From The Principal

What a wonderful start to the year!
Upon my return I have been filled with such pride in our school community. The students are well equipped and their uniforms look fantastic. Our students are happy with smiling faces and keen to have a chat. They appear to have settled into their new classes and have started the year full of optimism. Preparation of our teachers and support staff has been second to none. The school environment looks amazing – in spite of the current climate where grass and mould grow so rapidly. So once again, I would like to thank you, the school community – families, friends and staff, for ensuring a calm and positive start to the year for our children.

Welcome to our new staff members
I would like to extend a warm Tully State School welcome to:
Nicole Epple - 6A
Kate Stevens - Prep B
Nikki Boyd - Prep A
Jonnie Hughes - Student Support Officer

Welcome back to Mr Ken Hamill and Mrs Chris McLean. We hope you find your time here both professionally rewarding and enjoyable.

Welcome to our new families.
I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new families. We hope you find our school friendly and inviting. Please come along to the teacher information sessions and meet some of the other parents and staff. We are always looking for help with our P&C which meets on Tuesday, 21st February at 4:30pm in the Staffroom.

Welcome to our Preps who have just begun their formal educational journey. These young people have already demonstrated their willingness to learn and come to the ‘big’ school. We will join in with their excitement and awe as they learn.

Class Information Session & Sausage Sizzle – Wednesday 8th, February.
Please come along grab a sausage, chat to fellow parents, attend the class information session and meet your child’s teacher for 2017. These sessions provide an opportunity for the teacher to give a brief overview of key curriculum foci, class routines and behaviour approaches, homework expectations, communication strategies and ways to assist your child. Look out for the invitation.

Jennifer Sloane
Dear Tully State School students,

We are a group of local geologists who are working in and studying your local area. We have been very busy working on dig sites and have discovered a lot of information about the local landforms and how they have been affected by geological processes and human activity. That’s where you come in! We know that children love to play in dirt, just like us, so we thought your class might like to help us do our research! We have sent your school some trays of soil and rock to dig out and document what you find. Please be careful, as you never know what artefacts might be buried underneath. Make sure that you use the right tools for your soil tray — all care needs to be taken. Please take photos or make drawings of artefacts in situ and along the way. This helps us keep accurate records of what is found. Also, please complete the sheet Geological dig record and answer the questions as best as you can. This information will help us to better understand the local area. Thank you very much for your assistance. Don’t forget to have fun and try not to make too much of a mess!

Dr S. D. Mentary

Geology: Here Today, Gone Tomorrow

Year 2/4B received the following ‘letter’ as an introduction to their first science lesson for 2017.

Separation Distress

Some children may find the separation from a parent or the transition to a new class room or teacher distressing. Here are some tips to help children manage this distress:

1. Help your child connect with their teacher: Rather than distracting with an activity a child may need to connect and feel safe with a new person. Speak with your child’s teacher about the approach you’re planning to take and ask the teacher to assist with a consistent approach.

2. Acknowledge your child’s distress: All of us feel better when we feel understood. For example, you could say “I know you’re feeling really sad that we have to be apart from one another. I understand that you want me to stay with you. But I have to go soon and I know that you’ll be safe here with your teacher”

3. Leave your child with their teacher: If your child is still feeling upset when you have to leave you could say “Let’s go and find your teacher and let him/her know that you’re feeling sad”

4. Say good bye: Stay positive. If your child senses that you’re stressed about leaving them, this can make your child more worried. It is important to say good bye so they know you are leaving and let them know that you will be there to pick them up in the afternoon. Once you’ve left don’t keep returning as this can generate more confusion and distress.

5. Discussion at Home: At home speak with your child about your goodbyes and if your child is old enough seek their ideas

6. Transitional objects: It might help to give your child an item of yours to comfort them through the day.

For help/ideas chat to your Parenting Promotion Officer:
Jolene 0488321605  F everyfamilycassowarycoast

WHAT A DISCOVERY!!
Health and Physical Education

Hello, my name is Chris Cattarossi (I don’t mind the kids calling me Mr Catt) and I am your child’s HPE teacher. I am also the President of the Tully 10-12 years District Sports Management Group which is responsible for coordinating and facilitating interschool and team sport events and teams for schools from Cardwell to El Arish.

I am able to be contacted in person, by phone or by email and am willing to listen to parental and community concerns and suggestions. I will endeavour to keep you up to date with school sport news (Tully SS, Tully District and Regional) with each newsletter this year.

2017 School Sport Calendar

At Tully State School the sports program endeavours to involve all students in a broad range of sporting activities and offers individuals and teams representative experiences in district carnivals. We also take pride in assisting those who are willing and able to attend regional, state and national events.

- **Health** lessons will focus on identity and personal safety while **Physical Education** lessons aim to develop basic skills and game sense in tennis, track and field events, rugby league, cricket, volleyball and swimming.
- **School teams** will be chosen in swimming, rugby league, netball, touch football, soccer, track and field events, cricket and league tag. District carnivals usually involve 9-12 year olds only.
- **Inter-House Carnivals** will be held for cross country, athletics (track and field) and swimming. Our house teams are Tyson (blue), Mackay (red), Kirrama (yellow) and Walter Hill (green).
- **Sporting Schools programs** (usually run before or after school) may include netball, soccer, athletics, rugby league, cricket, softball, tennis and swimming.

School sport event dates can be found on our school website (https://tullyss.eq.edu.au) and those interested in regional sport should keep an eye on the Peninsula School Sport Board site (www.pensport.eq.edu.au).

Following is a condensed calendar for all Tully State School parents to keep on their fridge this year.

**Tully SS Interhouse carnivals are highlighted below.**

- District Swim Carnival Fri 10th Feb 4:30-8:30pm
- District Netball and Rugby League Carnivals held at TSS Fri 3rd March
- District Touch Football Carnival Fri 31st March
- **TSS Cross Country held at TSS Fri 21st April 1-3pm**
- District Soccer Carnival Fri 28th April
- District Cross Country Fri 5th May
- District Tennis Tournament Fri 12th May 2:00-6:00pm
- Peninsula Touch Football Championships hosted by Tully District on Sun 11th June
- **TSS High Jump Championships Fri 16th June (7-12 year olds only)**
- **TSS 200m & 800m Finals Wed 21st June 1-3pm (9-12 year olds only)**
- **TSS Athletics Day Fri 23rd June**
- District Athletics Day Fri 21st July (+ Discus Mon 17th & 800m Wed 19th after school)
- District Cricket Trials Fridays 11th, 18th & 25th Aug TSS top oval 2-5:30pm
- District T20 Blast Cricket Carnival Fri 8th September
- Ulysses Cluster Sports Awards Thurs 26th Oct 5:30-8pm
- **TSS Years 3-6 Swim Carnival Fri 1st Dec**

**Tully Tennis Team at the Brisbane International**

Our tennis team, consisting of Rudy Thorogood, Jack Edwards, Sasha Flegler and Madison & Logan Deloryn, represented the Peninsula Region at the Brisbane International Schools Tennis Challenge in January. The team finished 15th of 21 but won their pool easily. Rudy did not lose a singles match all tournament and was named tie Allstar for number one position. This was a very big achievement. We all had a fantastic time at the Challenge and a big Thank You to Katie-Ann Flegler for the pictures.

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The Team
Rudy ‘Allstar’
Autograph from winner of the ladies final: Karolina Pliskova
Important Reminder:

- School Office hours are 8:15am to 3:30pm.
- Please be sure to inform the School Office staff of any changes to contact details.
- School hours are: Morning Bell at 8:45am - Last Bell at 3:00pm
- Students must report to the Office if arriving to school late (late slip) or if leaving school early (for any reason).

Junior Art Class
Term 1 bookings available now for ages 6–11

theme PRINTING

Classes commence
Wed February 1st
4:00 - 5:00pm
Tully Arts and Crafts
discount on full term bookings

All enquiries welcome
Ph: Kate Roberts 0408 307 251
or email kateroberts@protonmail.com

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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