PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to the 2017 school year! I hope that everyone had an exceptional summer break and you were all able to relax and enjoy the holidays and spending times with your families. I know that everyone will be eager to get back into the routine of school and are really looking forward to the year ahead. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new students and the many new families who have joined our school community for the 2017 school year. The beginning of the school year is always an exciting but sometimes an anxious time for many of our new children who are starting school for the very first time. I would like to welcome and congratulate all of our Prep students who have made a very successful start on their first day at school. I look forward to the 2017 school year being one filled with much learning, enjoyment and rewarding outcomes for us all.

We have two school priorities for 2017 - Mathematics and Reading. We will continue to strive for 94% attendance for the whole school. Remember that Every Day Counts!

**Staffing**

This year we welcome a number of new staff and returning staff members to Kuluin. We welcome following staff members: Ms Chapman, Mrs Freihofner, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Cave, Mrs Hemphill, Mrs Brazier and Mrs Schultz.

Finalisation of our staffing does not occur until the eighth day of the school year which is referred to as Day 8. This means that all classes are provisional and that there could be some changes to classes if our student enrolments change during the first two weeks of the school year. Once our staffing and classes are finalised our class organisational structure will be shared with the school community. Parent information sessions will be conducted by our teachers later in Term One.

Kuluin State School has been successful in being included in the Regional Head of Department program for Semester 1 2017. This means that our teachers will be receiving access, coaching and professional development from a Regional Mathematics expert – Peter Carmichael. This is a great opportunity for our staff, students and school.

**School Organisation/Assemblies**

School Assemblies will be conducted on Monday morning at 9:00am for students from Year 4 to Year 6. Ms Dolphin will be responsible for the day to day management of the Senior Sector. Our Prep to Year 3 Assembly will be conducted on Thursday mornings at 9:00am. Mr Wolfenden will continue to be responsible for the day to day management of the Junior Sector of our school. Assemblies will recommence in Week 2 of the Term. Parents, family and caregivers are cordially invited to attend our school assemblies.
Meetings
Could I remind all parents that our teachers are required to attend meetings every Tuesday afternoon. Please try to avoid impromptu meetings with classroom teachers particularly on Tuesdays. There are also many meetings that occur before and after school for many of our staff members. If you need to discuss an issue with your child’s classroom teacher it is preferable that you make an appointment so that the matter can be discussed in a timely manner.

P & C Association (P&C)
Joining the P&C Association is a great way to keep informed, to contribute to the quality education of your children and to make new friends. Your contribution can be as large or small as you can manage, but your ongoing support of the P&C Association is invaluable. Not only will you be supporting the school community but you will be supported by the school community. You can learn new skills and gain a clearer understanding of how the school operates.
The P&C works with the Principal and the school community in a productive partnership to achieve the best possible outcomes for students of the school. The P&C provides:
• feedback on school policies and activities
• additional resources to be used to enhance student learning which requires fundraising activities to occur
• Parents with opportunities to be involved in their child’s education.
The Kuluin P&C Meetings are conducted on the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:00pm in the school Staff Room. All members of the community are invited to attend these meetings. The AGM will be held on February 20th 2017. All positions are declared vacant at the AGM. Please come along and be actively involved in our school.

Australia Day
Australia Day is commemorated on Thursday 26th of January. As this is a public holiday, the school will be closed on Thursday.

Slow Down in School Zones
Maroochydore Police would like to remind all parents to take care when using our roads especially with children heading back to school. To assist with children getting back to school safely, Maroochydore Police will conduct high visibility traffic patrols around schools including speed detection in school zones. Parents are also reminded to park in the designated areas to ensure that children are not put at risk by walking out onto roadways between parked cars. Try and familiarise yourself with school drop-off and pick-up practices, discuss with your children rules for school zones, and to obey the road rules around school zones, in particular the 40kmh speed zone.

Alison Welch

Information for Parents and Carers

Q Parents Information session
An information session on Q Parents will be held in G Block Monday 30th January 2017 for parents.
The session will run from 2pm – 3 pm.
Q Parents allows parents to connect instantly with our school so you can access and manage your child’s information. You can view and update student details including address, contact details and absence. You can also view invoices for upcoming excursions and make payment if you would like them to attend. You can also view payment history.
Please reply to info@kuluinss.eq.edu.au to confirm your attendance at the workshop

Thanks

Beulah O’Shea
Business Services Manager

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

Dates to Remember

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Mathematics Workshop for Parents
Presented by Donal Riggs & Kristie O’Keefe
Monday 13th February, 2:00pm – 3:00pm
Venue: G Block

- Experiment with open-ended questioning and number warm ups
- Hear how to help develop a positive mindset towards numeracy
- Discover activities that activate children’s reasoning with number

Please reply to info@kuluinss.eq.edu.au to confirm your attendance at the workshop.

Bookclub 2017
Last year we began our transition to using LOOP (Linked Ordering and Online Payment) for our Bookclub purchases.
For all our families who accessed Bookclub through LOOP, found it user friendly and convenient. You can shop in the comfort of home anytime you wish. All our Kuluin classes have been set up and are almost ready to go. By using LOOP you browse through your brochures as normal, when you have filled in your order form you are ready to login to scholastic.com.au/LOOP, locate Kuluin and your child’s class, add your child’s name to their class and type in the number of the items you wish to purchase, pay using your credit card. Your child’s books will be delivered to the school in class packs.

Arising questions, please contact Trish in the Library.

Trish Koltermann (Bookclub Co-ordinator)

Library Borrowing
Borrowing for the students won’t begin until Week 3. If your child had an overdue Library book or Reading Room/Guided/Home Reader from last year, which you have located over the holidays please drop it into the Library. If books are still overdue when borrowing begins your child won’t be able to borrow another book until it/they have been returned, replaced or paid for. Overdue notices will be sent home to those children next week. Please don’t hesitate to contact Trish in the library (54773755) to check titles and cost or discuss any concerns. Looking forward to another exciting year in the Library.

Trish Koltermann

Parent Information Session
Parents and families of The Kuluin School are invited to attend an upcoming information session:

BULLYING : What it is and what it isn’t

When: Monday 6th February, 2017 1:45pm-2:45pm
Where: The Kuluin School – G Block Meeting Room

Student Engagement Teacher Linda Bray will take participants through some of the relevant definitions and approaches relating to this topic to assist parents to develop a shared language with school to support their children’s resilience and social and emotional development.