyed their hands-on experiences in the various trade areas.

**NEWS FROM YOUR P & C**

Highlights of the AGM Meeting which was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

**Election of New Office Bearers:**

<b>President</b>	John Wessling
<b>Vice President</b>	Vicki Baldwin
<b>Secretary</b>	Suzie Chick
<b>Treasurer</b>	Deidre Carey
<b>QCPCA Representative</b>	John Wessling
<b>Newsletter Liaison Officer</b>	Helen Mison
<b>Building Fund Co-ordinator</b>	Suzie Chick
<b>P &amp; C Staff Liaison Officer</b>	Vicki Baldwin

**Other News**

The Canteen has purchased a new microwave and freezer.

Four students attended the meeting to make a proposal to have an awards system installed in order to motivate students to keep the school cleaner and litter free. They are going to present this to the student council too.

**NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

This is a great way to celebrate students walking and riding to school.

Organising a National

Ride2School Day provides an opportunity for student leaders to practise their skills. It's also a great way for schools to get involved with their community by linking with local bike shops, Police and members of their wider community. Best of all, National Ride2School Day is a chance for brand new riders, parents and teachers to experience riding and walking to school for the first time. They might find that it's quicker, more interesting and lots of fun to walk or ride to school.



Other great benefits of walking or riding to school include:

- Children feel fresh and more alert at the beginning of the school day.
- There are fewer cars on the road, reducing congestion and greenhouse gases.
- Children can work towards completing the recommended '60 minutes of moderate activity each day' on the way to and from school.
- Children feel happier, are healthier and perform better at school.

**MARCH CANTEEN ROSTER**

Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	Heather Dunn
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	Helen Mison
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Annie Williams
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Rhonda Johnsen
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	Tracey Webber-Hanson
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Help Needed
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	Help Needed
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Lyndell Gilson/Annie Williams
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	Sharon Bidmade
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup>	Tracey Webber-Hanson

**FOR THE FRIDGE**

**March**

Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 10 Smart Start Financial Literacy
	Harmony Day Celebrations
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	Gladstone Dance Festival is being held in our Performance Centre.

**April**

Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 8 Vaccinations
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	Formal Assembly
	ATOD's Indigenous Sport & Art
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	Last School Day for this Term