From The Principal

Tully State School acknowledges the Gulnay People – the Traditional Custodians of the land in which this school is located and pays respect to their Elders past and present. We acknowledge the sacredness of the land on which our school stands.

Closing the Gap 2016
Closing the Gap Day recognises the 10-17 year gap in life expectancy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. A special assembly will be held this Friday 18th of March in the Cyclone Shelter at 9am. We will be celebrating local Indigenous elder, Mamie Grant’s 100th birthday and students will be dancing to Yothu Yindi’s song ‘Djpana’ as a part of the celebrations.

Literary Festival
We look forward with much excitement to the upcoming Literary Festival, which will be held at schools around our cluster on Tuesday, 22 March. The festival is an initiative of the Principals Association and is funded by RREAP Funds.

Eleven published Australian authors from all over Australia will be visiting cluster primary schools and working alongside Year 3, 4, and 5 students in a two hour writers workshop. Students will also have the opportunity to talk with the authors, ask questions and hear about their work, challenges and inspirations. During Term 1, students in year 3, 4, and 5 have been learning about the authors, their books and writing styles as a part of Library lessons. Students have been formulating questions to ask the authors, under the direction of teacher, Mrs Lyn King. There is quite a bit of excitement around the school as students anticipate the visit.

We are very privileged here at Tully State School to be receiving Elaine Ouston, Meredith Costain and Kevin Burgemeestre as our visiting authors. After spending a full day at the school, the authors will then proceed to the Tully Library along with authors who have been visiting other schools and be available for a community Meet and Greet, from 3pm to 5pm.

Holidays - Please revisit with your children some of the safety issues around the holidays.

Water safety
- Always swim with a grown up
- Beware of hidden logs in creeks
- Always be sun smart

Road safety
- Wear helmet when riding
- Play on grass – not on road

Farm behaviour
- Contact farmers before entering farms – fishing, riding, 4 wheeling etc.

School grounds
- School grounds are off limits unless arranged before hand with administration staff.

Safe and Happy Break
On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish you all a happy and safe break. We look forward to seeing you all when school resumes on Monday 11th April.

Jennifer Sloane
Parent Interviews

Parent Interviews will be held on Wednesday 23rd March. All teachers will hold the interviews in the Cyclone Shelter from 3.30pm - 6.30pm. Parents are invited to make a time to discuss their child’s progress with the teacher during the allocated times.

Parents are asked to contact the school office to book a suitable time with your child’s teacher. Interview times will be 15 minutes.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK 

Week ending: 26/02/2016

PA:  Addison Wells: for lovely writing of her letters in Letterland.
     Logan Pacey: for excellent initial sounds in sentence writing.

PB:  Seth Cooper & Libby Kena: excellent progress in Sight Words.
     Cleo Higgins: for beautiful expression in her English speaking task.
     Glen Roissetter: for great work in Maths number facts.

1A:  Bryanna Burton: trying hard in all her work.
     Quallian Gutchen-Hodges: always doing his best.
     Lucas Cann: for fabulous improvement in your weekly spelling test.
     Jaxson Taylor: for keeping himself and other students ‘On Track’.

1B:  Nate Thompson: a fantastic improvement in class.

3/4B: Hunter Bell: great effort in spelling at home.
      Adam Myran: for writing a good persuasive paragraph.

4A:  Georgia Adams: for outstanding ‘On Track’ Behaviour 100% of the time.

5A:  Brett Brunello: fabulous improvement in attitude to learning.

5/6B: Manaia Tui: fantastic effort in mathematics.

6A:  Oliver Scott: for an excellent show of confidence on camp.

Congratulations!

Leadership Camp - The Northern Outlook

On Wednesday the 9th of March, the Leadership Team (School Captains, Buna Council and the House Captains) stuffed our luggage in the mini-bus, then we were on our way. Once we got there we transferred our belongings to hiking packs. Then we started our long hike to the camp site. After 20 minutes we completed our first challenge - putting up the tarp. Then we put up our tents and set off for group challenges. While attempting the spider web a massive golden orb spider forced us to leave the challenge. As the sun set, we began the Whale rescue (aka mission impossible). Mr Fittler let us off as he saw us begin to argue and lose our newly acquired skills.

The next day it was time to pack up before we set off down the mountain. In the rock climbing gym, Mr Fittler taught us how to belay (fix a running rope) the climber with a 5-step dance routine. We stayed there for about 90mins before having to head off.

We were singing most of the way back. After a discussion about what we learnt we went back to class. Pictures from the camp on page 3

Written by Lara, Jack, Chloe and Ryan.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK 

Week ending: 04/03/2016

PA:  Tana Talanoa: for respectful classroom behaviour.
     Jaydah Stone: for having a go at all her work.

PB:  Thomas Dore & Savannah Di Mauro: using full stops, capitals and finger spaces in sentence writing

1A:  Marflow Vale: for outstanding improvement in reading.
     Armaan Bhullar: for great commitment to improving his handwriting.

2B:  Charlton Hakeai: for excellent work on his English poem.

3A:  Justin Ulutui: for splendid work in Maths.
     Zachary Murphy: great attitude to learning.

3A:  Rhiannon Cann: working well as part of a team.

4A:  Brett Brunello: fabulous improvement in attitude to learning.
     Nate Thompson: a fantastic improvement in class.

5/6B: Manaia Tui: fantastic effort in mathematics.

6A:  April Parry: consistently helping others.

Parent News

Thank you to everyone who attended the P&C AGM on Tuesday. Newly/re-elected committee members are Raquel Cortis (President), Brenda Morice (Secretary) and Danielle Andersen (Treasurer).

From our fundraising over the last year, we were able to donate 4 new fridges for classrooms (photos below).

We are also currently discussing where else we can help to support the school with resources and equipment.

In Tuckshop news, Wednesday 23rd March will be a “Special Day” with only hot dogs and pasta available (no normal tuckshop). A note was sent out yesterday as to the menu for this day.

Next P&C meeting will be Tuesday 19th April 2016 at 4:30pm in the staffroom. All welcome.
Health and Physical Education

**Rugby League and Netball Carnivals Rescheduled**
The much-anticipated rugby league and netball gala day has been rescheduled for Friday 27th May (week 7 next term). Good luck to the district rep teams which will compete over the coming weekend. Representing our district from this school are:

**Rugby League** - Nathan Muriata, Blake Morice, Jason Hallie, Morgan Black, Shanequa Wirema-Taha, Manaia Tui, Logan Peach, Jaquain Burton, Riley Hopgood, Jahleal Dickman.


**Please Note**
Boys Basketball trials scheduled for Wednesday 23rd March at MBSS have been cancelled due to the unavailability of a coach.

**Upcoming Events**
Look out, because after the Easter break school sport will hit us thick and fast!

**Sprints & High Jump practice** will be held in the Cyclone Shelter for interested year 3-6 students on Mondays between 3:15pm and 4:15pm.

**Tully SS Cross Country** will be held between 1 and 3pm on Friday 22nd April.

**Tully District Cross Country** will be held at Lacey’s Creek from 9:30am to 12:30pm on Friday 29th April.

**Tully District Tennis Tournament** will be held at the Tully tennis courts after school on Friday 6th May.

Shane is organising a series of rugby league games between schools in our district (year 5 and 6 students) to play for the Kenny Hamill Cup.

**District Soccer**
Congratulations to Jack Edwards, Morgan Black and Blake Morice who will be playing in the District Soccer Teams competing in Cairns on Sunday 17th April. At time of printing the girls team was still being selected.

**Touch Football Carnival**
About 30 of our students will play in the Tully District Touch Football Carnival at the Showgrounds next Thursday. The selected players will train during second break, Tuesday and Wednesday next week. They will also receive a note and raffle tickets next Tuesday. The note will inform you as to which team each student is in, bus costs and what to bring on the day. The raffle tickets (Tully District School Sport fundraiser) must be returned by Thursday sold or unsold.

Thank you to our wonderful volunteer managers, Christina Johnston (girls A grade), Lisa Adams, Amanda Patch and Deb Gutchen (girls B grade), Shane Muriata (boys A grade) and Mickey Getejanc (boys B grade) for assisting with supervision on the day. I will also look after a team consisting of students from both TSS and LTSS.

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Generating Happiness

Happiness is a wish most parents have for their children. While there is no magic ingredient, happy families tend to generate happy children. The Family Strengths Research Project has shown happy families have the following commonalities:

- **Commitment**: Trust each other and keep promises. Dedication and loyalty can emerge from a shared family mission statement.
- **Togetherness**: have an understanding of family history / past and future goals.
- **Shared Activities**: play together, share and do things together, e.g. sports, games, stories, meals, holidays.
- **Communication**: listen to each other, have an equal say and contribution e.g. regular family meetings.
- **Support**: look out and take an interest in each other, as well as yourself. Parents need to take time out for themselves and have their own needs met too e.g. pursuing own hobbies and interests.
- **Acceptance**: respect and appreciate each other’s differences and points of view. Forgive each other, discourage competition and allow each other their own space.
- **Resilience**: adapt to changing circumstances, talk things through, pull together and learn as a family.
- **Affection**: sharing of feelings through hugs, cuddles and kisses.

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