The recent announcement of our successful grant application was certainly most welcomed news. Big news it seems as the proclamation was rated highly enough to appear on page 3 in the Cairns Post during the week! It definitely is an amount of some significance which initially will be complemented with $15,000 from the P&C Association and a similar amount from the school funds. This will total well over $160,000.

Unfortunately we have had to be patient in the wait as the original application was submitted well over a year ago. In that submission I indicated that if successful the anticipated completion date would be December 2015!! Obviously now it will be sometime after that.

The extent of works will be considerable obviously, but hopefully will be able to be unlimited in one sense so that future P&C committees will be able to see avenues to further develop the facility. Essentially though an additional span will be added to the east of the existing roof of the tennis court so that it will partially cover the existing ‘eating area’. The infill in the gable on both the western and eastern sides will complete the weather proofing aspects. Landscaping works will be undertaken to replace the existing garden between the covered play area and the tennis court fence and possibly in the new area to the south of the lunch area which will be covered by the new extension. A fold away stage and storage shed will also be investigated along with the funding balance!!

Whilst there are many issues to consider (septic tanks and flooding..when we have wet seasons) should you have any ideas you think are worthwhile, please make contact before we start turning sods.

The recent Peninsula Track and Field Championships in Cairns was huge in relation to the performances of five students. So often in youth sport, emphasis is placed on ‘the here and now’. This was a perfect opportunity to peek into the future where the learnings were profound and if heeded then the real purposes of sport can be realised.

This was followed by the Netball Carnival in Cairns on the 28 August where our school team participated in the Fowler Cup. Pitted against the might of TAS and Redlynch State College amongst others, our girls performed tremendously well. Again the real benefit from the experience can’t be accurately measured in the win loss analysis. From what I saw there were real transformations in relationships and personalities. Very powerful stuff. Well done all.

Peninsula Placings on next page.
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PARTICIPANTS IN THE PENINSULA TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Brendan Verri: 100m 15.91 18th
Hunter Richtsfeld: 200m 34.23 23rd 800m 2.53.50 4th
Grace Smith: 100m 15.37 15th, 200m 31.29 15th, 800m 3.03.74 14th, Long Jump 3.56 8th
Logan Giuffrida: 200m 32.13 23rd, 800m 2.54.71 14th
Lawrence Hiscox: 100m 14.70 21st, High Jump 1.25 3rd, Long Jump 4.24 8th

Very well done to our students. What a wonderful insight for the future!

HEALTHY SCHOOL LUNCHES

I know this subject has been covered numerous times, but unfortunately consistency disappears and students are left with food items which would be better left at home or as a treat on weekends.

The cost that must be involved for the sugary, salty, choclaty and often non nutritious items compared to a simple sandwich or two, fresh fruit /cut vegies/nuts must be huge. Cost cuts to family budgets would certainly be considerable if lunch boxes were chocked with goodness.

Parallels can be drawn with the message that was in the Principal Pens in the previous newsletter, when it was mentioned students saying “I'm no good at this or I don't like running, jumping etc” and students also saying “I don’t like fruit, or vegetables or my best friend has potato crisps for lunch”!! When kids are faced with no other choices, I’m sure the right decision will be made.

Let’s work on this together. Healthy foods, Healthy bodies, Healthy minds.

FATHER’S DAY STALL

What an exciting event this was? Students lined up for their ‘shopping’ and were very efficient with their spending and most importantly what would be the best gift for their Dad. Hoping all the Dads enjoyed their special day and their presents.

This of course would not have happened without once again the generosity and kindness of the Tully Heads Craft and Wellbeing Group. These lovely ladies diligently made and provided at no cost to the school a total of 76 gifts. Overall the donation to the school was approximately $300.00. The joy on the kids faces .........................no dollar value could match it! We once again thank these ladies from the bottom of our hearts for their continuous and never-ending support towards our students and school community.