PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Staffing
Ms Kindt will be on leave for the remainder of the Term. Ms Dolphin will be Deputy Principal responsible for Year 3 to Year 6 during this time. Mrs Venz will be our HOSES for the balance of Term 4. Kuluin welcomes Mrs Louise Bentley to our Special Education team.

Support Kolours of Kuluin
I would also like to remind our school community about the Kolours of Kuluin on Saturday 7th November at Aussie World. At this point in time the ticket sales have been very slow and we really need big numbers to support this major P&C fundraiser. Please purchase your tickets on line, come along and join in the fun!

2016 Student Councillors
We are currently in the process of formalising our school leaders for 2016. I would like to extend my congratulations to the following students who will make up our Student Council for 2016. Luke, Ryan, Malique, Josh, Karina, April, Amber, Maia, Rhiani, Ella, Alana, Zahlie.

Planning for 2016
We are currently in the process of planning for 2016. If you are aware that you will be leaving the area or your child will not be returning to Kuluin next year could you please advise the school immediately. If you have not yet enrolled your Prep child for 2016 you should do this as a priority.

Policing Pipes and Drums
Last week all of our students were involved in a performance given by the Queensland Police Pipe & Drum Band. This school event was organised by our Adopt – A – Cop Zoe Brady. This performance was fantastic and our students thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment.

Alison Welch

Report Cards
Once again this semester, report cards will be emailed to parents and carers. For this to be successful it is important that the school has a record of an active email address. Parents were asked last term to review their contact details at the Parent Teacher Interviews. For those families who do not have an active email address they will still be able to collect a printed copy of their child’s report card. The school will need 24 hours’ notice if a printed copy of the report is required.

Please add the following email address - OneSchool.application@dete.qld.gov.au to your list of safe senders to ensure the report card email is not sent to the Junk folder. Only Parents/Carers who have indicated that they receive correspondence will receive report cards via email. Please contact the office if you are unsure.

Dale Wolfenden    Deputy Principal

Expressions of Interest
An experienced photographer is required for the Year 6 Farewell Evening on Wednesday, 9 December 2015 to take photos of students and their families and friends from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. It is anticipated that photos will be paid for and collected at the end of the evening.

If you are interested in offering a quote, please submit proposal in writing to Kuluin State School office, or alternatively by email to info@kuluinss.eq.edu.au, detailing costs of photos for students and families, as well as facilities to print.

Proposals required by Friday, 13 November, 2015

Dental Van
Thank-you to all those families that have returned their dental forms. We will be issuing you with an appointment shortly. We anticipate that the dental van will be leaving Kuluin School by the end of the month and not due back until 2017. So, if you are wanting to have your children seen by our service this year, please contact us on 0407 695 226 or visit the dental van (Monday– Thursday). All students, Prep to Year 6 are eligible to use the school dental services.

Assembly
Prep, 1, & 2
Thursday 9:00am
Years 3,4,5 & 6
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
You are invited to a Parent Information Session
Supporting Your Child’s Social and Emotional Development
When: Tuesday 10th November 9:00-10:30am
Please register at Administration for this session or register by phoning 5477 3777
Where: G Block Conference Room
This workshop, run by The Kuluin School’s Student Engagement Teacher - Linda Bray, will address some areas of discussion relating to Social and Emotional development for children that parents commonly raise. It will also explore some knowledge relating to this topic and provide some suggestions to assist parents to foster this development for their children.
The workshop will suggest ways that families can help to make positive connections between home and school which are a great starting point for secure social and emotional well being.

The Opti-MINDS Challenge
Our school’s Social Science and Science Engineering teams participated in the awesome Opti-MINDS State Finals held at the University of Queensland recently. It was a huge event, with over 120 teams from throughout Queensland and Western Australia participating. Our fantastic teams presented their “Vision for the Future” projects (Read Tube and Brain Breaks) which were displayed in an ideas’ expo held on the Saturday. Our teams presented their ‘Vision’ with confidence, maturity and enthusiasm. The Science Engineering team were captured on the state final commemorative video demonstrating one of their “Brain Breaks”! On the Sunday, the teams had to solve a long term problem and a spontaneous problem.
The Social Science long term problem was very interesting! Consider this. Opti-STAR HOPE offers adventure, excitement, change, freedom and above all –hope! This community has been thriving for more than a decade. The founding members established the community and have managed it for all this time. For some reason however, Opti-STAR HOPE is now becoming less ‘hope-filled’ and appears to be losing its sparkle! What is causing the downturn and how will HOPE be re-kindled?
The Science Engineering long term problem was a huge challenge. Imagine this. The automated Exploration Vehicle (EV) used to transport the team of scientists to the new habitable world and back is successfully nearing the end of its return journey. However, it appears that for whatever reason, it has veered drastically off course and an emergency landing system must be created to enable the EV to land safely in this very unexpected location. What will the team do to save the situation and land the EV safely?
Team members could only use a few simple materials and had to solve all aspects of these complex problems 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 teams 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.

Spirit Of Kuluin Award
Spirit of Kuluin nominations are available from the 9th November. Closing date for nominations is Wednesday 18th November.

Please read more on our extended version on our Website—Optiminds item continued, Brain Wave Summer Camp, & Summer Splash Camp

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**Summer Splash Camp – Yr. 5-6**

**Monday 18th – Friday 22nd January 2016**

Enjoy the best week of your summer school holidays by attending the amazing Summer Splash Camp coming up in January 2016. This is a fun and action packed week of cool things to do and cool people to meet at the Apex Camp Mudjimba Camp site. How does laser tag, basketball, games and toasting marshmallows on a camp fire, a disco night and swimming in the pool sound just for starters?? And then add outings to Ice Skating, Big Boing, Aussie World and beach activities and we’re talking about mega fun!!! This will be a great week of making new friends, having loads of fun and learning how the Bible can help us in our everyday world. Don’t miss out!! Camp bookings close Dec 20th or when full.

**Price:** $310 (GST free)

**Grades:** 5 - 6 (co-ed) (in 2015)

**Where:** Apex Camp, Mudjimba (171 Nojoor Road, Twin Waters)

**Director:** Glen Chambers

**Email:** summersplash@sucamps.org.au

**Enquiries:**
- Admin- Brendon-0403348792
- General- Glen: 54 773777

**REGISTER FOR THIS CAMP AT WWW.SUCAMPS.ORG.AU**

**The Opti-MINDS Challenge continued**

The Social Science 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 Julie Bowd and Janelle Neighbour who supported our two teams. 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 2016 which heralds Kuluin’s 25th consecutive year of involvement in this wonderful program.

Liz Studden

*(School Opti-Minds Coordinator)*

**BRAINways Summer Camp**

BRAINways Education, in conjunction with Central Queensland University, invites gifted and talented students from schools on the Sunshine Coast to participate in BRAINways summer camp.

The Summer Camp has two components: a two days immersion and a challenge.

On the first day of the two days immersion, the students will be introduced to four topics in the Maths/Science or Humanities areas. Based on the research suggesting that gifted students benefit from an extended, uninterrupted engagement with a topic, the second day of the immersion program will give the students the opportunity to select one of the four topics introduced and explore it in depth.

The participation in the immersion days grants the students the chance to a submission in the Summer Camp challenge. The challenge component of the Summer Camp program was developed based on the research showing that challenges and competitions are very powerful intrinsic motivators when they give the students the opportunity to sustain the engagement with the topic for a longer period. The challenge involves the completion of a research and the submission of a product for evaluation, and it will culminate with an award presentation, to recognize outstanding achievements.

The Summer Camp program is developed and presented by BRAINways Education.

**Program Dates:** Immersion Days: 12 & 13 January, 2016

**Challenge: Submission:** 18 January – 7 February, 2016

**Awards Presentation:** To be advised

**Program Times:** Immersion: 9.00am – 3.00 pm (please arrive 15 minutes early for registration)

**Place:** Immersion: Central Queensland University

**Cost:** $125

For enrolment and payment, please access register.brainways.com.au, and follow the instructions provided in the “How to register” section. Places in the summer camp program will fill very quickly, hence the need to complete the enrolment immediately if you are interested.