24 February 2016

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Leadership Team Changes:

Ms Tozer will be replacing Mr Wolfenden as Deputy Principal P-2 sector for the remainder of the Term. Ms Dolphin will be replacing Ms Kindt as Deputy Principal 3-6 for the rest of Term 1. Ms Tozer will be replaced by Mrs Riggs as Head of Curriculum and Mrs Taylor will be teaching 1DR on Monday to Wednesday. Mrs Jane Sneddon will be Acting as our Head of Special Education during this time.

Student Leaders:

Congratulations and well done to all of our newly inducted Student Leaders for 2016. We are confident that these students will serve the students, staff and Kuluin community to a very high standard.

Left to right: Karina Buczynski - School Captain; Luke Marriott - School Captain; Josh Mann - Vice Captain; and April Holzberger - Vice Captain.

Kuluin State School Student Council 2016
Left to right: Luke Marriott; Tori Stielow; April Holzberger; Karina Buczynski; Josh Mann; Malique Charlwood; Ryan Cook, Maia McLennan; Zahlie McCluskey; Alana Clemson – Bloink; Ella Bradley & Rhiani Lizemore

2016 P&C Executive

Congratulations to the following community members who make up Kuluin State School’s P&C Executive. Ben Armstone – President; Maree Brinkman - Vice President; Secretary – Vacant; Minutes Secretary – Kristie O’Keefe & Treasurer – Louise Francis.

Alison Welch

After School Pick Up and Collection of Students

Recently in the office we have experienced numerous phone calls from parents hoping to inform their child about after school pick up arrangements. We understand that from time to time circumstances change and that URGENT messages need to be relayed to children. These phone calls to classrooms sometimes can be in excess of 30 calls in a short 50 minute afternoon learning session and are incredibly disruptive to ALL student learning. There are often times when classes are not working in their classrooms during afternoon sessions which adds to the complexity of relaying messages to students.

Information for all parents/caregivers

The Kuluin School website now has a Parent Resources area. Follow link, www.kuluinss.eq.edu.au/support and resources/parent resources. Please read document — “Making school dropping - offs hassle free”

More items on the extended version of the newsletter on our school website.

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
Parent-Teacher Interviews Semester 1, 2016

Parent-Teacher interviews will be held for years 1 to 6 from 14th of March to the 24th March. Interviews will be of 15 minutes duration. Bookings for interviews will open on the 27th February. All Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in your child’s classroom.

For these interviews we are using the same internet-based booking system called Parent Teacher On-Line (PTO) that we used last year. 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. “A email will be sent home containing your Student’s ID prior to the bookings being made.”
- 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

Music News

Welcome to an amazing year in the Music Department.

Our instrumental teachers; Mrs Margot Payne (woodwind, brass and percussion), Ms Karlee Hutchinson (Orchestral Strings) and Mr Steve Schultz (guitar) have commenced lessons.

Mrs Payne and Mr Schultz teach on Tuesdays and Ms Hutchinson on Thursday afternoons and all day Fridays.

At Kuluin we have a stage band, chamber strings, orchestra and Rock Band. Mr Schultz and I have begun auditions for the rock band for any grade 6 children who would like to be part of this group.

Choir rehearsals have commenced this week. Junior Choir grade 3 and 4 practises on a Tuesday straight after 2nd break with Senior Choir on Monday and Wednesday straight after 2nd break play.

I also wish to start up a “boys only” choir. Any boy who just wants to sing mainstream music is most welcome to join. We will have these rehearsals on a Monday during first break.

If you have any questions regarding classroom music, or instrumental music please feel free to make an appointment. Parents may contact me through the front office or pop in and see me at a convenient time.

Smiles  Jenni Miller (classroom music teacher)

National Ride2School Day

The Kuluin School will be celebrating National Ride2School Day on Friday 4 March. We encourage students and their families to leave the car at home on this day and get a taste of the benefits, ease and fun of wheeling and walking to school. Parents who are interested in helping out on the day can contact the office.

Students within the Sunshine Coast Council region should register on Councils website before Friday 4 March 2016 to enter the draw for great prizes, including a $500 bike shop voucher. Register now!

All students on wheels are required to wear helmets

### Dates to Remember

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Sports News

Seven students represented our school at the Nambour District Swimming Carnival last Thursday. This was also a selection trial for swimmers to gain district selection to compete at the Sunshine Coast Regional trials in March. It is with great pleasure to announce that we have four swimmers who will swim at the Regional Trial. The following swimmers Sam Harris, Tessa Henderson, Keira Straughen and Tye Straughen. This is a record number of regional swimmers to attend from our school. Sam Harris was age champion and Tessa Henderson and Keira Straughen were runners up. Our school finished 3rd out of the district. Thanks to our team managers and timekeepers who assisted in making the carnival a great success. They were Mrs Harris, Mr and Mrs Henderson and Mrs Straughen. Congratulations to all of our swimmers and to the parents who supported the swimmers at the event.

Eight Girls have been selected in the Nambour District Softball Team to compete at the Regional Trials on March 13-15, 2015. Congratulations to Jasmine Prichard, Chloe Prichard, Arden Quilliam, Sally Blake, Lili Danger, Inez Emery and Charlotte Stewart. Mrs Lancaster and Mr Doherty are the team coach and manager. All of these girls have improved their skill level by attending training and practising their throwing skills and glove work.

The list of trial dates for all sports is located on the noticeboard near the tuckshop.

I would also like to congratulate all the children from Prep to year 6 for such a positive start to the year in Physical Education. The Year 5 and 6 classes have been doing Fitness Fun: Year 3 and 4: Cricket, Year 1 and 2 ball skills and the Preps are doing Movement Skills. These units are part of the Australian National Curriculum in Physical Education and Health.

Hearing Assessments

Childhood hearing loss is a common problem within our schools. Even a very mild or fluctuating loss can affect how a child learns. A child’s ear is developing until the age of 9 and therefore is prone to ear infections. It is important that until a child reaches this age they have regular hearing checks. Once every 12 months is ideal, particularly if the child is experiencing speech and/or language delays.

Free hearing screens* are available through Community Health Centres – appointments can be arranged by calling 5319 4824.

Alternatively, your GP can arrange a referral to an audiologist for a full hearing test (cost involved)

It is also important that you let the school know the results of the updated hearing screen so we are aware of past or present difficulties.

If you have any further questions about Hearing Screens please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher.

*Community Health centres will screen children who are over the age of four. If your child is younger than this you should talk to your GP.

The Importance of Good Vision

Has your child had an eye examination recently?

Did you know that 1 in 10 Australian children suffer from long-term eye disorders?

- Short-sightedness (blurred distance vision)
- Long-sightedness (difficulty focussing up close)
- Astigmatism (distortion of vision)

Once recognised these problems are usually easy to correct.

Early detection is the key!

When should my child’s eyes be tested?

Good vision is important for your child’s educational, physical and social development.

Possible vision problems in school-aged children

The most common vision problems experienced by school-aged children are those affecting the ability to see clearly and sharply.

These problems include:

- Frequent blinking
- Red or watery eyes
- Sensitivity to light
- Frequently rubbing the eyes
- Difficulty concentrating

- Difficulty learning to read
- Holding a book very close to read
- Leaving out or confusing words when reading
- Squinting or sitting very close when watching TV
- Complaints of headaches
- Complaints of blurred or double vision

To find the location of your nearest optometrist or for further information visit www.optometrists.asn.au