PRINCIPAL PENS:

As most of you will now know, our National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence on Friday came to a screeching halt when our new septic tank launched itself up and out of the ground as a result of built up water pressure under the ground, breaking pipes in the process, and leaving our toilet facilities out of action. We had staff from Regional Office on standby to advise on the best course of action in a possible flood situation, so they were surprised to receive my call about a different kind of ‘disaster’! I would like to thank all of the parents in our school community for responding to our call so promptly and dropping everything to collect their children at a minute’s notice. Temporary toilet solutions, in the form of porta-loos, were brought down to the school and workers spent most of the weekend rectifying the situation. We will reschedule the activities that were to occur as part of our National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence for another time this week, as they carry such an important message.

With much anticipation and excitement, we are busy preparing for our cluster’s first ever Literary Festival, which will see 11 notable authors from around Australia descend upon our beautiful area tomorrow to work with children from all 8 primary schools. Our Year 5 and 6 children will host their peers from Feluga SS and El Arish SS and join in welcoming Paul Collins to our school where the group of just over 40 children will get a real feel for what it’s like to be a published author and see in real life the processes that are involved in professional narrative writing. Our Year 2, 3 and 4 children are off to Feluga SS where they will join with their peers from Feluga SS and El Arish SS to meet and work with Aleesah Darlison in a similar fashion. The hype surrounding this opportunity is electrifying, and rightly so. If possible, families are also encouraged to take the opportunity to meet many more of these authors at the Tully Library tomorrow afternoon from 3pm – 5pm, where a selection of their books will be on sale and guests will have the option of having any books they purchase signed.

Before closing, I’d like to publicly recognise the efforts of a number of people whose helpful actions are a prime example of the things that make our school community so great. Sean Anderssen recently made a set of flat steel covers for the holes in our multi-purpose court area that house the posts for the tennis net. Up until now, we have had to place sports markers over these holes to avoid potential injuries, and also to keep unwelcome visitors, such as toads, out of them. Sean saw the need, and responded without fuss or delay. We’d like to extend a very warm LTSS thank you to Sean. We are also indebted to our wonderful P&C and all the families who contributed cakes and slices to the election day cake stall over the weekend, and also to those who gave up their Saturday to man the stall. Funds raised by the P&C are put straight back into projects for the school, which directly benefit all LTSS children, and these actions of generosity and community spirit do not go unnoticed.

Everywhere I look, I am reminded that what we have here at LTSS is something truly special. Together with the staff, I wish all of our families a well-deserved, relaxing Easter break, spent with family and loved ones, and thank you all again for your contribution to our school in Term 1. School will resume for Term 2 on Monday 11th April.

Best regards,

Julie Musumeci
EASTER DONATIONS & RAFFLE

Hurry, Hurry, Hurry..................easter donations are to be sent in no later than tomorrow! Ham-pers and prizes are being made up so your dona-tions are needed asap. Response this year has not been as forthcoming, so our prizes at this stage are very limited. If you still have some goodies to send in, please do so.

All raffle tickets and money to be sent in before Wednesday as the drawing of the raffle will take place during Wednesday afternoon Assembly.

CONGRATULATIONS to recent representatives from our school:

Netball Peninsula Trials:
Hunter Richtsfeld
Grace Smith

Leadership Camp:
Hunter Richtsfeld
Grace Smith
Kaharne Lees

Well done, for keeping the LTSS spirit strong. You represented our school with Loyalty, Tolerance, Strength and Success and we are all very proud of you.

REMINDERS
- Spelling Mastery accounts to be finalised ASAP.
- Uniform accounts to be finalised.
- EASTER DONATIONS PLEASE.
- Easter Raffle tickets to be returned.
- TOUCH FOOTY tickets to be returned.
- TOUCH FOOTY Carnival this THURSDAY.
- 2 week Easter Break
- School resumes MONDAY 11 April.
WOW, what an exciting term it has been! We are looking forward to our author visit tomorrow by Paul Collins. This will wrap up our term’s English studies with the focus on the Fantasy genre. We have many exciting questions to ask Mr Collins, with regards to his books and where he gets his ideas from. The students have each written their own first chapter for a fantasy story that they hope to share on the day. In Maths, we have spent the last few weeks focussing on multiplication and working into division. We have also worked with adding or multiplying decimals.

We have continued our behaviour focus on Respect of others and ourselves. We will extend this focus through our 'Respectful Relationships Education Program' for National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence Day on Friday. Please continue to talk with your child about how to deal with conflict in a positive way.

Grace, Hunter and Kaharne were sent as representatives from LTSS to the Daradgee Education Environmental Leadership camp last week. They had a wonderful time and are keen to share their learnings over the two days with the rest of the class. We are excited to try some of the games and activities that they participated in centred around topics such as resilience, public speaking, team work and organisation.

We are well on our way to purchasing some chickens. To date we have raised $120 towards our Chicken and Gardens project. We are leaving the purchase of the chickens until early next term and start Term 2 fresh with some new additions to our school.

Have a happy and safe Easter break,
Angela Loudon
What a fun, busy time we’ve had in Term One!

Yrs 2, 3 & 4

The children are so excited to head over to Feluga State School this Tuesday to meet Aleesah Darlison. They have really enjoyed reading Aleesah’s Fantasy Adventures about Unicorn Riders and now each child has written their own adventure story!

The heroes, along with the unicorns of course, of the 2/3/4 stories are themselves! They have written action-packed tales filled with breathtaking adventures.

I have been thoroughly entertained and impressed with the creative and fantastical ideas the children have produced. It has been terrific watching each child build on their vocabulary and knowledge of text structure throughout our writing workshops. Everyone is having fun thinking of more descriptive words to add as much detail and delight as we can to our stories.

Thank you parents for allowing your children to bring in their special animal, fantasy and farm toys to create our unicorn world. The photos are heaps of fun – once we return from our Author Adventure to Feluga, the children will be able to bring their unicorns and photos home to show you.

On the last day of term we will have a small break-up party to celebrate all our hard work this term. We are going to make and then eat ice-cream unicorn horns. YUM!

Have a relaxed and happy Easter break—see you back in Term 2 ready for more adventures in learning!

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