PRINCIPAL PENS:

Apologies again for the lack of consistent frequency of our newsletters. There have been however a confluence of most unusual circumstances which are highly unlikely to again reoccur at least in close proximity. Many thanks for your understanding.

The recent Peninsula Track and Field Championships witnessed several of our students performing well in very stiff company. At this level I suggest to our competitors that a top twenty placing is indeed most meritorious effort. Congratulations are extended to these students as well as Ethan Zonta who all performed very well. Below are the commendable placings for three of our students:-

- Logan Giuffrida  200m  19th  800m  6th
- Grace Smith  100m 12th  200m 12th  Long Jump 9th
- Jeremiah Seckington  100m 5th  200m 3rd  High Jump 7th  Long Jump 5th

This week saw the individual NAPLAN reports arrive home. Whilst these need to be treated in context, they do however tell a story. Very detailed information regarding the results both individual and as a school are available upon request should you wish. Some results this year however are indeed outstanding and should create family celebration. Interestingly, at long last, the Department has looked at the situation for schools to bring some greater relevance to the data. In their new Headline Indicators for schools, they now look at results and include past years until twenty students (to a max of four years) are aggregated. This will bring a more valid interpretation of results for our purposes. The most contentious issue with this year’s tests seems to be the writing task, particularly from south of the border who contest the assignment was too difficult.

Recently we were able to complete and submit the second stage application for funding for the ‘weather proofing’ of the tennis court cover. The estimated total is just over $181 000 with the P&C’s contribution being $15 000. Included is landscaping/paving along with a portable stage and storage shed. The application now will hopefully pass through Regional scrutiny and then on for State prioritisation due to take place on 17th September. Hopefully we have some good news to report soon after that date.

Lastly it is indeed a pleasure to be able to welcome Ms Nicky Smith to our staff. Ms Smith is contracted to replace Mrs Musumeci whilst she is on maternity leave. The next question’s answer though is still unclear as we are still working to find a replacement for Mrs Salleras. Will keep you update when news comes to hand.
NEW ENROLMENT
We warmly welcome BROOKEY WELLS, Yr 2 to our LTSS school community. We wish Brookye and her family a long and happy relationship with LTSS.

2015 PREP ENROLMENTS
Towards the end of Term 4 we will be hosting an open school morning for our 2015 Prep students.

If you could please notify the school of your intention to enrol your child and if you could also pass this message on to any new families in our area, it would be most helpful towards deciding staffing and class sizes for next year.

A letter of invitation will be sent home to our new prep students for their visit to the “Big” school later next term.

School office no.: 40 669 351 (even if siblings already attend our school).

RELAY FOR LIFE ~ SAUSAGE AND CAKE STALL
A heartfelt thanks to the ladies who baked, cooked, sold, ‘sung and danced’ and at our recent stall—a healthy amount of $800.00 was raised!! Big claps on your back!

Our next and final stall is on Sat 06 Sept.

Could we please ask once again for your cake donations. These can be left at the school leading up to 06 Sept, or dropped off at Violet Smith Park in Tully on the Saturday morning.

Your help is deeply appreciated. We are helping one another fight this dreadful disease. We are: “KNOCKING CANCER OUT” THE LTSS WAY.

FATHER’S DAY RAFFLE
Please find attached a $10.00 book of family tickets for the Father’s Day Raffle. Tickets are $1.00 each and the prize is a $100.00 voucher for Dad to spend on Mum at Tackleworld Tully! Drawn next Friday 05 Sept during Assembly.

DIARY DATES:

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Hello,

I am so pleased to be joining LTSS as Julie Musameci’s temporary replacement whilst she is away on Maternity leave. Thank you to all the students and parents that have taken the time to welcome me to the school, I feel like one of the family already. For those of you who I have not yet met, I thought I would take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Nicky Smith and I live in Mission Beach with my husband, Adam, and my 12 year old twins, Ella and Kai. I moved to this area 19 years ago, when I arrived from the UK. I now class myself as a local; although, this pesky accent tells a different story.

So far I have had a wonderful couple of weeks getting to know your children. Last week, alongside our normal curriculum, we focused on valuing each other’s unique qualities. We discussed how each student’s uniqueness benefits and strengthen us as a class. We also discussed the power of thought, and how meeting challenges with a positive attitude can make a huge difference to the outcome.

As you are aware, this week our class was nominated to participate in the NQ Sports Tour. The students and I had a great day playing a range of different sports and learning new skills. As usual the students conducted themselves impeccably outside of the school setting.

Back at school, the students have finished writing and typing up their fables. Creating a story that teaches the reader a lesson proved both challenging and entertaining. Students work will be displayed in class, so please pop in and take a look at their humorous efforts.

And finally, I have endeavoured to keep routines as similar to Julies as possible to avoid causing any unnecessary distress to the students. However you may have noticed some minor changes. If at any time you are concerned about your child’s transition and progress, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to meeting you all over the coming months.

Regards,

Nicky Smith.
Goss from Prep ~ Yr 2

As we are entering the final weeks of term 3 the students in prep, year 1 & 2 are being tested on their reading levels and their improvements in writing and mathematics. Whilst some students have made great improvements with their reading and spelling levels unfortunately it is evident that some students are not putting in the effort to learn their sightwords and spelling words correctly therefore not receiving the results they should be achieving for their year level. All students from prep to year 2 need to learn their sightwords on a daily basis, especially if they are still learning their magic 100 words. These words are the most commonly used words in reading therefore building a fundamental structure that will assist the students in their young reading lives.

As part of our Geography studies we have been looking at the different commonwealth countries that competed in the Commonwealth Games. At present we have been learning about Scotland and its traditional clothing, food and unique animals and then comparing it to Australia. Chloe Watt did an exceptional job in bringing in photos of a family member that wore the traditional Scottish kilt for his wedding day when he got married in Scotland. It is always so encouraging that students take the time and effort to expand their knowledge and share their findings with their fellow classmates. Chloe researched and displayed these pictures all off her own bat.

At the end of term the students in the junior class will be going on an excursion but more information will be given out in the weeks to come.

Have a great weekend

Rachelle Salleras 😊