PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Numeracy:

Numeracy is the number one priority for our school in 2016. All teachers are implementing a variety of number warm ups into their Numeracy Blocks which will encourage our students to transfer their mathematical understanding into a variety of different activities. Children often have a negative perception regarding mathematics and we need to work hard to change this perception for our children to be positive about maths and that maths can actually be a lot of fun. There is a variety of ways that you can support your child’s enjoyment and understanding of maths at home - board games, outdoor games, cooking, grocery shopping and travelling are just a few ideas for you to consider.

Looking Forward School Evacuation Procedures:

Everyone is fully aware that our school received a threatening phone call on February 23rd 2016 and we contacted police and immediately evacuated the school to ensure the safety of children and staff. As the Principal of the school it is my responsibility to ensure that the safety and wellbeing of students and staff is paramount and that the school responds immediately to any situation within established procedures. I was extremely impressed with the way in which our students and staff handled themselves and responded in a timely, efficient and calm manner throughout our emergency response.

I would like to sincerely thank all of the parents who allowed us to do our job which was to keep our students calm and safe throughout our emergency response. As a school it is unreasonable for us to respond to the many parent requests that are made during an evacuation. I wish to inform parents that a general communication will always be made to parents through the school website, QSchools App and through email once the situation has been managed and this can be organised. The school has no control over the media or social media communicating information which may or may not be up to date or accurate. Please refrain from ringing the school and coming to the school during these emergent situations as this takes us away from our core business which is caring for our students and their teaching and learning.

Parent Teacher Interviews:

Just a reminder that 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 opened on the 27th February. All Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in your child’s classroom. Information has already been sent home last week. Please remember that bookings close at 12pm Friday 11th March.

Thanks,

Alison

Information for parents and caregivers

ICT Giveaway

The Kuluin School has a number of items to giveaway as they no longer meet our needs. Items include HP computers, Data Projectors, AV Receivers and Speakers. If you would like to register your interest in any of these items please complete a form in the Office before 9am March 18.

Andrew Grummitt eLearning Team

School Dental Services

The Kawana School Dental Service is currently offering free dental check-up appointments to ALL children aged 4 years to year 10, and ALL CDBS eligible patients. Please email Kawana.Oral@health.qld.gov.au with the subject ‘SCHOOL DENTAL CHECKUPS’

Include your children’s names, date of birth, address, contact phone number, school / year level, and preferred appointment time. (Availability is Mon-Fri 8am – 4pm)

Please provide your name and contact phone number and the friendly staff will arrange appointments and take complete care of your children’s oral health.

Alternatively phone 07 54384200

Assembly
Prep, 1, & 2  Tuesday 9:00am
Years 3,4,5 & 6  Thursday 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
Information for Parents and Caregivers

C & K have asked as to remind parents that the Kindy parking area should only be utilised if you have a student enrolled at the Kindy.

Konnichi wa from the Japanese room

Just a short note to let you know what our students have been up to this year so far. To date the students have been very busy engaging in and developing the thinking skills that are offered by undertaking learning another language.

The year 6 students have been focusing on their listening, following directions and interpretive skills by incorporating vocabulary on colours, shapes and body parts, to draw characters from the teacher’s verbal descriptions. As the descriptions are all in Japanese the students must listen carefully and then create their own individual interpretation of the vocabulary used. It has led to some very interesting looking characters indeed. Some budding anime artists are among them too.

Year 5 are being introduced to the culture and ways of Japan and looking at understanding the differences, similarities and variety in the way people around the world speak, write and behave, through self-introductions, greetings, listening and reading games and even trying out a different way of writing.

The lower grades are also practicing their reading, writing and maths with a Japanese flavour, reading and writing a recount of a Japanese fairy tale (year 3), investigating flags and their meanings (year 4) and maths with counting and adding in Japanese (Year 2).

A great start to the year by all students visiting the LOTE room.

Ja Mata (See you later)

Mahon Sensei

Sports News

Congratulations to Sam Harris, Tessa Henderson, Tye Straughen and Keira Straughen who competed at the Sunshine Coast Regional Swim Trials. All swimmers swam really well and Sam qualified for the state titles in several events.

The Nambour District Rugby League Trials were held in Nambour last Monday. Thanks to all of the players that participated at this trial.

Good luck to the following girls who will be competing at the Sunshine Coast Regional trials in softball. Jasmine Prichard, Arden Quilliam, Sally Blake, Lili Danger, Chloe Prichard, Inez Emery and Charlotte Stewart. The girls have improved their skill level over the last 5 weeks and we wish them well. Mrs Lancaster and Mr Doherty are the coach and manager of the under 11 Regional Girls’ Softball team.

The Boys Rugby League Team plays in the NRL Cup this Thursday in Nambour. It is a round robin competition with the best team going on to represent the district in the next round. Thanks to Mr Harrison for coaching and providing the opportunity for the team.

Cross Country Training will start on Wednesday morning. It is open to students in years 3-6 to build up fitness. It costs nothing and every child who attends earns a point for their team. The only stipulation is that all children that attend must be behave well and have a positive attitude. Students will need to be safe when running and should wear appropriate running shoes. The school event will be held on the first Friday of term two. Cross Country Training will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings leading up to the event. Any parents that wish to help out are most welcome. Training will start at 8:20am and finish at 8:45am.

A team of 10-12 year olds will be selected to represent the school at the Nambour District trial on Friday May 6, 2016. Students in the team will be expected to train before school.

Year 1 students should have their health survey for Mr Doherty for class this Friday. Thanks to all of the parents that helped gather information for their project.

The Kuluin Netball Club is looking for more players for the Saturday competition. The junior netball season starts very soon, if you are keen to play netball please contact the club as soon as possible.

Have an active week everyone.

Tony Doherty
PE Teacher

Information to read

The ‘Hearing assessment’ and ‘The importance of good vision’ articles are on the extended newsletter on our website.

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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

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