PRINCIPAL PENS:

Apologies for the break in our consistent frequency of newsletter distribution but many elements of our busy school life have had to be individually broadcast, some in a not too timely manner! Let’s hope we are now back on track to regularly inform our community in a manner in which you are most familiar. Thanks for your understanding. Congratulations to all involved in the recent events which took place fairly close together. It was great to see our parents coming together working for a common cause and enjoying the experience.

Whilst Mr Cattarossi may have been using a little ‘co-ordinator’s license’ in his description of the quality of the catering at the Soccer Carnival, he was expressing something which was very evident. Last Friday’s cake stall also very much well supported especially from our parent body who literally ‘cooked up a storm’. Customer support has also been very positive with feedback. Congratulations all involved.

The efforts of our soccer players on the day were also very thrilling to witness. The challenges on the park were met with great determination and to a person the degree of self-satisfaction every player derived was self-evident. Congratulations. Whilst some final selection decisions are still in process for the respective teams our performances came somewhat in focus when both the boys’ and girls’ squads were announced. Simon Watt, Logan Giuffrida, Jeremiah Seckington, Sam Dibella, Laurence Hiscox, Ashlee Watson, Valerie De Zwaan, Mackenzie Campbell, Grace Smith.

Furthermore our P&C body have set their fundraising plan for the year with events and activities detailed throughout the rest of the year. Whilst a major cent sale has commenced discussions and an initial date set, precipitating events have now caused a rethink for the event with a new date soon to be arranged later in the year.

Our parents were well represented at the recent Junior Secondary meeting at the High School. The presentation went a long way to allay concerns they may have harboured with the Yr 7 students moving to Jnr Secondary from next year. Should you have missed the occasion please seek feedback from the session but be aware that further transition activities are planned.

NAPLAN has come and gone for another year and the efforts generated by all of our students have been comprehensive. The preparation by both parents and staff need to be commended. Whilst some ‘butterflies’ were evident (mainly on the Tuesday) most students had a mature approach of excitement of meeting the challenges presented. Impressive also was the brief discussion staged at Wednesday’s P&C meeting where representatives demonstrated a firm view of NAPLAN as being a point in time assessment and indeed contrary to that which is presented in the media.

Recently I attended a Principals’ meeting in Cairns with the Qld Director General of Education and all of the Deputy Directors General, very much high powered and indeed unprecedented. The presentations were very stimulating as the DG outlined his vision for the Qld system which centred on EMPOWERMENT which was underpinned by:- Local decision making, Successful learners, Teaching quality, Principal leadership, School performance and Regional support. Looking forward to working with you to develop empowerment at LTSS.
ACHIEVEMENTS, CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK

WOW! have we been busy!!! Sports Carnivals, District Selections, and Colouring In Champion!

Firstly we have:

* HAYLEE MILLS ~ Prep student who won 1st place with her colouring-in entry in the Jacqui Duffy~ author of the Bear Said Please competition. Haylee was the sole winner in her age group from the Cassowary Coast Region. Haylee won an autographed copy of the book. Well Done!

*District Cross Country Results:

1st Jeremiah Seckington ~ 12 yrs Boys (Selected for the Peninsula Team)
3rd Brendan Verri ~ 9yrs Boys
5th Logan Giuffrida ~ 10yrs Boys (Selected as a reserve for the Peninsula Team)

All of our 17 competitors did extremely well with all of them scoring a place of 15th or better! This is a commendable accomplishment.

*Well done to Grace Smith, Mackenzie Campbell, Valerie deZwaan and Ashlee Watson who were selected in the Tully & District Girls Soccer Squad. A team will be selected from this squad to participate in the Championships in Cairns. Likewise Jeremiah Seckington, Sam Dibella, Simon Watt, Lawrence Hiscox and Logan Giuffrida have all made the Boys Soccer squad and they too will be hoping to make the team. Good Luck everyone.

*Touch Footy reps include: Ashlee Watson, Valerie deZwaan, and Grace Smith. Boys reps are Jeremiah, Lawrence Hiscox and Harry Smith. Their Peninsula Carnival is Sunday 22 June in Atherton.

LTSS representation is strong and healthy. We wish all of our representatives the very best of wishes. Please remember as a representative of your school you must obey your school’s Behaviour Management Plan during and around fixtures. Always be a good sport and play for enjoyment and most importantly work hard for yourself and your team—your team’s performance will benefit and so will your own.

TOO MANY ELEPHANTS IN THIS HOUSE!

Next Wednesday 21 May our Prep– Yr 2 students have been invited to attend a ‘simultaneous story-time’ session at the Tully Library.

The story that will be read is “Too Many Elephants in this House written by Ursual Dubosarsky and illus. Andrew Joyner.

Permission notices will be forwarded early next week with times etc.

Other schools in the district have also been invited to attend.

JOURNEY TO THE CENTRE OF THE EARTH

This performance will take place next Thurs 22 May here at LTSS. We have had performances in the past from this company and they have always been of a very high standard. We once again thank our P&C Assoc who make it possible for every student to attend by covering the costs for the show which commences at 2:00pm.

ALUMINIUM CANS ARE ONCE AGAIN BEING COLLECTED FROM THE TULLY HEADS COMMUNITY HALL AREA. A BIN HAS BEEN PROVIDED. MONEY RAISED WILL ASSIST LTSS P&C ASSOCIATION.
NEWS FROM THE 3/4 CLASS

The Year 3 and 4 class currently has the pleasure of hosting a prac teacher from Swinburne University, Mrs Milly Dressler. Mrs Dressler has spent the last 3 weeks with us and has another 1 to go. The children adore her and we hope she is enjoying her prac as much as we are enjoying having her!

After a week full of NAPLAN testing, I am both happy and proud to report that all our Year 3 children worked through each day of testing with dedication, concentration and enthusiasm. Comments and thoughts from the children afterwards indicated that the tests weren’t as bad or hard as they expected, and some said they were fun! I am extremely impressed with the way each student approached their testing with confidence and maturity, each making the most of the opportunity to show all that they know and can do. And from the occasional glimpse over children’s shoulders on my behalf, I believe that their results later in the year will showcase some fantastic successes. Well done Year 3s! You should all be so proud of the way in which you conducted yourselves – and know that your teacher is very proud of you!
GOSS FROM PREP ~ YEAR 2

The students in junior class have been learning about whole fractions and how to divide the items into halves, quarters and eighths evenly. The prep students are coming along well in recognising and counting numbers from 0 – 20.

I am highly impressed in the dedication nearly all students have in completely set homework tasks in all year levels. Parents I ask if you are helping the students learn their sight-words that you jumble the order up in which they learn these words. Otherwise students have a tendency of rote learning the order in which the words go in rather than actually learning the word. It is important that they can look at the sight-word and then be able to transfer that knowledge into a book setting. The sight-words given are the 200 most common words used in reading, therefore giving students a great foundation when beginning to read.

In geography students are beginning to look at the different states and territories of Australia and what special landmarks Australia has to offer ie. Sydney Harbour Bridge, Great Barrier Reef, Uluru etc.

Next week students in junior class will be going to the Tully Library for an annual simultaneous story time event. Students will have a book read to them and then have various activities and rotations to complete about that particular book. More information will come out about the event during the week.

Have a great week

Rachelle Salleras

DIARY DATES

Wed 21 May ~ Prep-Yr 2 Tully Library
Thurs 22 May ~ Performance at LTSS
Fri 23 May ~ PIE DRIVE FORMS RETURNED
Mon 02 June ~ 8:30am Meeting to discuss:
   1. Sports Day Menu
   2. Relay for Life Team
Tues 03 June ~ Adopt-A-Cop Ceremony
Mon 09 June ~ Queen’s Birthday Holiday
Thurs 05 June ~ PIES DELIVERED
Sat 07 June ~ Dave & Jonette Raffle Roster
Wed 11 June ~ P & C Meeting
Fri 27 June ~ Last school day Term 2
   2 week winter vacation
Mon 14 July ~ First school day Term 3
Fri 25 July ~ Tully Show Holiday

HAYLEE MILLS ~ 1st Prize THE BEAR SAID PLEASE competition held throughout the Cassowary Coast region. Haylee’s entry was judged 1st out of 200 entries! Well Done.