Tully One Step from Championship
The Tully Tigers Development Cup team, starring Feluga’s own Brenden Scuder, is just one step away from being crowned Queensland champions after a terrific come from behind win over Emerald 34-24. Brenden takes up the story.

"After leaving home at 5:45am we travelled to Townsville to play Emerald. We trained then got ready for the game at 10am. Emerald got off to a great start, leading us 18-4 at halftime. Emerald scored again and we were 24-4 down. In the last 9 minutes of the second half, we started coming back and scored 5 converted tries to win 34-24. After our first couple of tries they couldn’t contain us.”

“They (Emerald) were really hard. Now Brisbane are going to be even harder. It’s another step up.”

Brenden will head to Townsville next week-end with Hayden to play against metropolitan Kruger State School.

Terrific Result for Brisbane Raffle
Jessica is hides amongst several thousand unsuccessful tickets. In what can only be described as a sensational result, the cost of the trip to Brisbane costing in excess of $7500 for Year 5 and 7 has been covered through the continuing hard work of the Feluga P&C and in particular the parents of those children attending.

I want to thank Belinda Blanco for her tenacity in approaching and collecting prizes and donations from local businesses. Donations from Tully Sugar, Jerry ‘n’ the Tilemakers, Gemini’s, CilBro, Betta Timbers, Spicer Law, Tully Medical and Hemsleys totalled $900. Our P&C also generously donated $2000 to the coast of the trip.

Without a doubt the 2 raffles, State of Origin Originals and in particular, Christmas in July provided an amazing surge in meeting the cost of the trip. All those days that you have seen Tammy Alwood, Jan Irwin, Belinda Blanco or Shayley Caruso flogging tickets outside IGA or Melanie Little or Marcia Reichardt outside Woolworths, we were meeting the needs of the trip.

Remember this trip is to provide the Year 5 and 7 students with an eye-opener to the extensive possibilities that lie before them which is why we will attend Queensland University of Technology and hopefully, the Conservatorium of Music. Not only have we been exploring the history of Queensland, before we go but we will visit Parliament House (local member Andrew Cripps has indicated he may be available that day) and Government House, Fortitude Valley’s Chinatown, Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary and Suncorp Stadium (Lang Park).

I also want to thank members of the public and parents who bought tickets or in some cases donated money to the raffle box. In our Year 5 & 7 class 4 of the eleven children have never been to the capital city and 7 of the eleven have never been on an aircraft. There’s no doubt that this 5 day trip, beginning on Saturday 14 September will be the experience of a lifetime. Thank-you to you all. Mr Mac

Attendance Equals Success
We were recently sent documentation that correlates attendance and achievement. Throughout the Far Northern Region, those children who attend school the most frequently consistently have higher than satisfactory marks in school subjects and NAPLAN.

While our attendance rate has dropped to 86.9% this semester so far (down from 90.6% in 1st Semester), 60% of Feluga students attend school more than 90% of the time with Years 3, 4 and 5 our outstanding classes during this second semester.

Geography Begins in 2014
On Wednesday, Mr Mac and Ms Little attended professional development on the subject Geography due to be introduced next year.

It is one of 4 new Australian Curriculum subjects that will be introduced in the next 3 years. Some subjects will be just for upper years but most will apply to all year levels.

The Arts, including visual art and drama, then Health and PE will come on-line next and by the end of 2016, Civics and Citizenship and Business and Economics will be subjects for Year 3 and up.

SHEP Talent on Display
Maddison and Hayden spent last week-end with 13 other Tully selected children in the State Honours Ensemble Program (SHEP) run by Griffiths University which is aimed at identifying and extending the children’s musical talent.
In the upper classroom we have been appreciating many different poems. Maddison Spyve’s Poem was inspired by Dorothea McKellar’s *My Country.*

Maddison’s Poem:

My heart, my home, my country
A place I truly belong
With sweeping rains
And loco trains
I couldn’t ask for more.

I’ve found a heart
And found a home
I’ve found a place to call my own
With spirits that may cause cyclones
My heart my home my country

I love the humid and the heat
I love the washed true rain
I love the green tall sugar cane
That can’t wash down the drain
This is my one true home.

Peninsula Athletics Round Up

Two children from Feluga attended the Peninsula Athletics Carnival in Cairns last weekend. Cherelle finished 5th in the region for high jump and 3rd for long jump. She also appeared in the 100 and 200 metre heats, reaching the final for the 200.

Jared appeared in the 200 and 800m heats but did not make the final of either race. It’s a great achievement to be selected to attend our regionals.

On Friday 6, Feluga students will be arranging a display for a flower show. Some flowers will be provided but children are asked to bring some from home as well.

P&C Meeting

Next Monday 26 August
3:15pm-Mr Mac’s Room

Calendar of Events:

Mon 26 Aug P&C Meeting in Mr Mac’s Room
Fri 30 Aug Gala Cricket Day (Yrs 5 & 7)
Mon 2 Sep Pie Drive forms go home
Thur 5 Sep Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off Day
Fri 6 Sep Flower Display for Flower Show

Sat 14 – Wed 18 Brisbane Trip (Yr5&7)
Tue 17 NQ Sports Tour Day at Tully SS (P-4)
Wed 18 Reef Guardian Day (Yr4) Kurrimine Beach
Fri 20 Sep Last day of Term 3
Tue 8 Oct First day of the final term of 2014
Mon 21 Oct Student Free Day- all Qld State Schools