PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Well the year is almost finished and I know that everyone is ready for a well – earned break. I would like to sincerely thank all of our students and staff on an extremely successful and rewarding 2015 school year. I would like to acknowledge and thank the P&C Association for their ongoing support and financial commitment to our school. I would also like to thank all of the parents’ and community members who have contributed and positively supported our students and school throughout the year.

As a school we have a great deal to celebrate: the encouraging way in which all of our teachers have embraced the Gradual Release Model of Responsibility for Reading and Writing which has meant that we are moving more towards a consistent language and approach to the teaching of Reading and Writing throughout the school. Our GRG funds have provided us with the opportunity for all of our teachers to be involved in coaching, professional development and feedback. Our students have benefitted through the Language Perfect program, Upper Two Band project, a number of intervention programs, Fine Motor programs for our Prep students and Year 1 students and additional Resource purchases. The momentum that KAGAN has gained throughout our school will continue to strengthen into the future. A second very successful school musical production – Mulan was presented to our school community this year. There are so many things as a community that we need to celebrate and be immensely proud of.

Kulunin hosted an Exemplary Principals Network Meeting in late November whereby a number of Principals’, HOC’s and Master Teachers visited our classrooms to observe teaching and learning. I have included some feedback from this visit. “It feels like there is a culture of high expectations and feedback for improvement-”; “it feels like everyone is on the same page” “explicit teaching is really obvious in your classrooms- you can see it and hear it”; “your students are so well behaved”.

Farewell

We will be farewelling our Year 6 students on Wednesday December 9th. On behalf of the school community I would like to congratulate all of our Year 6 students on successfully completing their Primary Schooling at Kulunin and wish each of them every success as they embark on their High School learning journey.

I would like to farewell and thank all of the students and parents of Kulunin who will be leaving our school this year after lengthy associations with our school. We would like to thank you all for the involvement you have had with our school and wish you all the very best for the future.

Staff Changes

On Friday we will be farewelling many of our staff members who have been with us during the year. All of these teachers have been highly valued members of the Kulunin School; have made a significant contribution and commitment to our school and will be missed by us all. On behalf of everyone I would like to sincerely thank each one of these staff members for the role that you have undertaken at our school. We farewell Mr Ross Lancaster who has been at Kulunin as our Instrumental Music teacher for the last 4 years and Ms Rebecca Powell who has been teaching at Kulunin for nearly two years. We farewell Mrs Karla Hynes, Ms Leanne Janson, Ms Belinda Cardilini, Mr Ben Itzkovich, Mr Bill James, Mr Richard Fagg, Mrs Rebecca Taylor and Ms Louise Bentley.

End of Year Arrangements:

Semester Two Report Cards will be issued via email. Congratulations to the many students who have made significant improvements academically this Semester. All parents will receive a letter regarding students’ class placement in the first week of the school holidays. Please be aware that these classes are provisional classes and there is a very strong possibility that they may change in the new school year. Due to the complexity of developing the provisional class lists, we will not be making any changes to any student’s class placement for any reason at the beginning of the year until our staffing is finalised.

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
School Watch:
It is timely to remind our school community to help us to keep our school safe during the school vacation. Please report any unusual activity to School Watch on 131788.
School resumes for our students on Wednesday 27th of January 2016.
I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone an enjoyable and relaxing holiday. I look forward to working with you all again in the 2016 school year.
Happy Holidays!
Alison Welch

Library News
On behalf of the Library staff our sincere thanks for your support throughout the year. Congratulations to all our Best Borrower award winners and to our now published authors, who have had their literary work published in Small But Loud Voices 2015. Our sincere thanks to our Library Monitors for their assistance and dedication throughout the year.
Bookclub will be available to our students and families again next year, however there will be some changes coming so watch this space for details.
Could I please ask you to keep an eye out for any Library or Reading Room books you may still have at home. Send them along with your child at the beginning of the school year. Wishing all our Kuluin Families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Looking forward to welcoming you into our Library in 2016.
Mrs. Tozer, Mrs. Brazier and Mrs. Koltermann

Dental Van
The dental van will be open and working up until the last days of school. We will then close the van for the school holidays and reopen at our next school, Stella Maris Catholic School in term 1, 2016. We will endeavour to complete all students treatment before this move however if this does not occur we will contact you for a follow up appointment at Stella Maris.
For any emergencies whilst the dental van is closed please contact us at Kawana Dental Clinic on 54384200.
Thank you for partaking in the school dental program this year.
Janelle and Wendy (Dental Van staff)

Uniform Sales
The tuckshop will be open from 2-5.30 pm on Wednesday 20th, Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd January 2016, for over the counter uniform sales and uniform order collections. A phone call will still happen as previously arranged.
Kellie Bell
Tuckshop/Uniform Sales

Have a wonderful and safe holiday, enjoy the festive season and we will see you in 2016, with a passion for learning.

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**Dates to Remember**

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