



TANNUM SANDS STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

20 February 2024

To Our Great School Community

Mid-Term 1 Update:

I want to extend my gratitude to both students and parents for maintaining a positive start to the year. This period is crucial for setting learning goals and teaching core content and skills across all subjects. Last few weeks, parents had the chance to meet with teachers to discuss their child's teacher and year level team and understand what is occurring within the school year, which was beneficial, thank you for making this a success.

Attendance Matters:

Regular school attendance is vital for students to achieve their best and meet their goals. Our aim is a 95% attendance rate, as research shows that absences beyond 10% can significantly affect student outcomes in various areas. We'll be reaching out this week to parents of students with low attendance to provide support. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Clean UP Australia Day

Join us as we make a difference! Clean Up Australia Day is on March 1st. Let's come together to beautify our school grounds and contribute to a cleaner, greener environment. Mark your calendars and get ready to lend a hand for a cleaner future!

QParents – We have reached 62% of families now on QParents. A trial run on 6WS saw 100% of the QParents families confirm their online consent for the Archery activity within 24 hours of receiving the notification. This has been a huge boost for the teachers when organising numbers etc for excursions. If you have not joined QParents, please give it some serious consideration. It enables families to consent to excursions and activities by completing the form electronically on a device, as well as make payments. You can also advise absences and recall previous report cards for your children.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year. NAPLAN is occurring from March 13th – March 20th in weeks 8 and 9 for our Year 3 and 5 students.

More information can be found here: <https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support>

Parents can also familiarise themselves with the NAPLAN Online platform by visiting ACARA's public demonstration site, which includes demonstration tests for each NAPLAN year:

<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

Yours in Education

Mitchell Taylor
Principal



Department of Education and Training

Your child's educational journey in your hands

QParents



Visit
qparents.qld.edu.au
Register Online then scan to download the free app

Casual Dress Day Wednesday February 21

2024 ACTIVITY / PAYMENT REMINDERS

CAMP NAME	COST	WHEN	PAYMENT DUE
YR 2 MERMAID 6/3/24	\$20	6/3/24	1/3/24 (PENDING)
YR1BIEEC	\$16	22/2 = 1S & 1L 23/2 = 1TM & 1M	16/2/24
YR3STARLAB	\$12	29/2/24	26/2/24
YR4BIEEC		To be advised	(PENDING)
YR5STARLAB	\$12	29/2/24	26/2/24
YR6ARCHERY	\$15	22/3/24	8/3/24

Can you help us with the gardens?



Our groundsman has been working tirelessly to mow and weed gardens after the rain and hot weather. Perfect growing weather! The school has paid for contractors to work on weekends and they too have done a wonderful job. However, there are still gardens that need weeding. We are seeking people who would like to assist with the weeding of the gardens. It is purely voluntary and you can pick the time you would like to come and help. If this is you, or you know somebody who can volunteer, please give Natalie in the office a call on 49799111 or email nsank5@eq.edu.au

Parents - it's time to join your #PandC

Being a member of your P&C is a great way for you to support your children, your school, and your community to give #everychildeverychance in education and in life.

It's also a great way to meet new people, make new friends and have some fun!

You just know it makes sense!



Uniform shop update

Some new stock has arrived and QKR updated:

- *Some senior shirts (more to arrive this term)
- *skorts, everyday polos, sport shirts and shorts.



The P&C Uniform Shop is currently changing its opening days due to change in staff. QKR orders will still be processed while this change happens but may be delivered on different days. For the rest of February the uniform shop will only be open on Tuesday 20th, with new days to be advised for March.

Thank you.

Term 1 Calendar

Date	Event
7/2/24	Year 6 Parent Information Session
8/2/24	Port Curtis AFL and Netball trials
12/2/24	Year 4 Parent Information Session
15/2/24	Port Curtis Basketball and Touch Football
19/2/24	P & C Meeting
21/2/24	Casual Dress Day
22/2/24	Prep Teddy Bears Picnic
22/2/24	Year 1 BIEEEC Excursion
23/2/24	Year 1 BIEEEC Excursion
29/2/24	Year 5 Starlab Excursion
29/2/24	Year 3 Starlab Excursion
1/3/24	Clean up School Day
1/3/24	Port Curtis Rugby League
4/3/24	Port Curtis Tennis
6/3/24	Little Mermaid Musical Year 2
6/3/24	Capricornia Netball
7/3/24	Capricornia AFL
7/3/24	Swimming finishes for the term. Cross Country commences.
8/3/24	Port Curtis Rugby League 10yr PJ Marsh
11/3/24	Capricornia Basketball and Golf
12/3/24	Capricornia Touch Football
13/3/24	NAPLAN starts
14/3/24	NAPLAN
14/3/24	Port Curtis Hockey
15/3/24	Celebration of Music Parade
15/3/24	NAPLAN
19/3/24	NAPLAN
19/3/24	Prep Vision Screening
20/3/24	Prep Vision Screening
20/3/24	NAPLAN
21/3/24	NAPLAN
22/3/24	Celebration of Learning Parade
22/3/24	NAPLAN
25/3/24	Cross Country
26/3/24	State Titles Swimming
28/3/24	Last Day of School
15/4/24	School Resumes

Swimming

Term 1 swimming program ends at the end of Week 7 Thursday March 7. to allow for preparation for the cross country carnival. Please ensure your child brings a water bottle and hat every day.

School Photos

Monday May 20