Dear All

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As you would have seen on our school’s Facebook Page, our String Ensemble and Senior Show Choir performed at the FastTrack Talent Quest on the weekend. It made for a long weekend with attending both days, but the opportunity for our students to experience and have the opportunity to perform in different contexts was well worth it. Congratulations to our String Ensemble which received a special mention and commendation from the judges. Congratulations to our Senior Show Choir which took out 3rd place in the Junior section. A big thank you to Ms Clark, classroom music teacher, and Miss Ruge, string teacher for their time and effort on the weekend and a big shout out to our wonderful and supportive Tannum families.

Yours in Education
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P& C News:
Tannum Sands State School welcomes participation from all parents and caregivers of the school in the school’s Parents and Citizens Association. Together we aim to create a caring and connected school community where students are provided the best opportunity for the future.

The P&C are involved in a range of school undertakings including running the Tuckshop and Uniform Shop, fundraising activities, support of school functions as well as policy and financial planning.

Our goal is to support the school in providing an environment for our children to learn and grow, by:
- Providing a forum where parents, teachers and community members can give and receive feedback about our school and have a say on issues relating to school events and policies.
- Identifying opportunities and projects that will benefit the school community.
- Coordinating volunteers to carry out fundraising and other initiatives.
- Supporting the will of the school to offer the best education possible to our children.
- Advocating for and representing the school in our community.
- Working in cooperation with the teachers, students, parents and wider local community.
- Fostering an honest and open partnership between the school and families.
- Promoting the resources available at our school that have been made possible through parent contributions, involvement and commitment (seating, licences, resources etc.)

How to get involved?
P&C meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month in the Administration Building starting at 6:30pm. Coffee and tea are provided and light refreshments are often bought along by members to share. Why not come along and see what it’s all about.

DATE CLAIMER: Annual General Meeting Tuesday March 21
The Tannum Sands State School P&C will hold its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Tuesday, 21 March 2017, at 6.00pm in the Administration Building (Note: the regular monthly meeting on this occasion will still be held at the regular time of 6.30 pm.) At the AGM all Executive Committee and working party positions are declared vacant and elected or re-elected.

Information about the responsibilities and key activities of each Executive Committee position are available in the Quick Guide for P&C Executives produced by P&Cs Qld, the peak parent body which represents the interests of state school parents and citizens associations throughout Queensland. Further information is also available on the P&Cs Qld website. http://www.pandcsqld.com.au/

2017 ICAS TESTS – YEARS 2 – 6
ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) testing dates and costs have been set for 2016. Payments are now being taken. Although the testing dates are staggered, payments for all of the tests must be made together to ensure the correct amount of test papers are forwarded to the school.

Tests and costs are as follows:

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TOTAL $_______

Student’s Name______________________________________________ Class _______

Please complete the form above indicating which tests you wish for your child to complete. Payment and form must be received by the school office by Friday 24 March 2017.
If you would like to nominate for a position but can’t make it to the AGM, that’s okay! Nominees need to put their nomination in writing stating the position(s) they are interested in and sign the nomination. Their nomination must be moved and seconded at the AGM. Nominees are also to complete and submit a membership form to the meeting (without this they will not be a member and not eligible to stand for election).

How is the election conducted?
If there is only one nomination for the position they are duly appointed if the majority of members present at the AGM support the appointment.
If more than one nomination then a secret ballot is held.
The meeting should appoint persons not standing for positions to act as the returning officer.
The AGM is the only meeting at which individuals can become members without attending a previous meeting or by submitting a membership form without attending the meeting.
The call for membership is prior to the election process.
If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for these elections, please return completed nomination forms to the School Office, preferably in a sealed envelope attention to Judy Howard, P&C President. Forms can also be scanned and emailed to president@tannsandss.eq.au
Nominations will be accepted until Friday 17 March at 3pm, and at the AGM.

Judy Howard, P&C President

School Photo Day
at
Tannum Sands State School
‘Country School Photos’
will be at our school to take class and portrait photos
on
Thursday 9th March 2017

- Each student is to bring their envelope to the photographer on photo day or as directed by your school.
- Each student will be photographed in their class photo and individually.
- Photo packages and prices are on the envelope. Payment can be made by cash, credit card or cheque.

Envelopes will be issued the week before Photo Day.

On March 9, we will be conducting our Class/School Photos. It is standard for the photographer to print all the students first and last names under the photo in order. If you do not want your child’s name listed on the photograph, please email the school on nsank5@eq.edu.au and we will pass on your request to the photographer.
Continuing on with the theme of resilience, this week we’re looking at **optimism**. So what exactly is optimism anyway? It can be defined as *having a tendency to maintain a positive outlook and be confident that things will eventually work out favourably*. Having a ‘glass half full’ mindset is the cornerstone of resilience, and a great way to live life.

Research tells us that helping young people believe they’ll be ok *no matter what* can greatly reduce the risk of depression. Here are some easy steps to increase optimism in our potential-filled youngsters:

- **Emphasise their strengths.** Let them know what you see in them. “You have an amazing ability to work out maths problems and don’t give up when it’s hard.” It’s important to be specific though, not just a vague “You’re great.” Teach them to focus on the positives, rather than the negatives in their life.

- **Redirect their focus towards what they can control.** It’s pointless to continually worry over things out of our hands. Teach them they’re not a victim of circumstance! Ask them “What can you do right now about this? What’s something you’re in charge of?” Focus on where they do have power in their situation.

- **Emphasise “yet”.** When a child says, “I can’t” smile and gently add “yet” to the end of their sentence. When they say, “I don’t like science. I’m hopeless. I’ll never use it”, acknowledge their feelings and say, “It’s a struggle right now. You can’t do it *yet*.” This helps them believe they’ll get there eventually with persistence.

- **Model optimism.** Do you say things like “I know we’ll find a parking space soon!” or “We’ll NEVER find a parking space! I KNEW this would happen!”? Your view of the world communicates certain beliefs to your child. If you want to help your child become more optimistic, experiment with yourself as well!

Happy parenting! 😊 For more information or support in this area or any other, please contact me either through the school office, mobile 0404 937 250 or email sandyb@chappy.org.au

Remember – It’s not what happens to you that matters but how you choose to think about it!

This term, Tannum Sands SS will proudly be hosting a whole school advocacy day to raise the school community’s awareness of Autism. **We will hold our Go Blue for Autism awareness day on Tuesday the 27th of March- the last Tuesday of the term!**

The Go Blue Committee has some *fabulous activities* planned- activities that are not only creative and fun, but also enhance students’ understanding of Autism. Throughout the planned activities, students will develop an appreciation of the diverse gifts and talents of children “on the Autism Spectrum.”

Last year we had so many children involved in lunch-time activities (face painting, nail painting, mural making, craft activities), but we believe it would be more relaxing for children to come down to the Covered Games Area with their whole class and participate in activities for half an hour. Classes will be timetabled so that all students can enjoy this fabulous event. Exciting news about planned activities will be revealed next week.

In the lead up to the Go Blue for Autism advocacy day, classes will spend a little time learning about Autism and how ASD affects children. The weekly Go Blue for Autism Message will be communicated to families through Facebook, the Weekly Newsletter and Skoolbag. Please look out for these messages and discuss Autism with your children. Together the Tannum Community can “shine a light on ASD” and promote understanding and compassion.

### Tuckshop Roster

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Please remember we can only take Australian coins. Absolutely no foreign coins!