PRINCIPAL PENS:

Winter in FNQ has finally arrived! And isn’t it spectacular? Only a couple of weeks ago we found ourselves checking our calendars to make sure it really was May after a particularly hot few days, but better late than never! With the onset of cooler weather, now is a good time to reiterate the guidelines for winter apparel at school in line with our uniform policy.

Students’ own jumpers or cardigans are permitted, as long as they are clearly marked with the child’s name. Tights for girls are allowed if worn underneath their regular skorts/shorts, and navy blue track pants are available for purchase at the school if required. Singlets or vests underneath the school shirt are also a good idea to provide an extra layer or warmth, as are shoes and socks. As the day goes on and warms up, most of these extra layers are shed, and so it’s imperative that each item is named. The change in weather is also a time when coughs and colds can spread through a school like wildfire, so we are working with the children to ensure that hands are washed properly and frequently to avoid the spread of germs. Please use your own discretion when deciding on whether to keep your child at home – too many absences, particularly at this busy time of year when lots of assessment is taking place, can be problematic, as every day counts. Children can probably handle a bit of a sniffle at school, but if they are really sick, they are better off at home.

We have had a sudden and unforeseeable staffing change, which many of you may already be aware of, where our Year 5/6 teacher, Mrs Angela Loudon, has decided to take the remainder of this term off for personal reasons. Mrs Loudon is still undecided as to whether she will return to LTSS after the holidays. We had to act quickly to replace her for the remaining three weeks of this term, and at such short notice, we were unfortunately unable to find one teacher who was available to cover the whole three weeks, but we have been extremely fortunate to recruit two very strong and accomplished to share the class during this time. We wish Mrs Cherie Jenkins and Mrs Debra Zamora a very warm welcome (and welcome back) and are thankful that they were able to assist us at such short notice. Throughout this period of change, the education, development and wellbeing of your children is our highest prerogative, and we will keep you informed on any developments in the long term situation.

An opportunity has presented where our families have the option of requesting a mentoring service for their child/ren offered by the Tully Support Centre through our school. A senior counsellor/family support worker from the centre is available to come to the school on a regular basis to talk with children about building their strengths and social skills and working on increasing their self-confidence. If you feel that your child may benefit from this service, please contact the school.

Kind Regards,

Julie Musumeci.
Copy of letter that was sent home last Friday explaining the temporary staff changes for remainder of the term.

Dear Parents and Carers,

You are probably now aware that our Year 5/6 teacher, Mrs Loudon, has decided to take the rest of this term off due to personal reasons. We wish her all the best and hope that she is able to take the time she needs.

In light of this decision, we have had to move very quickly to replace her for the next three weeks. Ideally, we would employ one teacher to take the whole three week contract, however at such short notice, this has not been possible. What we have done instead, is recruit two very strong teachers who will share the load over this period, and I will teach on what is usually my admin day, to make up the remaining days.

Please see below for the Year 5/6 teacher schedule for the following 3 weeks.

**Week 9**
- Monday 6\(^{th}\) June - Cherie Jenkins
- Tuesday 7\(^{th}\) June - Debra Zamora
- Wednesday 8\(^{th}\) June - Cherie Jenkins
- Thursday 9\(^{th}\) June - Debra Zamora
- Friday 10\(^{th}\) June - Cherie Jenkins

**Week 10**
- Mon 13 –Fri 17—Debra Zamora

**Week 11**
- Mon 20, Wed 22 & Fri 24 –Cherie Jenkins
- Tues 21 & Thurs 23 - Debra Zamora

I will send more information home as it becomes available. A plan will be implemented that each teacher will pick up and work from each day to ensure continuity for our students as best we can. Thank you so much in advance for your understanding and patience with this matter. Please feel free to call the school if you have any concerns regarding this arrangement.

**CONGRATULATIONS!! “INNISFAIL YOUNG PERFORMERS COMPETITORS”**

A very talented group of LTSS musicians travelled to the Innisfail Conservatorium of Music last Monday to capably participate in the strong competition featuring ensembles, duets and solos.

LTSS students did themselves, their school and their music teacher Mrs Stewart very proud and were rewarded for their efforts.

Some results include:
- 3rd place: Hunter and Esabella—Clarinet Duo
- Very Highly Commended: Macenzie and Ava
- Highly Commended: Zac, Brendan, Arianna and Allanah.

WELL DONE TEAM!
SCHOOL LUNCHES!!

Getting cooler, kids are hungrier! Healthy lunches and snacks are important for active children and help with concentration and learning.

Unfortunately some of the lunch boxes that are coming to school are crammed full with food which is high in sugar, low in fibre and are best left at home.

Items which should be included in the lunch box include: vegetable sticks, fresh fruit, cheese or yoghurt, lean meat, hard-boiled egg or beans, bread, pita or flat bread or crackers.

Chips (high in salt) chocolate and muesli bars are expensive and stuck together with fats and sugar.

Water is the best option for a drink as many of the sweet drinks such as fruit juice, cordials, sports drinks and softdrinks are not necessary and increase the risk of tooth decay. Soft drink is NOT an option.

It is important to keep offering healthy lunch box choices in a variety of ways, so children learn to eat what is good and familiar to them. Our students are also very fortunate to have the opportunity to have their lunches if required, heated up.

Healthy eating and drinking is an important part of looking after our health and reducing the risks of future health problems.

Healthy food = Healthy mind = Healthy body.

PS Please remember to put a plastic spoon in your child’s lunch box for yoghurts etc.

ICY POLES
Still on sale
EVERY FRIDAY
50c

P & C JUNE MEETING TODAY
3:30PM
EVERYBODY WELCOME

DIARY DATES

NEXT THURSDAY 16 JUNE IS THE LAST DAY FOR AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES FOR TERM 2.

TUES 21 JUNE: Prep—Yr 1 Read to Me Day.

FRI 24 JUNE: End of Term 2.

2 week winter vacation

MON 11 JULY: First school day for Term 3.

MON 18 JULY: Discus Events at TSHS

WED 20 JULY: 800m Events at LTSS

FRI 22 JULY: District Track & Field at LTSS.
Year 2/3/4 – Not Long to Go Now!

Firstly, I would like to thank all the parents and grandparents that were able to take time out of their busy days to come along to our class presentation at Assembly in Week 7. I was extremely proud of how well the children presented their work. Each and every child in the class worked to together cooperatively to make our scary camp-story book for the Prep/Year 1 children. We had so much fun producing this work and learned much along the way, not only about writing a narrative, but also about teamwork.

It has been a very busy few weeks in the 2/3/4 class since our last newsletter; we have been doing lots of assessment across all key learning areas. The children have been taking this in their stride. Although a few of them have felt stressed out during the process. This too has been an opportunity for the children to begin to learn strategies that help them to remain calm when they feel anxious or nervous. Again I have been very proud of the children as many of them have ‘bounced back’ from situations they found challenging and have given the task at hand a ‘RED-HOT GO!’

Until next time,

Belinda Adams.