PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Happy New Year and welcome back to the 2015 school year! I hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday and that everyone is relaxed and ready to get into the school year ahead of us. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new students and families in particular to all of our new Prep students who have started school for the very first time this week. I look forward to the 2015 school year being a positive, rewarding and enjoyable journey for us all.

This year we welcome a number of new staff members to Kuluin. We welcome the following staff members to our school: - Ms O’Keefe, Ms Barillaro, Ms Watson, Ms Eaton and Ms Bray. We welcome back Ms Kelly, Mrs Morrison, Ms Cardelini, Mrs Hemphill, Ms Page, Mrs Brazier, Ms McLeod, Ms Russell and Mrs Moore who are returning to Kuluin for 2015.

Finalisation of our staffing does not occur until the eighth day of the school year which means that all classes are provisional and that there could be some changes to classes if our student enrolments change during the first two weeks of the school year. Once our staffing and classes are finalised our teachers will conduct their parent information sessions. Please accept our apologies with the SMS text messaging that was used to advise parents of their children’s classes for 2015. We are aware that there were problems associated with this and sincerely apologise for any inconvenience that this may have caused. Technical difficulties with this form of communication will require us as a school to explore other options for this year.

Our School priorities for 2015 are:

- Reading/ Writing
- Numeracy
- Upper Two Bands – this means increasing the number of high achieving students in NAPLAN
- Student Attendance

SWPBS – School Wide Positive Behaviour

More information regarding our priorities will be communicated at a later date.

Assemblies:

School assemblies will be conducted on Tuesday morning at 9:00am in the school hall for students from Year 3 - Year 6. Our Prep – Year 2 assembly will be conducted on Thursday mornings at 9:00am. Assemblies will recommence in Week 2.

Meetings:

Could I remind all parents that our teachers are required to attend meetings every Tuesday afternoon. Please try to avoid impromptu meetings with classroom teachers particularly on Tuesdays. There are also many meetings that occur before and after school for many of our staff members. If you need to discuss an issue with your child’s classroom teacher it is preferred that you make an appointment so that the matter can be discussed in a timely manner.

Alison Welch
Information for Parents

Dear Parents,

The Camp Quality Puppets have been invited to perform at your child’s school on:

**20th of February 2015**

It is an educational program using life size puppets to deliver a fun and positive message about supporting children living with cancer and other serious illnesses.

**There is no charge to the school or the children.**

The information shared aims to help children heighten their awareness of the need to care for and support others who may look, or be a little ‘different’, particularly because of physical problems, such as hair loss, because of cancer treatment.

Children frequently ask very thoughtful questions. We are able to answer most questions to satisfy their ‘need to know’ and concerns that they may have. We do not have the authority to answer complicated medical questions. If they occur, we will refer the child to make enquiries of a medical practitioner.

This program links well with Community Awareness and Personal Development in the school program, and is most certainly not limited to schools with ill children. The contents relate very much to our children’s contribution to a more caring society.

Over 3,000,000 children have seen our puppets, and have been delighted as the characters come to life, relating very well to the information given to the children on their own level. Puppets have for many generations, been a fantastic communication tool. We trust that your children will benefit from the lessons they will learn through listening to our stories.

If you need to know detail of the program, please do not hesitate to call:

**Camp Quality**

**07 3216 0299**

Reading Book Amnesty

An integral part of the Kuluin Resource Centre is our amazing Reading Room. This room is stocked with books that teachers use every day in the teaching of reading. The books are levelled in sets of 6-8 for use with groups at their instructional level. Once the number of books in a set drops below 6 the entire set becomes unusable.

At the conclusion of 2014 we were disappointed to discover that a large number of our levelled books from the Reading Room had not been returned. Including many from new titles just purchased.

These could not be located in classrooms so I am asking if all families could have a good look at home and please return any books (including Library books) they find. Only by getting the missing books back can we ensure there are adequate quantities of books to successfully run our Guided Reading Program across the school.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

Jane Tozer                                          Trish Koltermann
Head of Curriculum                                Resource Centre Teacher Aide

Attention: Parents and Caregivers

Parents and caregivers please be respectful of our neighbours and park appropriately (not across driveways), maybe even allow time to walk further so students arrive safely and on time. If crossing Tallowwood Drive, remember to use the school crossing located at the front of the school. Thanks in anticipation

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