



*School Motto:
Sail to Success*

Tannum Sands State School **NEWSLETTER**

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

On behalf of all our staff members, I welcome back for the 2009 academic year our returning students and their parents as well as a special welcome to our new students and their families.

The summer vacation has made a visual difference to our students as most of them appear to have grown in height, look refreshed and keen to take on the challenges of their new class.

Uniforms

Until all the new uniforms have arrived, students who are waiting for their uniform may wear non-uniform clothing. We hope the rest of the uniforms have arrived in Gladstone and will be here before the end of the week.

Classes for 2009

The student numbers for this year are above what we anticipated but teacher numbers will remain as is until day eight when we will be notified of the exact number of teaching staff we are entitled to in 2009. Some classes are over the recommended numbers of students and we will be restructuring them after consultation with parents and teachers. A list of teachers for 2009 is included with this newsletter and I encourage you to introduce yourself to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Class Information Afternoon

Your child's teacher will be notifying you shortly of a special meeting they will be organising to inform you of the curriculum expectations, homework, excursions, behaviour expectations and other information relevant to your child being successful this year. Your attendance at these meetings will also allow you a chance to meet and talk to your child's teacher.

Wet weather

This time of the year we usually have rainy days which often commence around the time school finishes. If this occurs we do not change our finishing time but we do encourage our students to wait in the covered areas out of the rain. Please discuss with your child any changes to collecting arrangements if it is raining at 'home time'.

School Excursions

Due to the economic situation all excursions will need to be seriously revisited to ascertain whether the costs are appropriate to the present economy. At the class information afternoons this topic will be approached by the relevant year level teachers to obtain your opinion on the matter.

Class Swimming

Mr Muller, our HPE teacher, will be commencing swimming with the students Yr1 to Yr 7 this week. As swimming is part of our HPE program students who are not swimming will require a note from their parents indicating their non attendance.

Bikes and Scooters

If your child rides a bike or scooter to school they must have a chain and lock to lock them in the bike racks provided. For safety reasons, scooters cannot be stored on the bag racks outside of classrooms.

Ken Mitchell
Principal

What's happening in our school



School Captains for 2009 were announced on parade during the last week of school. Congratulations to
Chloe Pocock (School Captain)
Sam O'Neill (School Captain)
Grace Shuttleworth (Vice Captain)
Garrek Sankey (Vice Captain)

P & C News

Welcome to 2009 to all our Parents, and a warm hello to newly enrolled families.

For those of you who are new to the school, and indeed the role of the Parents and Citizens Association I would like to introduce you to just some of the roles we assist with in the school community.

2008 was another busy year for our wonderful school. As part of our Jubilee celebrations the P&C played a huge part in organising our school Open Day, Fair and Jubilee Dinner, which the school and wider community supported enthusiastically. The underlying theme for this was not for vast profits, but rather a celebration of 25 years of education at our school. Having said that, we still managed to raise over \$4000*. Many thanks to Boyne Smelters Ltd and the many, many local businesses who helped us celebrate this event, and indeed always 'step up to the plate' when we ask for donations for the Christmas raffle. I hope that these relationships continue to strengthen. This year sees the introduction of a new school shirt by our committee, after the success of the "Jubilee Shirt" made available last year, the pale blue shirt is still part of our uniform, and will gradually phase out over the coming year or so. Many thanks to Abi Smith for her countless volunteer hours in our uniform shop.

Our school is one of the only Primary schools in the area to provide a full canteen 5 days a week and can only continue at this level with the support of P&C funded staff and volunteer helpers. I would like to recognise Maree O'Toole, our Tuck Shop convenor's long and dependable service. The school photos are organised by the P&C and well received, Silver Rose has taken on the task again this year.

The Association last year purchased the following for our school:

\$4000 (* Jubilee proceeds) Sandpit toys, library games, sports equipment and Wakikirri equipment.

\$5000 for readers

\$1500 stage area

\$6600 Jubilee gift bags for students and teachers

\$375 Plants and pots for paved area next to Teaching Block 5

As well as thanking the tuck shop committee and volunteers we also have a big thank you to our parents. As all of this would not have been possible without the Family Levy.

Our P&C are 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 30th. Please see the school office to make part or full payments.

This year we have finalised plans for the long term: a roof over the stage area next to Teaching Block 5, the resurfacing of the Hard Courts and a Year 7 activity area are seen as our main focus, along with a short term wish list of smaller items such as readers. Having a P&C at our school allows us to apply for a number of grants and funding avenues for the above projects, if you would like to help, or have any ideas for applications, please feel free to contact us. We meet **every third Tuesday of the month in the staff room at 7.00pm**

Finally I would like to recognise and thank the services of all our committee members -Treasurer Anne Inglis, Secretary Judy Howard, Vice President Suzanne Day and also the admin support team who help to maintain a strong line of communication to our parents. If you would like to talk to me about anything to do with P&C matters please feel free to contact me.

Regards, Carol Shuttleworth. P&C President
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TEACHER/CLASS LIST

YEAR LEVEL	TEACHER
PYB	Helen Blades / Raelee Bonython
PYH	Tricia Hoiberg
PYS	Gina Sherwood
1P	Doreen Porter
1MY	Natalie Martin / Jo Young
1ST	Kerry Stephens/Rae Tewes
2S	Julie Shannon
2SR	Tanya Surtees/Belinda Russell
3B	Raylene Bowtell
3H	Tessa Hughes
3O	Mel O'Brien
3S	Tanya Steen
4C	Phillip Crowe
4HS	Michelle Shepherd/Bernie Hughes
4M	Hailey McGown
5V	Rebecca Van Lierop
5J	Wayne Jensen
5T	Ian Tait
6B	Margaret Budgeon
6K	Kim Kross
6W	Steven White
7CS	Cathy Connolly / Sue Spence
7J	Jenean Marcus
7M	Jo Mossop
7O	Tiffany Ostwald

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE 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

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

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

BITS TOUCH FOOTBALL

We hope you have enjoyed your school holiday break, we start again this Wednesday, 28th January - weather permitting! We have 12 weeks remaining in our Summer Social Season, ending with a sausage sizzle the week of Easter.

Can I ask that you have your children at the fields at least 15 mins prior to their game to allow us to make sure that there is enough members of each team there to get the games going again. Please ask your children to remind their friends/team mates that we start again with Division 2 & 3 at 4pm and Division 1 at 4:45pm, as school newsletters will not be out in time for this reminder!

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, BITS Juniors

DATE CLAIMER

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
20 February	Badge Presentation Parade
26 February	School Class Photos
10 April	Good Friday
13 April	Easter Monday
14 to 19 April	School Holidays
20 April	Pupil Free Day
21 April	Term 2 Begins
24 April	ANZAC Parade
12 to 14 May	3, 5, 7 Testing
18 to 22 May	Arts Council

STUDENT ABSENCE PROCEDURES

The procedure of advising the school of absences is as follows:

Situation: Student absent one day or two days only, through illness or emergent situation.

Action: Send a note to the teacher the day the student returns.

Situation: Student absent for three consecutive days, through illness or emergent situation.

Action: Telephone the school office and advise the reason for the absence on the third day.

Situation: Student will be absent for one or more days in the future (e.g. medical appointment, family holidays).

Action: Send a note to the teacher prior to the absence.

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.

FROM THE TUCKSHOP

The 2009 tuckshop menu will be sent out this week. Prices have changed on many items, so please destroy your 2008 menu. The tuckshop is also looking for volunteers to help in the tuckshop as well as home baking. Please consider helping in either of these areas, as the tuckshop can not provide a daily service for the students without parent support.