PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Farewell

Mrs Karen Wallace officially retired from Education Queensland on August 31st 2015. On behalf of Kuluin State School and Education Queensland, I would like to take this opportunity to formally acknowledge and thank Mrs Wallace on her very successful and committed teaching career. Mrs Wallace is be commended on her significant, lifelong contribution to education along with her commitment to children and sharing her passion and learning with them. I wish Mrs Wallace all the best for her retirement and future endeavours.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be occurring over the next two weeks for the majority of our classes. It is extremely important for all of our parents to attend these interviews to ensure that you are fully aware of your children’s academic performance, achievements, effort, behaviour and any areas of concern during Term 3.

Dance Fever Celebration

Our School Dance Fever Celebration will be held this Wednesday afternoon 9th September 2015 from 1:00pm in the School Hall. Please come along and enjoy the wonderful way in which your child has embraced their dancing program this year.

On Sunday a number of our students, staff and parents will be attending Dance Fever Challenge in Brisbane. We wish all of these students an enjoyable and successful experience.

Alison Welch

Music News

The senior choir sang at Choral Fest on Tuesday the 25th of August. We were fortunate enough to obtain a silver award. Congratulations to all the children who sang beautifully. A huge thank you to our wonderful mums Dannii; Kellie; Jo and Karen who helped during the morning. Special accolades to our amazing conductor Reese. You did an incredible job even with your shoelace undone.

Our Music by Moonlight is on Thursday evening the 10th of September. The junior and senior choirs; string woodwind, percussion and brass, and guitar students will be performing at this concert. Mr Lancaster, Miss Hutchinson and Mr Schultz’s students have all been given information regarding this performance.

The concert begins at 5:30 pm and will conclude with a light supper. There is a gold coin admission for each adult. All children are required to sit with their families unless they are performing. As this is our main concert for the year we hope that the audience can respect the effort the children have put in.

One good thing about music, when it hits you, you feel no pain.” — Bob Marley

Have a great week

Jenni Miller, Classroom Music Teacher

Last week three talented Strings students from Kuluin participated in a selective music camp for the Sunshine Coast Region. Over 200 students from 40 different primary schools auditioned for the 100 positions. Congratulations to Jordan, Reese and Jasymn for being so talented and fantastic. They enjoyed three jammed packed days of making music and finished the event with a spectacular concert on Friday night.

Karlee Hutchinson, Instrumental Teacher
Opti– MINDS Challenge

On Saturday 22nd August, our three Opti-MINDS’ teams for 2015 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, had worked incredibly hard over the six weeks in preparation for the challenge both at school and on weekends. Their unwavering commitment, perseverance and pursuit of excellence are noteworthy.

The members of all three Kuluin teams proved to be excellent ambassadors for our school and performed admirably. Our Language Literature team presented an entertaining performance depicting three possible interpretations of the ‘Twinkle Twinkle Little Star’ rhyme that the colourful and excitable Topi-Topi tribe received. Our Social Science team gave an insightful and clever presentation portraying the events surrounding the establishment of the new ‘Opti-STAR HOPE’ community and demonstrating and explaining where ‘Opti-Star HOPE’ is situated and why this new community is so enticing. Our Science Engineering team constructed a device that had to propel a tin of tuna exactly one meter in one direction, make it pause for 40 seconds and then return it to within 20 centimetres of its point of origin – all with only one activation. What fun!

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

Social Science – First Place (this team was invited to the State Finals to be held in Brisbane in October).
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 Jane Tozer who acted as a judge on the day. The Opti-MINDS program could not take place without your voluntary support. Your involvement was very much appreciated.

Liz Studden -  
(school co-ordinator & team facilitator)

Julie Bowd & Janelle Neighbour -  
(team facilitators)

P&C News

Disco - Congratulations to the winners of our door prizes Deb Steele, Alan Austin, Tresna Strong and Kerrry-Anne Cullen who each received a $100 Amart Sports voucher. Parents can go into the door prize raffle when they pick up their children from the door of the disco and we would like to thank all of our parents and children who be safe at our discos and pick up from the hall doors. A huge thank you too all our volunteers and the many fantastically behaved students, you are awesome.

Fathers’ Day Stall - Thank you to everyone who helped on the stall last week and to everyone who bought something for their lucky fathers. We hope all our Kuluin Dads had a Happy Fathers’ Day.

Spellathon - All students who received a 100% score should receive their $2 tuckshop vouchers this week. These vouchers can be used on their own or as part of an order. They are not redeemable for cash and no change can be given. Letters will also go home this week to students who have collected money from their sponsors and returned it. These letters will ask students to fill in a form picking their prize. These forms can be returned to the slot boxes marked Spellathon Prize forms here at either the school office or OSHC, not the tuckshop.

Treasurer Vacancy - Volunteers are asked to nominate for this executive position on the P&C committee. Please email pandc@kuluinss.eq.edu.au if you require more information.

Date Claimers - Working Bee 10th October, Bunnings BBQ 31st October, Kolours of Kuluin celebration at Aussie World 7th November

Maree Brinkman

Information for all Parents, Caregivers and Students
2016 Prep Enrolments

A reminder to all parents that if you have younger children starting prep at Kuluin in 2016 to please hand your enrolment forms into the office ASAP

Dance Fever Celebration

Dear Parents

In previous years at this time in the year we have opened up classrooms and invited parents and carers to visit and meet with their child’s teacher. This event was known as Gala Night and included the celebration of Dance Fever. Gala Night will not continue and will be replaced by formal Parent Teacher Interviews held by appointment between the 7th - 18th of September.

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Information for all Parents, Caregivers and Students
Get your family active and eating well
Families on the Sunshine Coast can now sign up for the free healthy lifestyle program called PEACH™ - Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health. Registrations are open for a new group to commence in term 4, 2015.
The program is fun for kids and helps parents and carers make healthy eating and activity a part of every-day life. It is available to families with a child aged between 5-11 years who is above a healthy weight for their age and consists of 10 group sessions that run for 90 minutes each.
Topics covered include nutrition skills, reducing screen time and being more active as a family. While the parent sessions are taking place, children enjoy active play with a trained child physical activity facilitator.
What: PEACH (Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health) program
When: Term 4, Thurs 3:30-5pm (weekly)
Where: Kuluin State School
Cost: FREE
The program is funded by the Queensland government and being delivered state-wide by the Queensland University of Technology.

FREE parenting forums
I know we are all busy but......
Do you feel like you are speaking another language to your teenager?
Are you worried about your pre-teen and the joys to come?
Come find out about the Physiological Development of the Adolescent Brain presented by Greg Setchel Senior Psychologist at Child and Youth Mental Health. You will walk away with a deeper understanding of how the teenage brain works and how you can support them on their life journey.

Tuesday 15th September - 6pm-7:30pm at the Primary Innovation Hall, Free event.
Bookings essential on 54369388, before Friday 11th September.

Is your child safe online?
THIS IS AN EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED – IT WILL CHANGE YOUR THINKING
This presentation is delivered from the perspective of an undercover internet detective with over 16 years in the field of child exploitation. Brett spent thousands of hours as a fictitious teenager on the internet locating and arresting predators.
Witness the real life dangers that every child faces and discover how essential your role is. You will walk away with simple fun measures that will protect your child.

Wednesday 4th November 6pm-7:30pm at the Primary Innovation Hall, Free event.
Bookings essential on 54369388 before Monday the 2nd November.

Sept 13-18th Regional Chappy week fundraiser
Where- Goodlife Community Centre- 100 Pines Drive Buderim
The chappies from the Maroochydore/Kuluin/Bli Bli/Sunshine Beach/Mountain Creek will be serving coffee and food at the café through the week and available to talk about their Chaplaincy service. Come along and grab a chappy burger or chappy muffin.

Lost Property
There are lots of jumpers in lost property, please come and check the lost property outside the health room, Admin building. Any lost property at the end of term will be donated to second hand uniform shop or charity.

Before and After School Pick Ups
Please be reminded of the importance of safety when dropping and picking up students from Kuluin School. Please do not park on yellow lines too close to the entrances, this causes road safety issues. Please respect our neighbours and do not park over, or in their driveways. This is very frustrating for them. Keeping our students and their families safe is important and we ask that you please watch young children closely whilst waiting outside of the school. If using the main entrance on Tallow Wood Drive, please use the school pedestrian crossing.