PRINCIPAL PENS:

What an amazing gesture presented by the Tully Heads Craft Group last Friday! The sheer excitement exhibited by our students as they eagerly selected their precious gifts to secrete away until Sunday was a joy to witness. The members of the Craft Group had approached the school some time ago with the offer to make enough gifts for our students to purchase to express their love on Mothers’ day, and the school to retain the funds raised. Everyone wins—a perfect scenario!! We are indeed hugely indebted to the members of the Craft Group, not only for their generosity but for their very strong community mindedness. Deepest gratitude.

This weekend sees the first of our District representatives compete in a Peninsula Championship. Isabella Slater, Grace and Harry Smith will be competing in this Touch Tournament and precede what is anticipated further representatives from LTSS at other Peninsula events. Sport plays an important role in the development of young people should perspectives and expectations be founded in reality. Part of the importance of sport involvement lies with the direct correlation it has with life and learning. So much value can be derived from any experience but many opportunities are missed and talent untapped due to narrow sightedness or unrealistic expectations both from participants and at times supporters. It is almost exactly these very same elements which inhibit learning. The more we attack these road bumps from as many different angles we can engineer, the better the chance we have of producing young adults who really are the best that they can be.

NAPLAN 2015 has now come and gone and I must say how impressed I am with this year’s team. They performed really well both as a group and individuals. It is hard to recall a year when participants responded to directions and stuck to tasks as well as this group. Many thanks to parents and all staff who were able play a role in preparing the students so well. Please be clear that I’m not making statements about results and outcomes but indeed process. Through reflective discussions I believe we are developing a culture where these NAPLAN snapshots are seen as ‘enjoyable’, where the sense of meeting challenges is one of relished anticipation. A really positive disposition. Well done.

HOLIDAY RAFFLE TICKETS! Please find a book of tickets which is for an amazing prize. Tickets have been sold in Tully town over the past several weeks, and this fabulous prize will be drawn on Saturday 30 May at the Car Boot and Market day. There are more $10.00 books if required.
NEWSLETTER GOES LIVE!
As of today this newsletter and all future notes will be emailed to parents. Paper copies will still be given to children for those who do not have internet access.

We are trying to deliver as much information to parents as possible, and realise that sometimes notices and notes aren’t passed on to you. Hopefully this will be a way of overcoming the hurdle, and you are kept up to date with all the comings and goings around LTSS.

If you do not receive the newsletter today via email, please give the school a ring so a check on your email address can be confirmed as the correct address.

SPORTS REPRESENTATIONS
Congratulations to our students who have demonstrated high achievements recently in the sporting arena. The following will be representing the Tully District at upcoming Peninsula Championships:

Touch Football  Isabella Slater, Grace Smith, Harry Smith
Cross Country  Brendan Verri, Hunter Richtsfeld, Grace Smith
Boys Football  Logan Giuffrida, Garry Galletta, Lawrence Hiscox, Brock Bonassi
Girls Football  Mackenzie Campbell, Hunter Richtsfeld, Grace Smith, Sara Barrie (shadow)

Good luck to all competitors.

CAR BOOT & MARKET DAY STALL - TURN TRASH INTO TREASURE!
Much discussion was centred around this activity at the P&C meeting on Wednesday. All is in place for this fabulous innovative project and one which should bring lots of outsiders and visitors to our school.

To date there are 9 sites booked with the early bird discount finishing today ($10.00 per site). But if you give the school a call before midnight I’m sure we can let you have the discount!

Please remember you don’t have to sell you goods from a car boot. You can either bring some tables along, use a shelter or just display your items on a tarp etc. All $$ are your own!

Attached to this newsletter is a registration form. Please complete and return with your site fee. Additional incentive is a stallholder lucky door prize.

Once again in keeping with the ‘market day’ we will be offering cakes, sausage sizzle and drinks on sale. Could you please indicate on the slip attached in you are able to:

1. Supply cakes
2. Help out on the food stall
3. Registering a stall

As always many thanks.
Happy Friday everyone,

Due to NAPLAN testing this week, there were a few disruptions to our usual schedule. However, all students coped well with the changes. I’d like to congratulate the Yr 3’s for conducting themselves maturely, and with enthusiasm. Here are some student reviews: “It was easier than I imagined” and “I wish we had NAPLAN every week”. The general vibe was surprisingly positive.

I hope all the mothers loved their Mother’s day gifts last Sunday. The students were pretty proud of their art work, and their purchases.

Date Claimers:

On the 18th of June our class will be going on an excursion to Cairns to watch The 26-Storey Tree House. More information will be available nearer the time.

On the 12th, 13th and 14th of August our class will be going to Daradgee Environmental centre (just North of Innisfail) for a two night camp. In preparation, some of the Daradgee staff will be attending LTSS on Friday 29th May. They have a full day of activities planned, including a Power-point presentation outlining all camp activities and requirements. All parents are welcome to attend this presentation between 11:30-1:00. However, it is not essential to attend as all information will be sent home nearer the camp dates.

Here’s wishing you all a revitalising weekend,

Regards,

Nicky Smith
Wow!! Week 4 already. Time really does fly when you are having fun. Of course it’s not all fun that we have in Prep/One classroom. Our new programs, Letterland and Stepping Stones are off to a really good start and are proving themselves to be definitely worth their weight in gold. Letterland allows the students to learn one letter and its sound each lesson. The students have work booklets that they then complete as a consolidation of what they have learnt during the lesson. Stepping Stones is a numeracy program that allows us to introduce the topic, teach the focus point and then consolidate using a page from a text book. Both programs are proving to be an asset in the Prep/One classroom.

Starting next week prep/one will be completing a number of assessments that I can then use to determine the areas we need to look further into teaching and learning. Assessments can be as simple as sight words and homework so it is vital that students complete these at home and work every night to improve their abilities. One assessment in particular was sent home as a letter at the beginning of this week outlining that we will be making a time capsule box in History. I asked that students bring in a shoe box, items to glue into the shoe box and items that remind or represent a significant event in their life. Some examples of these may be as big as a wedding they went to, the birth of their little baby brother or sister, a special birthday party, family holiday, camping trip, a festival they attended, moving house or school, or a visit from a family member or friend.

Please talk to your child about these events prior to bringing in their items so they are familiar with the story surrounding their origin.

Thankyou for your support and effort.

Miss Belinda Brien (Prep/One)