



*School Motto:
Sail to Success*

Tannum Sands State School NEWSLETTER

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2008: Celebrate our
25th Jubilee

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

The Green Club's working bee on Saturday was a great success and my sincere thanks to Mrs O'Brien and her Green Club members for organising the day. My appreciation is extended to the parents, grandparents, students and community members who used their brains and muscles to complete the tasks required. All workers appreciated the morning tea and I thank the parents for supplying the delicacies.

Our Green club has now acquired a new vegetable and herbs garden, a green house, shelving in their shed and new paths outside Teaching block 5. The final touches to these projects will occur in the next couple of weeks. Thank you everyone for your enormous effort.

School Uniforms

This year is quickly finishing but students are reminded of our school's Dress Code which states that the school uniform needs to be worn to school. Students not in uniform require a note from their parents/carers. The wearing to school of unnecessary jewellery or items that may injure the wearer or another student is also discouraged.

Hats not caps are necessary headgear if the students are to participate in activities outside of the covered games areas. Students are encouraged to apply sun screen to assist them in preventing skin damage. Sunscreen lotion is available in each classroom for the students to apply.

Special awards

Congratulations to the following students: Matthew Adie, Morgan McPherson and Grace Shuttleworth who were awarded special music medals for being chosen in the Combine District Band.

Extended Learning Program

This week our school will be hosting an extended learning program aimed at the Year 5 and Year 6 classes and will involve students from all schools in the Gladstone district. The program is called "Colour Creations" where students will be developing their artistic talents through colour. The workshop will be led by Sumadi.

Later this term our students will be invited to attend a one day workshop based on English/Drama.

Ken Mitchell
Principal

Prep Open Day
Wednesday December 3
9.30am to 10.30am
All Welcome

What's happening in our school

GREEN CLUB NEWS

Many thanks to all those who came along on Saturday to help the Green Club achieve its goals. We made great progress towards making the green house, refurbishing the sand art area, building a vegetable patch and adding shelving to the garden shed. Some of the projects will be finished off this coming Saturday and Green Club has applied for a grant to fund the filling of the new vegetable patch. Thanks to everyone for all your hard work.

Not only hard work happened at the “working bee”, a great new idea was also generated for the sale of herbs and vegetables. Green Club is going to trial the sale of the **Green Club Ready Steady Cook bag**. The bags will cost \$3 and be environmentally friendly. The bags will be filled with at least 2 varieties of herb and a lucky dip of other produce ready in the vegetable patch. To put your name down for a **Green Club Ready Steady Cook bag** drop into 30 and put your name down. We will send the bag home to you when produce is available and you can then send in the \$3. Herbs will still be available at 50c a bag, picked fresh when you require them.

Last week Green Club also had a special guest speaker Kylie Dempsey. Kylie talked to the Green Club about reducing rubbish in landfill by using reusable containers to bring our lunch to school in. Next year Kylie will visit the school again to work with each class about recycling and reducing rubbish in our school and community.

MATHS OLYMPIAD

This year 2 teams of 30 students from years 6 and 7 have competed in the Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiads. The aim of the Olympiads is to improve problem solving strategies. Congratulations should be extended to David Madsen, the top grade 7 competitor from our school and James Crowe, the best grade 6 competitor. David, Gretel Waugh and Bianca Renshaw scored within the top 10% of competitors from the Australasian area which is a fabulous achievement.

Phillipa Evans, Sarah Cross, Kahlani Pyrah, Mary Rolfe and James Crowe scored in the top 25% and also deserve recognition. Adam Mathewson and Bianca Renshaw were awarded certificates for ‘Outstanding Effort and Improvement in Mathematical Problem Solving’.

Well done to all children who participated, did their best and improved their problem solving skills.

Year 2 Donations Please

Year 2 are currently learning about Australian animals and are in need of artificial plants for their national parks and cardboard cylinders for their paper mache animals. If anyone has any artificial plants they can borrow or cylinders they can donate it would be greatly appreciated. Items can be dropped into the office or to 2S. If you require the items to be returned, please label them.

MERIT AWARDS

| | | | |
|------|----------------------|------|--|
| PYB | Mitchell / Kaeley | 4C | Ethan / Jesse |
| PYS | Ellie / Cheyenne | 4H | Kira / Lian |
| PYH | Tyler / Morgan | 4/6M | Aliesha / Alex |
| 1P | Rhiannon / Buz | 5S | Tarj / Cameron |
| 1MY | Dylan / Sage | 5V | Madeleine / Daniel / Michael / Christy |
| 2/3B | Brock / Jackson | 5T | Ben / Laine |
| 2S | Elizabeth / Campbell | 6B | Bryce / Gracie |
| 2ST | Ben / Chloe | 6K | Lauren / James |
| 3L | Tristan / Chona | 6W | Jacob / Chloe |
| 3O | Mitchell / Marie | 7O | Bronson / Kate |
| 3S | Adam / Brooke | 7CS | Brittany / Gemma |
| | | 7J | Stepanie / Hayden |
| | | 7M | Linda / Chloe |

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The year is winding to a close and the Student Council is nearing its target to purchase a rock wall playground for the upper school. A disco, free dress day and BBQ at Bunnings are the final opportunities we have to raise sufficient funds to purchase the playground. The BBQ at Bunnings will be a major fundraiser, however we are still in need of parent help on the day. As we will need 2 adults to cook, 1 to serve and 1 to be cashier. Unfortunately, students will be unable to assist on the day, due to Bunnings Public Liability Insurance restrictions.

To date the roster is as follows –

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| 8am to 10am | Natalie Sankey, Louise O'Neill, Hayley McGown |
| 10am to 11am | Chris McManus, Hayley McGown, Volunteers Needed |
| 10am to 12pm | Judy Cook, Hayley McGown, Volunteers Needed |
| 12pm to 2pm | Volunteers needed |
| 2pm to 4pm | Volunteers needed |
| Clean up | Hayley McGown, Natalie Sankey, Volunteers Needed |

If your child is on Student Council, or you would like to assist the students in their endeavours to raise enough funds to purchase the Rock Wall this year, please phone Natalie on 49799111.

Thanks to the following families who have offered to donate items for the Bunnings BBQ

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| Anne Inglis | 1 Litre Tomato Sauce |
| Tracey James | 1kg chopped onions |
| Sandy Koen | 1kg chopped onions ** Chopped onions can be frozen and delivered to the |
| Sandra Thomas | 1 kg chopped onions school office on Friday November 14, or to Bunnings |
| Lisa Castley | 1 kg chopped onions on the day** |
| Still Required | 1 Litre Tomato Sauce |
| Still Required | 2 Litre BBQ Sauce |
| Still Required | Garbage Bags and disposable plastic serving gloves |

If you have any queries regarding the BBQ, please phone Natalie or Hayley on 49799111. It would be great for this year's student council to realize their fundraising goal, and purchase the rock wall before the end of 2008 ready for 2009.

Hayley McGown
Student Council Supervising Teacher

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

School Dental Van 0417 726 420
School Administration 49 799 111
School Fax 49 799 100
Tuckshop 49 799 138
First Aid Room/Sick Bay 49 799 103

DATE CLAIMER

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Event</i> |
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| 6 November | 7M & 7O Excursion |
| 6-7 November | Year 4 Camp - Tanyalla |
| 14 November | Free Dress Day |
| 16 November | Student Council Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser - Bunnings |
| 27 November | Disco |
| 3 December | Year 7 Graduation Prep Open Day |
| 4 December | Lower School Swimming Carnival |
| 5 December | Upper School Swimming Carnival |
| 10 December | School Concert |
| 12 | Last Day of Term |

RECEIPTING HOURS

Due to equipment failure, the office will be unable to receipt payments until next week. We apologise for any inconvenience.

FREE DRESS DAY
Friday November 14

SCHOOL HEALTH NURSE

The School Health Nurse will be visiting Tannum Sands on 6/11/08 Year 5, 6, 7 to conduct Human Relationship Education (HRE) classes.

Each session lasts approximately 90 minutes and includes open class discussion, an educational video and question and answer session where the boys and girls will be separated to encourage further open discussion with the Nurse.

Parents are welcome to attend these sessions and if they have any concerns they can contact me through the Community Health Services Centre on 49763335. Please note that these sessions are not compulsory, but all children are encouraged to attend.

Marie Hall
Child Health Nurse

TUCKSHOP SPECIALS

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| Pluto Pups | \$2 |
| Quiche and Salad | \$5 |
| (Tue, Wed, Thu) | |
| Hamburgers – Meat & Sauce | \$2.50 |
| Hamburgers – Meat, Cheese, Sauce | \$3.00 |
| Hamburgers – Meat & Salad | \$4.00 |
| Egg | \$0.50 |

FROM THE TUCKSHOP

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Tuckshop Roster</u> | <u>Baking Roster</u> |
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| Wed 5 Nov | Elaine Finlay/Kathleen Cleary | Sarah Bax |
| Thu 6 Nov | Daren Strattman | Baking Required |
| Fri 7Nov | Jodie Guse, Suzie Coates | Suzie Coates |
| Mon 10 Nov | Lyn Andrews | Samantha Vander |
| Tue 11 Nov | Natasha Philbrook | Mel O'Brien |
| Wed 12 Nov | Colleen James | Linda Moore |

This years Tuckshop Christmas party will be on Friday November 21. All P & C Members, Tuckshop workers, baking ladies and uniform helpers are invited. We have a secret Santa – gift value of \$10. Please leave your name at the tuckshop. Thank.

Maree O'Toole