

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Transition Week Style

Last week we farewelled our Class of 2007 with a really special Transition Week. The Senior Formal was a great success. No fewer than forty school staff members were involved in the mammoth organisation of this event. A full house of parents attended our Valedictory Breakfast, which should have been sponsored by Kleenex! I was thrilled with the Guard of Honour “clap out” farewell that graduates were given by members of their “family at school”, the House Groups, after our Formal Assembly.

Our Year 12's left with usual Tannum High decorum and special memories, appreciating their week – and their 1000 school days!

Gladstone Schools' Australian Award

Congratulations to our three district state high schools - the Gladstone Schools Engineering Skills Centre has now been recognised with THE top Australian VET in Schools Award (see inside). A special congratulations goes to Toolooa SHS for their initiation of, and leadership of, this project.

National Literacy and Numeracy Testing

Further information has arrived about Literacy and Numeracy Tests to be conducted next year for Year 9 students (current Year 8s). Students from all school sectors, across Australia, will sit these tests on 13, 14 and 15 May 2008.

Testing will cover Writing (40 minutes), Reading (65 minutes), Language Conventions (45 minutes) and Numeracy (two 40-minute papers). Skills tested will include punctuation, spelling, grammar, number, measurement, change and data, space, working mathematically and algebra function and pattern. The Queensland Studies Authority will manage the administration and reporting of the test results. Practice tests should be available early next year. More information can be found at www.qsa.qld.edu.au/testing/357tests/news.html or phone 3864 0210.

Attendance until End

All Year 10/11's are expected to attend up to, and including, Friday 30 Nov, Year 8/9's until Friday 14 Dec. *See inside for more...*

P&C Meeting

Our final meeting for the year has been brought forward to Thursday 6 December. We will have a short meeting followed by a break up dinner. This will commence at 6.30pm and is to be held at Simply Devine. Dinner Cost \$25.50. RSVP by Fri 30 Nov to Monique Toner 49739187. All welcome.

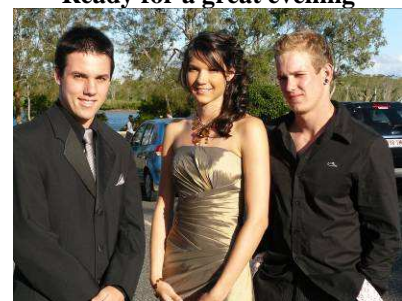
Ray Johnston
Principal



Brendan Usher and Sam Clarke



Ready for a great evening



Zac Beers, Shannon Kelly & Cameron Wex



Friends enjoying the School Formal



30th Nov
Year 10 & 11
Finish
7-12th Dec
Canberra Trip

Return of Books

Library books must be returned by year's end. They can be placed down the Return Chute.

Resources Hire Scheme books (i.e. **TEXTBOOKS**) may **NOT** be placed in the Return Chute. They must be returned and checked in by one of the Resource Centre staff, who will ensure that students are returning the book that was issued in THAT student's name.



Compulsory Attendance

All Year 10 and 11 students are expected to attend up to, and including, Friday 30 Nov. If students are telling you they do not have to come, this is not true. NO arrangements will be made for students to sit exams early. Normal classes will operate until 30th, even if exams have finished. All teachers are expected to have worthwhile learning activities e.g. we won't be playing battleships or watching non-curriculum videos. *Families are asked to plan holidays around this compulsory attendance.* A note must be sent, as usual, for any absence during this period. If notes are not supplied to the office, absences will be marked as "unauthorised" and penalties for students' assessment non-completion will be applied.

Similarly, Year 8 and Year 9 students are expected to attend up to, and including, Friday 14 Dec. Although assessment must be completed by 30 Nov, in order to allow teachers time for marking and report card writing, normal classes will operate until Tuesday 11 Dec. Reports will be issued on Wed 12 Dec and an alternative program of worthwhile activities will be organised for the last three days.

BURARHL FORMAL ASSEMBLY



Congratulations to Burarhl on hosting the Formal Assembly for Term 4 last Friday. Talented Tannum High students performed e.g. Shanice Andersen sang a vocal solo, while Sara Newell & Jesse Booth (pictured top right) performed as part of the Year 12 song. A drum battle was wonderfully played out by Jessica Adie and Tom Kirchner. The ADF Leadership awards were won by Natalee Williamson and Alex Matheson-Brown.



Student of the Term-

- Year 8 – Boy – Ryan Beecroft
- Year 8 – Girl- Karyn Patterson
- Year 9 – Boy- Claedon Perkins
- Year 9 – Girl – Natalie Wairoa
- Year 10 – Boy – Tom Harding
- Year 10 – Girl – Alicia Hess
- Year 11 – Boy – Morgan Bennett
- Year 11 – Girl – Keirran Sparks
- Year 12 – Boy – Tied – Seb Rigney & Evan Bayliss
- Year 12 – Girl – Tied – Kathryn Kirchner & Samantha Williams



Queensland Leads VET

Queensland has won an unparalleled six awards at the prestigious Australian Training Awards. Our state continues to lead Vocational Education and Training (VET) in schools, by a country mile.

"These awards show that Queensland is right up there with the rest of the country in producing highly-skilled individuals," Mr Welford, Qld Minister for Education, said.

Queensland winners in the industry awards were:

- John Love Electrical (Maroochydore), Employer of the Year
- Gladstone Schools Engineering Skills Centre (Gladstone), VET in Schools Excellence Award
- Main Roads/Myuma/Seymour Whyte Constructions - The Split Rock Inca Alliance (Mount Isa/Camooweal), Australian Training Initiative Award
- Thomas Spottswood (Maryborough), Australian Apprentice of the Year
- Selena Smith (previously of Townsville), Vocational Student of the Year

LOST PROPERTY

There is a large number of items in lost property including keys, glasses, clothes, watches, wallets and purses. Please collect before 7 December 2007. Lost property is located at our Resource Centre.

ITEMS FOR TENDER

Written tenders are sought for the items below. These items are offered for tender on an 'as is, where is' basis. No warranty is given or implied on these items. Closing date for tender is Friday 23rd November 2007.



Please address tenders to The Business Services Manager at TSSHS.

- 3 x 70cm Panasonic TV (No remotes)
- 3 x Gilkon Overhead Projectors (O.H.P)
- 1 x Roto washer (Floor Washer)
- 1 x 70cm Hiltron TV (No remotes)
- 1 x Colder server (Bain Marie)
- 3 x Gym mats (45mm x 2m x 1.2m)

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be open Monday 3rd December from 3-4pm to allow for Year 7 students to collect their uniform orders. The shop will also be open the following times, the week before school starts in 2008.

Monday	21 st Jan	9 – 12 and 1 – 3 pm
Tuesday	22 nd Jan	9 – 12 and 1 – 3 pm
Wednesday	23 rd Jan	9 – 12 and 1 – 3 pm
Friday	25 th Jan	9 – 12 and 1 – 3 pm

The normal operating hours of the Uniform shop are:
Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:15 – 11:15am.
For enquiries contact Monique on 4979 9752.

VALEDICTORY

Students and parents from Tannum Sands celebrated a Valedictory Breakfast at 6:30am on Friday the 16th of November. This is a moving ceremony where our parents present their pupils with their Certificates of Graduation from Tannum Sands SHS.

Parents heard from parent Randy Saunders, who praised the school for the breadth of opportunities provided to students here, and from Mr Drew Johnston, as a representative of school staff. The final school bell was rung heartily by ex- Captains, Natalee Williamson and Zac Beers. We enjoyed a great bacon and egg breakfast, cooked by a team of staff and Senior Mentors, and generously provided by Coles. Following the breakfast, many parents stayed to enjoy the school's farewell to Senior students at the Formal Assembly.



CAREERS NOTICEBOARD

See Careers board in the Resource Centre for information or contact Tammy Freeman SR4 / Ext. 761 Wed/Thur/Fri

Course for Yr 10-12 in 2008 - Girls encouraged to be involved

Cert I Civil Construction - Yr10 2008 students have the opportunity to enrol in Cert. I Civil Engineering. The course is the result of a partnership between Gladstone SHS and Goldings, in a similar model to the GSESC and the BITS Centre. The proposed course will have Yr 10 students out of the school a minimum of 2 days/week and at school the other three. Work placements on the holidays would be required. For more information and to lodge an expression of interest, please contact Mr Mal Connolly on 4979 9756.

Cert I Civil Construction - Yr 11/12 2008 students have the opportunity to enrol in a course offered in block form. Students must attend block training for 6 days (Mon-Sat) for one week in the first three terms. Work experience during school breaks is required. Application forms must be returned to Mr Todd Comrie in Staffroom 4 ASAP.

BITS Centre - Yr 11/12 2008 students interested in Business or IT subjects can still apply for a place at the BITS Centre. Students are on-site at BSL on day/week and undertake their course of study and 1/2 day work experience or enterprise tasks. Certificates in Business or IT (Networking or Multimedia) or OP subjects are all available.

GSESC - Yr 11/12 2008 students interested in preparing themselves for a metal or automotive trade should take interest in this course. Students are at school 2 1/2 day per week with the other time spent at NRG or work placement. See Mr Mal Connolly for more information.

TAFE students can enrol in a number of courses including Hairdressing, Community Services (Child Care, Youth Support, Aged Care), Library Services, Make-up Services, Carpentry, Fitting & Fabrication, Electrical. See Mr Todd Comrie for more information.

GAGAL – Pre-trade course in many trades is available. Students will spend 3 days at school and one day in the GAGAL workshop and one day work placement. This course has a high success rate in moving students into full-time or school-based apprenticeships.

GAGAL - Girls Electric program is only for girls interested in entering the Electrical field. Courses are run outside school hours so your study is not interrupted.

For more information on any of these courses contact Mr Todd Comrie (HOD Senior Schooling & Business)



Yr 11 Important Information about the QCE

The QCE is a new qualification students may earn eligibility for at the end of next year; however, not all students will obtain the qualification at that time. To ensure students and parents know if they are 'on track' we have created an assessment tool. *All current Yr 11 students are required to complete a big green Queensland Certificate of Education assessment tool form.* This is only a guide and students (and parents) need to ensure they understand the requirements of the certificate, the students' current status and if any changes are required. Some triggers that might alert you to the fact you are not on track for a QCE are:

- Getting LA or VLA in any subject
 - Not having completed required number of competencies in Certificate Courses
 - Currently enrolled in multiple Certificate I courses (Hospitality, Engineering Strand B, Furnishings, Music in Industry) which may leave insufficient credit from other study.
 - Participating in the GAGAL Pretrade or GSESC (NRG) programs
- All students must return their forms to Mr Todd Comrie as soon as possible. Students and parents are encouraged to contact Todd for more information.

CANTEEN ROSTER

19/11	W Ballinger, Help Needed!	22/11	R. Tidd, Help Needed!	27/11	Help Needed, Help Needed!
20/11	Help Needed!	23/11	H.Dunn, Help Needed!	28/11	K. McPherson, Help Needed!
21/11	L. Gibson, Help Needed!	26/11	R. Johnson, M. Mills!	29/11	R. Tidd, Help Needed!

FOR THE FRIDGE

November 30	Year 10/11 Finish	December 12	Reports posted Yr 10 & 11	December 14	Year 8/9 Finish
December 7-12	Canberra Trip	December 12	Reports for Years 8 & 9		