

# Kuluin Kapers

7 February 2018

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thankyou to the P&C, parents and staff that attended our Welcome Back BBQ and to the P&C for their organisation. This is a great way for families to connect with our school. Day 8 resulted in the formation of a new class in Year 1 and a total enrolment of 613 students. Welcome to all our new families and also to our new staff members – Mrs. Rebecca Dehey (Head of Curriculum) Mrs. Stacey Harris (2/3), Ms. Amy Bridge (1AB) and Mr. Dale Kavanagh (Systems Technician).

### Teaching and Learning:

Kuluin State School has been successful in being included in the Regional Head of Department program for Semester 1, 2018. This means that Kuluin will receive access, coaching and professional development from a Regional Mathematics expert – Peter Carmichael. This is a great opportunity for our staff, students and school.

In addition, Mrs. Rebecca Dehey (Head of Curriculum) Ms. Liz Stunden (KAGAN Coach) and Mrs. Donal Riggs (Numeracy and Reading Coach) will offer staff coaching and mentoring opportunities to enhance effective practices in classrooms.

### Kagan Structures:

All students at Kuluin are explicitly taught KAGAN strategies which equip them with skills of how to engage in cooperate group structures. At Kuluin teachers use a range of instructional strategies to engage different types of thinking and learning. Take the example of teaching adjectives to describe a character in a story. Instead of calling on one student to nominate an adjective, a teacher at Kuluin might use Rally Robin. The teacher would have students form pairs and might say "Turn to your partner and do a Rally Robin: Take turns naming adjectives to describe the main character". Partners then take turns naming adjectives. By using Rally Robin the teacher has every student in the class giving many answers rather than the traditional one or two answer response. During my class visits I have observed classes establishing Kagan Structures very effectively. Positive independence, individual accountability, equal participation and social interaction are skills being instilled in your children. Teachers have also been focused on establishing rules and expectations that sit within our Positive Behaviour Framework. The whole school matrix for our Positive Behaviour Learning Framework is attached.

<https://kuluinss.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Documents/School%20Behaviour/Expectation%20Matrix.docx>

### Meetings:

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.

## THE KULUIN SCHOOL

### Principal

Corrie Connors

### Deputy Principals

Dale Wolfenden

Catherine Dolphin

### Head of Special Ed Services

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**OFFICE HOURS: 8:00am - 3:30pm**

#### Assembly

**Prep, 1,2 & 3**

Thursday 9:00am

**Years 4,5 & 6**

Tuesday 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

## Parents & Citizen Association

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February. All positions are declared vacant at the AGM. Please come along and be actively involved in our school.

### Playground Equipment:

This is a reminder to all families that due to Workplace, Health and Safety Regulations **no** children are permitted to be on the playground equipment before and after school. This includes all children including toddlers. Please work with us to ensure that we continue to provide a safe environment for our children. We are currently installing a new soccer field in the lower school playground which will continue to enhance the play time experiences offered to our students.

### Attendance:

Kuluin's target for attendance is 95%. Thank you to all the parents & caregivers that are using the texting system to reply to the absences. Q Parents, the absentee line 54773777 (option 1) & SMS texting are being checked each day and recorded on your child's records. Please ensure that your mobile number has been updated with the school, otherwise, the text message will bounce back. Please remember the following are to be stated:

- Student Name.
- Reason for Absence.
- Date of Absence.
- Parent/Carer Name.
- Parent/Carer Contact Number

Kind regards

Corrie Connors

Principal Kuluin State School

### Update To Student Leadership Policy

We would like to inform our school community that from this year there has been a change to the Leadership Policy. Previously students were eligible for Leadership applications (following the procedure) in Term 2 and Term 3 of Year 5 and Year 6. From 2018 **Year 5 students** will be eligible for Leadership applications (following the procedure) during the second half of Term 1 as well. This change will enable students who are demonstrating leadership qualities and meeting the necessary requirements to apply earlier in the year and begin undertaking leadership roles sooner.

Catherine Dolphin (Acting Deputy Years 4-6)

## **Sports News**

The year 4 and 5 students will be commencing swimming on Tuesday February 6 until Wednesday March 14, 2018. Lessons will be held in the middle session of the day so please send sunscreen and rash shirt/ t shirt for sun protection. This program runs for 6 weeks and all money should be paid to the office by the due date. The aim of swimming is to try and keep children fit, water confident and water smart as there have been lots of unnecessary tragedies in our country over the holiday season.

Nambour District Swimming Trials will be held at the Nambour Pool on Thursday February 15. If your child is turning 10, 11 or 12 this year and does squad training or swims competitively, this event might interest your child. To nominate your child, they must have Coach timed swims. If children meet the qualifying standards we will nominate those swimmers. If any parent can be a team manager on the day at the carnival please contact me at the school. This is the pathway to the Sunshine Coast and the State Championships.

The girls 10/ 11 years (Junior) and 12 years (Senior) softball trials will be held on Wednesday February 14 at the Bli Bli State School starting at 3:30pm. Training is being held for girls 10-12 years on a Wednesday and Friday at 8:10am to have a go and try out. So far we have had 15 girls attending training and they are all improving.

The Nambour District 12 years and under Boys and Girls hockey trials will be held at Petrie Park in Nambour on Wednesday February 14, 2018. This is to select a district team to participate at the Sunshine Coast Regional trials on Monday March 26 2018. Any students turning 10-12 this year who have hockey experience or play club should obtain a note from Mr Doherty to nominate for this trial.

Other Nambour District trials in term 1 this year will be Boys AFL, Girls Netball, Boys and Girls Soccer, Boys Rugby League, and Boys and Girls Basketball.

Our School Cross Country event will be held on Wednesday March 28, 2018. It will be for Preps to Year 6 students and the event is age appropriate and we aim to have every child participate. Distances range from 250m for Preps, 330m for Years 1 and 2, 680m for 8 year olds, 1100m for 9 and 10 year olds, and 1.4km for 11 and 12 year olds. A timetable will be forwarded to parents closer to the date. I will be holding some training sessions before school from 8:20am for Year 3-6 students to help prepare for this year's school event.

Congratulations to Lexxi (figure skating) Queensland Representative and Maverick (karate)

Australian Representative who will be added to our school's sports honour board in the near future. If you know of any current or past student who has excelled and represented Queensland or Australia in their chosen sport please contact me at [adohe12@eq.edu.au](mailto:adohe12@eq.edu.au) so we can add them to our growing list of high achievers. Looking forward to hearing from people very soon about this very exciting program.

There are lots of sports signing happening at the moment for children to participate in a team sport for the winter season. Keep an eye out for flyers, advertising in our local neighbourhood. There is soccer, rugby league, netball, AFL, basketball, futsal, swimming club, rugby union, dance groups, karate and many more. AFL Auskick commences on Friday February 16 for Preps to Year 4 students.

Sport is great for kids to learn new skills, be part of a team and have some fun. Parents can also do some coaching and managing teams at their child's sports club.

**Anthony Doherty**  
**PE Teacher**

## **Parent Information Meetings**

All year levels will be conducting parent information meetings shortly. These sessions are a very important date on the school calendar and I encourage all parents to please try and attend. This is your opportunity to meet your child's class teacher, find out about the classroom rules and routines, get the latest on this term's units of work, find out about extra-curricular activities, or ask any questions that you may have. A special invitation will go home soon.

## Music News

Welcome back to another exciting year in the music department.

Our instrumental teachers have all commenced their lessons with most new students getting their instruments. If your child is new to Kuluin and wishes to learn an instrument there are a few limited vacancies still available.

This year Kuluin will be putting on the production of Beauty and the Beast. Students from Year 2 through to Year 6 are invited to audition for a part or to work behind the scenes. The students who become involved in the production, do so because they are interested, committed and enthusiastic.

The children should look forward to working hard, facing challenges, developing teamwork, making new friends and being involved in a memorable experience.

Rehearsals will be during first and second breaks and also on the following dates;

- Sunday 13 May 1- 4pm
- Sunday 27 May 1- 4pm
- Sunday 3 June 9am -3pm
- Sunday 10 June 9am-3pm

These rehearsals will take place at the school hall.

The production will be on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of June.

Notes will be sent home this week with more information for those children who are interested in being part of our school musical.

Music is the poetry of the air. ~Richter

Have an enjoyable week.

Jenni Miller (Classroom music teacher).

**A timely reminder to be respectful of our school neighbours. Please remember to park in designated carparks allowing clear access to driveways and intersections. For safety reasons always use the school crossing.**

### Dates to Remember

- 8 Feb 4KO Parent Information Session 4.30 – 5.30pm
- 12 Feb 5/6LS Parent Information Session 3.15– 4.15 pm
- 12 Feb 6NE Parent Information Session 3.15– 4.15 pm
- 12 Feb 6DH Parent Information Session 3.15-3.45pm
- 12 Feb Book Club Due
- 13 Feb Year 1 Parent Information Session 5 - 6pm
- 14 Feb PNM & PKR Parent Information Session 3pm
- 15 Feb Grip Leadership Day for Student Councillors
- 19 Feb P&C AGM and General Meeting 6pm Staff Room
- 22 Feb My First Year Publication Photos - Sunshine Coast Daily
- 1 Mar P&C Disco 5.30 - 7.30 pm
- 2 Mar High Flyers Launch
- 6 Mar Bullying—Parent Workshop 9-10am G Block
- 6 Mar Year 1 Buderim Forest Excursion
- 16 Mar P&C Colour Run
- 16 Mar Athlete Visit - Commonwealth Games Years 3-6
- 13-14 Jun School Musical