



*School Motto:
Sail to Success*

Tannum Sands State School NEWSLETTER

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Date Claimer

27/5/09

ICAS Computer Test

29/5/09

Under 8's Day & Prep
Open Day

1/6/09 to 11/6/09

Life Education Van

5/6/09

Ministerial Pupil Free
Day

10/6/09

ICAS Science Test

11/6/09 - 12/6/09

Sports Carnival

23/6/09

ICAS Spelling Test

From the Principal

Dear Parents

The school data that was published in the Courier Mail on Saturday has been available on our web site since June 2008. The new data from the National testing Program (NAPLAN) will be available on our site before the end of June under our Annual School Report. You will notice the new NAPLAN data has our students well above other schools in our region.

The year 2 data is based on the individual school's assessment process and I believe that our high expectations for our Year 2 students and our structured testing strategies, place our students in realistic levels. The funding we receive for these students has enabled us to employ teachers to assist in improving the academic ability in Literacy and Numeracy of students. The higher the standard we set the more students are seen as requiring assistance.

Under 8's Day

Everyone who has children in this age group is most welcome to share the morning program with our students. The morning activities commence at 9.15am and conclude at 10.45am. The aim of the day is to have fun while participating in educational activities. Our thanks are extended to the local emergency services and Constable Matt, our adopted police officer, for participating on the day.

Swine Flu

Included with this newsletter is a letter from the department outlining the procedure they recommend for handling the swine flu. Please read the document and follow the procedure they have outlined. Your support in keeping your children home when they are sick is greatly appreciated.

Mobile Telephones

Students who bring mobile phones to school must adhere to our policy of having them turned off during school time. The sending of text messages during school time will have the sender's phone stored at the office until after school. Any student who deliberately abuses the policy will have their phone banned from school.

All parents need to assess the reason why they allow their child to bring a phone to school. The excuse "that everyone has one" is not a valid reason.

**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

Around our School in '09

**PREP OPEN DAY
& UNDER 8's DAY
FRIDAY MAY 29
9.15am to 10.45am**

Come and get your face painted, hair sprayed, art and craft activities and a morning filled with fun. Take a tour of the school. See Interactive Whiteboards, Computers, Library, Swimming Pool and many other features of the school. Prep will be open, and enrolment packages available

Life Education

The Life Education Van will be visiting our school from June 1 to June 11 inclusive. Life Education motivates and empowers young people to make smart life choices for a healthy future. Each year level attends a different module relevant to their age group.

Cost per student is \$6. **Payments will be required on the day only.**

Permission forms and payment envelopes will be sent out soon. Class timetable is listed as follows –

Thursday May 28	7O	5T	3B
Friday May 29	4M	6K	2SR 2/3S (Year 2 only)
Monday June 1	7M	7J	4C
Tuesday June 2	6B	3H	4HS
Wednesday June 3	PYK	PYB	3O
Thursday June 4	5V	PYS	2S
Tuesday June 9	5J	7CS	1T
Wednesday June 10	6W	2/3S	PYH
Thursday June 11	1P	1MY	



The Premier's Reading Challenge is on again and our school has registered. This year the challenge is open to all year levels so we hope that all students from Preschool to Year Seven will join the Challenge. To find out more read the accompanying letter. Classes with the most participants will win prizes.

ZERO WASTE LUNCHBOX

Do you want to help the environment?

Green Club wants to help reduce the use of plastic wrap and plastic bags in our school. Students from the Green Club will be checking out lunchboxes and running a competition to encourage students to use reusable lunch containers. Students who have a reusable container in their lunchbox will go in the draw for some prizes and a **FREE** free dress day.

Thank you for helping to support Green Club.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The school athletics carnival has been set for **June 11 and 12**. Students will be practising athletic skills including running during their PE lessons, so parents are asked to ensure that students bring to school a bucket hat and wear running shoes.

TOYWORLD CUP

Tannum Sands State School soccer team has a bye this week.

ELECTRONIC GAMES – IPODS – MP3 PLAYERS

It is school policy that Electronic Games, IPods and MP3 Players are not permitted in the school grounds.

For this reason, the school takes no responsibility for these items should they be damaged or misplaced whilst in the school grounds.

FOUND

An MP3 player was found at the Stop and Go last week. If you have lost a MP3 player please call to the office to collect. You will be required to supply a brief description before claiming.

FOUND

2 keys in the school grounds, similar to screen door keys. Please call to the office to collect.

PICKING UP CHILDREN IN THE AFTERNOONS

It would be appreciated if parents could finalise pick up details with their children before school.

It is appreciated that emergency situations do arise but it is sometimes difficult to locate classes and students who may be doing class activities outside the classroom. We cannot guarantee that any messages after 2.00pm will be passed/received by the student.

MOTHERS DAY STALL APPRECIATION

I just wanted to say a quick thanks to all those who were involved in organizing the Mothers Day stall. I got a fabulous little tissue holder, that someone had spent a lot of time making, that I will be using all the time! My son was so proud to be able to buy the gift on his own. Thank you

Lisa Dollery

YEAR 7 CAMP

The planning and preparation for Year 7 camp has been on going, and we are now at the stage of confirming student attendance numbers. If your Year 7 student is not attending camp, can you please advise your class teacher. If your child is attending camp, can you please pay the \$20 deposit and return the permission form to confirm that your child will be going. Confirmed numbers is extremely important to ensure that we are not billed for extra students during the camp.

CROSSING SUPERVISOR NEWS



Students and parents were greeted by the Principal last week at the Waratah Street crossing. Administration was called upon to fill in when the supervisor on that crossing was called away for a family emergency.

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 and Swimming Caps in house colours are also available for purchase.

Uniform Shop

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

This shop only accepts cash, and EFTPOS.

P & C CONTRIBUTION PURCHASES



The P & C were happy to present the school with more resources which they purchased from the P & C Family Contribution Levy.

P & C CHIT CHAT

The P & C committee has been selected for another year. You may have seen our photos in a past newsletter. We all have children at the school and have a common interest to know what goes on in the school, be part of the discussions around decisions we can influence and seek the best education ideas for our kids.

We meet once a month (only 10 meetings a year, not including holidays) for about one and half hours. A reasonable commitment of time considering the benefits we feel we provide.

This year, we hope to keep you even more informed of what we are doing in the school and new ideas that we are considering. At times, we will ask for feedback and we would sincerely appreciate your efforts to supply your insights.

We are also going to try to provide an agenda in the newsletter, the week previous to the meetings (**every 3rd Tuesday of the month**). If you feel strongly about an issue and would like to voice an opinion, we welcome you to our meetings. You don't have to come to every meeting and you don't have to join the committee -however, you will not be eligible to vote if you are not a member. Why not come to just **one** meeting and see if this is a forum where you can have an input.

If you would like some more information or have any questions about P & C, we are extremely approachable or alternatively you can call us.

President: Carol Shuttleworth
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Vice President: Tamra Costello
Ph : 49739036
Secretary Judy Howard
Ph : 49739508
Treasurer Anne Inglis
Ph : 49732358

PS – Does anyone know a builder who is available to quote for a refurbishment of our tuckshop? Please ask them to contact Maree at the tuckshop

Tuckshop News

<i><u>Date</u></i>	<i><u>Tuckshop Roster</u></i>	<i><u>Baking Roster</u></i>
Wed May 27	Colleen James/Donna Geddes	Donna Geddes
Thu May 28	Margie Lee	Joanne Thompson
Fri May 29	Jody Guse (Morning Tea Under 8's)	Cheryl Seesink/Amanda Stirling
Mon Jun 1	Dianne Daylight	Suzie Coates
Tue Jun 2	Wendy Nay	Mel O'Brien

Friday is Under 8's Day. We will be selling tea, coffee, cake, savoury mince rolls and sandwiches outside the tuckshop. Any baking mum that wishes to bake for Friday, please feel free to do so. Just leat Maree know by Thursday. Thanks.