

with Mr Kevin Giles

FROM

NORMAL CLASSES BEFORE EASTER

Please be aware that classes as normal right up to and including Thursday of next week. Students are expected to be at school, as virtually all year levels are undertaking semester units which will be continuing into Term Two.

TEACHERS CONTINUE TO UPDATE SKILLS

Already this year a large number of our teachers have taken the opportunity to continue their learning by attending seminars and workshops. Last Friday and Saturday six of our teachers attended a Regional E-Learning Conference in Rockhampton. From all reports it was well worth the trip with teachers gaining valuable skills in the use of electronic media and devices with an emphasis on enhancing the delivery of curriculum in their classrooms. It is great that they gave up a day of their weekend in what is already a busy time of the term.

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STUDENT FREE DAY, 20TH APRIL

Mathematics and Science teachers will attend a workshop at Gladstone State High School. Two consultants from Victoria have been employed using Federal Government funding gained by the Gladstone Area Mathematics, Science and Engineering (GAMSET) group. The day will focus on "Working Mathematically" and provide teachers with a range of ideas to ensure classroom lessons are enjoyable, challenging and inclusive.

Teachers in other faculties will be meeting with teachers from High Schools in the district to establish networks and share ideas. This is always valuable Professional Development with an emphasis on best classroom practice.

DEPUTY

CYBERSAFETY OUTREACH

This is an Australian Government project to assist school to develop policies, procedures and awareness around issues such as cyberbullying, illegal content, identity theft, grooming and predatory activity using the internet, mobile phones and other electronic devices. Teachers from local schools will be involved in a Professional Development Workshop early next term. The possibility of running a parent workshop is also being investigated. Our Police Liaison Officer, Angela Woodward is keen to follow this up with some workshops for students later in the year.

YEAR 12 HOSPITALITY

As a major part of there assessment, students planned and prepared a themed luncheon. This year themes included an Oriental and Fifties Rock & Roll themes. Invited guests and fellow students enjoyed a lovely two course meal in our dining room. The room was decorated and the waiters dressed in accordance with the themes. Students are to be congratulated for a wonderful dining experience, and great enthusiasm for their subject.



Our Senior students participated in a 'hands on' Biology lesson on lung function.



Year 11 students participated in Snorkelling lessons last week. See inside for more info.



Year 8 Drama students, Ford Speers and Daniel Woodridge, show great talent when performing "Living with Lady McBeth". See inside for more details.



Mr Brooks was seeing red, after having his head coloured for charity.

COMING UP

APRIL
Tues 7th
Year 8

Vaccinations

Wed 8th

Formal Assembly

Thurs 9th

Last Day of Term

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

PARENTING MATTERS

The start of the new school year brings excitement, but for some parents it can also be a worrying time as young children move through the teenage years.

Luckily, help is available. These days, schools are more accessible, opening their doors to parents and caregivers. Students are also provided wider-ranging access to non-teaching professionals such as Guidance Officers, School Based Youth Nurses, Learning Support, Special Education teachers, Chaplains and Community Education Counsellors.

A range of issues may be supported by these staff including personal and social development, catering for diverse learning styles and needs. They also assist with educational and career pathways. Guidance officers and others may work directly with the student or with the student's teachers. These include support personnel, family, medical professionals, specialists, or professionals from other agencies, depending on the issues to be resolved and the age of the student.

Many schools in our Gladstone region provide parent reference groups such as 'REDI Parents' (Resilience Education and Drug Information) or Family Matters'. Others adopt the Triple P teen parenting programme that runs nationwide. Triple P is world-recognised parenting and family support strategy, which aims to prevent severe behavioural, emotional and developmental problems in children. This is done by enhancing the knowledge, skills and confidence of parents. Parents of TSSHS students who wish to avail themselves of these services are encouraged to contact our school for further information or referrals. "You don't have to do it alone!" Our School Nurse, Lyn Stiller, is available to speak to parents also. Lyn can be contacted Tuesday & Thursday by phoning 49 799 777.

GHINMHINE FORMAL ASSEMBLY

You're Invited



On Wednesday 8th April Ghinmhine is holding its Formal Assembly for 2009.

The theme is Celebrating Cultural Diversity, and this is the final assembly for many of our current International students.

Please come along and join in with the school community while we congratulate our sporting stars, recognise those students who are excelling, be dazzled with great student performances and acknowledge and thank our international students for their cultural exchanges.

For catering purposes, could you please RSVP by phoning the office on 4979 9777

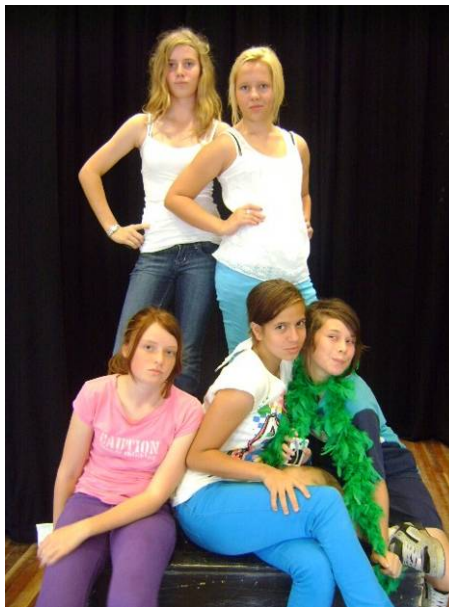
ABSENTEE PHONE NUMBER

Please advise as early as possible if your child will be absent from school. For all absentee related issues, please phone 4979 9767.

This Newsletter can be emailed directly to parents on request by forwarding an email to lfl30@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>



Year 8 Drama students perform "Living with Lady MacBeth".

YEAR 8 DRAMA

Drama at Tannum Sands State High School is thriving! The year twelve students have just completed their Absurdist performances and the Year eleven students are busy working on their Australian dramatic extracts. In the middle school the focus is on fractured fairytales where popular narratives are deconstructed and then changed. The year eight students have also been challenged. As part of an introduction to the arts, drama students have been asked to choose an extract from a play and then perform it for the class.

Recently, 8E performed the popular play 'Living with Lady Macbeth', the story of a young girl desperate to fit in with both her friends and family. The students rose to the occasion on the day and enjoyed having a live audience as observers.



International students, Valerie and Helen, enjoyed the Surfing Trials.

SURFING TRIALS

Recently, students from Tannum High attended the Capricornia Surf Trials held at Agnes Waters. A great time was had by all participants. This annual event is a great opportunity for students to test their surfing ability against students from other schools. The four TSSHS students who were selected for the next level are Callan Mercer, Katrina Woodrow, Luisa Varcoe and Ebony Irvin. Well done!



Teacher, Ms Heather Moller, demonstrates the location of the Aorta in a heart.

Year 12 Biology students discovered the function and workings of a lung. Mrs Moller demonstrated to students the workings of a 'pluck' comprising of a heart, lung and kidney. Students discovered how a lung functions, by inserting tubes and inflating it with air using a compressor.



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>

EXPERIENCE SCIENCE AT UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

UQ's Experience Science program provides opportunities for students in Years 10-12 with a passion for science to experience new and traditional sciences at one of Australia's leading universities. Students will participate in a dynamic program incorporating:

- A presentation on the latest scientific discoveries by a world-leading scientist AND
- Two interactive, hands on workshops of your choice

The program is at St. Lucia Campus and provides a choice of days – 22nd, 23rd or 24th July. There is no cost for participation. For more information please see Mrs Cook in Staffroom 1.

SENIOR SCHOOLING

Skills Centre hosts a visit by the Prime Minister and Queensland Premier



Jason Brice meets the Prime Minister and Queensland Premier when they visited the Skills Centre recently.

Photo courtesy Gary MacNamara (NRG)

Gladstone Schools Engineering Skills Centre students were given a rare opportunity to meet the Prime Minister and Queensland Premier when they recently visited the Skills Centre.

Skills Centre students demonstrated their skills and discussed the benefits of learning their engineering trade skills in an industrial environment sharing their career aspirations and desire to gain an apprenticeship at the end of the year with the Prime Minister.

A number of NRG Gladstone Power Station staff including the General Manager, Mr Glen Schumacher were on hand to ensure the safety of the visitors which included a large media contingent.

Mr Wade, Head of Skills Centre said "It was great to see the interaction between the students and the Prime Minister and showcase the Skills Centre program nationally". Mr Rudd and Ms Bligh were impressed with the facility and the successful outcomes for students, with 98% of Skills Centre students transitioning to apprenticeships/traineeships/employment."

Students took advantage of a 'photo opportunity with the Prime Minister and the day will go down as a memorable one for all those involved.

INABILITY TO FILL WORK EXPERIENCE REQUESTS

Work experience for students over the vacation periods and for week long blocks during school times is highly valued by students and employers and an important part of a school's career program. All applications for the region are sent to a central non-profit organisation called SAIN (Schools and Industry Network).

Recent events such as the economic downturn however have had an impact on the ability to place students. Many employers are experiencing quiet periods and as such, are unable to provide meaningful work for the many students who have submitted an application. This combined with the restructuring process at Schools and Industry Network (SAIN), means that many students may not gain placements over the Easter vacation period and/or during the week long blocks.

Every effort is being made to cater for students' requests, however should any student not gain a placement, their application will be rolled over to the next vacation period and/or a refund from the school can be obtained.

In 2008 over 1000 placements for students of the Gladstone area were organised which is a tribute to the great efforts of SAIN, employers and students. SAIN is working hard and hopes to fulfil the requests for a similar number of students in 2009. However schools, students and parents need to be aware of the conditions under which they are operating.

Any students that are unable to be placed for the Easter period have had their application form returned. Students wanting to re-apply for the June/July or other vacation periods must return the form with the dates amended. These students will be given priority. For more information, please contact Todd Comrie at the school.



YEAR 11 MARINE STUDIES

Approximately 100 Year 11 Students studying Marine Studies and Marine Aquatic Practices recently undertook two days of pool training learning advanced snorkelling skills. Over the two days students undertook extensive training in skills such as water entries, finning, clearances, retrieval of gear and rescue techniques.

Their skills will be put to the test later in their studies when they attend North West Island.



GAP YEAR WITH THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

(ADF) programs run across Navy, Army and Air Force and are designed to give you detailed insight into how the ADF operates. You'll earn more than **\$40,000 per year** and there's no requirement to stay beyond this point. Applications for 2010 intake open in May. Visit <http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/gapyear/> or phone 131901 for more information.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

National Youth Week in Gladstone

When: Easter School Holidays, Wed 15th April, from 12noon to 4pm

Where: Gladstone Skate Park, Yarroon Street, Gladstone

About the Event

Skate/BMX/Scooter, Obstacle Course (incorporating the Rock Climbing Wall and Horizontal Bungee), Sing Star and Guitar Hero Competitions, with the chance to win wicked prizes. Also Trash City Fashion Display food and drinks

Nomination Forms are available from PCYC, Gladstone Regional Council's Libraries and Community Advisory Service, and must be signed by a parent prior to participating. To find out more contact Andrea on 4976 6300.

An Arty Evening Out

Wednesday 8 April 2009

Come along to the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum at 5.30pm.

View some great art and be amongst the first to hear the announcement of the 30 images selected for display in our sister city, Saiki, Japan. Stay for some light refreshments.

All welcome RSVP to the Gallery/Museum by 6th April by phoning 4976 6766.

CANTEEN ROSTER

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

APRIL 2009

- 1st Heather Dunn
- 2nd Helen Mison
- 3rd Annie Williams
- 6th Rhonda Johnsen & Cindy Brown
- 7th Tracey Webber-Hanson
- 8th Louise Stobbo
- 9th **Help Needed**
- 10th GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

FOR THE FRIDGE

APRIL

- Tues 7th Year 8 Vaccinations
- Wed 8th Formal Assembly
- ATOD's Indigenous Sport & Art
- Thurs 9th Last School Day for this Term
- Fri 10th Good Friday Public Holiday
- Mon 20th Student Free Day
- Wed 22nd School Cross Country
- Sat 25th Anzac Day

