PRINCIPAL REPORT

From the Quadrangle

During 2014 Brainstorm Productions provided our students with performances on anti-bullying which were relevant and engaging for our students. After this performance some of our students and staff were interviewed as part of an anti-bullying documentary ‘From the Quadrangle’.

I would like to inform our school community that this documentary will be going to air on Channel 10’s ONE HD channel, Saturday 21st March at 3pm to coincide with the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. If you are able please watch this documentary and celebrate the reflective, mature and appropriate responses that our Kuluin students and staff member gave.

Parent / Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews will be occurring at the end of this Term. This year we will be using an online booking system for interview organisation. All parents will receive a letter with information outlining the details around the online booking process in coming weeks.

TravelSmart Ride2School Day!

Kuluin State School has again registered for TravelSmart Ride2School Day! Please support our students being active on this day by riding to school and registering online.

Register now for Ride2School Day – Friday 13 March 2015

Leaving the car at home and travelling by bike is great for your health, great for the environment and helps reduce traffic around your school.

On Friday 13 March 2015, your children are urged to join over 300,000 students across Australia and adopt a two-wheeled mode of transport for Ride2School Day. The event is Australia’s largest celebration of active travel to school, involving thousands of school kids each year.

Students within the Sunshine Coast Council region who wish to participate should register online before 13th March 2015 to be eligible to win a number of prizes including:

1st Prize - $500 voucher at a bike shop of your choice
2nd Prize - $200 voucher at a bike shop of your choice
3rd Prize - $100 voucher at a bike shop of your choice

If driving to school in the family car is your only option, you can still be TravelSmart by parking the car a short distance away and then riding from there.

Visit www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au to register. Happy cycling!

TravelSmart is an initiative of the Sunshine Coast Council. For more information, please visit www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au or contact our office by phone on 5475 7272.

Why cycle?

- Students feel fresh and alert at the beginning of a school day
- There are fewer cars around the school which eases “drop off congestion” and makes it safer for the students
- Students are more likely to reach the recommended 60min a day of physical activity
Communication from school to home

This year we are endeavouring to reduce our environmental footprint, by reducing the amount of paper used when communicating with Parents. Future communication with Parents will be done via email. In order for this to occur we do require Parents and carers to update their contact details. (Address, phone number, emails etc.)

Semester 1 Report Cards will also be sent via email.

For those families who do not have an email address, copies of communication will be available from the office. Newsletters and news items will still be available on the school website or via the Q Schools phone app.

Please contact the office to update your contact details and to register your email addresses.

Parent-Teacher interviews will be held for years 1 to 6 from the 23rd of March to 2nd of April

All Interviews will be of 15 minutes duration. Individual letters with details will be sent home this week.

*For these interviews we are introducing a new internet-based booking system called Parent Teacher On-Line (PTO). It will save time for parents, staff and students!*

Using this system you will be able to book the interview times that suit you best from any internet-connected computer.

Due to security and privacy requirements of Education Queensland, we are not permitted to load parent and student names into PTO without first obtaining individual consent from parents. PTO allows this consent to be obtained as a part of the login process.

Please follow these steps to log in to PTO and make your interview bookings:

- Go to the school’s web site www.kuluinss.eq.edu.au and click the PTO icon located under the Quicklinks tab.
- At the PTO login screen, click “Register for use” and enter the security code KuluinSS, your name and email address.
- Then click “Send registration”. By doing so you are consenting to your information being stored in PTO and being used for the purpose of interview bookings.
- An email containing your login PIN will be sent to the email address you provided. You may need to check your junk mail folder as genuine email messages can sometimes be incorrectly classified as junk mail.
- If you don’t have an email address, contact the school by phoning 5477 3777 so that we can enter your details for you.
- After you have received your login details, click “Login” on the PTO login screen and enter your surname and PIN as shown in the email or as advised by the school.
- Enter the Student ID of the student for whom you wish to book interviews. Education Queensland student IDs (EQ Id) have ten numbers followed by one letter. You can enter more than one ID if you have multiple students at the school.
  
  *“Student ID’s will be provided to Parents via a letter that will be sent home with children.*

You can optionally enter the name of the students for the IDs entered. By doing so you are consenting to the student’s name being stored and used in PTO for interview bookings.

After you have entered your student ID(s) and name(s), proceed to make bookings as instructed on the screen.

If you have any questions or concerns about security or privacy of information stored in PTO please visit the www.parentteacheronline.com.au/privacy

Dale Wolfenden   Deputy Principal
Our school photos will be taken on the 29th & 30th April 2015.

For the convenience of our school community advancedlife have now introduced Online Ordering. School photos can now be ordered and paid for using a secure online Web Portal. Please note: Photos can still be purchased using an envelope.

The preference of our school is that Orders and Payments be made through the Web Portal as this reduces the administration and associated order issues related to the return of cash & envelopes on photo day. To place your order visit www.advancedlife.com.au and enter the code- 9LE 4G1 2TO. A full set of instructions on how to order can be found on the back of the order flyer. The order code can also be found printed on the envelopes supplied by advancedlife.

Please be aware that-
- All Online Orders should be placed on or before our day of photography.
- Please Note: Once orders are closed a LATE FEE will apply.
- The Online code above Web Portal may also be used to order previous years’ sports and other group photos at any time.
- All Online Orders placed through the Web Portal will be returned to school for collection.

Anti-bullying Documentary – ‘From the Quadrangle’

Kuluin State School is featured in the documentary “From the Quadrangle” which will go to air on Channel 10’s ONE HD channel at 3pm on Saturday March 21.

The documentary, based on the book “Bully for Them” by Fiona Scott-Norman, recounts how some of Australia’s most talented and successful people were bullied at school for being different and how their experiences have shaped them in to the remarkable individuals they are today. It includes Missy Higgins, Adam Goodes, Stella Young, Kate Miller-Heidke, Penny Wong, Megan Washington, Charlie Pickering, to name a just few.

The documentary coincides with the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence and will help raise awareness about this destructive issue.

Jill Kindt  Deputy Principal
It is very exciting to be producing our second musical in two years. There are 86 students from Year 2 to Year 6 involved in our production of Mulan Jnr. Rehearsals are already in progress and a number of songs are taking shape. Congratulations to the following students who have been successful in attaining a lead role in our musical.

**Mulan** - Poppy

**Ancestors** - Reese, Summer-Grace, Lani-Kai, Gypsy and Summah

**Mushu** - Asha

**Cricket** - Becky

**Captain Shang** - Cohen, Yao-Jack, Ling-Sally, Qian-Po-Jordan

**Fa Zhou** - Shaynee, **Fa Li** - Amy, **Grandmother** - Chalee

**Chi Fu** - Karina

**Emperor** - Mia Yule

**Shang-Yu** - Shaynee

**Huns** - Ruby and Sienna

Please ensure the $30 fee is paid by **Friday 27th March 2015** so we can order shirts and begin purchasing costumes. We are chasing Chinese style dresses, shirts, pants, dressing gowns and karate type jackets to be used as part of our costumes. If you have any of these items and are happy for us to use them in our production please name them and drop them in to Ms Samaha. The performance dates for MULAN Jnr are Tuesday June 9, Wednesday June 10 and Thursday June 11. Tickets will be available for order in early Term 2. Adult $10 and Child $5.

Jarda Samaha

### Student Council News

A very big thank you to all families who donated stationery items or money to Humanitarian Project International last Thursday. The support was amazing and we raised over 8000 items and over $400 to donate to this very worthwhile cause. Thank you also for embracing the Bright Colours theme for the free dress day. It was great to see lots of bright colours being worn.

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P&C NEWS

Amart Disco voucher winners and thank you to our Disco helpers

Congratulations to the winners of the Junior Parade Be Safe Amart vouchers, the Pament family from 1/2MJ and the Munn family from 1 DR.  
Congratulations also to the winners of the Senior Parade Be Safe Amart vouchers, the Vancsa family and the Gabel family both from 6MR.  
Thank you to all parents who came up to the door of the disco to pick up their children and entered the draw to win a $100 Amart voucher  
A huge thank you to all our volunteer helpers on the night of the disco.  Your help on the doors, supervising, in the kitchen and cleaning up was amazing and appreciated by all involved, especially the students of Kuluin.  Thank you so much everyone.

Cookie Dough

Thank you to all Kuluin families who ordered Cookie Dough. Please check the next newsletter, your QSchools app or the Kuluin School P&C Facebook page for the exact delivery date.  A huge thank you to all our volunteer helpers who gave out the flyers and collated the orders.  You did a magnificent job!

Easter Raffle

The annual Prep and Year One Easter Bonnet Parade will be held on the last day of this term, Thursday 2 April 2015.  With the parade there will be an Easter Raffle with lots of great Easter Hamper prizes to be won.  The youngest in the family will receive a book of 5 tickets today with this newsletter. Tickets are $1 each and are due back to the tuckshop by Wednesday 1 April 2015. Please remember to write your name and best contact number on the ticket stubs so that we can make sure your prize comes home to you.  Good Luck everyone!

Uniforms

We are NOW taking orders for our Winter Jackets & Jumpers.  
YOUR ORDER WILL NEED TO BE IN BY 20th March.  
This is a pre paid order service, so this means you need to pay for the items when your order is placed.  
You can do this by filling in a uniform order form from the Tuckshop or downloading one off our website.  
We offer our usual methods of payment at the Tuckshop during our operation hours.  
Please Note: This will be the one& only time to order our winter apparel.  
NO ORDERS AFTER THE ABOVE DATE CAN BE ACCEPTED.

Maree Brinkman P&C Executive

1-2-3 MAGIC
Effective Discipline for children 2-12 years

It’s not too late!  Come along ... start with our group in Session 2 on Monday 16th March 2015.  
The 1-2-3 Magic Parenting Emotion Coaching workshops will be held Kuluin State School on Mondays 9th, 16th and 23rd March 2015.  
Each session will run 9:00am-12pm.  
Please note that the sessions are for parents and carers only and parents will need to make suitable arrangements for the care of any on-school age children.  
Should you wish to attend please contact Kuluin State School Administration on 5477 3777 to register.