Welcome to a new year!
Welcome to our new families and returning families. We are pleased to see the return of a family who have had a long association with Kennedy School and warmly welcome them back with twins, Charlie and Jakob. We thank you much for helping us fix our front gate. Welcome to Harry, Bree, Baltaj and Bo to Prep. We also welcome Mrs Reardon to our wonderful senior class, to Kennedy community and to Far North Queensland.

Information Evening
We will be holding our parent information evening on Tuesday 14th February at 5pm just before the P&C Meeting. We will be sharing information with you about our school and class routines and structures as well as information about what your children are learning this semester. It is extremely beneficial that you attend; the information you will receive relates to things that are important in your child’s schooling life this year. Having good clear channels of communication between home and school is linked to children’s success and engagement at school. If you are unable to attend on this date, I urge you to make an appointment with your child’s teacher to discuss what is happening at school.

Learning at Kennedy
We are excited about the learning that is happening at Kennedy. Over the last two weeks students have been learning the new routines for the year and learning or reviewing our rules. The rules are Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be a Learner and all our actions must be safe, respectful and conducive to learning. We have also been getting used to our learning groups. We have a range of online and group learning activities happening. Our Year 5 and 6 students are participating in online Language lessons in Mandarin (Chinese) through Cairns School of Distance Education and our year 5 students are also participating writing and numeracy ‘Booster’ programs through Brisbane School of Distance Education. We are continuing to use small group direct instruction lessons in spelling for students working with the Year 1-6 curriculum and students in the Senior Class are participating in small group direct instruction lessons for reading comprehension and maths consolidation. I am very pleased to inform you that all students have been highly engaged with their learning.

Parents & Citizens Association (P&C)
Our school’s P&C meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month (except for school holidays). This means our first meeting for the year is on Tuesday the 14th of February at 6pm. We will be discussing the following:
- The 90th Celebration
- The school’s solar system
- The P&C meeting time
- The schools annual plan
- Investing 4 Success funding
- Ways you can help
- Bridgemans Cattle Sale Fundraiser

The meeting is on Valentines Day so we will ensure that we have chocolates and flowers for the meeting! We encourage every parent to join the P&C even if you don’t want to attend all meetings. Being a member gives you an opportunity to be involved in and contribute to school planning and decisions. Check your newsletter for agenda items so that you are aware of what is happening and be involved.

Student Leaders
Today the students nominating to be student leaders in 2017 have presented their speeches at parade. Our election will be early next week and we will announce our elected leaders shortly after. Next Friday we will hold our induction ceremony on Parade and will have student and staff representatives attending this ceremony from Tully State High School to present the badges and support the ceremony. Our nominees for School Captain this year are: Charlie, Mackenzie, Taleesha, Isabella and Howard. Nominees for Sport Captain include: Justin and Mackenzie.
Meet our new Preps!

Students of the week
Week 10 (2016)

P/1/2/3: Izzabella Con Goo.
Principal’s Award: Ryan McLachlan.

Students of the week...
Week 1

P/1/2/3: Lyl Tierney.
Principal’s Award: Justin Rutledge.

Dates to remember:
10th February: Tully District Swimming Carnival/ Student Leader Induction Ceremony.
14th February: P&C Meeting.
17th February: Newsletter.
District Swimming

Best of luck to Mackenzie, Howard and Shantaise who have been nominated to compete at the District Swimming Carnival on the 10th of February.

Kind Donation

Alf McDonald, on behalf of the Joyful Foundation, has kindly donated stationery packs to the school for disadvantaged students. The stationery includes pencils, sharpeners, exercise books, rulers and a range of stationery items that can place financial burden on some families. These items are discreetly shared with students in need.

FREE No need to book.

LEGO & DUPLO CLUB

Wednesday afternoon at the Tully Library 3.00 - 4.00pm Starting on Wednesday 1st Feb 2017

Everyone is welcome. Bring your own or share ours - we have lots. Have fun. Bring your friends.

Ph 40439138 for details.
Feast of the Senses is 15 years old in 2017! So much to tell you! To celebrate we have made some changes. Firstly the Festival will run over six days rather than the traditional two weeks.

Food Trails
Sponsors Castaways, Trans North Bus and Coach, Norfoam and Hastings NQ making it possible for us to extend to four food trails in 2017 which we are very excited about. We have some perennial favourites such as Fruit Forest Farm and Broken Nose Vanilla as well as some new ventures including rice and barramundi farming.

Details of each food trail will be posted on our website shortly once all venues are confirmed. The further details in the next newsletter. Tickets are $75.00.

International Food Fare
We are delighted to welcome MAMS Group as the naming rights sponsor for this year’s International Food Fare. We will tell you more about MAMS Group in future newsletters.

Our favourite entertainers are back! Attori will feature 70’s, 80s & 90s music with a healthy dose of banana songs thrown in.

We have some new and exciting food options this year details of which will be in future newsletters.

Tickets are $45.00

2017 Festival Program
This year for the first time we are working with the Innisfail Advocate to have the Festival Program produced by them for inclusion in both Innisfail and Tablelands newspapers with extra copies for our own distribution networks.

As a result, advertising will be much more affordable and with a much bigger print run of around 20,000, three times more copies than previous years. The Advocate staff will be contacting local businesses shortly. Please consider supporting the Festival.

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World’s Longest Banana Split
Postponed from 2016, we will be attempting the world record for the World’s Longest Banana Split on Saturday 25 March. This will be an exercise of mammoth proportions bringing together the entire Cassowary Coast community.

Boxwars, a Melbourne company of cardboard artists will be with us for three weeks prior to hold workshops for schools, community groups and the general public across the Cassowary Coast during which the framework will be built and decorated.

We thank Visy Boxes & More for their full support and sponsorship of the framework which will be an art installation in its own right.

The Banana Split itself will be made on Calendair Park, home of the Brothers Leprechauns and we thank them for their support of this venture.

This year we have a weekend Festival Ticket which includes entry to both the Banana Split and Market Day providing tickets purchased online through our website or through our office at 37 Rankin St (next door to our sponsors Vandalueur & Todd).

Entry includes making and eating 5 banana splits, an Australian Bananas hat, a Certificate of Participation and entry to Market Day and more...

Please check out our website for full details or call and see us at 37 Rankin St. More in the next newsletter....

All tickets online at: www.feastofthesenses.com.au or call 0447 037 476
Or our office: 37 Rankin St, Innisfail (next door to Vandalueur & Todd)

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