Kuluin Kapers

27 August 2014

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

2015 Enrolments:
Our Prep enrolment processes have commenced for 2015. Prep tours have been occurring already this Term. Kuluin School became enrolment managed from the 1st of August 2014 which means that students who live in our catchment are actively encouraged to complete the necessary paperwork for Prep enrolment as a priority. It is extremely important for current Kuluin families who have a Prep aged student for 2015 to enrol them NOW. It is imperative for our prospective parents to attend our Prep open morning and information sessions that are held in 2014.

It’s important for us as a school to have accurate student numbers by the end of the current school year. If you are aware that your children will be leaving Kuluin at the end of 2014 or if you are aware of any new families who might be joining our school could you advise the ladies in the Office at your earliest convenience?

Opti-MINDS:
On Saturday three Kuluin Opti-MINDS teams – Science Engineering, Social Science and Language Literature teams participated in the Regional Opti-MINDS challenge at Caloundra. The teams have worked for more than a Term firstly in Creative Problem Solvers and then all of Term 3 preparing the answer to their long term problem. On behalf of the Kuluin School community I would like to congratulate each of our students who have been involved in Opti-MINDS this year for the enthusiasm, commitment and hard work they have demonstrated during this process. The Social Science team performed a well-rehearsed presentation, the Language Literature Team were awarded an Honours Award and the Science Engineering Team were awarded 1st in their division. The Science Engineering Team have been invited to participate in the State Opti-MINDS challenge in Brisbane in October. I would also like to acknowledge and thank Ms Studden, Mrs Bowd, and Mrs Neighbour for the huge investment of time that they give to prepare and support the students in the weeks leading up to the challenge as well as at the challenge. Thank you to Jane Tozer and Maree McGuiness who were judges on behalf of Kuluin on the day. Thank you to our OptiMINDS parents who are also required to commit to transporting their children to and from practices as well as providing supporting at the challenge. Well done everyone!

Advanced Music Camp:
Number of our talented instrumental musicians have auditioned and been selected to attend the 2014 Advanced Music Camp at Mapleton from August 27th to August 29th. This camp is a fabulous experience for all of the students who attend as it provides them with a variety of excellent teachers from across the Region who tutor them in their chosen instrument, provides them with a wonderful opportunity to mix with many children from other schools and culminates in a very polished concert on Friday evening. I would like to congratulate each of our students on their selection this year and wish them an enjoyable and rewarding camp.

Alison Welch

The Opti-MINDS Challenge – Regional Results
The Opti-MINDS Challenge is an amazing program that provides students with the opportunity to participate in open-ended creative activities and find solutions to exciting problems. Kuluin has been continuously involved in this program for 24 years! Opti-MINDS is not about winning. If you measure success in terms of winning or losing, you have missed the point. The Opti-MINDS Challenge is a process where participants have the opportunity to develop life-long learner attributes. Participation in Opti-MINDS enables students to develop their knowledge base, hone their thinking abilities, display creativity, actively investigate and experiment, communicate effectively, work cooperatively and productively with others, become reflective, self-directed learners and ultimately, well adjusted individuals! The journey can be long and arduous, but in the end, a very rewarding life-experience.

Last Saturday, our three Opti-MINDS’ teams for 2014 participated in the regional challenge held at Caloundra Christian College. Primary and secondary teams from throughout the Sunshine Coast region took part on the day. The members of our school’s Opti-MINDS teams, as well as their facilitators, have worked incredibly hard over the last six weeks in preparation for the challenge both at school and on weekends. Their unwavering commitment, perseverance and pursuit of excellence are noteworthy.

Alison Welch

Assembly
Prep, 1, 2 & 3
Thursday 9:00am
Years 4, 5, 6 & 7
Tuesday 9:00am

Break Times
First Bell: 8:50am
School Commences: 9:00am
First Session: 9–11:00am
First Break: 11–11:40am
Second Session: 11:40–1:40pm
Second Break: 1:40–2:10pm
Last Session: 2:10 – 3:00pm
The Opti-MINDS Challenge – Regional Results (continued)

The members of all three Kuluin teams proved to be excellent ambassadors for our school and performed admirably. Our Social Science team gave an insightful and clever presentation exploring what effects on the world there would be if there were no identity groups! Our Language Literature team presented an innovation on a ‘true blue tale’, incorporating Aussie slang and introducing two iconic and uniquely Australian characters. Our Science Engineering team constructed a 1.5 metre space elevator and a 1 metre ramp that had to move three tins of tuna without the use of counter weights. What fun!

Our teams were acknowledged for their efforts with the following awards:

Social Science – Regional Participation Award
Language Literature - Honours
Science Engineering – First Place (this team was invited to the State Finals to be held in Brisbane in October).

Thanks also to all parents and supporters for coming along to watch our teams in action. Kuluin had a fantastic fan club! A special thanks to Maree McGuiness and Jane Tozer who acted as judges on the day. The Opti-MINDS program could not take place without your voluntary support. Your involvement was very much appreciated.

Congratulations to the following team members who participated on the day.

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Liz Stunden (on behalf of Julie Bowd and Janelle Neighbour)
(The Opti-Minds Challenge Organisational Team)

P & C NEWS

The next general meeting of the P&C will be held on the 15th September at 6pm in the Volunteers Room. We will be taking nominations and voting in members for the newly opened positions of Treasurer and Vice-President.

Renee Luke, Vice President, Kuluin P & C Association

Next week we celebrate School Support Staff Recognition Week (1–5 September).

Business service managers, administrators and schools officers, and many other team members play important roles in the smooth running and safe operation of schools in Queensland. Teacher Aide Day is held on Friday 5th of September.

On behalf of the school leadership team, the Kuluin students, the Kuluin school P&C and our school community I would like to acknowledge the valuable contributions all of these staff members have been making throughout this school year. Their work means teachers, students and school leaders can better focus on teaching and learning and improving the individual performance of our students. Please remember to take the time to say thank you to our school support staff next week.

Dates to Remember

- 29 Aug  Interschool Sports—Years 6 & 7 11:00am-2:00pm
- 29 Aug  P & C Father’s Day Raffle tickets due back
- 3 Sept  Maroochydore State High Meeting—Resource Centre
- 3-5 Sept  Father’s Day Stall - Volunteers needed (8—8:45)
- 5 Sept  School Spirit Day—dress in house team colours
  Student Council fundraiser — gold coin donation
- 9 Sept  Prep Tour for 2015 enrolments 9-10am (Ring office to book)
- 10 Sept  School Open Night/Gala Night 5:30—7
- 12 Sept  Interschool Sport 11:00am - 2:00pm
- 12 Sept  Prep 2015 Open Morning 9:00—11:00am (Ring office to book)
- 12 Sept  Prep 2015 Prepaid Uniforms due at tuckshop
- 14 Sept  Dance Fever Interschool Challenge
- 15 Sept  P & C Meeting—6:00pm-Volunteers Room —All welcome
- 15 Sept  Prep Australia Zoo Excursion ($25 due 5 Sept)
- 3 Dec  Year 6 Farewell 6:45pm
- 4 Dec  Prep 2015 Parent Night 6:00-7:30pm (Ring office to book)
- 10 Dec  Year 7 Farewell 6:45pm

YR 2 MONTVILLE EXCURSION DATE—TO BE ADVISED