PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Congratulations and well done to the many students and staff who participated and were involved in Coastal District Athletics and the Nambour District Eisteddfod last week. All of our students represented themselves, their families and their school to a very high standard. Our combined Choir were awarded a Highly Commended in the Primary School Choir Section which was a very pleasing outcome. I would like to acknowledge the many parents who transported children to the Eisteddfod and those who came along to support our students.

School Badges:

Congratulations to Lucy Harris from Year 6 who has been the first student in 2014 to achieve a Kuluin School Badge. Lucy was presented with her Kuluin badge on Assembly this week. Students who consistently demonstrate high levels of commitment to following our school rules: Be Safe: Be Respectful and Be a Learner are acknowledged by being awarded a green card. To achieve a School Badge students must receive 40 or more green cards which Lucy has achieved.

Congratulations to Lucy and I look forward to acknowledging the many other students who consistently make positive choices at Kuluin School.

Student Leaders:

Four of our Year 5 students have recently met the five criteria that is required to become a Student Leader at Kuluin School. These students are required to be interviewed by members of the Student Council and Ms Kindt or myself after being signed off by all of their teachers after meeting all of the criteria. The following four students: Lilly Andrew; Lucy Dahler; Taylor Stares and Kailan Teneti have achieved their Student Leader status and were presented with their badges on Assembly. I would like to sincerely congratulate each of these students as they begin their leadership journey at our school.

Alison Welch

BOOKWEEK (August 18—22) - “Connect to Reading ~ Reading to Connect”

In all our reading groups at Kuluin the children are being taught and encouraged to make connections with any book they are reading, so our Bookweek theme is a very appropriate one for this year. Celebrations for Bookweek are under way at Kuluin with the children working on our Connect to Reading wall and a colouring competition. Next week the Library will be busy hosting a Storyteller, Reader’s Cup finals, Bookswap and our Dress-up Parade on Thursday morning.

Our friends from C&K Kindy will be joining us and are very excited to be coming to the big school in their favourite book character dress-up. Children are asked to make a connection to their favourite book and come dressed as a character from that book. There is no need to go and buy or rent a costume, a simple hat, mask, scarf, colourful shirt is all they need to be a participant. A lucky name will be drawn out from each year level after the parade.

Bookswap is a great chance for the children to bring in a book from home they have finished with and swap it for a book someone else has bought in. These can be bought in this week and swapped for a Bookswap voucher. They bring their voucher to the Library Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday first break and swap their voucher for a book. One voucher per book (so if you bring in 5 books you may swap them for 5 books.) Preppies will be able to swap their books before school with their parents on Tuesday and Wednesday morning in the courtyard of the Library. Please come and visit the Library throughout the week and enjoy reading one of the shortlisted books. Remember Reading is a life skill which needs to be a participant. A lucky name will be drawn out from each year level after the parade.

Congratulations to all of the athletes that competed at the Coastal District Athletics carnival last week. Our team did very well and many athletes made it to the finals and we have 8 students selected in the Coastal District Athletics Team to compete at the Sunshine Coast Regional Trail in September. Travel to this event is by private vehicle and is the responsibility of the parents. Forms will be given out this week and they need to be completed as soon as possible and forwarded to the Coastal District team manager.

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The Opti-MINDS Challenge is an opportunity for those students with a passion for learning and problem solving to showcase their skills and talents in an exciting, vibrant and public way. The Opti-MINDS Challenge is an interschool event, which involves teams of students solving challenging problems through creative, dramatic presentations. The teams must work cooperatively within time, budget and performance constraints to solve both long-term and spontaneous challenges. Many hours of work, both during school time and outside of school time, are needed for the teams to solve their difficult problems. For Kuluin students, this includes a number of weekend meetings. Hard work and commitment are crucial!

Opti-MINDS OBJECTIVES...

- To foster creative responsiveness - a “CAN DO” culture
- To provide challenge, enrichment and stimulation
- To facilitate the ability to adapt to and harness change to advantage
- To foster flexibility, innovative thinking and functioning
- To promote complex thinking and creative problem solving skills
- To encourage reflective thinking and self-directed learning
- To facilitate empowerment and responsibility
- To promote an understanding and appreciation of self and others
- To develop effective communication and collaborative thinking skills
- To celebrate difference
- To foster cooperation and teamwork
- To promote enterprise and initiative
- To stimulate a spirit of exploration, investigation, experimentation and a love of learning
- To provide a collaborative link between all sectors of education, community and industry
- To promote UNASHAMED EXCELLENCE!

The Opti-MINDS Challenge is an evolution of the program run by Opti-MINDS Inc for the past 25 years in Queensland and continues with the tradition of providing students with the opportunity to participate in open-ended creative activities and find solutions to exciting problems.

Kuluin students are presently stretching and straining their brains in preparation for the regional Opti-MINDS Challenge, which will be held on Saturday 23rd August at Caloundra Christian College. Teams from primary schools throughout the Sunshine Coast region will take part on the day. Our teams would appreciate your support and encouragement in their endeavours. Consider coming along on the day to watch the presentations and show your support. Updates will appear in future newsletters. Go Kuluin!

Kuluin’s Opti-MINDS Challenge teams for 2014:

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Liz Studden - (school co-ordinator & team facilitator), Julie Bowd & Janelle Neighbour - (team facilitators)

Making the Move to Maroochydore State High

I would like to take this opportunity to say hello to the parents of the Kuluin SS community, in particular those parents who are only months away from transitioning to Secondary School. I know that preparing your children for the move to a Secondary School can be one filled with excitement as well as trepidation and as a parent you may have questions that you would like answered as part of your families transition to high school.

As a cluster, our schools run a number of programs that support your students with their preparation and with their move. These include Project Extend, Bright Minds and our Orientation Programs and as I visit the classrooms, I am incredibly impressed with the engagement and excitement of the students as they complete the learning activities.

While I have met many parents at our information evenings this year, I would like to follow up on these programs and assist parents with any transition questions by making myself available to answer your questions at Kuluin SS.

Mrs Welch has kindly arranged for a meeting space to be available at Kuluin SS. The details are:

Wednesday 3/9/2014, time: 2:20pm - 3:00pm, venue: Resource Centre

Alternately, I am happy to have parents contact Maroochydore SHS to arrange a time to meet with either myself or our Junior Secondary administration team of Ken Ernst and Colleen Goodin. Looking forward to meeting with you.

Barry Dittman, Principal, Maroochydore State High School

Dates to Remember

- 14 Aug School Disco 6:00—7:30pm
- 14 Aug Year 7 Project Extend MSHS
- 15 Aug Interschool Sports—Years 6 & 7 11:00am—2:00pm
- 18 Aug P & C Meeting—6:00pm—Staff Room—All welcome
- 18-22 Aug Bookweek
- 19 Aug Prep Tour for 2015 enrolments 9-10am (Ring office to book)
- 21 Aug Bookweek Dress-up Parade—9:00am—Hall
- 23 Aug Opti-Minds Regional Challenge (Caloundra Christian College)
- 26 Aug Year 2 Montville Excursion (payment $6.50 due by 20 Aug)
- 29 Aug Interschool Sports—Years 6 & 7 11:00am-2:00pm
- 3 Sept Maroochydore State High Meeting—Resource Centre 2:20—3:00pm
- 3-5 Sept Father’s Day Stall (Raffle tickets due back 29 Aug)
- 9 Sept Prep Tour for 2015 enrolments 9-10am (Ring office to book)
- 10 Sept School Open Night/Gala Night 5:30—7pm
- 12 Sept Interschool Sport 11:00am - 2:00pm
- 14 Sept Prep 2015 Open Morning 9:00—11:00am (Ring office to book)
- 15 Sept Dance Fever Interschool Challenge
- 15 Sept P & C Meeting—6:00pm-Staff Room—All welcome
- 3 Dec Year 6 Farewell 6:00pm
- 4 Dec Prep 2015 Parent Night 6:00-7:30pm (Ring office to book)
- 10 Dec Year 7 Farewell 6:00pm