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# LOWER TULLY SS MATTERS

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**EVERYDAY  
COUNTS!!!!**

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Our week 1 students of the week L to R: Dan Zonta,  
Holly Isaac and Heath McCluskey

FAMILY NAME:

**PRINCIPAL: JULIE  
MUSUMECI**



**P&C President: Fiona Bonassi**

## **PRINCIPAL PENS:**

Welcome back to the start of another wonderful year at Lower Tully State School, and a warm welcome to all of our new students, staff members and families! We have experienced a peaceful, calm and happy start to the year with all students well-rested and ready for the learning adventures ahead of them. We are proud of our little school and the individualised and differentiated educational opportunities we can offer our students with our smaller class sizes, expert teaching team, multi-age classrooms and positive school climate. Please read the following information carefully for important school information, along with events and activities occurring in Term 1:

Staffing information for each class is as follows:

### **Prep/Year 1 class:**

Teacher: Mrs Karen Francis-Piper

Teacher Aides: Ms Tracey Basso and Mrs Kelly Anderssen

### **Year 2/3/4 class:**

Teacher: Miss Shaye Robson (Monday – Thursday) and Mrs Kate Mason (Friday)

Teacher Aide: Ms Maria Giaquinto (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday) and Mrs Kelly Anderssen (Wednesday)

### **Year 4/5/6 class:**

Teacher: Mrs Julie Musumeci (Monday – Thursday) and Mrs Jenny Crema (Friday)

Teacher Aide: Ms Joanne Davis

Specialist music lessons and PE lessons take place every Tuesday with Mrs Jan Streater and Mr Chris Cattarossi, respectively. Specialist science lessons are taken every Wednesday by Mr Mark Morrison.

Instrumental Music lessons, available for students in Years 4 – 6 occur every Wednesday afternoon with Miss Kerri Buchanan. Religious Instruction will occur every Tuesday afternoon with either Mrs Hyytinen, Mrs Keto or Father Hillary, depending on your child's religious denomination.

In accordance with the Same Day Notification of Absence legislation, the school is obliged to make a phone call to families by 9.30am if a child is not at school and no prior notice has been given for that absence. Please assist us here by notifying the school of all absences so these can be entered into our attendance recording system.

All classes in our school have a fruit break mid-way through the morning session to get them through to our first lunch break, and therefore parents are asked to ensure that there is a fruit or vegetable option in their child's lunchbox for this purpose.

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Our school's policy on homework is that it is comprised solely of reading. Extensive research shows that traditional homework, in the form of homework worksheets, is ineffective in lifting student achievement and with this being the case, we believe that time is better spent each afternoon either outdoors, spending time with family, riding bikes and taking part in sporting or extra-curricular activities. Research does however, indicate that nightly reading has a noticeable impact on raising students' ability and achievement at school, and therefore that is the 'homework' we insist upon.

Our school assembly is held every Friday afternoon from 2.40pm-3.00pm in the Year 4/5/6 classroom, and parents are welcomed and encouraged to attend to share in our celebrations of student successes and achievements if they have the time.

In terms of student leadership, unlike other schools, we believe it is important to share leadership responsibilities among all of our senior students rather than only providing those experiences to selected 'captains'. Therefore, all of our Year 6 students are our student leaders, and leadership responsibilities will be shared throughout the year. No one student at LTSS is more of a leader than any other.

Our P&C will host their Annual General Meeting along with their first meeting for the year on Wednesday, 14th February in the school library commencing at 3.30pm. We are always on the lookout for new members to join our friendly team, so if you would like to become involved in the decisions made for your child's school, please come along for a cuppa and share your ideas.

Our P&C will host the first FAMILY NIGHT for the year mid-way through this term where children can bring their parents and grandparents along for a walk-through of their classroom, show samples of their school work and have an informal chat with their child's teacher, followed by a sausage sizzle dinner and a family friendly activity. We will advise our families once a date has been set for this night, and further information will be sent home.

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held in the last week of this term – Week 10. Notice will be sent home two weeks prior and parents will be required to call the school office to book into one of the available time slots. These meetings are a great opportunity to speak one-on-one with your child's teacher in order to get a clear idea of how your child is traveling on their learning journey.

Year students in Years 4, 5 and 6 met their new Instrumental Music teacher, Miss Kerri Buchanan, in Week 2, and all are eager and excited to resume (or begin, in the case of the Year 4s) their instrumental music lessons. Forms were sent home requiring students to nominate their preferences and need to come back to school at your earliest convenience so that arrangements can be made and additional instruments can be sourced if required. At Lower Tully State School, we are extremely fortunate and also very proud to be able to offer Instrumental Music tuition to our students absolutely free of charge, thanks to the generous and tireless fundraising efforts of our wonderful P&C. This does not happen at any other school – families usually have to pay for this extra-curricular benefit. However, the benefits of learning a musical instrument and learning to read music have been heavily researched in recent times and strong correlations have been drawn between musical knowledge and skills and high achievement in other learning areas, and therefore, we want this opportunity to be completely equitable and available to all of our students.

Lastly, the staff wish to advise all parents and carers that we have an open door policy at our school and can make arrangements to meet with you to discuss any issues or concerns at any time of the school year – no need to wait until interviews or Family Night. Please contact Ms Miller in the school office to arrange to speak with your child's teacher at any time. We are always happy to chat about the learning and development of your child!

Kind regards,  
Julie Musumeci, Principal

**NEWS FROM THE PREP/YEAR ONE CLASSROOM**

Hello everyone

I am so happy to be working at Lower Tully State School and I would like to thank staff and parents for making me feel so welcome.

Year One and Prep students are off to a fantastic start to the school year and have settled in very well to their various classroom routines. We have dedicated time to discussing our whole school expectations relating to our school rules- “Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe and Be A Learner” which included breaking down and really understanding what each rule means.

In English this term, our unit is focusing on imaginative stories, so we have been reading plenty of picture books. The Preps have also started working on the initial sounds of the alphabet with Letterland activities while the Year 1s are focussing on the digraphs (when 2 or more letters make another sound).

All the students have been fascinated with the development that our classroom tadpoles are showing (some are growing legs). In our Contract work we have been doing number and writing activities related to this frog life cycle. We have also been reading factual stories and singing fun songs about frogs.

**Year 4/5/6 ART**

I am teaching Yr 4/5/6 Visual Art on Wednesday afternoons and this term we are creating animal sculptures from paper mache. The students are choosing any animal which is native to the Lower Tully area. So far the students have made a plan about which animal they are doing.

**We are needing containers and cardboard rolls for the first step of our sculptures and old newspapers for the second part. Donations of these would be appreciated!**

That’s all for now.

Thanks, Miss Franny (Prep and Year One teacher)

**DIARY DATES:**

**District Swimming Carnival—Friday 9 Feb from 4 pm for nominated students aged 9-12 years.**

**P & C AGM—  
Wed 14 Feb—All welcome**

**School Rules:**

**Be Safe**

**Be Respectful**

**Be Responsible**

**Be a Learner**



**Our wonderful Week 2  
students of the week!  
Congratulations to (L to R)  
Lachlan Milini, Haymon  
Green and Heath Domara  
Go the Boys!!!!**

With the topic of bullying, and particularly cyber bullying, being so prevalent in the media at the moment, for utterly tragic reasons, we felt that it was incredibly important to revisit this topic in our classrooms and insist upon a number of key points:

- That bullying is never okay.
- That, unfortunately, we cannot control the actions of others - only the actions of ourselves.
- That in most cases, bullies are seeking power over their victims. If you don't react, they're not getting what they want and will usually move on.
- That victims of bullying have MANY options they can explore to make it stop and an extensive support network they can turn to for support, both inside and outside of the school grounds.
- That nothing is ever so bad that you can't tell someone about it.
- That if you see or know of someone being bullied, you can either stand by or lend a hand, and the choice you make here could change someone's life.
- That bullies usually try to single out people who are different, when in fact it is our differences that make us special.
- That it's important to be open and honest with your parents about what you are doing online - they are not being old and boring by limiting or overseeing your internet use, they are just trying to protect you because they love you.

Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 have received this info-graphic to take home and refer to whenever they may need to in the future. Parents, I urge you to please continue this discussion at home with your children.



News from the Year 2/3/4 class

It is with deep sadness that I inform you that Miss Robson's lovely mother, Jenny, passed away last week after an extended period of illness, with her family by her side. Miss Robson will subsequently be absent from school for the next 2 weeks, and will be replaced in the classroom by Mrs Sharryn Westbrook. Please join me in sending our condolences to Miss Robson and her family.

Julie Musumeci

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## TERM DATES

Jan 22 - Mar 29  
Apr 17 - Jun 29  
Jul 16 - Sep 21  
Oct 8 - Dec 14

We would like to extend a huge welcome to our 2018 Prep students and new families who have chosen to commence their learning journey with LTSS!

### **PREPPERS:**

Jake Collins  
Kassius Di Bella  
Heath Domara  
Lilliana Grant  
Keelan Jerome  
Isaac Lampton  
Kael Jervois

### **OTHER NEW STUDENTS**

Heath & Noah McCluskey  
Jacob Ellis

*"Lower Tully State School ~ providing an educational environment in which students develop confidence to learn, and achieve success as individuals".*

### STAFFING FOR 2018:

Principal and Yr 4, 5 & 6 teacher	Julie Musumeci/Jenny Crema
Prep-Yr 1 teacher	Karen Francis-Piper
Yrs 2, 3 & 4 class teacher	Shaye Robson/Kate Mason
Science	Mark Morrison
Music	Jan Streater
Instrumental Music(Term 1)	Kerri Buchanan
Physical Education	Chris Cattarossi
Special Ed Program	Shannon White-Long
Teacher Aides	Tracey Basso, Kelly Anderssen Jo Davis , Maria Giaquinto
Administration	Lani Miller
Cleaner	Jane Cowell
Groundsperson	John Kinsella and Joe La Fauci



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an ACROBAT?**

**Come and  
TRICKS in a  
SAFE envi-**



**learn  
FUN and  
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