To improve as an organisation is a continual process of planning, implementing and reviewing. This year that process is being supplemented by an external review in the form of a Teaching and Learning Audit. Our last external Audit was undertaken in 2010 so the upcoming Audit will be a good opportunity to see how we have progressed in our plans.

What has been focussed on in 2013
- Teaching of Reading programs eg CAFE
- Spelling programs - eg Words Their Way
- Daily literacy activities such as Read to Self
- Numeracy

How staff achieves improved student outcomes
- Culture of professional, particularly collegial, learning
- Explicit in our Instruction
- Classroom differentiating or providing individualised learning.

Port Curtis Athletics Carnival
Students competed at Benaraby at the Port Curtis Carnival. The team represented themselves and the school with distinction. I am very proud of how they competed, displayed sportsmanship and interacted. The following students placed in the Top 4 of their events and are invited to attend the Capricornia Carnival on Tuesday 20th August.
- Ruby Shanks – High Jump
- Joseph McEldowney – Shot Put
- Hannah Slaughter – Multi-event, High Jump
- Caleb Lusty – 200m
- Drew Kennett – Shot Put
- Angus MacDonald - Discus
- Michaela Hancock - AWD

From Facebook – For these and more ‘Like’ the School Facebook page.

Plant a Tree Day – Sponsored by Toyota
Year 2’s feathery
Port Curtis Athletics
National Tree Day

Mt Larcom Excursion
Letters to Year 5 and 6 students have been sent home for the excursion to Mt Larcom on Friday 9th August. It is a very special activity in our calendar made possible by the support we get from parents. It is both challenging to individuals and informative of our local environment.

Move It Groove it
The ‘Move It Groove It’ program is offered before school to provide an activity that motivates a range of students to get active. The circuits and distances completed by students are tallied. 8.00am – 8.30am. Students have their own card to monitor their distances.
New Website
We have updated our Website to better communicate with the school community. The website has a new calendar feature and provides easy access to the latest newsletter and other information.

https://boynislass.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx

Thanks to Mrs Janine Gibson for transferring all the information to the new format. The new website is designed to integrate with the new QSchools App.

QSchools App
You can now download the QSchools app and subscribe to receive the latest news from our school on your smartphone or tablet. The QSchools app is free and available from the iTunes store and Google Play.

It is an easy way to retrieve the latest version of the newsletter. List Boyne Island in your favourites and you will receive the latest newsletters, news items and access to the event calendar.

Science Week
Some University students will be doing some science work on ‘A Century of Australian Science’. Mrs Linda Pfeiffer, will be overseeing the University students with the Prep classes.

Botanic to Bridge
The annual Botanic to Bridge Fun Run is on Sunday 18th August. Registration has opened. This is an opportunity to have a morning out with the family and to raise funds for our school.

Prep Enrolments 2014
A letter explaining the Enrolment and Induction for Prep students in 2014 will be sent home shortly via local Kindergartens and childcare centres and will be available for collection from the Office. If you want to pre-register your Pre-Prep child with the Office a letter can be posted directly. The Prep Induction day will be held in Term 3. In Term 4, morning sessions are again offered to give the opportunity for staff and parents/caregivers to discuss Prep and for the child to become familiar with our surroundings.

Prep Induction
Wednesday 14th August
Session 1: 9:30am - 10:30am
Session 2: 10:30am – 11:30am

Prep Orientation Days
Parents and Carers are welcome to bring their child/children along for further familiarisation sessions as listed below: Prep Orientation Days

Tuesday 15th October 9:00 am - 10:30 am
Friday 1st November 9:00 am - 10:30 am
Thursday 14th November 9:00 am - 10:30 am
Monday 25th November 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Playgroup “Focus on Fours”
Every Friday morning from 9.00am – 11.00am

iWALK,iBIKE,iBUS – iPOD

The first draw for a student iPod will occur on Friday 9th followed by the 16th, 23rd, 30th August and 6th, 13th September. The child’s class will also receive access to a set of 6 iPads for the week.

Collect a ticket page from the Office or use the emailed version. N.B. “Walk” can be park or drop away from traffic areas then walk e.g. Tarcoola Drive, Bray Park or Kalori.

Parent signs on Ticket Booklet to validate each trip. When students complete their 21 trips they submit the ticket booklet and then it goes into a draw for an iPod (Each journey counts this year, TO and FROM school). Students can complete multiple booklets during the Term. The Booklet has been emailed to family contacts or is available from the Office.

School Opinion Survey
Each year, the Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) undertakes a survey of parents/caregivers, staff and students to gauge their satisfaction with important aspects of schooling. A number of parents have been randomly selected via a computer generated program, to participate in this survey. Inside the envelope you will find a letter explaining what is required and also a brief survey to be completed. Later in the year, the school will receive a report which will help us to evaluate and to reflect on how well the school is going, and also provide information for the school’s Annual Report. Responses are completely confidential.

Thank You
• A big thank you to Jodi Jones who kindly donated some first aid supplies. These are much appreciated.
• Also, big thanks to Peter Engelbrecht for helping Mr Finlay with the new gardens by the hall. They are looking great.
• Bill Robertson Toyota has donated $400 towards plants for the National Tree Day.

Class News

2VS News
It’s all hands on deck as we fly into term 3 with an exciting, hands-on Science unit ‘Good to Grow’. Our year 2 Scientists are exploring the needs of living things at school and in the surrounding environment. They have been busy planting flowers and seedlings and recording observations as changes occur. Two baby chickens have also been visiting students, allowing them to develop an understanding of life cycles.

7CR News
In English this term we have been reading Black Snake: The Daring of Ned Kelly. It is fascinating to be able to learn about Australia’s historical past. Each chapter we write a journal entry on whether we believe that Ned Kelly was a hero, villain or victim. We each have our own opinion on him and are enjoying making character maps, character profiles and recounts from other characters point of view.

This term in Science we have been learning about the different ways the moon effects earth, how tides are made and the different phases of the moon during a lunar month. We have been drawing diagrams to more clearly explain the positions of the moon, sun and earth in our solar system at different times and how this causes seasons and tides. We are so far enjoying this unit and are looking forward to building solar powered cars later on in the term.

By Ellie Shaw and Hannah Dwan

7CR
Congratulations to all of the students below who have demonstrated to their Class Teachers and classmates that “They Could Do It!” We are all very proud of your efforts.

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<td>Mia Maree</td>
<td>showing great confidence in her writing and by great participation in all activities.</td>
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<td>Lucas Butler</td>
<td>his great getting along in group work and his growing confidence in writing and number work.</td>
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<td>Taylan Chapman</td>
<td>confidently answering questions in maths.</td>
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<td>Connor Phillips</td>
<td>persisting to use vowel sounds when writing.</td>
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<td>Daniel Rockett</td>
<td>being an active listener and participating in all activities with enthusiasm.</td>
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<td>Trent Rowe</td>
<td>always being organised and presenting written work neatly.</td>
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<td>Aiden Murphy</td>
<td>improving his focus and application in order to become a great learner.</td>
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<td>Jayden Thies</td>
<td>making a huge improvement in his handwriting and use of spelling strategies.</td>
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<td>Shanae Pearsall</td>
<td>always striving for her personal best in all areas.</td>
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<td>Darcy Connell</td>
<td>making a big effort to become more responsible in the classroom.</td>
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<td>Zack Zahnow</td>
<td>demonstrating some great Café reading strategies.</td>
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<td>always presenting workbook to a very high standard.</td>
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<td>Flynn Lusty</td>
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<td>always completing tasks to a very high standard.</td>
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<td>Hunter Peterson</td>
<td>persisting with his difficult math challenges.</td>
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<td>Chelsea Storch</td>
<td>consistently working hard to complete her work to the best of her ability.</td>
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<td>Jack Stewart</td>
<td>always getting along with others and being a cooperative responsible class member.</td>
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<td>Rory Gardner</td>
<td>getting along and displaying a good attitude to her school life.</td>
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<td>Bill Dwan</td>
<td>focussing and paying more attention to his school work.</td>
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<td>consistently working hard to complete her work to the best of her ability.</td>
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<td>Dylan Jacobi</td>
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<td>Ethan Vennard</td>
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<td>Lewis Briggs-Bradford</td>
<td>showing confidence and getting along with his peers in a new school.</td>
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<td>Scarlett Rudder</td>
<td>displaying confidence, effort and great results in music activities.</td>
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<td>Drew Kennett</td>
<td>showing respect for his classmates during PE lessons.</td>
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<td>Riley Clow</td>
<td>displaying confidence during our soccer lessons in PE.</td>
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<td>LOTE</td>
<td>Ms Clow</td>
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<td>Mr Finlay</td>
<td>for arranging ovals and grounds for Athletic carnivals and improving the gardens.</td>
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**PE News**

The Boys Soccer competition has started with a draw against Calliope and a 3 nil win against Kin Kora. School sport is a great way for students to try a sport in a low cost, high fun competition. It is great to see students having a go.

**Tuckshop**

Monday 5th August will be a sausage sizzle day. Cost will be $2.00 per sausage on bread. Normal tuckshop will not be available on this day.

**Banking**

Reminder: Due to the Show Holiday being on Wednesday 7th August, banking will be on the Tuesday 4th August instead.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Open Night**

Tannum Sands State High School welcomes all years 5-6.8 students to the Open Night on Wednesday 5th August from 4:00pm to 6:30pm.

- Meet Deputy Principal and Heads of Department
- See where your child will spend the next five years
- Talk with current students about Tannum High

Refreshments from 3:30 pm in the foyer. For more information contact Anne O'Neill on 4793 9777.

**NAB AFL Auskick**

NAB AFL Auskick is running at Tannum Sands State School.

First Session: Friday 7th August 2013 Time: 3:15pm – 4:10pm
Length of program: 8 weeks Cost: $60

When you participate in AFL Auskick you are given your very own branded backpack with a hat, drink bottle, pump plus heaps more!

For more information visit aflauskick.com.au
Call 0407 861 017 or email annie@tsshs.edu.au

**Music**

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