SCHOOL TIMES

• Arrival - Books placed neatly in desk, pencils sharpened, general preparations carried out.

• 8:30am - First bell and classes and commence.

• 10:30am - Play Time.

• 11:10am - First Break.

• 11:30pm - Classes resume.

• 1:30pm - Play Time.

• 1:50pm - Second Break.

• 2:05pm - Classes resume.

• 3:00pm - Dismissal.

HISTORY

Building of the first Lower Tully State School commenced in 1931 and was completed on 16 May, 1932 at a cost of 440 pounds. It was a high blocked building to accommodate forty pupils. It consisted of one room with a verandah on the eastern and western sides.

The school year commenced on 15 February, 1932 in the local hall with seventeen pupils in attendance, and then moved into the new classroom on its completion. Mr Bill Tainton was appointed as the first principal and remained until 1947.

Many improvements were carried out. In 1935, under the school was concreted while extensions to the school were completed in 1948. In 1972 the eastern verandah was enclosed to provide a library and the western verandah was enclosed to act as a Staff/Health room.

In 1976 the activities building, formerly the manual training building at the Tully Rural School, was added to the grounds, by the hard working efforts of the P & C Committee which then completed the erection of the tennis court in 1978. The new toilet block and covered play area were completed in 1979 and also in that year work commenced on the new school. The present school was completed in 1980 and officially opened in September of that year by Mr E. Row, M.L.A.
SCHOOL BUS
A school bus operates from the Tully-Hull Heads areas to the school, catering for both primary and secondary students. The service is free to parents whose children under ten years of age, reside more than 3.2km from the school. Students who attain the age of ten years, become ineligible if they reside less than 4.8km from school. The bus is operated by Jesse’s Cardwell and contact can be made with Mrs Jesse on (40 668 710). The total service is controlled by a local conveyance committee.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS
The correct school uniform, which has been designed for maximum utility and durability is outlined in the current Uniform Policy. All clothing (and other items where possible) should be clearly and permanently labelled with the child’s name.

Day & Sports Uniform (Boys & Girls) - Royal blue shorts, (boxer, draw string) usually available from the school or in Tully. A royal blue pleated skirt/skort is also an option for the girls. - White poly cotton polo shirt featuring school colours and emblem. These are on sale at the school.

HATS
Hats are compulsory. No Hat-No Play is our policy in regard to sun safety. Caps and any other style of hat not within the sun smart guidelines are NOT permissible. Royal blue broad brim floppy hats which is in line with our school uniform colours are available for purchase from the office

PREP YEAR LESSONS
Prep will be introduced in all state schools from the beginning of 2007. Prep will be full-time and not compulsory. Prep will be available to all children of eligible age and there will be no waiting list. All prospective students will need to be 5 years of age by 30 June in the year they enrol fro Prep.

SCHOOL BANKING
Banking day at this school is Tuesday. Those parents who wish to start their child/ren banking may contact the school or the Commonwealth Bank for details as to how an account may be opened.
**BOOKLISTS**
Lists of general requirements are sent home during the first few weeks of school. These lists are usually of a general nature and we always endeavour to keep costs to a minimum. When school stocks are depleted in certain lines, parents will be asked to supply these requirements.

**MISCELLANEOUS COSTS**
Once each term (4 per year) a production of the Queensland Arts Council is performed in Tully to which we travel to enjoy. Envelopes detailing the program as well as admission costs are distributed prior to the performance. On other occasions, excursions of an educational or sporting kind are arranged and parents will be asked to assist with transport costs.

Swimming lessons are conducted during Term 4 in Tully. Transport and admission costs are requested to be met by parents.

**REPORTING**
Report cards are sent home towards the end of each semester. Shortly thereafter the school organizes interviews with class teachers for all interested parents at a mutually convenient time. Parents should feel free to arrange an interview at any convenient time. Informal discussions about progress or problems are welcomed.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**
Religious Education is given by authorized persons for half hourly sessions, once a week each Tuesday. Children of Anglican, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Uniting Churches and other faiths are grouped in two classes.

**VOLUNTARY AIDES**
Many parents participate on a voluntary basis either at school or at home with their own children in a wide range of activities aimed at helping children to achieve. Small reading groups and individual readers are catered for in this way. Always welcome are parents or others who care to become involved with the many volunteers who help in many school activities.

**NEWSLETTERS**
Newsletters are sent home on a regular basis and a folder is provided to ensure you are able to keep at hand our school news as well as being aware of any gaps in the delivery service between home and school. Be aware of a number at the top of each newsletter and if any gaps appear please contact the school to rectify this.

**ATTENDANCE**
It is of course most important that your children attend school regularly and punctually. However, children who are ill are unable to work satisfactorily at school and naturally we do not expect them to attend under these circumstances. On their return to school we do like to receive from you a note or phone call giving the reason for their absence.
SunSmart Policy Statement

Rationale
Queensland has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. Of all new cancers diagnosed in Australia each year, 80% are skin cancers. Research indicates that childhood sun exposure is an important contributing factor to the development of skin cancer later in life. Given that students are a school during peak ultraviolet radiation (UVR) times throughout the day, schools play a major role in both minimising student’s UVR exposure and providing an environment where policies and procedures can positively influence student behaviour.

Ultraviolet radiation (UVR) levels are highest during the hours that children are at school. As children will spend a portion of their day outdoors, we are committed to protecting them from harmful effects of the sun.

With this in mind, Lower Tully State School realises the need to protect children’s skin and educate them about SunSmart behaviour, thus reducing the risk of skin damage from exposure to the sun.

Aims
This policy aims to:
- Provide ongoing education that promotes personal responsibility for skin cancer prevention and early detection
- Provide environments that support SunSmart practices
- Create an awareness of the need to reschedule outdoor activities to support SunSmart practices.

Procedures
Lower Tully State School recognises that winter sun also contributes to skin damage. This policy will therefore be implemented through the whole year.

The purpose of this SunSmart policy is to ensure that all children attending our establishment are protected from the harmful effects of the sun throughout the year.
**Our Commitment**

**Lower Tully State School will:**
- Inform parents of the SunSmart policy when they enrol their child
- Include the SunSmart policy statement in the school prospectus
- Increase the amount of shade in the school grounds, where possible, by building shelters and planting trees
- Encourage all teachers and staff to act as positive role models for children in all aspects of SunSmart behaviour
- Seek ongoing support from parents and the school community for the SunSmart policy and its implementation, through newsletters, parent meetings etc.
- Ensure that all students and staff wear hats that protect the face, neck and ears, and SPF 30+ broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen, when involved in outdoor activities
- Encourage students without adequate sun protection to use shaded or covered areas at recess and lunch times
- Ensure that, wherever practicable, outdoor activities take place before 10:00am and after 3:00pm
- Ensure that SPF 30+ broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen is included in the school’s First Aid kit

**Our Expectations**

**Parents/carers will:**
- Provide a SunSmart hat for their child and ensure that they wear it to and from school
- Ensure that their child’s uniform which is in compliance with the Queensland Cancer Council’s SunSmart guidelines is worn to school each day
- Act as positive role models by practise SunSmart behaviour
- Support the school’s SunSmart policy and help design and regularly update the policy.

**Students will:**
- Be aware of the school’s SunSmart policy
- Take responsibility for their own health safety by being SunSmart
- Comply with SunSmart guidelines by wearing suitable hats, clothing and sunscreen
- Use shaded or covered areas outdoors
- Act as positive role models for other students in all aspects of SunSmart behaviour
- Participate in SunSmart education programs

*Mrs J deZwaan*
A MESSAGE FROM THE P & C SECRETARY

Dear Parent,

I am writing this letter to outline some of the activities in which parents of our school are involved. We welcome any new parents, willing to give their time, energy and ideas to our meetings.

The P & C Association holds its meetings on the second Tuesday of every month in the school library, starting at 3:15pm. One of the functions of the association is to raise funds to cover the shortfalls in Government spending and to meet the needs of our children. We discuss areas best suited to spending the money raised. The main aim is to provide our children with the best education possible.

If you are unable to attend P & C meetings, the mothers hold informal meetings to discuss their fundraising. A street stall combined with a raffle are organized for each term and anyone wishing to help out may contact the school.

All our meetings are a good opportunity to meet with other people in our small community and also meet your children’s school friends, their parents and teachers. They also help keep you in touch with their education out of school hours.

If you have any queries or require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact the secretary.

Yours faithfully,
Secretary,
P & C Association.

We trust that you and your children’s association with this school will be a pleasant and rewarding one and if, at any time, there is anything further you wish to know, please do not hesitate to contact us.

“Welcome to Lower Tully State School”