



# TANNUM SANDS STATE SCHOOL

## Newsletter

**12 September 2017**

Dear Parents and Families,

### September Holidays!

Spring has arrived and we are enjoying beautiful weather and very focussed learning in classrooms as we finalise our work for Term 3. We know everyone is looking forward to the holidays, but I remind families that every day counts until Friday. Holidays start on Saturday!

Year Level	2016 Attendance	Last Week	Current Attendance
Prep	93.1%	92.5%	92.5%
Year 1	93.0%	92.9%	92.8%
Year 2	92.9%	93.4%	93.2%
Year 3	93.6%	93.1%	93.0%
Year 4	93.2%	93.7%	93.6%
Year 5	93.4%	93.6%	93.4%
Year 6	94.1%	92.8%	92.7%
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>93.3%</b>	<b>93.10%</b>	<b>93.0%</b>

### Celebration of Learning Parade

This Friday we celebrate student work effort and achievement at our whole school parade. Parents are again invited to join us. We are very proud of the strong work our students are doing, improving their core literacy and numeracy skills, along with becoming better readers, writers and problem solvers. We especially like to hear about students who are reading at home. This is something that every student should be doing and it is always good if parents are modelling being readers themselves, either by reading to your children or just being seen reading your own book! Thank you also for rewarding the efforts made by your children this Term at home as we reward them here at school.

### First Robotics Sponsorship

We are looking forward to receiving a new robotics kit to assist us in a robotics challenge that we will be participating in next Term. Thanks to the First Robotics team for their great assistance. The competition will be in Gladstone and we are looking forward to the challenge. Already we have very keen students participating in our lunchtime coding clubs and we know they are having great fun with technology.

### Teachers Planning for Next Term

We have been very pleased to have supported our teachers to do some joint planning last week to prepare our Term 4 units. We are getting excited about the interesting learning that will be on offer in Term 4.

Please have a great holiday to arrive refreshed for our last term of 2017.

Mr John Adie  
Principal

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ALTHOUGH SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ARE A GREAT TIME TO RELAX AND REJUVENATE THEY CAN ALSO BE A STRESSFUL FOR PARENTS SEARCHING FOR WAYS TO KEEP CHILDREN “AMUSED”. SO HERE ARE MY TOP FIVE TIPS TO SURVIVE THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

Tip No 1: Sit down with your kids and plan activities that they can look forward to.

Tip No 2: Organise a holiday budget and have a discussion around this

Tip No 3: Don't fall into the trap of being a “full time entertainer”.

Tip No 4: Set ground rules for computer and TV use such as turn taking and time limits.

Tip No 5: It's easier to look after children's needs if we also look after our own needs as parents.

Take some time to care for you!

Have a fantastic break!  
Mitchell Taylor.  
Guidance Officer

## Tannum Sands State School - Prep 2018 Transition Program

### Date Claimer

- **Wednesday 18th October or Wednesday 25th of October:** Library and Music lesson 9:00am – 10:00am, come and meet some of our wonderful specialist teachers.
- **Wednesday 1st November and/or Wednesday 8th November:** Morning in the classroom with our fabulous Prep Teachers and bring morning tea and stay for lunch 10:00am to 11:20am
- **Thursday 16th November:** Meet and Greet Parent Morning Tea at the park, 10am– 11am.

[Please join our Facebook page, for the latest information and updates about our transition events!](#)

### PAYMENT REMINDERS

<b>CAMP NAME</b>	<b>COST</b>	<b>WHEN</b>	<b>PAYMENT DUE</b>
<b>YEAR 3 SLEEPOVER</b>	<b>\$12.50</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>NOW</b>
<b>YEAR 6 CAMP</b>	<b>\$395</b>	<b>17-20/10/17</b>	<b>FINAL DUE by 15/9/17</b>

<b>YEAR 5 CAMP</b>	<b>\$285</b>	<b>4 – 6/10/17</b>	<b>NOW</b>
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## **Tannum High School Open Night – Date Claimer**

Enrolment Information Evening: 12 October 6pm-8pm

## **Swimming Caps**

With our swimming season fast approaching next term, we have swimming caps available in your house colour to be purchased from our school office for \$ 7.00 each.

## **Student Council News**

For those who love to dress to theme, the student council has voted in the following:



## **Chappy Chat**

Just over three years ago, I was given a wonderful opportunity to be a school chaplain at Tannum Sands SS. Little did I know at the time what a warm and amazing team of staff, students and parents I'd be with! My time here at this wonderful school has been so very rewarding – more than words can express. School chappies have a very unique role; one of support and providing care to the school community in a variety of ways – conversations, positive mentoring, social and emotional groups, wellbeing lessons in classrooms, lunchtime clubs, brekky club, encouragement and many others. I consider being your chappy a pleasure and joy to serve you all.

However, as we know in life, there are stages and seasons to life, and for family reasons I have made the difficult decision to step away from Tannum Sands and take up a position at a school in Gladstone.

As I finish up this term, I hope and pray that this amazing school continues to be the shining success it is, with many wonderful times ahead. My people at SU Qld are working very hard to bring you another chappy very soon, who will enjoy being part of your school community and provide support and care. May you be blessed to know you are all talented and special beyond your wildest imaginings, and you are loved.

God bless – Chappy Sandy. ☺

## **Year 6 Students Attending Tannum Sands State High School in 2018**

The TSSHS Uniform Shop will be open for the following extended hours during October to allow students to come in and order their uniforms for next year :

<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>3.00pm – 5.30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>3.00pm – 6.00pm</b>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>3.00pm – 6.00pm</b>

**Full payment (preferred) or a minimum 25% deposit is required on the day that the order is placed.**

### **Method of payment: EFTPOS or cash**

All orders must be received by Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October.

Enquires: Tara Whiting 49799752

## **Code Camp (CQ University) – Expressions of Interest**

Gladstone Marina campus has been approached to host code camps in the school holidays. All parents have to do is drop their kids off with us each morning and they will walk away with their very own app 3 or 4 days later. Parents could even pop in for lunch to see how the kids are going! Code Camp Australia bring along their amazing teachers and each camp is overseen by a Camp Manager who is a registered teacher. The Head Teachers and Teacher Aides who deliver the content and support the students are often University students training to be teachers or completing a degree that includes coding requirements.

If you would like to express your interest in this event please go to -

<https://codecampaustralia.wufoo.eu/forms/m6732do0vzur5d/> so that Code Camp Australia can add further to the case for advancing Code Camp opportunities into rural and remote Qld.

## Trade-A-Toothbrush Day Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th October



Bring along your shaggy, old toothbrush or empty tube of toothpaste, drop it in our recycling bin and receive a brand new one in exchange.

**When and Where:**

3 pm next to the junior school classrooms on **WEDNESDAY**

8 am in front of the tuckshop on **THURSDAY**

**COST: Free**

**Naomi** from Queensland Health will have information about **FREE services** at the **Dental Caravan**.

<u>Tuckshop Roster</u>			
Date		Tuckshop	Baking
Wed	Sept 6	Gloria Wagner	Sally Groundwater
Thu	Sept 7	Karen Palmer	Melissa Smart
Fri	Sep 8	Jane Preston, Lea Flynn, Michelle Ashdown	Chelsea Belton
Mon	Sept 11	Maree O'Toole	Melinda Green, Paddy Harastis
Tues	Sept 12	Maree O Toole	Melanie Potter
Wed	Sept 13	Gloria Wagner	Lisa McCormack
Thurs	Sept 14	Karen Palmer	Tracey Thompson
Fri	Sept 15	Di Buckthorpe, Karen Palmer ½, Sarah Butler ½.	Kym Jones

### School Disco Menu

#### Junior Disco

Party Pie	\$1.50
Party Sausage Roll	\$1.50
Dinky Dog	\$1.50 (Half a hot dog)
Popcorn	\$1.00
Chips	\$1.20
Popper Juice	\$1.50
Milk Poppers	\$2.00
Medium water	\$2.00
Small water	\$1.00
Biscuits	\$1.00

#### Senior Disco

Large Roll	\$3.00
Hot Dog	\$3.00
Party Pie	\$1.50
Chips	\$1.20
Popcorn	\$1.00
Savoury Mince Roll	\$4.00
Drinks	As priced