Harmony Day
Harmony Day celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. On Tuesday 31 March there will be a whole school assembly to celebrate Harmony Day. At this assembly we will acknowledge the cultural diversity of our students and staff. In the classroom students will engage in learning about Harmony Day and create craft for display in the foyer.

P & C Association Meeting
The next TCLC P & C meeting will be held on Monday 20 April, 2015 at the new time of 1.30pm in the Library. The new meeting time will be trialled and will hopefully allow more parents & carers to attend.

REMINDERS
- **Dental Forms** – The Dentist will be visiting the school on 2 April. If you wish to have your child’s teeth examined, please return the completed consent form immediately.
- **NAPLAN Exemption Forms** – If you have not completed the NAPLAN Exemption form for your child please complete and return immediately.
- **Student Invoices** have been sent home this week.

Parking
We are currently experiencing delays in arriving and exiting of students from the school in the morning and afternoon. Due to the inability of the traffic to flow, bus transport is not reaching their drop off/pick up points on time. If it is brought to our attention that a vehicle is impeding the flow of traffic the driver/owner may be requested to immediately move the vehicle.

A reminder to everyone that there is **No Parking allowed anytime in the pick up and drop off covered area during school hours**. If you are escorting a student to class you will need to park in the administration car park or on the street and walk in. The three painted lanes in the drop off/pick up zone are for traffic to flow, enabling students and drivers to arrive and depart the school in the safest, quickest way possible thus avoiding traffic congestion and keeping our children safe.
Jane Farrell School Visit

Jane Farrall visited the school this Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and worked in classes. Jane is an Educational Consultant who has been working in the disability and assistive technology field for over 20 years. She has extensive practical experience in both Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) and in teaching children and adults with disabilities to acquire literacy.

A major focus of her recent visit was to model the used of the group PODDS (communication book) within classrooms. Professional Development was also provided to staff to extend their skill and application of this communication tool. Jane was pleased to speak with many of our parents at the parent session. A video of this session is available to any parents who were unable to attend. We look forward to Jane’s subsequent visit in August when we will be addressing literacy development in more detail.

Community Resource Unit Inc. (CRU) Workshop

CRU are conducting a workshop ‘Self Direction For Bigger and Better Lives’ presented by Jane Sherwin. This workshop is for people who are interested in exploring how self-direction can be supported so that it works well for all parties. This will include people with disabilities, family members and particularly coordinators and managers of organisations. Topics include: Working towards rich and meaningful lives; Authority & control on a continuum; Positive relationships between services and people with a disability; Negotiations –expanding on what people might have a say over; Building capacity & Embedding these ideas in organisations for structural change.

Date: 28 April, 2015
Time 9.30am – 4.30pm (Registration 9.00am)
Venue: Mackay South Leagues Club – 181 Milton Street, Mackay
Cost: $150 Full Fee
       $65 People with a disability and family members
RSVP: 20 April, 2015
Register via CRU Website : www.cru.org.au
For more information, email cru@cru.org.au or phone 07 3844 2211.
**Museum of Tropical Queensland – FREE entry for locals this weekend!**

It’s a busy week at the Museum and they are pleased to announce that entry will be FREE for Townsville locals this **Saturday March 21** for their Harmony Day celebrations, thanks to the generous support of the Townsville City Council.

There’s a packed program with heaps of interactive activities including: Indonesian dance and singing performance, International food prep demonstrations and tastings, Chinese tea ceremonies, Somalian drumming and dancing performance, Filipino siomai (dim sim) making demonstration, Somalian drum circle, Nepalese dance performance, Calm Abiding Meditation with Phil Heang, Spanish Flamenco dance performance, Papua New Guinean beading workshop plus heaps more!

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News from G1 : A Lovely Bunch
After a busy start to the year in G1 with a combined class, the students are starting to find their groove as the term rolls on and the class has split. In our science lessons we have been learning about living and non-living things. We made grass heads to show how living things grow and what they need to survive. Last week we gave them a haircut and now they are looking great!