The result of the recent Cent Sale to my mind was determined well before the beans were finished being counted late into that Saturday afternoon and indeed subsequently. In fact to try and measure exactly what has been achieved in dollar terms is fundamentally simplistic!

In a superb display our P&C Association was able to accomplish a feat well in disproportion to our size. So many people were brought together to do their bit and the cogs certainly created an enormous wheel. Whilst the ‘thank yous’ to our wonderful and numerous donors continues even to this day, the confluence of so many decisions and actions produced a most marvellous occasion. This was validated by the many expressions of thanks received on the day and whilst ‘winners are grinners’ these articulations weren’t limited to the lucky ones.

Indeed I also thought that our School band for the day also played their role very well. Whilst there were some initial nerves they settled well and played with precision and co-ordination. Hearty congratulations to all the musicians.

The profound nature of the success I believe lies in the consequences of the event. Almost immediately discussion centred on the nature of change in our thinking, planning and operations. To place this in some perspective this year’s cent sale has out shone anything we have done by a significant factor and includes major undertakings such as fetes and jubilees even with an inflation consideration. It lies in the ball park of our annual return from weekly meat tray raffles when they were at their zenith!! Truly amazing but again to my mind not unexpected as the thoroughness witnessed in the prior planning and execution of assembling the wonderful array of prizes was faultless and fundamental to predetermining its success. Heartiest congratulations all.

The Top Up Tully concert of last week witnessed a change of concept with the influence of the Brisbane group Topology. It was great to see so many of our students (past ones as well) confidently performing in a large group in front of a very large and engaged audience. This year was always going to be different with a lot of the ‘work’ being undertaken in the weeks leading up to the night. Again its real success lies somewhere in the future when the benefits of being involved in the composition process evolves and develops and I believe this not only applies in a musical sense. During the lead up days many of our students were returning to school enthusiastically recounting the wonderful support they had received from the High School students and the friendly and supportive nature of the teachers. Well done all involved.

Congratulations also to our Reader’s Cup teams who participated in this annual event organised by the Cluster Teacher Librarians. The day consists of not only answering questions based around a number of varied and purposely chosen books, but also a literacy challenge centred on the creation of a small group electronically produced ‘story’. For the first time we had three teams entered one of which brought home the Readers’ Cup trophy which has been in existence for over a decade. Congratulations Mackenzie Campbell, Sara Barrie, Bradley Vecchio and Ashley Bonato who very proudly wore their winner’s medallions which seemed small in comparison to their beaming smiles. Excellent work.
SCHOOL SWIMMING LESSONS

There is only 1 more week left after this week for our school swimming lesson. Could I please ask that all unpaid admission costs be finalised by next week. $3.00 each week for each child should be paid for admission. There have been times when this school has had to pay the cost and although $3.00 is not a huge impost, when multiplied by 7 or 8 students every week, it can become a bit of a burden.

Further to this, can you also ensure that your child brings their: TOGS, SUN SHIRT AND TOWEL each week. Again lots of time is being wasted in getting these things organised at school (have had to hand out 4 sun shirts and 2 towels today alone)! We can accommodate for most items, but if your child has the need to borrow could you PLEASE return the items preferably washed, so they can be used again for emergency circumstances.

Many thanks for your understanding and assistance with these issues.

HEAD LICE

We have had to 2 cases reported this week, and I thank those parents for making the school aware. The weather is warming up and so are these pests. PLEASE CHECK HEADS & HAIR constantly. If head lice are detected whilst your child is at school, you will be contacted to come and collect the child. Treatment must be administered before your child returns to school. FREE treatment is available from this school. Please make contact with the school office.

Absences - EVERYDAY COUNTS!

As part of our Internal School Review I presented to my Assistant Regional Director and colleagues, ashamedly, that in 2013 our attendance rate was 97.5% when currently we are operating at 89.3%. The State benchmark is 92% which in real terms is very low with 16 days (3 school weeks and 1 day) absent from school. Even more horrific was the fact that we have 11 students who are attending at less than 85% of the time. This again calculates to more than 6 weeks of absence from school! Hopefully enough said.

AN INVITATION TO

GRANDPARENTS, PARENTS & PIRATE DAY

On Friday 21 November, we will be hosting a very special day for very special people. Grandparents Day has been celebrated throughout the world, so we are having our own celebration in our Lower Tully world. We are also inviting parents to come along and share in the fun activities and further to this we are adding the Pirate Day event as well. You are invited to be at the school from 12:00noon onwards. Lunch will be provided and served by our Pirate cohort. If you too would like to dress up as a pirate please join in the fun. We are also asking for a gold coin donation which
Good Afternoon everyone,

The students been extremely busy these last couple of weeks. They have worked hard to complete their English, Maths and History assessments and are looking forward to a well-earned brain break over the weekend.

I’m sure you have heard all about our enjoyable and successful excursion to Googarra Beach on Wednesday. The aim of the trip was to identify ways in which we could assist the protection of this area. We detected a distinct lack of bins and signage. The students came up with some fantastic ideas about how we can address this issue and we will be working on converting our ideas into action over the next few weeks.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to John Kinsella for giving up his time to BBQ our sausage sizzle lunch. It was just what we needed after a busy morning beach combing.

Finally….Have you heard about our mini meditation sessions? I am delighted with the enthusiasm in which the students have embraced this new 10 minute session after lunch. I think we all benefit from the few minutes of calm it brings us.

On that note I wish you all a relaxing and rejuvenating weekend

Regards,

Nicky Smith
All About POT's
(PREP, ONE, TWO)

I T'S A GIRL!!!

Students of POT's are extra excited at hearing the news of the new baby Salleras. Eva Maree and Mum are doing well and students are keen to meet her.

During our history lesson students have been learning about the changes in life and the difference between the old days and now, whether it be at school, home or daily life routines. The focus is being the difference with technology in the times and its effects on us.

Following the topic of olden days and history, in creative arts students are in the process of completing a foam print of an old cottage that many people would have lived in. I am looking forward to the completion of these.

Being week 5 we are now beginning our final testing for 2014. I wish all students the best of luck in their tests.

As it is getting closer towards the end of the year it also means getting closer towards summer and the heat. Because of this I would like to request that students bring a water bottle to school with them to be left on the sink in the classroom so that they can have frequent access to water without missing too much class time.

Thankyou again to all the parents and caregivers for their support and patience with my transition into teaching your children this term.

Miss Belinda Brien

DIARY DATES:
WEDNESDAY 12 NOV ~ Last P&C Meeting for 2014
THURSDAY 20 NOV ~ 2015 PREP OPEN MORNING
FRIDAY 21 NOV ~ Grandparents, Parents & Pirates Day

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