At the last P&C Meeting I announced that a staff change will take place in term 4 with Mrs Musumeci returning from maternity leave. Julie will take over from Ms Brien in the Prep / Yr 1 classroom. In welcoming Julie’s return I would also like to recognise the work Belinda has undertaken during her stay at LTSS. Adjustments had to be made with Ms Brien’s career as she came from a different system and indeed in somewhat ‘rushed’ circumstances. These situations were handled with aplomb and our gratitude certainly goes with Belinda as she embarks on her next adventure in life. On our School Community's behalf I’d like to offer our sincere thanks to Ms Brien for all the undertakings she has executed and our best wishes for the future.

At that same meeting I expressed quiet confidence in a different announcement being declared in relation to a funding application that has been in place since late 2013. Our sourced revealed that letters were in the ready for signatures and release in the week ending last Friday. Each day this week the posties has been knocked off his feet to no avail but being the eternal optimist I’m hoping that before the ink dries on this newsletter I’ll have positive news. The application was for funding to support the extension of the cover over the tennis court which will also include additional ‘weather proofing’ and items such as a stage, a shed and additional paving/concreting. To say that this has been a long drawn out process is an understatement but not only that it has tied up other funds as if the application is unsuccessful we will have to explore other options and go it alone. I also suggested that should we gain success there are a number of items we can consider to immediately purchase to further enhance our school offerings. Fingers crossed for a breaking news section hereabouts.

Schools are indeed a reflection of the wider community and there are many examples of this but I often wonder what ‘pressure’ some trends place on families. Currently there are a few sweeping through our school with contrasting perspectives. One places students ‘out there’ and whilst I make no value judgement on this, undeniably I believe it places students in a most precarious position for which a strong and resilient disposition is required. An alternate perspective lies within the area of lunches whereby students sitting near each other can’t help but notice what each other’s carers pack in lunch boxes. There are so many lunches packed with sugar and processed foods it’s well passed ‘an occasional special treat’, it’s standard fare in some lunches!!

This is where, as a school we need to work together to ensure as team members we each play our role to promote long term health and learning outcomes and not succumb to short term bargains usually designed to resolve ‘pressured’ tantrums. Should any parents require my support in this area, I’d be very willing to assist.

Looking forward to writing a breaking news section soon.
Our very best wishes go with our Tully District Athletics Reps:

1. Brendan Verri 10yrs Boys 100m Sprint
2. Hunter Richtsfeld 10yrs Girls 200m & 800m
3. Grace Smith 11yrs Girls 100m, 200m, 800m and Long Jump
4. Logan Giuffrida 11yrs Boys 200m and 800m
5. Lawrence Hiscox 12yrs Boys 100m, 200m 800m, High Jump, Long Jump

Do your very best and enjoy the pleasure of participating in this higher standard of sport. Good Luck!

HEAD LICE!
Once again this on-going pest has invaded our classrooms! Surprisingly though it is the Srn classroom which has reported 2 cases of headlice this week.

Can I please stress to be vigilant with checking of ALL heads and hair! Also having long hair tied or plaited would help with this problem. Parents are becoming increasingly frustrated because some are following the process of constantly checking and applying lotion, and their child is head lice free but then to come home riddled with creepies and eggs!

Head Lice lotion is available at the school and is FREE OF CHARGE. Please avail yourselves of this service. Remember if you child is found to have headlice or eggs at school, you will be contacted to collect him/her and asked to commence treatment immediately. Your child will then be allowed to return to school.

TONIGHT!
TULLY HEADS MEAT TRAY RAFFLES
6:00pm Start

KIDS U/12 EAT FREE FROM THE KIDS MENU.

ATTACHMENTS & DIARY DATES
Please find attached the Reading Strategy of the Week. These are a guide for when you are reading or listening to your child read.

Also attached is more information with regards to the Tully T Factor Day on Sat 29 August. Some responses have been returned for assistance on this day with baking and helping. Please return your note asap if you are able to help out.

THURS 03 SEPT: School Photos
FRI 11 SEPT: Tully High School Drama Class to perform at LTSS
FRI 18 SEPT: Cricket T 20 Blast and last day of Term 3.
Daradgee Camp

It was a pleasure to take the 2-3-4 students on the Daradgee camp last week, and the camps over-all success was apparent on the beaming, tired faces of the students that arrived back at LTSS Friday afternoon. The students couldn't wait to share their stories with their families (and I couldn't wait to go to bed). The camp had been a first for most of the younger students and the experience, although challenging at times, was immensely beneficial for all. Students participated in many exciting activities such as bouldering, hi rope climbing, creek investigation, farm visit, team building, croc spotting and photography. It was fantastic to see the kids so keen and engaged. The students’ problem solving and team work skills were put to the test on numerous occasions during the trip and I observed some obvious ‘aha’ moments where the penny dropped for many of the kids. I would like to say a huge thank-you to Dina Milini and Ricky Ferstera who volunteered their time and sacrificed their sleep to make it all possible.

Nicky Smith

My Bouldering Challenge by Jordyn Mills, Yr 3

As I walked into the bouldering shed, I felt excited and I could not stand still. We had to choose a partner, and I chose Lachlan. Max did a demo on how to do the bouldering first. We had to climb up onto the wall and hold on to the rocks and walk like a crab along the wall. We all had a go and it was so much fun. Then the next turn we had to do it blindfolded. I felt nervous, my palms were sweating, my heart was beating so fast it felt like it missed a beat. When I started to climb I felt surprised, because I was actually doing it. I started to really enjoy it. When we finished I felt shaky and sore but I was very proud of myself.

My Lucky Day by Casey McConochie Yr 2

At the school camp we went to Daradgee and my favourite part was nursing all the animals. There were baby chicks that had just hatched the day we arrived. We saw a big fat turkey and I saw the pigs eating our left over jelly. We also took photos of lots of animals, and plants. While we were at the farm one of the chickens pooped on my hand and then when I was jumping on the rocks another bird pooped in my hair. Miss Smith said I must be very lucky.

The Coolest Thing by Brendan Verri, Yr 4

As I watched Zac going up the climbing wall, I saw him shaking with fear… Then it was my turn to attempt the six metre wall. I turned to my team and said “Ready” they said it back, I said “Set” and they repeated it again. Then I said “Climbing” and they said “Climb away”. It was good to know they had my back. I reached out and grabbed the first rock, then the next, and the next. My arms were shaking. Just as I nearly reached the top I stumbled and let go of the wall. I squeezed my eyes closed- I had forgotten about the harness PHEW!!! Steve called to me to grab the wall again. I opened my eyes, grabbed the nearest rock and continued to climb. When I made it to the top I squeezed the squeaky toy to let everyone know I had made it. At that moment all my anxiety left my body. Then it was time to abseil back down. This was the fun part. I felt like I was flying for a couple of seconds. Then I bounced on the wall like a frog. I’ve decided I love rock climbing.
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