29 January 2016

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Welcome back to the 2016 school year! I trust that everyone had a wonderful holiday and that everybody is rejuvenated and ready to get back into the swing of the 2016 school year. 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 2016 school year being a positive, rewarding and enjoyable experience for us all.

This year we welcome a number of new staff members to Kuluin. We welcome the following staff members to our school: - Mrs Asha Bushell, Ms Tanya Sherwood, Mrs Tia Law, Mrs Margot Payne and Ms Kathy Mahon. We welcome back Ms Kindt, Mr McCullough, Mrs McCullough, Mr Allen, Mr Smart and Mr Lindenmayer who are returning from leave. Ms Axelsen will be continuing as our Guidance Officer for Semester 1 while Mr Smith is on leave. I would also like to welcome the following teachers who have commenced the year at Kuluin - Mrs Hemphill, Mrs Lancaster, Ms Page, Mrsrazier, Ms McLeod, Ms Turner, Mrs Morrison, Mrs Steele and Mrs Moore.

Finalisation of our staffing does not occur until the eighth day of the school year which is referred to as Day 8. This 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.

Our School priorities for 2016 are:
- Reading/ Writing/ Spelling
- Numeracy
- KAGAN Co-operative Structures
- Upper Two Bands – this means increasing the number of students who are achieving A’s and B’s
- Student Attendance- Every Day Counts
- Positive Behaviour For Learning which is the change of name for School Wide Positive Behaviour

Kuluin State School has been successful in being included in the Regional Success Team program for Semester 1 2016. This means that our teachers will be receiving access to a PEA-AC Primary Education Advisor – Australian Curriculum – Mathematics Darren Clark who will provide Professional Development and coaching in the area of Numeracy for the teachers. Darren has conducted a session with our staff at our Student Free Day.

Assemblies:
School Assemblies will be conducted on Tuesday morning at 9:00am for students from Year 3 to Year 6. Our Prep to Year 2 Assembly will be conducted on Thursday mornings at 9:00am. Assemblies will recommence in Week 2 of the Term. Parents, families and caregivers are cordially invited to attend our school assemblies.

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 preferable that you make an appointment so that the matter can be discussed in a timely manner.

New Student Leaders
Congratulations to Tori Stielow who will be part of the Student Council for 2016. Rhiani Lizemore will hold the position of Kabala House Captain for 2016.

The School Leader Investiture Ceremony will be conducted on Tuesday 9th of February 2016 at 9:00am in the school hall.

P&C Association (P&C)
Joining the P&C Association is a great way to keep informed, to contribute to the quality education of your children and to make new friends. Your contribution can be as large or as small as you can manage, but your ongoing support of the P&C Association is invaluable. Not only will you be supporting the school community but you will be supported by the school community. You can learn new skills and gain a clearer understanding of how the school operates.

The P&C works with the Principal and the school community in a productive partnership to achieve the best possible outcomes for students of the school.

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
The P&C provides:

- feedback on school policies and activities
- additional resources to be used to enhance student learning which requires fundraising activities to occur
- parents with opportunities to be involved in their child’s education.

The Kuluin P&C Meetings are conducted on the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:00pm in the School Staff Room. All members of the community are invited to attend these meetings. The AGM will be held on February 15th 2016. All positions are declared vacant at the AGM. The position of Secretary was vacated at the last meeting in 2015.

Alison Welch

Medication Policy

The Administration of Medications in Schools policy has been updated. Please read the information below to ensure the school has the required medical authorisation to administer any medication to your child/ren (including over-the-counter medications such as paracetamol or alternative medicines).

Administering medication at school

If you require staff to administer medication to your child at school, please contact the school office in the first instance to discuss your child’s requirements.

Please note, school staff will only administer medication that:

- has been prescribed by a qualified health practitioner (e.g. doctor, dentist - not a pharmacist)
- is in its original container
- has an attached pharmacy label.

Office staff will ask you to complete and sign Section 1 of the Administration of medication at school record sheet.

N.B. If your child requires more than one medication, you will need to complete a form for each medication.

Requirements for students at risk of anaphylaxis

If your child is at risk of anaphylaxis, it is important for you to provide the school with your child’s emergency medication and their ASCIA Anaphylaxis Action Plan, completed by your doctor. This Anaphylaxis Action Plan provides the instructions for the school to administer your child’s medication in an emergency, which is specific to respond to their health condition.

Requirements for students at risk of asthma

If your child has asthma and requires assistance to administer their medication, it is important for you to provide the school with your child’s emergency medication and their Asthma Action Plan, completed by your doctor. An Asthma Action Plan provides specific instructions for the school to administer your child’s medication.

We recognise that some students are capable of managing their asthma without adult assistance. If you are confident that your child can confidently, competently and safely self-administer their asthma medication, let the school administration know. The school will record your decision and will not require your child’s Asthma Action Plan. Please note that if your child requires assistance in an asthma emergency, staff will provide Asthma First Aid.

Providing medication to the school

Before you provide the school with your child’s medication, check the expiry date to ensure it is in-date and there is enough for the agreed time period. It is also a good idea to take a note of the expiry date so that you can replace the medication before it expires.

Please note, school staff will not administer medication that you can buy over-the-counter at chemists and supermarkets (e.g. paracetamol, eye drops, cough syrup) unless it has been prescribed by your child’s qualified health practitioner. For example, the school would administer paracetamol to a student only if it has been prescribed by their dentist to be taken for a short time after dental treatment.

School staff are bound by these regulations and we hope that all parents will acknowledge and cooperate with these rules.

It is safer for all students if you can provide medication to the school in person (rather than send medication with the student). If you can’t provide the medication in person, contact the school to determine the easiest and safest approach for the school to receive the medication.

If you believe your child is capable of managing their own medication at school, please contact me to discuss, as this requires my approval.

When your child’s medication is no longer required to be kept at school, please collect all unused medication.

Thank you for your assisting the school in keeping our students safe and healthy.

If you have any concerns about your child’s medical needs while they are at school, please contact the school office.

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Dates to Remember

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