Busy Beginning to the Year
In the P-2 classroom we had a great start to the year. Our Teacher Aides, Ms Layne, Ms Amanda and Ms Natalie ensured things were humming. It was especially good to see so much family support for the students from mums, dads, grans, and carers.

What’s Doin’ with the P-2s this Term?
This term we are exploring persuasive texts in our English studies, all the areas of mathematics, digital technologies, what makes a place a place in Geography and biology in Science. The Arts with Miss Carmen and PE with Mr Smith round out the formal curriculum.

Tuckshop Up and Running
Thank-you mums Laura, Cassandra and Ros for a delicious and nutritious tuckshop menu. Tuckshop made over $3000.00 last year with most of those funds used for important (and fun) student activities and resources.

Physical Fitness a Boon to Learning
Each morning at Feluga, the first bell at 8:50am signals 10 minutes of physical activity. If it is fine weather, that means several laps of the oval. A couple of mornings, Reef and Zac completed more than 5 laps! Great preparation for cross-country boys! When we are being drenched by our wonderful FNQ rain, the teachers or student leaders provide fun alternatives under cover.

Physical fitness improves students’ concentration, memory, behaviour, academic performance and general health and wellbeing. Schools have lifted their academic performance and outcomes by offering active physical programs. In addition such programs maximise social skills through student participation and enjoyment. Happier, healthier, more confident students1 – not a bad outcome 😊

BTW, with almost 100% attendance in the first couple of weeks, it has been a happy and healthy beginning to the school year for MR Mac, too.

PE and the Arts began for all students last week.
New PE specialist Mr Smith, seen here leading aerobic warm-ups with P-2, will be focussing on hand eye co-ordination through racket work for the next few weeks.

And Finally This Gem
There are 630 students who attend small Band 5 small schools like Feluga in FNQ. My boss, Allan Thomas, released this heart-warming data at the beginning of the year. This chart compared FNQ’s Band 5 Schools by the Mean Scale Score (the average mark) in NAPLAN with the FNQ region, Queensland and Australia. Looking closely at the scores, you can see Band 5 schools outperformed in every area of Year 3 and 5 testing and, where the gold stars sit performed more strongly than the Queensland average. You can also see that FNQ Band 5 schools achieved more highly than Australia in Year 3 Grammar and Punctuation and in Year 5 Numeracy; proving that going to a small school has major benefits for achievement. Just goes to prove, small schools are great schools.

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1 www.qcda.gov.au/14968
What’s on in the Big Flu?

P&C AGM
NEXT MONDAY
13th February

“Hey, I’ll like see you there!”

Welcome to our school. These students are beginning at Feluga in 2017: Rashaan, Abijah, Alba, Katie and Cohen.

Tubby Junior Rugby League

SIGN ON AND COME & TRY DATES ARE
Tuesday 14th Feb & Thursday 16th Feb
TIMES 3:30PM - 6PM
WELCOME CHILDREN AGES 5 - 16

Also welcome: more coaches, volunteers, league safe and first aid staff. Sausage sizzle and games for all children that attend.

Large Instrumental Music Involvement

Did you know that Feluga nearly lost its instrumental music program about six years ago? Even with impressive student numbers, the parents of Feluga had to fight hard to retain the instrumental music program that was in danger of being taken away. It is very reassuring that so many Year 4 students have expressed a desire to take up an instrument this year.

Practising at lunchtime, are these enthusiastic woodwinders: Nari, Ryley, Tess and Charlotte.

The number 1 academic priority at Feluga is reading. It was wonderful to see such a large number of children complete their holiday assignment by reading 6 books in 6 weeks. Well done, everybody.

Calendar of Events:
Mon 13 Feb: P&C AGM 3:15pm Mr Mac’s room + 90th Anniversary Meeting at 5pm
Thu 23 Feb: School swimming begins for 5 weeks
Mon 27 & Tue 28 Feb: School Financial Audit
Wed 1 – Mon 6 Mar: Mr Mac away from school

Fri 3 Mar: Netball & Rugby League Trials Carnival
Mon 13 Mar: Hearing tests for ATSI students
Mon 13 & Tue 14 Mar: Yr6 Leadership Camp
Tue 21 Mar: Feluga Cross Country
Sat 20 May: Feluga SS’s 90th Anniversary

Being considerate is being a good listener.