PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

OptiMINDS State Final:

The Kuluin School Science Engineering team participated in the OptiMINDS state final over the weekend of October 11th & 12th. These students were accompanied by Ms Stunden and Mrs Neighbour for the weekend. The team performed to a very high level and were excellent ambassadors for our school. The team received an Honours Award which is an outstanding achievement for these students, their facilitators, their families and our school. We are all extremely proud of your efforts. CONGRATULATIONS!

Year 5 Leadership Day:

The Year 5 students and teachers will be participating in Leadership Day at Apex Park Mujimba this coming Friday. This day is designed to allow our students to participate in a range of outdoor activities outside the school setting which provides them with the opportunity to problem solve, work co-operatively with others and to assist them to develop their confidence and leadership skills. We wish everyone attending this day an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

2015 Planning

We have begun planning our classes for 2015. The students’ existing teachers work together in year levels to develop balanced classes across the school. This is a very complex process with many determining factors considered by our teachers. Decisions based on student’s interactions with others, individual students’ academic, social needs and a mix of boys and girls are looked at very closely to ensure that all classes are fair and equitable. Parent requests for specific teachers, specific friends and students to be separated from will not be taken into consideration as part of this process. Any parents who believe that they have reasons of an educational nature that should be considered during the planning process need to put these in writing to the Principal by Monday 03-11-14.

Tony Doherty

Sports News

Well done to Eli Baker and Kai Hibberd who competed the Queensland Track and Field Championships at the State Athletics Centre last week. Both athletes did very well and should be proud of their achievements.

Well done to all of the children who did the Kuluin’s Amazing race. Over 80 children from Years 4-7 participated in an orienteering event around the school where they had to find checkpoints around the school. It involved team work, recording results, compass work, accuracy skills, stepping out and not trying to guess where the markers were located. They had to find the correct order of markers in this activity. There were Amazing Results with 1 team finishing with 100% success.

Skipping Club has been happening on Friday mornings for years 4 and 5 and Monday mornings for years 6 and 7 students. It starts at 8:15am and concludes at 8:45am. We have had 23 and 27 children attending these sessions and it is to have fun through exercise and develop fitness and skill levels. We will try and do a skipping demonstration at assembly later on in the term.

Swimming for year 1-3 commences next Tuesday. Please complete all of the paper work and permission forms and give them to your teacher by this Friday. All money needs to be paid by this week. Surf Skills commences on November 14 and 15 this year. It is a 4 week program that assists the students to learn about the surf, how to identify conditions and swim between the flags. The students will also do a surf lesson and body board lesson as well. Notes will be forwarded to students in year 6 and 7 very shortly.

Tony Doherty

LOST PROPERTY—Please check lost property outside the office before Friday. Lots of jumpers handed in.

Assembly
Prep, 1, 2 & 3
Wednesday 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
Opti-Minds State Finals

Our school’s Science Engineering team participated in the awesome Opti-MINDS State Finals held at the University of Queensland last weekend. It was a huge event, with 109 teams from throughout Queensland and Western Australia participating. Our fantastic team presented their “Vision for the Future” project (Let Kids Be Kids) which was displayed in an ideas’ expo held on the Saturday. Our team presented their ‘Vision’ with confidence, maturity and enthusiasm. The team was acknowledged for presenting a quality, well-presented concept. On the Sunday they had to solve a long term problem and a spontaneous problem.

The long term problem was very challenging! Consider this. Opti-ZONE is desired by all, but achieved by few. Three curious objects are intent on achieving Opti-ZONE. The team has to create a ‘Method of Moving the Objects to Opti-ZONE’ (MMOO-Z). How do they achieve it and what happens when they do? Team members could only use a few simple materials and had to solve all aspects of this complex problem within a three-hour time limit. Students had to incorporate their solution into a dramatic performance and create props and costumes as well! The students then presented their solution to a panel of judges and in front of an audience of hundreds of people.

Our Kuluin students proved to be wonderful ambassadors for our school and worthy representatives of the Sunshine Coast region. The team handled the demanding three-hour problem-solving situation admirably displaying productive group skills, problem solving strategies and a confident demeanour. They gave a high quality performance on the day and thoroughly enjoyed participating in this special event. Particularly impressive was the care and support that all team members showed for each other throughout the entire weekend experience.

The Science Engineering team earned themselves a prestigious Honours Award for their efforts. We are all immensely proud of the way our students conducted themselves. Their levels of maturity, commitment to hard work, co-operative team skills and pursuit of excellence were of the highest quality.

Thank you to all our students for their dedication to the Opti-Minds process. I’m sure they have learned a great deal from their involvement. A special thank you to all our parent supporters. You were a fantastic cheer squad! Thank you also to Janelle Neighbour who supported the team as a co-facilitator and Opti-MUM. Your expertise, commitment and unwavering support were invaluable! Our teams’ ongoing successes could not occur without your involvement. May the Opti-Minds spirit be with you all! Bring on 2015 which heralds Kuluin’s 25th consecutive year of involvement in this wonderful program.

Liz Stunden

(School Opti-Minds Coordinator)

Opti-Minds State Finalists

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QSchools mobile app

The QSchools app has been updated. Please download the latest version. You will be able to receive emergency announcements and push notifications, such as information about natural disasters and school closures. It is also a great way to access the latest school news and calendar events. Go to our website for more information.  http://www.kuluinss.eq.edu.au

Volunteers NEEDED at your local Salvation Army Family Store.

Call The Salvation Army on 5443 8248 speak to Libby and register your interest by Wednesday 5th November.

Dates to Remember

- 22 Oct  Family Planning Queensland  Years 6 - 7
- 24 Oct  Year 5 Leadership Day 8:30am - 3:00pm - $35
- 27 Oct  P & C Meeting 6pm Staff room
- 28 Oct  School Swimming Years 1 - 3 (6 week block Tues-Thurs)
- 28 Oct  Anxiety unplugged 2-3 pm (Resource centre)
- 31 Oct  Year 1 Geography excursion—Cotton Tree Park
- 31 Oct  International Teachers Day
- 31 Oct  Pink Run
- 4 Nov   School swimming (week 2)
- 4 Nov   Prep Tour 9am (Ring office to book)
- 4 Nov   Rhythm of Japan Performance Years 4-7  $7
- 6 Nov   Term 4 Disco
- 11 Nov  School swimming (week 3)
- 12 Nov  Music by Moonlight
- 13 Nov  Surf skills Year 6 (4 week block)
- 14 Nov  Surf skills Year 7 (4 week block)
- 17 Nov  P&C meeting 6pm staff room
- 18 Nov  School swimming (week 4)
- 10 Dec  Year 7 Farewell 6:45pm
- 11 Dec  Last day of school
- 12 Dec  Prep 2015 Parent Night 6:00-7:30pm
- 14 Dec  Surf skills Year 7
- 20 Nov  Surf skills Year 6
- 21 Nov  Surf skills Year 7
- 25 Nov  School swimming (week 5)
- 25 Nov  Prep Tour 9am (Ring office to book)
- 27 Nov  Surf skills Year 6
- 28 Nov  Surf skills Year 7
- 28 Nov  Library books due back
- 1 Dec   Christmas Show @ Nambour Civic Centre Prep—Year 2
- 2 Dec   School swimming (week 6—final lesson)
- 3 Dec   Year 6 Farewell 6:45pm
- 4 Dec   Surf skills Year 6
- 5 Dec   Surf skills Year 7
- 4 Dec   High School orientation day - Year 6
- 10 Dec  Year 7 Farewell 6:45pm
- 12 Dec  Last day of school