PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

I am pleased to return to Kuluin after my role as an Internal Reviewer, travelling across the state working in a number of schools during this time. This role enabled me to look at the exceptional work that is happening in schools and showed that school staff are working hard to do their best to engage and challenge all children so that they can all experience success. It also reinforced to me what a unique, supportive and quality learning environment that is provided at Kuluin School each and every day.

World Teachers’ Day

Last Friday we celebrated World Teachers’ Day and on behalf of the students and school community I would like to sincerely thank all of the teachers at Kuluin for the outstanding work they do caring, nurturing, supporting, inspiring and teaching our children every day. Teachers really make a significant difference to the lives of our children and preparing future citizens. Thank you!

Alison Welch

Information for Parents and Caregivers

2017 Class Allocation

Notification of 2017 Class Allocations will be posted home via letter in early December. Parents will receive this notification over the holiday period. This letter will contain confirmation of your child’s Class Teacher and the Block and Room for 2017. This information is based on predicted 2017 enrolments. Class allocations are permanent and will not be changed until after Day 8, when the 2017 staffing allocation is confirmed. Please ensure the Office has up to date address and contact details to ensure you receive this important information.

Please make contact with the office if you are leaving, moving and enrolling at a different school in 2017. Planning and preparation is underway and this information is very necessary for developing our 2017 strategy.

QParents is Coming

Kuluin State School is proud to be one of the first schools in Queensland to offer QParents. The QParents web and mobile application provides a more convenient, easier way for parents and legal guardians of Queensland state school students to interact with their child’s school. Parents will have secure, online access to their child’s student information, anytime, anywhere, through a smartphone, tablet or computer.

QParents allows parents to connect instantly with their child’s school to access and manage their child’s student information, including:

- Attendance and absence details, as well as the ability to notify the school of an absence
- Behaviour information
- Academic report cards
- Class timetables
- Viewing unpaid invoice details, payment history, and making payments online
- Viewing and updating personal student details, including medical conditions and address
- Enrolment details

QParents will assist both staff and parents in sharing and responding to information in an efficient and effective way.

We will be sending out invitations for parents to register for QParents in November. QParents won’t replace the traditional ways you communicate with our school, but it will provide another way to communicate with us.

More information about QParents can be found at https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/about

Assembly

| Prep, 1 & 2 | 8:50am |
| Prep, 1 & 2 | 9:00am |
| Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 | 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 |
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*Kuluin State School Facebook*

Like us on Facebook to follow and celebrate our wonderful school.

[https://www.facebook.com/Kuluin-State-School-1752329028374681/](https://www.facebook.com/Kuluin-State-School-1752329028374681/)

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**Sports News**

Swimming for Years 1-3 started last week. Please make sure that all children are prepared for swimming, wearing a rash shirt or t-shirt in the water for sun safety. Please have any necessary medication ready to take to the pool, a plastic bag to put wet gear in and a change of underwear for after lessons. Swimming is such an important life skill to have in this part of the world. Thanks to the Flying Fish Swim School who run this program.

The Queensland Aquathlon for 11 and 12 year olds in 2017 (1km run/ 200m swim /1km run) and Triathlon 13 years in 2017 (400m swim/12km cycle/ 3km run) events will be held at Lake Kawana on Sunday November 6, 2016. If your child is into triathlons and competes at a very high level, this event might interest your child. It is a very competitive event and it is not a participation event like the Weetbix and Mooloolaba Triathlons. Information is located on the noticeboard near the Tuckshop. If your child wishes to compete, see Mr Doherty for a note and information sheet. Entry forms are on line via Triathlon Queensland and the cost ranges from $37.50-$70.00. Successful athletes can be invited to the Qld Championships at Hervey Bay in February 2017.

Congratulations to Daniel who recently competed at the Queensland Athletics Championships in the long jump event and jumped 4.57m in the final. He was the Nambour District 12 years Age Champion at the recent District event.

Well done on an outstanding effort.

*Tony Doherty*

*P.E Teacher*

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**Music News**

This Thursday the 3rd of November our school will be involved in Music Count Us In. This means that all of the Kuluin children from Prep to Year 6 will be singing in the hall the song “Let it Play”, as the whole of Australia sings along as well.

The time that Qld children sing is 11:30am (12:30 pm Southern States and 9:30 am Western Australia.)

We hope to have all of the children singing at the hall at 11:30am. What a great way to celebrate music throughout Australia.

Entry forms are still available for Kuluin’s Got Talent. They need to be returned back to me as.a.p.

All auditions are held during 2nd break in the music classroom. We have had many wonderful students showcase their talents.

Congratulations to all who have already participated.

*Yours in Music*

*Jenni Miller*

*Classroom Music*

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Remember to check the school website for more articles on the extended version of the newsletter.

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**Dates to Remember**

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The 2016 student council has decided to support an exciting project founded by Rotary called “The Shoebox Scheme”. Initially this project was to be only for Year 6. Due to overwhelming support from the students and the community this project has been expanded to include the whole school. Kuluin State School is partnering with Rotary Kunda Park to collect donations to fill shoeboxes that will be sent to Papua New Guinea.

Shoeboxes will be supplied to students. We are asking for your support in the way of donation of various items to fill a shoe box. You can start collecting items at home NOW!!

Shoeboxes will be sent home in the first week of November.

Items and shoeboxes are due to be returned to school BEFORE November the 30th.

We look forward to supporting the Rotary Shoebox Scheme for many years and thank you for your support.

Gift suggestions for your Shoebox

**Toys ~ For Boys & Girls**
Cars, trucks, balls, complete jigsaws, action figures, colouring books, pens, crayons, lego blocks, yo-yo, bubble blowers, wooden and plastic toys, building blocks, pencil case, pencil sharpener, dominoes, playdough / plasticine & cutters, fluffy toys, dolls, stickers, writing pads, skipping rope, hat, harmonica, games, cards...

**Teenagers ~ For young people up to 18 years age**
Sportswear, socks, hat, football memorabilia, writing materials, games, playing cards, tennis ball, tooth brush & paste, roll on deodorants, comb, mirror, costume jewellery, make-up, hair brush, toiletries, school stationery, clothing repair kits, sketch pad, coloured pens / pencils...

**Household Goods ~ For older folk & families**
Scarfs, gloves, hats, wrapped soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, disposable razors, shampoo, soap flakes, pan scourers, antiseptic cream, bandages, face or body creams, cosmetics, pens, writing pad & envelopes, T lights, candles, sewing kit, scissors...

**Baby ~ Age up to 12 months**
This is given to new mothers and can include baby wipes, cotton wool buds, baby shampoo, baby oil, talc powder, bonnet, bootees and mitts, baby grow, knitted matinee coat, small soft toy or plastic rattle...

**What NOT to include in boxes**
Food, sweets, chocolate & drinks, battery operated toys, conflict related items, matches, inflammable liquids, inflammable aerosols (e.g.: deodorants & hair spray), seeds or any other living material, automatic washing machine powders, & washing-up liquid (these tend to leak when laid flat)

# No Batteries or Battery operated items please

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**Summer Splash Camp Monday 12th - Friday 16th December 2016**

Enjoy the best week of your summer school holidays by attending the amazing Summer Splash Camp coming up in December 2016. This is a fun, action packed week of cool things to do and cool people to meet.

How does Ice Skating, Aqua park, Aussie World, Laser Tag, Beach activities, disco night sound plus heaps of games and swimming? It will be a mega fun week making new friends and exploring some thoughts about God and life. Don't miss out!! Camp bookings close Dec 4th

**Grades:** 5-6 (co-ed in 2016)

**Cost:** $315(no GST )

**Where:** Apex Camp Mudjimba (171 Nojoor rd. Twin Waters)

**Director:** Glen Chambers(Chappy)

**Email:** summersplash@sucamps.org.au

**Enquiries:** Admin: Mattea Holliday: 0481202790

**General:** Glen Chambers- 0754773777

Register for this camp at [www.sucamps.org.au](http://www.sucamps.org.au)

Contact Chappy if you have any questions
Building independence in social skills – Using the High 5

We would like to share with parents and community members some strategies used within our ongoing School Wide Positive Behaviour for Learning (SWPBL) teaching. Students are taught how to implement the High 5 strategy to assist them to develop independence in their social skills and in building relationships. In particular, the High 5 strategy is one which students can implement in times when they experience conflict with peers – in both school and external settings (including at home with siblings!).

Some of the great things about the High 5 strategy include that it is something students can do to manage minor conflict themselves, it contributes to students developing resilience and it uses positive language in the interactions between students.

The High 5 Strategy (least intrusive to most intrusive)

**Ignore** – Pretend you didn’t hear it. Do not make eye contact. Keep body language positive. Distract yourself by thinking of something else or talking to someone else.

**Talk Friendly** – Speak with a calm and respectful voice. Use words to tell the other person what the problem is and see if you can agree on a way to solve it together. Use “I” statements e.g. I feel ..... when you .....”

**Walk Away** – Move away from the problem or the situation. Walk calmly and confidently away. Find a friend or another area to play.

**Talk Firmly** – Use a firm voice (not an angry or yelling voice) and state that you do not like what has happened. State what will happen if the problem continues.

**Report** – Report the situation to a staff member. Tell the adult what has happened and what you have tried to do to solve the problem.

Note that students are taught that if the issue involves the health and safety of a student they are to report straight away to an adult.

So what can parents do with their knowledge of the High 5 strategy?

In the everyday discussions you have with your children about how their day went and what sort of games they played with their friends, you can reinforce the High 5 strategy as a great option for them to use, if they share details on a conflict they may have experienced. Thank you for your support in teaching our students to Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Learners.