PRINCIPAL PENS:

As we head into the pointy end of the term with report card period looming, the children have been in the thick of assessment and the processes involved in showcasing the intricacies of their learning. Things have certainly become much more hectic for our teachers in the last fortnight.

This week, all small school teachers from the Ulysses Cluster are meeting up to compare student work samples in an effort to ensure consistencies in teacher judgement, to ensure that a child who gets an ‘A’ at Lower Tully State School would also get an ‘A’ for the same standard of work at, say Cardwell State School, and so on and so forth. This uniformity of expectations within our cluster is imperative, as is our commitment to ensuring transparency and integrity in our marking and grading process.

With all the hard work our students have been doing, there must come recognition. We were very proud to present Student of the Week awards at last Friday’s assembly for students who have exceeded our expectations in one way or another. These have become a weekly initiative whereby positive behaviour is reinforced and celebrated. Congratulations to Indy Mills (Prep/Year 1), Alexis Milini (Year 2-4) and Grace Smith (Year 5/6) who received this week’s awards, and thank you so much for setting a wonderful example for your peers to follow.

While we are on the topic of celebrations of achievement, I’d like to remind parents that the Year 2-4 class assembly for this term is happening this Friday afternoon (27th May) at 2.30pm in the Senior Classroom. If you can make it down to the school, please come along to see your children present some of the fantastic work they have been doing in class in recent weeks.

In closing, thanks to all those families (and extended families) who attended our Family Movie Night on Friday 13th May. We had over one hundred people in attendance, the rain left us alone and the stars were out, and a great night was had by all. The kids loved showing their parents and grandparents around their classrooms and providing glimpses of their book work, and the movie and popcorn were real treats. Thanks again to our dedicated P&C for providing the sausage sizzle and giving everyone the night off from cooking!

Kind regards,
Julie Musumeci
Acting Principal
SPORTING SCHOOLS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

These days started off being really well attended—20—22 students and they are experiencing fantastic training and most importantly lots of fun. Food is pretty good too!

But this is where the problem is being felt. For unknown reasons, the attendance has dropped to as little as 12-14 students and this puts a lot of pressure on catering for the afternoon smoko. Over the past couple of weeks, wastage has been huge and of course this means wastage with the $$$$$ set aside for food.

Once your child has committed to attending the sessions, could you please ensure that they continue to attend. We realise that sometimes there are other circumstances that may prevent them from participating, but “I just don’t feel like doing it today,” or “I don’t like Athletics” are not good enough reasons to pull the pin on attending. If we could have your persuasive co-operation with this matter, it would be most welcomed.

IF WE DON’T USE IT ~ WE’LL LOSE IT!

!!!PIE DRIVE ORDERS!!!
THIS THURSDAY 26 MAY
DELIVERY DATE
TUESDAY 07 JUNE
PLEASE SEND IN ALL ORDERS WITH MONEY COLLECTED.

PLEASE BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR:
1. Head Lice (Treatment free from school).
2. School sores – student excluded until antibiotics are administered. Sores are to be covered with watertight dressing.

REMINDERS:
Student Absences: A phone call/email or note must be received from the parent for a child’s absence. It is not sufficient for the child to provide the reason for being absent. Please scan the attached flyer with regards to attendance.

Outstanding Invoices/Statements: School and P&C A/cs were distributed last week. Please make contact with the school office if a repayment program needs to be put in place.
From the Yrs 5 & 6 Classroom

Wonderful news to start with. Congratulations to Hunter who competed last Friday at the Peninsula Cross Country, where she came 15th! What an achievement. Another big congratulations goes to Grace who has been selected for the Peninsula Touch Football team. She will be competing in the State Championships in August at Roma. To all the other wonderful students in our class who have been achieving excellence in sport, keep up the great work.

Students’ reading logs need to be returned every day. Reading is essential in the ongoing learning of daily life.

Those MAGIC words….. that’s right, I’m sure you all know what I’m talking about! PLEASE and THANKYOU. These are our focus at the moment in class. They will get you many places in life with just two magic little words that cost nothing but you gain so much. Along with our magic words we are focusing on conversation starters, polite ways of gaining adult attention and waiting our turn.

Welcome to our lovely two new girls….our chickens, who join the Lower Tully family.

Angela Loudon
Year 2/3/4 are racing through Term Two
All the children and I are getting excited for our Assembly presentation this Friday, 27th May 2016. We have been working hard and having heaps of fun putting together a collaborative sample of work to share with our loved ones. Please mark the date in your diaries; we hope to see many of you there!

I am delighted to note that more children are now reading at home daily. It’s great to note that often this is a family affair – many of the children are reading to older brothers and sisters, to grandparents and on the odd occasion to the family pet! This is so great to hear! Latest research backs up what many teachers and parents have suspected for years, when children get to read daily at home with those that care for them, it is such a positive experience that they cannot help but learn to love reading. What a fantastic life skill to be able to pass on to our most precious resource – our future adults!