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7 September 2016

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

School Watch
Holidays will be upon us very soon. Keeping our school safe during the holiday period is extremely important. If you see or notice any activity in and around the school please contact school watch on 13 17 88 or Police Link 131 444.

Silver Fox Volunteer Program
In Term 4 Kuluin will be partnering with the “Silver Fox” Organisation in an exciting pilot project aimed at promoting positive partnerships with “ageing” volunteers. Our Silver Fox volunteers will be working in Year 5 classrooms, focussing on Reading and Numeracy. For more information regarding the Silver Fox program check out their website http://www.silverfox.org.au We welcome our Silver Fox Ambassadors to our Kuluin community.

Magpie Warning
Please be aware that we had a resident magpie swooping people around the front car park and around the school Administration building. The school has made contact with the Council and the swooping magpie has been relocated.

SMS Absence Communication
Please be reminded to phone or email the school on the morning of your child’s absence. From next term Kuluin School will be notifying parents/carers of unexplained absences on the day they occur. Please check with the office to ensure your details are correct.

2017 Prep Enrolments Open
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 94%. 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.

Dale Wolfenden

Dance Fever, Wednesday 14th September 2016
The last week of Dance Fever will have a culmination event in the school hall on Wednesday 14th – you are welcome to attend the performances.

9-10am Year 5 and 6 10-11am Year 3 and 4 12-1.30pm Prep, 1 and 2
2.10pm – the Dance Fever Challenge students will perform

Catherine Dolphin (Acting Deputy Principal)

Payments
Note the change: the payment window at the school office will be open 8.30 – 9.30am Tuesday and Thursday only for people that would like to make payments other than BPOINT.

Safe Driving and Parking
Please do not park on yellow lines or across our neighbours driveways when safely dropping off and picking up students. If necessary, allow more time and please be respectful of our neighbours.

Remember to check the school website for more articles on the extended version of the newsletter.
Opti-MINDS Challenge

On Saturday 27 August, our three Opti-MINDS teams for 2016 participated in the regional challenge held at Caloundra Christian College. Primary and secondary teams from throughout the Sunshine Coast region took part on the day. The members of our school’s Opti-MINDS teams, as well as their facilitators had worked incredibly hard over the six weeks in preparation for the challenge both at school and on weekends. Their dedication, commitment and perseverance in the pursuit of excellence are to be commended.

The members of all three Kuluin teams were excellent ambassadors for our school and admirably performed their challenge solutions.

Our Science Engineering team’s challenge ‘Pongling’ – involved the team in the construction of a device, that once activated, would ‘ping’ (hit with a sound output) a ‘pong’ (marble) between paddles. The more ‘pings’ and greater time taken, the better. The team also had to explain what ‘pongling’ was and why it had become so popular.

Our Language Literature team’s challenge ‘Riddles, Rebuses and Raconteurs’ – encouraged the team to create a mystery story, which incorporated a rebus, a character who spoke in riddles and a raconteur. The team had to research the mystery genre, rebuses and raconteurs. They even had to write their own rebus as well!

Our Social Science team’s challenge ‘Change and Adaptation’ involved the team in choosing a group that exists today (NASA), determining its major habits/characteristics and then ‘fast forwarding’ 50 years into the future. The team had to come up with impacting events and innovative responses which enabled their chosen group to evolve.

Our teams were acknowledged for their efforts with the following awards:

**Science Engineering – Spirit of Opti-MINDS Award**

**Language Literature – Honours**

**Social Science - Honours**

Many thanks to the parents and supporters for coming along to watch our teams present their creative solutions. Kuluin always has a fantastic little fan club!

**Liz Stunden (school coordinator & team facilitator)**

**Julie Bowd & Janelle Neighbour (team facilitators)**

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**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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<th>Order by <strong>13th September</strong> for collection during the last week of school 2016</th>
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<td>Order by <strong>28th October</strong> for collection between 18th-20th January 2017</td>
<td>All ordered uniforms are pre-paid. Ordering by these dates is the only way to guarantee the size and quantity that you require</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)

**Dates to Remember**

- 5-16 Sept - Parent Teacher Interviews
- 9 Sept - Year 5&6 - Interschool Sports (Week 4)
- 11 Sept - Dance Fever Challenge
- 14 Sept - Dance Fever events for all years
- 15 Sept - Year 5 - Get Ready QLD visit (9am - 1pm)
- 16 Sept - Last day of Term 3
- 3 Oct - Queens Birthday Public Holiday, no school
- 4 Oct - Term 4 Commences
- 6 Oct - Bright Minds MSHS
- 12 Oct - Prep Tour 9 - 9.30am
- 14 Oct - Starlab
- 14 Oct - Spelling Bee
- 17 Oct - Student Free Day
- 17 Oct - P&C Meeting
- 19-21 Oct - Year 5 - Off Road Drama ‘Eureka’
- 25 Oct - Years 1-3 Swimming begins (over 6 weeks)
- 28 Oct - Year 5 - Leadership Day
- 2 Nov - Prep Tour 9 - 9.30am
- 11 Nov - Year 6 - Surf Skills begins (over 4 weeks)
- 1 Dec - Year 6 - MSHS Transition Day
- 7 Dec - Year 6 - Farewell Evening
More on 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. 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

Bookweek 2016

Congratulations on a fun-filled Bookweek 2016 when we embraced our Story Country - Australia. Our Prep to Year 2 students were entertained by two storytellers from Sunshine Coast Libraries and our Year 3 to Year 6 students enjoyed the Fair Dinkum Production team. Many of our students took advantage of the Bookswap. Our Dress Up Parade was again the highlight of our Bookweek celebrations, thank you to our whole Kuluin School Community and C&K Kindy for going above and beyond to dress their children and themselves. So much fun to join together for the parade.

Congratulations to our Reader’s Cup winners for 2016 “The 4 Keys”, consisting of Tori, Chloe, Rachelle and Jasmine. Winner of the Match the Shortlisted Book with the Reader was Grace. Winners of the Colouring and Acrostic Poem Competitions were: Prep: Ari (PAK) and Silka (PJT) : Year 1: Archie (1DR) and Lorelei (1DR) : Year 2: Matilda (2KO) and James (2KO) : Year 3: Steven (3AG) and Billie (3JW) : Year 4: Marli (4ST) and Sophie K (4CM) : Year 5: Tye (5NS) and Agnes (5SM) : Year 6: Kiera (6NE) and Tamsin (6NE).

Staff Quiz winners: Debbie Hutchins, Nan Sargood and Kellie Frew. Sincere thanks to everyone for being involved in our Bookweek Celebrations this year and encouraging our children in the lifelong love of books and reading.

From all the staff Kuluin Resource Centre

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 name of student.