PRINCIPAL PENS:

Many thanks to all families who presented their children refreshed and ready for school last week. It certainly added immensely to the smooth start we were able to enjoy on all fronts especially given the circumstances where we welcomed a new teacher. This in turn enabled a seamless entry for Ms Brien who was able to fit glove in hand into our systems. Congratulations all.

Also impressive was our first swimming day last Friday. Our experienced Phys Ed teacher Mr Cattarossi was most impressed with his first LTSS style session. Not only did the organisational elements of the timing of the many coming and goings work impressively but also he was most impressed with the ability of our students to go the distance of a full hour of instruction. Be mindful however that this year our swimming season is six weeks in duration.

Next week sees the Active After Schools Communities program recommence. This will represent the last of this program as it will cease at the end of the year. This was raised at our last P&C meeting where the scant available detail indicated a replacement program entitled “Sporting Schools” would be in place next year. At this stage the application process isn’t available nor are any funding arrangements. The meeting did however give a strong endorsement to positively pursue the new program.

Next year also looks interesting from our enrolment point of view. With two cohorts entering Junior Secondary, 2015 will see our school as P-6 with approximately 63 students. This will see us well beyond the three teacher status but we very well may need to look closely at the class grouping arrangements with at this stage P-1, Yrs 2,3&4 and Yrs 5&6 being the most likely. This will be a change from what we have been accustomed to but the manner in which our student body have embraced the major changes presented thus far bodes well for exciting things to occur. Again there are many uncertainties existing still but as clarity arises these will be communicated in a timely fashion.

This Saturday’s Cent Sale is shaping up to be something special! The energies undertaken thus far have positively forecast a successful result but we are a long way from home. Your support in any way is encouraged on Saturday in the ways which have been previously advertised. Please make contact or indeed encourage family and friends to turn up on the day as the assembled items are indeed very, very impressive. Our business partners and community in general have been again humbling with their most generous support. Ground work has been simply inspirational…….. Just like other elements within this newsletter.
ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL - 7 weeks

TUESDAY SWIMMING THURSDAY GOLF

If your child is doing the swimming session, the same rules apply as their school swimming days. MUST have swim shirt, full piece togs, towel. There is NO COST for admission. Students will travel into the pool on our bus and then will be dropped off at their home following the session. If you are a ‘townie’, kids can be collected from the pool at 4:45pm. Please let Mrs Pacey know if you have other arrangements at any time.

At present we are trying to engage a ‘golf person’ to come and tutor the Thursday session. Lessons will be held on our school oval with maybe the final session at the Tully Country Club.

Please note as previously mentioned good behaviour for both of these activities is mandatory. Failing to comply will see your child withdrawn from the program.

Thankyou to those parents who have indicated their assistance with the afternoon tea roster. A completed roster will be sent home early next week.

Easier access to school information through updated version QSchools app.

A recent update to the QSchools app means parents will now be able to access calendar, newsletter and other information from our school website. The upgraded app can also access school social media pages. It all makes staying in touch and up to date a little easier for your family.

Visit the department’s apps page for more information and all the features: http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/app/

The QSchools app is available for free download through iTunes, Google Play and the Windows store.

RELAY FOR LIFE 2014~

On behalf of the LTSS “Knocking Out Cancer” team I would love to say a HUGE thank you to all who supported this worthy cause whether you bought tickets in raffles, participated in the walk, dressed up in boxing shorts, gave donations, cooked sausages and cup cakes, set up and pulled down tents, decorated and undecorated tents and in general gave us huge support in our quest-thank you doesn’t seem simply enough! We will do it again in 2016 so come and join in the fun and unite to fight the battle of this disease.

Never give up HOPE! At last count our team’s fundraising effort reached $1832.00 with still more to come in for registration costs. Anne Pacey

DIARY DATES

STUDENT FREE DAY ~ MONDAY 20 OCTOBER

Wed 22 Oct ~ Sports Awards Night MPC Centre

THE P&C MEETING SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK HAS NOW BEEN POSTPONED TO WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER.

Sat 01 Nov ~ Sellers are required for the Meat Tray raffles at the Tully Heads Tavern.

KEEP VIGILANT: HEAD LICE ARE BACK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

KEEP CHECKING AND APPLYING TREATMENT-FREE OF CHARGE FROM SCHOOL. NO CHILD IS IMMUNE FROM THIS PEST!
Hi Everyone,

Once again I’m amazed at how fast time is flying by. Two weeks gone of Term 4 already… WOW!

Well, this term promises to be as busy as usual. Our class is preparing for some upcoming assessment in English and Mathematics. Students will be analysing the text structure and language devices in a humorous poem and also demonstrating their understanding of various units of measurement. Students are well prepared for these evaluations and they should not cause any distress. However, if you or your child do have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

As you are probably aware, last weekend was the Relay for Life. It was my first time at this worthwhile event and I was in awe at the strong presence of the LTSS staff and parents. The LTSS Knocking out Cancer team was enthusiastic, vibrant, and hilarious to be around. Thank-you to all who attended; your company and antics helped to while away the hours (Although, I certainly could have done without Miss Jo and her bell at 5 a.m.).

And now I’d like to ask for your assistance with a few class matters. Please encourage your children to keep special/ valuable items at home. Unfortunately, I am unable to guarantee they will not be misplaced or damaged at school, and this is distressing for all involved. Also, now that the weather is heating up, I’d appreciate it if you would encourage your child to bring a water bottle to school. Finally, please can you provide your child with a small packet of tissues for their desk. I have been replacing the box on my desk every two days lately. It appears that the students are using the ‘nose blow and tissue throw strategy’. This entails groups of students standing around the bin ‘blowing their nose’ together. Prime time for this seems to be during the least popular lessons!!! I’m hoping a personal packet may break this cycle.

Thank you for you co-operation in these matters.

Here’s hoping you all have a fantastic weekend and I look forward to seeing most of you at the Cent Sale.

Nicky Smith
All about POTs
(Preps, Ones, Twos)

After travelling over 1800kms from New South Wales I was faced with a major life adventure. I had never been above Brisbane prior to this unforgettable experience.

I grew up in a small country town called Bingara (NSW) and later discovered my long-time partner not far from me in an even smaller town called Gilgai, NSW. It is from here that we decided to pack up our 3 dogs and life belongings to move to Mission Beach. With only being here (so far) a total of 2 weeks, I have already come to the conclusion that it is the best thing I have done for my life.

The first day I began my temporary contract at LTSS (to cover for Rachelle Salleras) I was not only given a bunch of roses and box of chocolates but was also faced on a number of occasions by students from all classes welcoming me to their school. The warmth I felt from everyone was unexplainable.

It is from this I would personally like to thank everyone from the Staff, to parents, to students for making my induction into the community of LTSS one that I could only describe as warm and beautiful.

In my first couple of weeks prep, one and two have been learning about inspiration in art, including what it is, what types there are, and how inspiration makes us feel when faced with it. Below are some examples of some of the terrific work that the students produced:

**The Ideal Woman**
*By Jordyn Mills*

My picture is called The Ideal Woman because the lady can cook, be healthy, beautiful, and garden without saying a word. To paint the background I used a shaving brush, a stick, and sponges. I think my picture would inspire people to enjoy the small things in life.

**Lifes Likes**
*By Alexis Milini*

My picture is called Lifes Likes because it is pictures of everything in life that people like. I used a shaving brush, a stick and sponges to paint the background. I think my picture would inspire people to enjoy the small things in life.

**Lightning Strikes**
*By Bianca Lampton*

My picture is called Lightning Strikes because it is a colourful picture but has white stripes that look like lightning. I used a shaving brush, a stick and sponges to paint the picture. I think my picture would inspire people to be happy even when bad things happen.

**Green Forest**
*By Lachlan Milini*

My picture is called Green Forest because I used a shaving brush to dab green paint that look like tree tops. I also used a stick and sponges to paint the picture. I think my picture would inspire people to be greener and environmentally friendly.