Somebody blinked and now the Easter holidays are over! I hope you all had a relaxing break and a chance to regroup and regather for what is shaping up to be a busy Term 2.

First on our school calendar is ANZAC Day. Monday the 26th April is the ANZAC Day public holiday, and rather than coming to school, we are hoping that most families will come to the ANZAC Day parade in Tully instead, to allow their children to march with the school and pay their respects to soldiers who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country. The parade is scheduled to commence at 10.00am, and we are asking all LTSS children to assemble in front of Rafters in the main street at 9.40am. We have always had a fantastic response from our families, with one of the biggest school groups in attendance, and we hope this year will be no different. If you get a chance, please pop over the school later this week to see the poppies the children made to adorn our Peace Garden near the office stairs.

This term, each class group is going to present an assembly to share examples of the work they have been doing in class, in our normal Friday assembly timeslot of 2.40pm – 3.00pm. Parents, grandparents and other relatives are most welcome to come along to celebrate the children’s achievements!

Dates for each class are as follows: Prep/Year 1 – Friday 6 May
Year 2-4 – Friday 27 May
Year 5/6 – Friday 17 June

Our Year 3 and Year 5 children have the annual NAPLAN testing coming up in Week 5 of this term, from 10-12 May. At Lower Tully SS, we send a very strong message to our students, that as long as they have done the best they were capable of at the time of the test, that’s all that matters. Results are very much dependent on how each child is feeling on the day of the tests, and we believe that if children are feeling stressed, anxious or worried, it is unlikely they’ll be able to perform to their best ability. Since NAPLAN tests cover such a vast array of learning areas and concepts, it is impossible to ‘study’ for them, and our test preparation simply ensures that children are familiar with the test structure and format. We ask that families convey a similar message to their children, and to emphasise the point that their class teacher has a far better understanding of where their learning is at, and that NAPLAN results will have no bearing on what is written on each child’s school report.

As always, your child’s classroom doors are open and their teachers are available and approachable to chat with you about any concerns you may have regarding your child/ren, their learning and development, and their overall happiness at school. I am so pleased to report a very smooth start to the term and am excited for the fantastic learning that Term 2 has in store for our children.

All the best,

Julie Musumeci
Acting Principal
ANZAC DAY 2016

This year marks the 101st Anniversary for our ANZACS and our school has been invited to participate in the 2016 ANZAC Day procession to be held in Tully on Monday 25 April. Our students will assemble in front of the Rafters (across from Mitre 10) in Butler Street at 9:40am. The parade commences at 10:00am SHARP.

All students are to be in full school uniform ~ blue shorts/skirt/skort, LTSS school shirt, shoes, blue school hat and to present in a neat and tidy appearance.

A strong attendance from this school is always pleasing and demonstrates our appreciation to those men and women who defended our nation so their commitment and heroism should forever be commemorated.

On arrival at the Cenotaph at Mitchell Park, a short commemorative ceremony will take place. School shelters will be erected for students’ comfort throughout the proceedings. Wreaths will be placed by our student representatives as well as a reading of the fourth resolution.

School staff will be marching with the school and providing supervision during the ceremony.

If your child is willing to attend the parade but has a problem with transport, PLEASE make contact with the school office.

WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER OUR HEROES.

AGE APPROPRIATE PEDAGOGIES

As mentioned in an earlier newsletter, our school has committed to participate in the second phase of a pilot study on adapting teaching practices to incorporate more Age-Appropriate Pedagogies. Throughout Phase 1 of the Pilot last year, the Prep-Yr 1 classroom focussed on numeracy with the ‘help’ of Addtron in a mathematics ‘lab’ learning space in the classroom. Please see attached a report which appeared in the most recent newsletter distributed statewide by the Age-Appropriate and Effective Pedagogy team. Interesting reading and worthy recognition of the valuable learning and teaching experiences being undertaken at our school.

DIARY DATES

| MONDAY 25 APRIL | ~ ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY AND MARCH |
| FRIDAY 29 APRIL | ~ DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY (9yrs-11yrs) |
| MONDAY 02 MAY | ~ LABOR DAY HOLIDAY |
| TUESDAY 03 MAY | ~ PIE ORDER FORMS DISTRIBUTED |
| FRIDAY 06 MAY | ~ MOTHER’S DAY CAKE STALL |
| | DRAWING OF MOTHER’S DAY RAFFLE |

TEITZEL’S SUPA IGA ~ CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY
Welcome back to Term two!

What an amazing start to this term! I hope you all had a lovely relaxing Easter break. It was great to see the smiling faces of the students return.

We have hit the ground running this term with persuasive texts in English. Firstly, we will be exploring persuasion through writing then leading into advertising. I’m excited that this will be a fun unit and am looking forward to the students end creations.

We are still selling ice blocks on a Friday. The whole school really enjoys this event once a week and it’s teaching the students business skills, management, team work and responsibility at the same time. We are looking forward to moving ahead with building the coop run area in the coming weeks and purchasing the chickens.

This is an awesome adventure that we are taking on together.

Mrs Loudon

Well Women’s Clinics
(these clinics are available to Medicare eligible clients)

Service includes Pap Smears, Sexual Health Screening, Breast Awareness, also info on Contraception, Continence, Menopause, Lifestyle Issues, Domestic Violence, etc. All services are provided by a specially trained Women’s Health Nurse.

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Term Two Takes Off!

Year 2/3/4 has had a **terrific** start to Term Two. All the children returned to school rested, relaxed and ready to learn. Our classes and routines have begun without a hitch.

This term we are continuing to focus on developing our reading fluency through building our decoding and comprehension strategies. We are also continuing to work through our Stepping Stones maths program and are spending the first couple of weeks revising both addition and subtraction strategies.

With ANZAC Day only a week away, we will be investigating the importance of this day to Australians and we will be making poppies to place in our Peace Garden. These poppies symbolize both **remembrance** of those that have given their lives in service of their country and **hope** for peace over conflict in our lives.

Below are a couple of photos of the children in Year 2/3/4 enjoying meeting and working with Aleesah Darlison at Feluga State School at the end of Term One.

HEAD LICE ALERT!! Please complete attached notification form and return to school office ASAP. Be reminded if students are found to have lice or eggs at school you will be contacted to collect your child and asked to commence treatment immediately. Your child will then be allowed to return to school. Please indicate on the form if you require treatment to be sent home.............it is FREE OF CHARGE.