



*School Motto:  
Sail to Success*

# Tannum Sands State School NEWSLETTER

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## *Date Claimer*

**7/4/09 – 9/4/09**

Year 6 Camp

**3/4/09**

Cross Country

**10/4/09**

Good Friday

**13/4/09**

Easter Monday

**14/4/09 – 19/4/09**

School Holidays

**20/4/09**

Pupil Free Day

**21/4/09**

Term 2 Begins

**24/4/09**

ANZAC Parade

**12/5/09 – 14/5/09**

Year 3, 5, 7 Testing

**18/5/09 to 22/5/09**

Arts Council

## *From the Principal*

Dear Parents,

The cyclone that had us all a little concerned has now left our vicinity and I thank you for being so careful about the safety of your children. Our major objective in all these types of situations is to ensure the safety of all students and staff. We have procedures in place to ensure that no person is placed in a dangerous situation and if the situation worsens all parents would be advised of our plan of action.

In the worst case scenario the Education Department would advise us to close the school and this message would be relayed by the Government over the radio and television. We would also be telephoning parents and asking them to collect their children.

### **Traffic Changes**

After many months of discussion with the appropriate authorities the Stop-Drop -Go area has been extended to allow easier access and more space for parents to use. Please remember that the same time restraints are in force and the maximum time your car is to be in the area is 2 minutes.

An area in front of the main entry of the School has designated parking for handicapped drivers. You need a special sticker displayed on your car to legally park in this area.

### **NAPLAN**

During the next few weeks, every student in Year 3, Year 5 and Year 7 will be completing the 2008 national tests for practice. Our students in 2008 did extremely well in these tests so it will be interesting to compare the results with our present students.

2009 NAPLAN tests will be held on 12 & 13 May and every endeavour has been made to cover all concepts that they are testing this year as the tests are not based on the Queensland Curriculum -Essential Learnings.

If your child becomes stressed by these tests please discuss this with the Administration team as special consideration may be available for your child.

### **Parent, Teacher, Student Interviews.**

These interviews will be held during the last two weeks of Term 1. Teachers will send home a letter with a timetable for you to complete. Please ensure these are returned promptly to teachers. If you are unable to make any of the times offered please contact the teacher to negotiate a mutual time.

We encourage you to bring your child to the interview if they are in the upper school, as they are an integral part of the conversations being held.

Ken Mitchell  
Principal

## *Important Numbers*

School Dental Van  
0417 726 420  
Uniform Shop  
0407 505 640  
School Administration  
49 799 111  
School Fax  
49 799 100  
Tuckshop  
49 799 138  
First Aid Room/Sick Bay  
49 799 103

## MOTHERS DAY STALL DONATIONS

Face washers, 2 litre Mild bottles (thoroughly cleaned), rock salt, plastic shopping bags, clear cellophane, curling ribbon, handkerchiefs, notebooks (\$2 from Coles and comes in packs of 5). Anything else anyone would like to donate would be gratefully appreciated. Donations can be dropped off to the school office.

Thankyou

Tara and Abi



Don't forget to place St Pattys Day Tuckshop orders by Friday 13/3/09. St Partricks Day is Tuesday March 17. A menu has been sent out with this weeks newsletter.



Cross Country Run  
Friday April 3  
Don't forget to bring a water bottle

P & C AGM  
Tuesday March 17  
School Staffroom  
General Meeting commences 6.30pm  
Followed by AGM

# GREEN CLUB NEWS

*This term, the year three classes have been learning about how to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Kylie who works for the Gladstone City Council, taught the students how to reduce their lunchbox waste by using plastic containers and lunchboxes instead of plastic wrap. Kylie also taught the students about worm farming. The year three students were very interested with this concept and have now set up 2 new worm farms near the vegetable gardens at school. The students are enjoying feeding and looking after the worms. The students have been collecting food scraps and feeding them to the worms each day. If you are able to help, you can add your food scraps from home (banana skins, apples cores) into the blue buckets at Ms Steen's 2/3S classroom.*

### ***Merit Awards***

<b>PYB</b>	Kaitlyn / Flynn
<b>PYH</b>	Alleshanee / Mahala
<b>PYK</b>	Abby / Jade
<b>PYS</b>	Abi / Shea
<b>1P</b>	Jemmah / Natalia
<b>1MY</b>	Madison / Nathan
<b>1ST</b>	Thomas / Olivia
<b>2S</b>	Jorga / Sara
<b>2SR</b>	Joshua / Katelyn
<b>2/3S</b>	Jordon / Jason
<b>3B</b>	Jakob / Anton
<b>3H</b>	Hayden / Sarah
<b>3O</b>	Jayden/Tiara
<b>4C</b>	Nicholas/Tiffany
<b>4HS</b>	Georgia/Mitchell
<b>4M</b>	Harry/Yasmin
<b>5J</b>	Michelle/Liam
<b>5T</b>	Natalia/Julian
<b>5V</b>	Lucas/Tiffany
<b>6B</b>	Duta/Mikaela
<b>6K</b>	Bree/Bronte
<b>6W</b>	Meg/Shianne
<b>7CS</b>	Nikolette/Garrek
<b>7J</b>	John/Brooke
<b>7M</b>	Chris/Alex
<b>7O</b>	Jack/Shannon

### ***Receipting Hours***

Payment of all school accounts such as excursions, camps, P&C Levy etc. may be made at the following hours:

#### **Cash Receipting**

8:30am – 11:00am                      Monday – Friday

Thrass Charts	\$7.00
Swimming Caps	\$2.20
Sport Socks	\$6 per pair

### ***ICAS TESTING***

The school will be participating in the 2009 ICAS testing this year. Testing dates are as follows –

Computer Skills – 27 May 2009	\$6.00
Science – 10 June 2009	\$6.00
Spelling – 23 June 2009	\$8.00
Writing – 23 June 2009	\$11.00
English – 4 August 2009	\$6.00
Mathematics – 19 August	\$6.00

If you would like your child to participate, please collect a payment form from the office.

Payment for **all** tests will be due by April 24. No payments after this date will be taken, as test papers must be ordered by this date.

### ***YEAR 6 CAMP***

Payments can be made at the school cashier office from 8am to 11am daily. Final payment date is March 23.

### ***SCHOOL PHOTOS***

**Late orders for school photos can be lodged with SilverRose Photography. Order forms are available at the school office, however all orders must now be posted directly to SilverRose at the address shown on the form. The school office will not be accepting any payments for photo orders.**

### ***P & C LEVY***

**Our P & C is not a fundraising body, we don't ask you to sell pies or lamingtons, but what we do ask is that you contribute to our projects by way of the family levy. This currently stands at \$50 for one child, \$80 for two children or \$100 for a family, which is the early bird price saving of 10% if paid before June 30<sup>th</sup>. Please see the school office to make part or full payments.**

**Carol Shuttleworth  
P & C President**

### ***Uniform Shop***

The uniform shop is open every Monday 8:30 am – 9:30 am and is located on the school premises. This shop only accepts cash and EFTPOS.

### **NETBALL**

Netta sign on and first training session is 4.15pm to 5.15pm at Dennis Park Boyne Island.

Netball for 7 to 10 years come and see what it is all about, Wednesday March 11. Season commences in March and finishes August. Cost \$75.

### **COCONET CLASSIC 2009**

Easter weekend April 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> will see the Annual Coconet Classic put Central Qld on the map. Hosting the Australian Kiteboarding Championships, one of the largest Skate/Scooter/BMX competitions in Qld, family days and beach markets. For sporting registration forms head to [www.coconetclassic.net.au](http://www.coconetclassic.net.au)

### **TRIPLE P SEMINARS**

Education Queensland is providing Triple P seminars for parents and care providers.

There are 2 seminars left, and anyone interested can attend. These seminars are -

1. Raising Confident Competent Children
2. Raising Resilient Children

Triple P seminars are being held at Tannum Sands State School on the following dates:  
Seminar 1 – Monday 16 March.  
Seminar 2 - Monday 23 March.

All sessions are 9.15 – 10.45am.

### **WELCOME TO THE GLADSTONE REGION MORNING TEA**

Following the success of the inaugural 'Welcome to the Gladstone Region' Morning Tea held in Gladstone City, a further event will now be held at Boyne Island, on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> March, from 10.30am - 12.30am, in the Heron Room, Boyne Island Community Centre.

The 'Welcome to the Gladstone Region Morning Tea' entails meet and greets, relaying of information about the area, distribution of resources such as bus timetables, the Welcome to Gladstone Booklet, various directories etc, and of course a delicious morning tea. There is no cost to attend.

All newcomers to the Gladstone Region, regardless of length of stay, or from where they have migrated - inter-town, interstate or overseas, are welcome. Please feel free to bring your children, partners or even a friend.

RSVP's are not necessary, but would be appreciated for catering purposes. For further information contact Andrea or Luis, at Gladstone Regional Council's Community Advisory Service on 4976 6300.

### ***Tuckshop News***

#### **Date**

#### **Tuckshop Roster**

#### **Baking Roster**

Wed 11/3/09	Anita Ferreira, Terry Harrison	Veva O'Regan, Paula Baublys
Thu 12/3/09	Leslie Flett	Sarah Bax
Fri 13/3/09	Donna Fotheringham Bobby Lee Burgess	Felica Suey
Mon 16/3/09	Lyn Andrews, Jodie Murrell	Amanda Stirling Nikki Threadingham
Tue 17/3/09	Wendy Ralph, Jody Guse Donna Fotheringham	Susan Buckeridge

St Paddy's Day is Tuesday, so could the baking ladies please make large green patty cakes (muffin size). Thank you.

*Maree O'Toole*