

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Another State Honour!

Congratulations to Natalee Williamson, ex-2007 student, who attained a Merit Award in the 2008 T J Ryan Memorial Medal program. The Minister of Education presented 10 scholarships, five highly commended awards and 13 merit awards to Year 12 graduates who consistently achieved high academic results and displayed leadership within both their school and the community. The awards honour Thomas Joseph Ryan, Queensland Premier from 1915 to 1919, in recognition of his dedication to public life. Natalee joins Nirmitha Manivasagan, who also achieved this award in 2007.

Thanks, P&C

Recently, our Parents and Citizens (P&C) Association held its Annual General Meeting. Out-going President, Mark Petrie, was able to report on a stellar year for the P&C and he and Treasurer, John Wessling, have certainly left the P&C on a solid financial footing. In 2007, the P&C was able to fund school curriculum projects to the tune of \$31,000, as well as paying off \$29 000 on its air-conditioning loan. The P&C will continue to operate its School Building Fund, so that this loan can be paid off as soon as practicable.

Thanks to Petra Wheeler who was chosen as the P&C President for this year. See next issue for details re P&C Executive 2008.

Uniform

Thanks to parents for their continuing support on uniform. Let's not let the standard slip in winter!

ALL students are expected to own and wear the winter uniform – top and bottom. Coloured jumpers, lumber jackets, non-school track pants and jeans are not allowed.

All tracksuit or tailored pants, and a sprayjacket or windcheater should be ordered by 4 April, in time for winter. *Please ring 49799752, M/W/F morning, and Monique Toner will assist.*

Active Student Council

Last week, our Student Council held a very successful school dance, with our largest attendance ever. Thanks to teachers who gave up their night and students who led.

Students also really supported Shave for a Cure. They held waxing, colouring and shaving events during lunch hours, to large audiences. Latest figures indicate they have raised over \$5000 for the Leukaemia Foundation. Terrific work, guys!

Late to School

The best time to get to school is 8.30am. Students have their first roll marking at 8.50 and therefore are expected to be organising for this around 8.40 e.g. moving to parade or House Group room. Students who arrive after 8.50 are deemed to be late and will be sent to the office. Here, lateness is recorded. Three such occasions incurs a detention (unless explained by parental note, of course). Some students arrive late because they dawdle on the way to school, some sleep in or leave their run too late. Others the family is late in dropping them off. If you believe your son or daughter may be arriving late to school, please discuss their punctuality with them.

Ray Johnston
Principal

SHAVE FOR A CURE

So far, the Shave for a Cure team has raised approximately \$6000 with funds from the free dress day yet to come in. Rumour has it that if we raised \$5000, our HPE teachers would get their legs waxed to mark this great achievement. It looks like we'll have a lot of smooth legs, guys! It was also great to see the support given to these students from the school and the wider community.



Emma Rigney & Courtney Stewart



Emma Bush



Alex Matheson-Brown, Teacher Chris Henderson, Jordan Roper, Aaron Mulhane, Sam Schuler and Josh Ward.

COMING UP

APRIL

Thurs 3rd
P & C Meeting
7th-11th
Easter Holidays

ONCE AGAIN, TANNUM SANDS STUDENTS EXCEL!

Courtney Watt gained selection in the Capricornia squash team and will compete at the State Titles later this year.

Jordan Roper and Linda Goodwin were selected to play at the Soccer State Titles for Capricornia.

Congratulations to Poppy Larson who was selected in the U15 Capricornia netball team. Well done, Poppy.

The State Surf Lifesaving Championships were held recently with a number of Tannum Sands SHS students performing exceptionally well.

- Jacqui Craig and Alana Cooke were both members of the U15 sprint relay team which won the State Title!
- Jacqui also placed 8th in the individual sprint final.
- David Vaughan came 17th in the swim final and only just missed out on a spot in the iron-man final.
- Rachel Withoos placed 15th in the iron-woman final and 20th in the swim final.
- Adrian Jess placed 22nd in the swim final.



Well done to all our athletes!

INTERSCHOOL CRICKET



The school cricket team has recently played in the Port Curtis interschool 20-20 cricket competition. The team played against Biloela, Chanel and Toolooa but did not play Gladstone due to rain. The team played exceptionally well against Chanel bowling them all out for 49 runs. Michael Mole bowled particularly well. Tannum scored an impressive 148 in reply. Jacob Mills was retired after a quick fire 30 runs to give other players a bat. Next up was Toolooa and after Toolooa scored 160 runs in their 20 overs the team knew it was going to be challenging to win the game. After an impressive opening stand of 42 by captain Lachlan Perkins, Tannum was in the hunt at the halfway mark of the innings. Unfortunately, the total was too great, with Tannum scoring 106 in reply. The last game was against Biloela and Tannum contained them to only 69 runs. An indifferent batting performance saw Tannum get the runs with only one wicket in hand. CJ Perkins was the pick of the Tannum batters. At the conclusion on the competition Tannum finished a tie for second which was quite pleasing, considering the team has a number of young players who should shine in the future years.

Front: Lachlan Perkins, Dominic Tanner, Middle: CJ Perkins, Jason Gilmore, Jacob Harvey and Top: Mike Mole, Reece Richardson and Daniel Selff.

AUSLIFE is running an interactive half day seminar on goals, values and relationships on the 21st April. This seminar features simulation activities, multimedia presentations and small group discussions, and is part of the Chaplaincy program.

All Year 10's and 11's will be attending this seminar. If you do not wish your student to attend, please send a letter with your student addressed to the Chaplain beforehand.

For further details contact the Chaplain David Kamholtz on 4979 9703.



The Australian Defence Force visited last week as part of their drive to recruit more young Australians into the defence forces.

Student Prue Maeyke discusses options with ADF representatives.



BSL ZENITH – OUR GIFTED PROGRAM



**165
Passports
(2008)**

QUT SMART TRAIN

Some of our BSL Zenith students will be invited to attend the QUT Smart Train on Thursday 22nd May. The QUT Smart Train travels throughout Queensland, covering approximately 10,000km, with displays on board that are highly interactive and cover a wide range of faculties. This will be the first BSL Zenith Reward Mission for the year and as there is limited number of students who will be able to attend, the reward has been offered to all Year 8 BSL Zenith students first, with the possibility of older students being able to attend, depending on numbers.

DON'T FORGET TO HAND IN PASSPORT APPLICATION FORMS

To find out everything about the Beijing Olympic Games, interactively explore the venues and learn about this exciting host city, an interesting website is: www.olympics.com.au



Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards 2008

If you enjoy writing poetry then you should consider entering this competition, open to all school age students. The theme this year is "Forests, Fins and Fur" or you may select a topic of your choice. Entries close on 2nd June 2008. Winners will receive \$500 plus a trophy and books with prizes for runner ups. All students receive a Participation Certificate. If you would like more information please see Mrs Cook in Staffroom 1 or log onto www.dorothea.com.au



Enter the Australian 2008 Short Story and Poetry Competition to win CASH and other fantastic PRIZES!!!



Business and IT Skills Centre



Designs completed by Sophie Hagan and Lauren Clark were selected by the organising committee to promote the expo.

BITS Centre changes days of operations

The BITS Centre is now operating Thursday and Friday only. Wednesday's operations have been moved to Thursday. This change is because:

- teacher timetables allow the change,
- it means fewer subject clashes for students,
- it creates a bigger group on the Thursday which is better for students and
- allows greater car pooling opportunities for Gladstone students.

This is a modification of the BITS Centre operations, which is expected during the pilot period. It also means the BITS Centre is available for special groups that may want to access it for projects e.g. excursions etc.

For further information contact Todd Comrie on 4979 9762.

CAREERS NOTICEBOARD



Girls' Electrical Program

GAGAL Apprentices and Trainees are seeking expressions of interest for Girls in Year 10, 11 or 12 to participate in their Girls' Electrical Program. The Program runs 4pm to 7pm every Tuesday and Wednesday at Gladstone TAFE. To obtain an expression of interest form contact Kate Surridge on (07) 4972 5988 or 0448010910 or alternatively see Careers Board in the Resource Centre for more information or Todd Comrie/Sherry Perkins SR4 / Ext. 761 Wed/Thur/Fri.

QCS Test Special Provision - closes 21st May

The Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test is compulsory for Year 12 students wanting to obtain an Overall Position (OP) score (for other students, it is optional). The test is held over two days: Tue 2nd Sept. - Wed. 3rd Sept. Students can apply for special provisions under which to sit the test; however, applications close 21st May 2008. Some of the grounds on which students can apply are listed below.

Application forms can be collected from Mr Russell Maynard at the school or downloaded from the Queensland Studies Authority website <http://www.qsa.qld.edu.au/assessment/1102.html>. Remember to notify the school if you have applied for a special provision and keep a copy of your application before sending it. For more information please contact Russell Maynard (QCS Test Coordinator) or Todd Comrie (HOD Senior Schooling).

Grounds on which you can apply for special provision for the QCS Test include:

ADHD, ASD, Colour blindness, Cultural or religious obligation, Diabetes, Epilepsy, Hearing impairment, Illegible handwriting, Illness, Inability to sit test at own school, Intellectual impairment, Medication side effects, Non-English-speaking background (NESB), Physical impairment/difficulty, Pregnancy-related conditions, Psychological or emotional impairment/difficulty, Scotopic sensitivity, Selection to represent Queensland or Australia in cultural or sporting event and more.



WHO'S WHO AT TANNUM HIGH

Hi, I'm Ellen Kean.

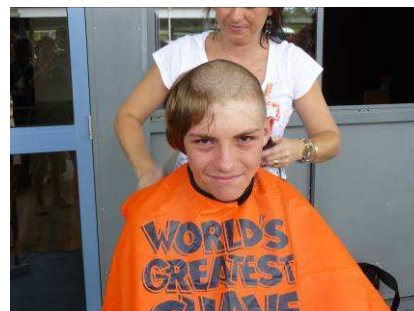
My role at Tannum High is that of English Teacher and House Co-ordinator of Ghinmhine.

I can say that I have loved the past three years here. I get to laugh a lot with some really great young people, and the staff are so friendly. The atmosphere here is always fun. If you really want to win some extra brownie points with Ellen, Cadbury Crème Eggs are the way to go. This would be the cheaper option, rather than add to her growing collection of 48 pairs of shoes. Another highlight of my time with our school was the honour of presenting the speech at the Year 12 Formal last year.

Ellen is always there for our students, and we are sure that our international students would also agree. A well travelled family girl, Ellen attributes much of her success to having a great family and wonderful friends. But look out, she also has a Top 5 list for everything



Jordan Roper (above) and Cody Brown (below) line up for their turn.



FOR THE FRIDGE

Thursday 3rd
Monday 7th – Friday 11th
Monday 14th

APRIL 2008

P&C Meeting
Easter Holidays
Student Free Day

Thursday 17th
Monday 21st
Thursday 24th
Friday 25th

School Cross Country
Austlife RE Program
Anzac Day Parade Day
Anzac Day Public Holiday

