Significantly this week’s meeting to organise our fundraising program for the year witnessed a number of positive outcomes. Foremost was the degree of positivism and inclusiveness witnessed in discussions. Many of our usual activities were ‘locked in’ as well as some others which will be resurrected and a few which will be undertaken as novice attempts to continue to support our school.

Increasingly throughout our discussions was the expressed urgency to define what exactly it is for which we are fundraising. To this end a number of undertakings have been put in place which herald a new era for our relationship between the P&C Association and the teaching and learning activities at our school. Firstly a budget will be drawn up to align more closely the income elements with the activities which currently support our work for the school and class activities. Included in this will be support for the submission of the grant EOI of the weather proofing of the tennis court area which will be a huge undertaking in the probable vicinity of over $100 00. More immediate will be the investigation of our camping / excursion program to see where support may be afforded.

Secondly Melissa Maifredi has been appointed as our ‘grants officer’. Melissa has extensive experience in this area both on the ‘inside’ as well as participating in workshops aimed specifically at grant acquisition. Foremost in this regard is a cover over the senior playground. Watch this space though as Melissa has stressed the importance of ‘in-kind’ support. Whilst this will be conditional on the currency of the project, can I alert you to the opportunity to offer expertise when the opportunity arises, or indeed suggest someone / company who may be able to be approached to assist. Don’t be backward in coming forward when the project details present as this is an important area and could lead to ever increasing possibilities.

Belatedly the note that went home last Thursday details our first Parents’ night of the year. Ideally this event would have been earlier placed in the year but hopefully we can improve on the steps made last year. I relish the opportunity to speak with parents and am largely inspired by these occasions but am bustling to explain much of the contents of the issues of Principal pens as well as the wider view of what our Education Region, State and Nation purport. Much will be centred on what our new Regional Director has described ‘as nothing has changed but it won’t be business as usual.’

Talk soon.
HEAD LICE ALERT. Headllice have been detected in the school recently. It is extremely important for you to check your child’s head for head lice TODAY.

If you find head lice, commence treatment immediately and be sure to complete the process of treatment. This will help prevent head lice from spreading. Remember to keep checking your family member’s heads every two days until there are no head lice found for 10 consecutive days.

To reduce your child’s risk of getting head lice, make sure that long hair is tied up and discourage children from sharing their brushes, combs and hats and having head to head contact with others.

Remember—anyone can get head lice—they have no preferences for cleanliness, hair colour, hair type, ethnicity or age.

If for any reason you are having difficulties treating the head lice on your child effectively, please contact the school. Any families wishing to make use of this school’s continued offer to supply treatment, FREE OF CHARGE, are urged to also contact the school.

EASTER RAFFLE. Attached to this newsletter is a $10.00 family book of raffle tickets. The raffle will be drawn on THURSDAY 03 APRIL during assembly.

Please keep sending in your donations towards the raffle—lots and lots of prizes to be won!

POPULAR PIE DRIVE IS BACK FOR 2014

Also attached is the Pie Drive order form which must be returned by Friday 23 May. This was one of the fundraisers which was very successful last year. All pies are $8.00 and monies MUST BE RETURNED WITH ORDER FORM.

CONGRATULATIONS DISTRICT SPORTS REPS: We have 3 representatives who will be participating in District Championships.

On Friday 28 March, Ashlee Watson and Campbell Bonassi will travel to Innisfail to attend the Regional Netball Championships.

LTSS can also boast another District Sports Rep—Jeremiah Seckington who has been chosen in the Tully District Rugby League Team for the Peninsula Championships. Our best wishes go to you all for a successful and enjoyable carnivals.

OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS: There are still some outstanding SPELLING MASTERY text books payment to be made. If we could have this finalised before the end of term that would be great. A reminder LEVEL A is $22.00 and LEVELS B-E are $27.00. Thankyou.
NEWS FROM THE YRS 3-4 CLASSROOM

As we near the business end of Term 1, it is more important than ever to try and maximise your child’s attendance at school. A couple of children are finding it hard to keep up and are having to partake in make-up sessions during play time to catch up on learning they missed when they weren’t here. Thanks so much for your continued cooperation in getting your children to school each day.

Lately, a number of children are complaining that they have no rubber, or no ruler and are therefore, unprepared for their learning. Can I please ask parents to check with their children to see if any supplies need to be replenished?

Here’s to another fantastic week!

Julie Musumeci
Year 3-4 Teacher

PARENT EVENING TONIGHT NIGHT 25/03/14
7:00—8:30PM
GOSS FROM PREP ~ YEAR 2

As we are nearing the final weeks of term 1 I am pleased with the continued efforts with the students in year’s 1& 2’s commitment in learning their spelling words each week for homework. The weekly test results on Fridays have been astounding and prove how much dedication there is to completing homework.

The students in junior class have just started a new reading and comprehension scheme where they read a card and answer comprehension question about the story. The students are little sponges who are always willing to try new activities and have a thirst to expand their knowledge in all curriculum areas.

There has been a lot of illness around of late so I ask parents if students can go to bed at their usual bedtime. So far this year there has been only 6 days out of 8 weeks that all 24 students have attended junior class.

Have a great week,
Rachelle Salleras

DIARY DATES:

TUES 25 MARCH ~ Parent Evening 7:00—8:30pm
THURS 03 APRIL ~ Return and drawing of Easter Raffle
FRI 04 APRIL ~ Tully District Touch Carnival and drawing of Tully District Sports raffle (ALL TICKETS MUST BE RETURNED BY FRI 28 MARCH PLEASE).
FRI 04 APRIL ~ Last school day for Term 1
TUES 22 APRIL ~ First school day for Term 2