Ramayama – Cultural Visit
Indonesian cultural dancers visited the school last week and taught all of the students the Betchak dance, a monkey dance traditionally performed in Bali, Indonesia. The visit was co-ordinated by our LOTE teacher, Sue Foley and was a great success.

Rachel, Cherelle and Emmye showing their beautiful Balinese dance moves.

Brenden, Zac and Philip monkey-ing about!

Overtaking Lane Going Ahead
Those of you who come along the highway to Feluga have no doubt witnessed the build-up of a large amount of concrete drainage channelling that sits on the east side of the highway.

I believe that channelling is the beginning of a major overtaking lane that will begin opposite the pub and go all the way to the turn-off at Midgenoo.

Last year Mains Roads sent an email to the school indicating that the overtaking lane construction would begin this year or next. I imagine that it is going to be many months in creation. A turning lane would make me feel safer turning in at the Feluga turn-off as well.

Assistance with Big Day Out
A note went home earlier in the week asking parents if they can assist in transporting children on the last Wednesday of school to the P&C’s Big Day Out.

This year, we are hoping to travel to Innisfail to the Bowling Centre in the morning before travelling back to Kurrimine Beach to the water park there.

The cost of entry and lunches has been supported by the hard-working P&C at Feluga but we are asking for assistance from parents in providing private transport on the day.

Public health alert: Measles outbreaks
Queensland Health is concerned about the number of measles outbreaks in Queensland this year.

There have been 24 people notified with measles so far this year, three of whom were school aged and one toddler.

There have also been measles outbreaks occurring in other states, with young children and school aged children infected.

Large measles outbreaks are occurring in other parts of the world, including in our nearest neighbours in Indonesia (Bali) and Thailand.

Measles outbreaks in Australia usually commence with a person who was infected overseas.

Measles is a highly infectious disease that causes people to feel very unwell. It can cause complications such as middle ear infections and more serious complications such as pneumonia (lung infection) and encephalitis (inflammation of the brain). Complications are more common and more severe in people with a chronic illness and very young children.

Approximately 60% of deaths from measles are associated with complications, especially pneumonia in the young and encephalitis in adults.

The virus is spread from an infectious person during coughing and sneezing or through direct contact.
with secretions from the nose or mouth. Because measles is so infectious it can spread rapidly in schools and early childhood education and care services where non-vaccinated children and or adults attend.

It is very important that schools and child care services are aware of the current measles risk and inform parents to keep children away if they think they could have measles. Parents should be advised to ring their GP or 13HEALTH if they think their child has measles as confirmation of measles infection requires medical assessment and laboratory testing.

Schools and childcare services are encouraged to strongly recommend that parents ensure their children and staff are fully vaccinated against measles and if possible, keep a list of any unvaccinated children and staff. Unvaccinated children and staff will need to be excluded from any school or childcare where a measles case has been confirmed.

Anyone born in 1966 or after who has not had two documented measles vaccinations or documented immunity should get vaccinated. Measles vaccine is free.

**Fire Safety**

The prep – Year 4 class had a very special treat on Wednesday morning. We were very lucky to have two firemen, Mr Kelly and Kai, visit us with their fire truck. We got to have a good look at all the equipment and tools kept on board and even got to manoeuvre the ‘jaws of life’ and spray the fire hose! Mr Kelly then squeezed us all in the truck for a few laps around the oval with the sirens and lights on! What a great morning!

**Going Swimmingly Thanks**

Big thanks to all parents who have been attending and assisting with swimming lessons. Those of you attending will have noticed massive changes in the quality of your children’s strokes and obvious improvements in confidence around the water.

Thanks also to Mr Cattarossi and Dy Brown who are ensuring Feluga kids get the best possible introduction to water safety.

**Gala Concert a Success**

Last Wednesday night, 5 of our students were involved in the Gala Concert with other members of the Ulysses Cluster Orchestra. Through the tireless and positive work of Karen Stewart, our instrumental music teacher at Feluga, our cluster has an orchestra to be proud of.

Feluga students, Hayden, Maddison, Mikayla, Monique and Ezra assembled at intermission with Mrs Stewart.

Ryley giving the oval a watering!

Can you see us?

The ‘jaws of life’ used for cutting metal.
What’s Happening?

**Pasta Drive**

Pasta arrives on **Saturday 16th November at 10am.**
Please feel free to come and collect on Saturday or on Monday morning if you prefer.

**Zumba Lessons – next 2 weeks through Australian School Dance**

**Next P&C Meeting**

Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} December 3:10pm-
Mr Mac’s Room

**Calendar of Events:**

- 16\textsuperscript{th} Nov – Pasta arrives (Saturday)
- 2\textsuperscript{nd} Dec - Next P&C meeting
- 11\textsuperscript{th} Dec – Kids’ Day Out!
- 12\textsuperscript{th} Dec – Presentation night

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**FREAKY FRIDAY HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS DISCO**

El Arish State School P&C invites you to their Freaky Friday Halloween Fancy Dress Disco! On the 8th of NOVEMBER, 6PM at School Undercover Area. Crazy Bron from Cairns will be the DJ for the night! $5 Steak Sandwiches, $2 Sausage on Bread $2 Soft drinks, Chocolates and Treats will be on sale during the night.
Find a Costume or Make your own! PRIZES GIVEN OUT ON THE NIGHT! Invite your friends to come along as long as they are Primary School Age or younger! **ALL CHILDREN ARE TO BE SUPERVISED BY A PARENT/ADULT.**
**COST:**$2 per child, ADULTS are FREE