PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Book Week

Book Week will be held from Monday 22nd -26th of August. There will be a host of activities running throughout the week, but no doubt the pinnacle event will be the Book Week Parade. Book Week Parade will be held on Tuesday 23rd of August from 9:00am. Children are asked to come along dressed as a character from an Australian book or an Australian character, however any book character is most appropriate and acceptable.

Over the last couple of weeks I have been out and about before and after school and I have been most impressed by the behaviour and conduct of students both entering and leaving the school. Well done everyone. Senior students are responding well to the new before school routine for handball and students are getting to class on time and ready to learn. Keep up the good work Kuluin!!!!

Student Council – Free Dress Day

Student Council will be hosting a Free Dress Day on Wednesday 17th August. Please bring Gold Coin Donation – money raised will go towards the 2016 Student Council School Legacy project. The theme for the Free Dress Day is “Loud and Proud”

SMS Absence Communication

In 2017 all state schools will be required to notify parents/carers of unexplained absences on the day they occurred. The school is currently exploring options to SMS parents when an unexplained absence occurs. For this to be successful we require accurate and up to date contact details. Please check with the office to ensure your details are correct.

Facebook and Communication

Stay tuned – we are currently reviewing our current communication strategy and hope to be able to share some exciting and positive improvements in the near future. We know that there are frequent good news stories that occur in classrooms and across the school and hope to be able to share and celebrate in a positive way soon.

2017 Prep Open Enrolments

2017 Prep Enrolments are open. If you have a child or know of family and friends with children due to start school in 2017 please let them know that we are taking enrolments now!!!

Attendance –

At Kuluin Every Day Counts. In Semester 1 our Attendance Rate was 93.2% slightly under our target of 95%. As we move through the cooler months it is increasingly important to maintain this high rate of attendance. We know that coming to school every day has a significant impact on student results. We will be focusing strongly on improving our current attendance rate this term.

Finally, with Olympics in full swing it is timely that we reflect on “Olympic Attitudes”. Success at the Olympics and in the classroom is determined by attitude, hard work and sacrifice. There are many attributes to being successful, none more important than a positive attitude, a willingness to work hard to achieve your goals and being prepared to make sacrifices to achieve your dreams. Children need “Olympic Attitudes” in and outside the classroom to be successful.

GO Aussies!!!!!

Dale Wolfenden

Remember to check the school website for more articles on the extended version of the newsletter including 25 years of Opti-Minds, Resource Centre News and other items.
Important Information for Parents/Caregivers

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian schools participate in this annual data collection. The data provided to the Australian Government is aggregated data only. Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you are aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you. While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please let me know.


Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.

Sue Silburn (HOSES)

Parent-Teacher Interviews Semester 2, 2016

Parent-Teacher interviews will be held for Years 1 to 6 with the exception of 4SC and 5NS from 5th September to the 16th September. Interviews will be of 15 minutes duration. Bookings for interviews will open on the 20th August.

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 semester. 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 the steps you will receive in a separate letter to log on to PTO and make your interview bookings.

If you have any questions or concerns about security or privacy of information stored in PTO please visit the [www.parentteacheronline.com.au/privacy](http://www.parentteacheronline.com.au/privacy) page.

- For those families who do not have internet access, please contact the office to arrange an interview time once the bookings open on the 20th August.

If you encounter any problems using PTO please contact the school office by phone on 5477 3777 or email [info@kuluinss.eq.edu.au](mailto:info@kuluinss.eq.edu.au)

I am sure the system will be of benefit to students, parents and staff. Any feedback you may wish to provide will be most welcome.

Catherine Dolphin

A/Deputy Principal

Pre-Paid Uniforms for 2017

Our supplier has requested that all orders are received by the dates below to ensure delivery.

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<td>Order by 28th October for collection between 18th-20th January 2017</td>
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Order forms are available at the Tuckshop, the School Office or on our website – [www.kuluinss.eq.edu.au](http://www.kuluinss.eq.edu.au).

If you have any questions please contact Kellie on 5477 3748.

### Dates to Remember

- 11 Aug Year 2 & 1/2 JS - Underwater World Excursion
- 12 Aug Year 5&6 - Interschool Sports (Week 2)
- 15 Aug P&C Meeting 6-7.30pm Staff room
- 17 Aug Student Council Free Dree Day (gold coin donation)
- 18 Aug P&C Term 3 Disco
- 20 –27 Aug Book Week
- 23 Aug Book Week Parade—hall (9-10am)
- 24 Aug Pancake Breakfast
- 25 Aug MSHS Maths Day of Excellence
- 25 Aug Fair Dinkum Book Week Celebrations
- 25 Aug Bookclub due
- 27 Aug Regional Opti – Minds Challenge
- 26 Aug Year 5&6 - Interschool Sports (Week 3)
- 31 Aug Prep Tour 9 - 9.30am
- 5-16 Sept Parent Teacher Interviews
- 9 Sept Year 5&6 - Interschool Sports (Week 4)
- 11 Sept Dance Fever Challenge
- 15 Sept Year 5 - Get Ready QLD visit (9am - 1pm)
- 16 Sept Last day of Term 3
- 3 Oct Queens Birthday Public Holiday
- 4 Oct Term 4 commences
Celebrating 25 Years of Opti-Minds

2016 heralds 25 continuous years of involvement by the Kuluin School in programs designed and facilitated by Opti-MINDS Inc. The Opti-MINDS Challenge is an evolution of the program run by Opti-MINDS Inc for the past 27 years in Queensland and continues with the tradition of providing students with the opportunity to participate in open-ended, creative activities and find solutions to exciting problems.

Kuluin has a proud history of involvement in this inspiring program, which is designed to provide opportunities for students with a passion for learning and problem solving, to showcase their skills and talents in an exciting, vibrant and public way.

Kuluin’s first foray into this challenging learning experience was way back in 1992 when three teams participated in the regional finals for the first time. The Social Science team won the regional final in their category and participated in the state finals held in Brisbane. There began a quarter of a century of commitment and dedication to this challenge. Over this time, Kuluin has been fortunate to receive numerous regional, state, national and international recognition for their high standard of performance and unwavering commitment. This year we celebrate this amazing milestone and acknowledge the achievements of our school over these 25 years. Students learn so much from their Opti-Minds journey. Our school focus has always been on the journey – not about “winning”. If you measure success by whether you win or lose, you have missed the point. Opti-Minds is about embracing a challenge, stepping out of your comfort zones, taking a risk, working collaboratively with others to solve difficult problems, learning from failure and being able to acknowledge others who succeed when you may not.... it’s about learning, personal growth and the development of character. Kuluin students are presently stretching and straining their brains in preparation for the regional Opti-MINDS Challenge, which will be held on Saturday 27th August at the Caloundra Christian College. Teams from primary schools throughout the Sunshine Coast region will take part on the day. Our teams would appreciate your support and encouragement in their endeavours. Consider coming along on the day to watch the presentations and show your support. Updates will appear in future newsletters. Go Kuluin!

Congratulations to our Kuluin Opti-Minds team members for 2016.

2016 Opti-Minds team members, facilitators and special guests – Daylon Johnston, Julia Buczynski and Matthew Riggs at our recent commemorative assembly

Opti-Minds Teams 2016

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Resource Centre News

Book week: “AUSTRALIA - Story Country” 22nd to 26th August

Celebrations for Book week commence Monday 22nd August. Throughout the week we set our focus on bringing the love of reading and books to our children through different activities.

Storytellers - Preps to Year 2 - Thursday 18th August:
Two storytellers from Maroochydore Public Library will be visiting Kuluin to entertain our lower school students.

Dress-up parade:
All children and staff are invited to dress-up on Tuesday 23rd August as either a character from an Australian book or from their favourite story book. There will be a lucky draw from each year level after the parade. Parents & caregivers are invited to attend our parade.

Book swap (first break ONLY) - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.
With the permission of parents children bring in a book/s from home they no longer want (books must be in reasonable condition), swap them for a voucher and bring their voucher/s to the Library to swap it for someone else’s book/s during the week. Limit 5 per student. Please NO baby/cardboard books.

Fair Dinkum Productions:
Years 3 to 6 (Thursday 25th in the Hall, commencing at 9.00am)
Celebrating the Children’s Book Council’s 2016 theme ‘Australia: Story Country’, Fair Dinkum is an action packed, fun filled adventure that encourages children of all ages to consider how significant books can be, not only as a means of entertainment and escape, but as a way of informing their understanding of the world around us.

Readers Cup:
Year 5 & 6 classes have been busy reading a selection of books over the past 7 weeks, culminating with finals in the hall on Thursday 25th middle session.

Match the Shortlisted Book with the Reader:
Students work out from clues as to who is reading the Shortlisted books.

Colouring in and Australian Poetry Competitions:
Prep to Year 2 will have a colouring in competition to complete and Year 3 to 6 will be writing an acrostic poem using the word “AUSTRALIA” as their base.

“The more that you read, the more things you will know, the more things you will learn, the more places you’ll go” Dr. Suess

Have a great Book week everyone - Trish Koltermann

Bookclub - Issue 5
Orders for Issue 5 are due back to the Library or through LOOP no later than Thursday 25th August.

Lost Property
Please come and check the lost property located outside the Health Room, Administration Building. There are more than 30 school jumpers waiting for their owners. There are also many other items of clothing plus lunch boxes and drink bottles. Any lost property left at the end of term will be donated to the second hand uniform shop or charity.
Please label all articles of clothing including hats, lunch boxes, drink bottles, school bags and any other items with full

Pancake Breakfast
Pancake Breakfast will be on Wednesday August 24 at 8-8.45am outside the hall. Come along and say hello to Chappy.
The Chaplaincy Committee is seeking volunteers from 7am to 9.30 am to help set up, cook/flip, serve, wash up and tidy up. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.
Contact Glenn on 54773777 if you can volunteer, even for a hour.