Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Week 3 and what is the start of our ‘Meet the Teacher’ and Parent Information afternoons. We do this very early in the year to set up that very important first line of communication. The links between home and school is vital in ensuring the success of your child’s experience at school. It was wonderful to see the high level of parent attendance and participation at both the tea and tissue and information afternoons—well done and thank you to parents and carers. Thank you also to our staff for giving up their afternoons (this week and next). The Student – Home – School Triangle, where both the home and the school can be seen as the base angles and the student as the apex, is foundational in setting all our Tannum learners up to ‘Sail to Success.’ Thank you to everyone for working to make our respective parts of this “triangle” as strong and positive as possible.

Tannum Sands State School is a Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) School. We actively encourage positive behaviours in and out of our classrooms. These behaviours create a happy, safe and caring learning environment.

The staff at Tannum Sands State School believe that by supporting students to acquire these life-long skills, they are preparing them for success. Each week we have a focus that stems from one of our core values. They are:

Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Friendly, Be Safe, and I am an Active Learner

This week our lessons explore

Being responsible.

At Tannum Sands State School, we believe that being safe and happy at school impacts academic and social/emotional success. Each classroom, throughout the year, will focus in a variety of ways with the objective of upskilling our students with lifelong, transferable skills.

We look forward to working with you, in partnership, throughout 2017, to provide our students with the very best learning opportunities.

Yours in Education
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Tannum Sands State School P&C at a glance:
Membership: Membership is voluntary and is open to all parents at the school, community members and staff via completion of a Membership Application Form.
Meetings: Our P&C meets once a month – 6.30 pm on third Tuesday of each month.
Services: Tuckshop (open 5 days a week), Uniform Shop (open 2 days a week) and various fund raising and parent volunteering activities such as School Banking, Tea and Tissues, Mother’s Day and Father’s Day stalls.

The first P&C Meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday, 21 February and the Annual General Meeting (AGM), is being held at 6.30, Tuesday 21 March, in the Staffroom and we would like to see as many parents and carers as possible!

Why become a P&C Member?
• Joining the P&C Association is a great way to keep informed, to contribute to the quality education of your children and to make new friends.
• You will have a voice in the running of the P&C and its involvement in your school.
• The Principal attends the P&C meeting every month and provides a monthly report.
• You can gain a clear understanding of how the school operates. A great opportunity to ask questions directly to the school’s leadership team and contribute to shape the school’s future.
• All members receive a copy of the minutes and any motions being considered for action.

Now, in case you’ve got an urge to be involved but have some doubts, let’s dispel some P&C myths…
• That you have to attend meetings all the time….not at all. Our P&C meets once a month. No obligation to attend meetings. Just pop in whenever you can and if you can. You can follow what is being discussed in the minutes provided monthly. We only meet as often as required to get the job done!
• I’m new to the school or I’ve not been involved with the P&C before. Am I welcome? … Definitely! We’re all parents/carers just like you and we do this because we enjoy making a difference to our children’s school. The school leaders such as the Principal and the Deputy Principals also attend the monthly meetings and we always discuss things openly before voting as a group to decide on the outcomes we want for the school.
• But I don’t have much time….that’s fine! Your contribution can be as large or small as you can manage, but your ongoing support of the P&C Association is invaluable. Not only will you be supporting the school community but you will be supported by the school community!
• That you’ll get roped into doing things you might not want to….not at all. We have many volunteers at our school already who help out in a variety of ways so there’s bound to be something you can be involved in that interests you….in areas like our Tuckshop, our Uniform shop, the famous Tannum End of year Concert. So pick something you would like to get involved with!

So, what are you waiting for…JOIN THE P&C TODAY!

Attached to this newsletter is a P&C Membership Application. Please complete and return the form to the School Administration Office before the AGM and your membership will be accepted even if you are unable to attend.

Please note the AGM is the only meeting where you can become a member without being in attendance at the meeting. You are able to join the P&C at any time, but other than the AGM, meeting attendance is required for your application to be accepted. A separate form must be completed for each person who wishes to become a member.

EXISTING P&C MEMBERS - Please note that if you are currently a P&C member, you will need to complete a new application form, as all memberships lapse at the AGM.

P&C Executive Committee 2017
All P&C Executive positions will be advertised and nominations called prior to the AGM. Some of the current Executive will not be seeking re-election. If you would like to nominate or are interested in further information, please contact the P&C Executive pandc@tannsandss.eq.edu.au. For easy availability, we have attached both the Executive Nomination Form and Membership Form to this newsletter.

Volunteering in 2017
We are currently preparing the volunteer rosters for this year. If you are able to volunteer in the Uniform Shop or Tuckshop, please email the P&C on pandc@tannsandss.eq.edu.au or contact the relevant Convenor on the numbers below:
Tuckshop: Maree (Mon-Fri) 49799138
Uniform Shop: Julie: 49799111 (Monday and Wednesday – check for times)

2017 promises to be a very busy year with lots of ways for volunteers to get involved including, but certainly not limited to Mother’s Day Stall, Father’s Day Stall, BBQs, School Discos and more.
YEARN TO LEARN HOMEWORK GROUP

GAICS Yearn To Learn and Tannum Sands State School have an exciting new homework group commencing in week three and continuing throughout the year during the school terms. The group is primarily for indigenous students, but all students are welcome to apply. If your child struggles with understanding or completing their homework this is a great opportunity to access the assistance they need.

Please be aware that all children must be signed out at 4:15pm by an adult for reasons of safety.

A teacher and teacher aide will be present to supervise and assist the students. A Yearn To Learn worker and/or volunteer will be present to assist teaching staff and supply students with a light refreshment. Numbers are limited so please return your completed forms to the school office promptly.

WHERE: Tannum Sands State School – Computer Lab
WHEN: Tuesdays 3:15pm to 4:15pm
CONTACT: Lisa McClelland (Yearn To Learn Co-ordinator) on 0424 437 516

At Tannum Sands SS we LOVE READING and the best place to visit for great books is our LIBRARY. Besides library lessons, our library is also a place for our students to relax, interact and participate in print and digital literacy activities during their own recreation time.

Activities are at 11am first break next week. ALL STUDENTS are WELCOME. Let’s Celebrate!

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We are still looking for volunteers to work half days from 9am to 11.30am.
Chappy Chat

Building on the theme of resilience….there are lots of factors that go a long way in building coping skills in our children, and the ability to bounce back from life’s challenges. The recipe for success includes four main ingredients:- independence, problem solving, optimism and social connection. This week, we’ll look at the topic of independence.

One of the biggest things we often do unknowingly is to ‘rescue’ our children. We love them and want the very best for them, but often end up doing far too much for them. Preventing them from feeling the natural consequences of their choices actually robs them of learning opportunities and valuable life lessons. This holds them back from thriving and realising their potential. Rescuing our children looks and feels like love, but actually stands in the way of growing their independence – an important ingredient in building resilience.

Adversity is a part of life, and only by facing it can our children build life-coping skills they’ll need down the road. So while it seems like we’re doing them a favor, stepping in means we’re stunting their emotional growth, and putting short-term payoffs over long-term well-being. As parents, our job is to be there on the sidelines supporting them through the challenges.

Common ways we sometimes ‘pave the way’ for kids and rob their independence can be:-

- Doing things for them that they can do for themselves eg., make their lunches; follow a household chores roster; clean up the mess that they made; research for school projects; hang up their towel and sort laundry; allow them to make their own apology to another. You get the idea! Kids are far more capable than we think.
- Believing that our children are perfect. While we love them, they also make mistakes and need appropriate actions put in place to help them understand right values.
- Being a wise parent means sometimes our children won’t like us, but that’s ok – they’ll thank us one day when they’re independent and living life well.

It’s hard to see our children fail, but sometimes we have to. Sometimes we have to ask ourselves whether intervening is in their best interest. There are a million ways to love a child, but in our quest for resilience, let us be mindful of life’s valuable lessons along the way, and enjoy watching their independence grow!

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 you do for your children, but what you have taught them to do for themselves that will make them successful in life.

Gladstone Hockey Association Sign On
Saturday 11th February 2017
3pm - 6 pm
Rigby Park - 2 Dawson Road
gladstonehockey@gmail.com
(All Clubs represented)

The QCWA Tannum Sands Branch is hosting the brand new QCWA Country Kitchens Hand on Nutrition Workshop.

Accredited Practicing Dietitians’ and Nutritionist will deliver nutritional information as well as run hands on cooking segments teaching you cooking skills, healthy tips and tricks and finish with a delicious meal to share with new friends

This Program starts on the 17th February at the QCWA Hall located at 1 Steel Street, Tannum Sands. (Next to Police Station).

The program runs over 3 months:

- Session 1   17th February
- Session 2   17th March
- Session 3    21st April

Time : 9.30am -1.30pm
Cost : $50.00

If you are interested, gather some friends together and contact Maree McKelvie on 0417009083 or mareemck@bigpond.net.au. You don’t have to be a CWA member to attend these workshops.