

Kuluin Kapers

7 March 2018

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Kuluin Excellence Launch

The Kuluin Excellence Launch was highly successful. Our aim was to create an atmosphere of excitement and enthusiasm - to create a lasting memory of optimism and enthusiasm to engage highly able students. Gula is the symbol that will continue to help us to create this atmosphere and emotion!

The Excellence programs offered at Kuluin State School are designed to:

- help students to stretch themselves
- step out of their comfort zone, and
- strive to achieve

Examples of excellence programs are STEM Club, Optiminds, Dance Fever, Choir and mathematics competitions. Programs offered are intentionally broad so that your child can experience excellence in diverse areas such as the arts, technology, science and sport. I want to acknowledge the exceptional talent of our teaching staff who help bring out the best in Kuluin students and for the daily investment they make in differentiating learning in their classrooms. Sincere thanks to Mr Dale Wolfenden, Ms Liz Stunden and the excellence launch team for their leadership and drive of excellence at Kuluin. Please refer to the Kuluin State School Facebook site for photos and links to the Win News story that featured the launch.

At Kuluin, students who participate in programs that are part of the High Climbers' or High Flyers' Clubs will receive a special iron-on badge which is to be worn proudly on their school hat.

Examples of excellence in action

It has been a pleasure to hear about the recent success of the many students who have trialled for district sports and/or our school musical Beauty and the Beast. Mr Tony Doherty and Mrs Jenni Miller are inspiring students to try their best and we thank them for their quality investment in our students. A large number of staff have also started extra curricula lunch time clubs. Staff are dedicating time beyond their usual playground duty roster – Kuluin staff rock! Clubs include:

- Coding Club
- Gardening Club, Compost Club, Raking Club
- Library activities
- Modelled drawing, Colouring Club
- Japanese Club
- Piccolo Choir
- Reading Club
- Outside Play SEU
- Yoga
- Lego and Construction Club
- Rugby League



P&C

Executive Positions were filled at the recent P&C AGM. Congratulations to the following people: Belinda Makin (President), Louise Francis (Treasurer), Robyn Draper (Operations Manager), Maree Brinkman (Vice President), Peta Jaskolowski (Secretary), Kristie O'Keefe (Minutes Secretary)

Examples of donations made to the school from P&C and OSHC:

- \$47 000 Soccer Field
- \$2 600 Security in OSHC
- \$35 000 Play Areas
- \$28 650 Rent Hall Hire

The whole school community benefits from fundraising events. We greatly appreciate the contribution of the P&C. Please consider volunteering at school events to support the P&C wherever you can. The most recent event was the disco. This was a great night. Thankyou all for helping the school community get off to a great start.

THE KULUIN SCHOOL

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Corrie Connors

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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

Investing for Success

Funding from the federal government under the Investing 4 Success is outlined below. At Kuluin we are targeting the following:

- Building teacher capability and leadership team capability in explicit teaching of English, Mathematics and KAGAN structures by employing pedagogical coaches and external leadership coach.
- Providing teacher aide support and immediate replacement.
- Providing special project support for student attendance.
- Providing ongoing professional development activities and teacher release for planning and moderation in Numeracy and KAGAN co-operative structures.
- Purchasing resources including fine and gross motor.
- Purchasing resources in Literacy, Numeracy and KAGAN.

Kind regards

Corrie Connors
Principal

Regular School Attendance

Did you know? Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement. Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day.

- They learn better
- They make friends
- They are happier
- They will have a brighter future

Kuluin this year has set an attendance target of 95%. At the moment all our year levels are above 94.60%. We have two year levels above 96.40%. By continuing to work together we can have all our students aim to achieve 95% or above attendance for 2018.

If you need support with attendance please contact the school office and they will put you in touch with the appropriate support staff at Kuluin.

Every day counts – Is your child at school today? www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts



Catherine Dolphin
Acting Deputy Principal

Travelling Safely On Buses And Other Public Transport



Our school takes pride in having students who are polite and considerate of others when travelling on public transport. Did you know that if your child travels by bus, they are expected to follow the code of conduct?

Further information and fact sheets about respecting other students, drivers and the community while travelling by bus are available on the [TransLink website](http://www.translink.com.au).

Dale Wolfenden
Deputy Principal

Curriculum News

Students in Years 3-6 at Kuluin are being offered the opportunity to participate in the 2018 Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) on *Thursday 9th August, 2018*.

The competition aims to be accessible to all students not just the mathematically gifted. There is an emphasis on problem solving, a valuable life skill, and the questions are designed to be fun for the student. Over 1,000 students share the prizes and around 50% of participants qualify to receive a Certificate of High Distinction, Distinction or Credit. All other entrants in the competition receive a Certificate of Participation or a Proficiency Certificate. Students are also provided with a detailed report showing how they performed on each problem with wider statistical rankings.

Although it is aimed at the average student, the AMC also identifies gifted students. A prestigious Australian Mathematics Competition medal is awarded to students with an outstanding result, both within a region and overall in the competition. To assist both students and parents, there are selected practice problems available for download from the AMT website www.amt.edu.au. The website also provides details of other valuable mathematics and informatics (computer science) enrichment programs offered by the AMT.

The cost of participating is **\$5.90 per student**. Notes have been sent home to all students in years 3-6. Please return your *Expression of Interest* slip to Mrs Dehey no later than **Monday 26th March** and an invoice will be generated for payment after this date.

Rebecca Dehey
Head of Curriculum

Parent-Teacher Interviews Semester 1, 2018

Parent-Teacher interviews will be held for years 1 to 6 from **19th of March to the 29th March**. Interviews will be of **15 minutes duration**. Bookings for interviews will open on the **12th – 16th (5pm) of March**. 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 year. 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 these steps to log in to PTO and make your interview bookings:

- Go to the school's web site www.kuluinss.eq.edu.au and click the PTO icon located under the Quicklinks tab.
- At the PTO login screen, click "Register for use" and enter the security code **KuluinSS**, your name and email address. Then click "Send registration". By doing so you are consenting to your information being stored in PTO and being used for the purpose of interview bookings.
- An email containing your login PIN will be sent to the email address you provided. You may need to check your junk mail folder as genuine email messages can sometimes be incorrectly classified as junk mail.
- If you don't have an email address, contact the school by phoning 5477 3777 so that we can enter your details for you.
- After you have received your login details, click "Login" on the PTO login screen and enter your surname and PIN as shown in the email or as advised by the school.
- Enter the Student ID of the student for whom you wish to book interviews. Education Queensland student IDs (EQ Id) have ten numbers followed by one letter. You can enter more than one ID if you have multiple students at the school. **"An email was sent home earlier this week containing your Student's ID prior to the bookings being open."**
- You can optionally enter the name of the students for the IDs entered. By doing so you are consenting to the student's name being stored and used in PTO for interview bookings.
- After you have entered your student ID(s) and name(s), proceed to make bookings as instructed on the screen.

If you have any questions or concerns about security or privacy of information stored in PTO please visit the www.parentteacheronline.com.au/privacy

Please note the following points:

- Bookings are made for *individual* parents/guardians, not for couples. Couples can however log on to the system simultaneously to coordinate bookings. If two parents/guardians wish to attend a single interview time slot, one parent/guardian should make the booking then both can attend. If you require separate interviews please make contact with your child's class teacher to arrange an alternative time.
- You will only see time slots that are *available* at the time you are using the system. As time slots are booked for teachers, those time slots are no longer displayed as available. PTO prevents double-booking of teachers or parents/guardians.
- When you have made all the bookings you require, you can download or email a PDF *report* of your bookings in time order for printing. You can log in and *change bookings* any time **up to 5pm Friday 16th March**.
- If you see this symbol  displayed alongside the class name, it means this teacher recommends that you book an interview.
- Other parents may be making bookings at the same time that you are using the system. It is possible, though unlikely, that a time slot is displayed to you as available, but is then booked by another parent shortly afterwards. If you then attempt to book this time slot it will not be available and a message will be displayed to indicate this.
- For those families who do not have internet access, please contact the office to arrange an interview time.

If you encounter any problems using PTO please contact the school office **by phone on 5477 3777 or email 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.

Sports News

Congratulations to the year 4 and 5 classes who have been doing swimming. They have 2 weeks left and everyone is trying very hard. Thanks to the teachers who have taken the children in very wet and hot conditions and thanks to the Flying Fish Swim School for their wonderful efforts with all our swimmers.

Congratulations to our Nambour District Swimmers. Most children swam personal bests and a huge congratulations to Karly O and Anika T who have qualified in the 100m backstroke event for the Queensland Swimming Championships. Well done also to Hudson R, Markos H, Angus T and Katie S.

Well done to all of the students who participated in the Queensland Surf Lifesaving Championships last weekend. Also several students participated in the Queensland Little Athletics Championships the weekend before. Congratulations to Indi K who has been selected in the Queensland Oztag development team.

Congratulations to Kobi M, Rachel T and Kalani S who have been selected in the Nambour District Basketball team. Congratulations to Georgia H who is in the Nambour District Hockey team and Angus T who was selected in the Nambour District AFL team. This week the soccer trials will be held at Woombye SS for the girls and the boys trials will be held at Burnside State High School. Well done to all of the girls that participated in the Nambour District trials at Woombye. 15 Kuluin girls have 2 weeks to go until the regional softball trials at Redcliffe on March 19 and 20. They are all progressing well at team training.

Cross Country training has started at Kuluin this week. We have training before school for years 3,4, 5 and 6 students. Training starts at 8:20am and finishes by 8:45am. Every student in these year levels is welcome to come to training. It is free and it will help students to get fit for our event and will help them in their chosen sport. The school cross country date will be Wednesday March 28. Children can also do some training with their parents at home. Preps can go for a 3 min run (250m), year 1 and 2 a 5 min run (330m), year 3 (680m), 9 and 10 years a 5 - 7 min run (1000m) and year 5 and 6 could do a run 6-10 mins 2 times a week (1.4km). Our cross country is short and achievable for every student at Kuluin. It is not a long time to train but it will help for the school event. Any training will be suitable. Try and run on a grass surface. Children should be supervised at home by their parents. The Allez Sunshine Coast Cross Country Series starts on April 22 and if your child or family is into cross country running it is a great event. It is a 6 race series around the Sunshine Coast. www.scccseries.com.au A flyer is on the sports notice board near the tuckshop.

Have an active week everyone.

Tony Doherty
HPE Teacher

Music News



Beauty and the Beast auditions for Chip have finished. We had 32 talented children try out to be Chip. Thank you to each and every one of you, especially the grade 2 and grade 3 children. Mrs Potts, the "silly girls", narrators and Babette will be auditioned this week. All children who have *not* been given a part or are not a villager will be involved in servant rehearsals this week.

Instrumental practise has been encouraged this week from Mrs Payne and Miss Hutchinson. Having a consistent time to do this helps. Patience, diligence, attention to detail and the right attitude are all essential pieces to the musical puzzle that will help each student be his or her best.

"It's easy to play any musical instrument: all you have to do is touch the right key at the right time and the instrument will play itself." - J.S. Bach

Kind regards

Jenni Miller
Classroom Music Teacher

Chappy News - Our First Fundraiser For 2018

Kuluin is lucky to have a Chaplain at school on Monday, Wednesday and Friday's. The federal government funding nearly covers two of the three days and the remainder is community funded. The Local Chaplaincy Committee is planning various ways to achieve this fundraising again this year with the goal of \$10,000. Some of this will be out in the wider community like this bbq. Thanks for your support as this helps the chaplaincy service continue to be on the ground supporting students and families.

Sausage Sizzle - Fundraiser for Kuluin Chaplaincy

Where: IGA Wisers Road

When: Saturday March 17th, 7am - 3pm

If you can give an hour or two to help serve please let year 4 teacher Kristie O'Keefe know to slot you in the roster.



Thanks

Glen Chambers
Chaplain

Visit By Registered Nurse For Prep Vision Screening

Good vision is important for a child's educational, physical and social development. Vision screening is therefore vital in early childhood, particularly for conditions such as 'lazy eye', which if not detected early can lead to blindness.



A Registered Nurse will be visiting the school in Term 2, 2018 to commence vision screening for all Prep Year children. If you wish to have your child participate in this vision screening program, please complete and sign the consent form sent home with your child and return this to your child's class teacher by Friday 16th March.

You will be advised in writing of the outcome of your child's screening.

Please note that if your child has had a vision assessment in the past 12 months it is not necessary for him/her to participate in this screening program. If this is the case, please complete the consent form and indicate that you do not wish for your child to participate, and ensure that you follow the schedule of reviews recommended by your eye health professional.

PBL - Positive Behaviour for Learning

The PBL focus for week 7 is Be Safe - Whole School

- * I keep my hands and feet to myself
- * I am in the right place at the right time
- * I use STOP, WALK, TALK strategies

PBL is about creating safe, effective teaching and learning environments for all students.

Our week 8 focus is Be Respectful - Whole School

- * I listen to others when they speak
- * I wear my school uniform correctly
- * I keep the school environment clean and tidy

Regards

Kath Hunt

PBL Parent Representative



National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

Bullying. No Way! - National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

On Friday 16 March, The Kuluin School will join with schools across Australia to celebrate the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. The National Day of Action is Australia's key anti-bullying event for schools and this year our focus for students is to *imagine a world free from bullying*. As a part of the weekly School Wide Positive Behaviour for Learning lesson focus in this week teachers and students will address the topic of bullying. Similarly, as we recognise the important role that parents have in working in partnership with schools to address bullying and also send the message that it is never ok, we ask that you open the conversation with your children about bullying – what it is, what it isn't and what everyone can do if they see it happening. To support you in your discussions with your children we encourage you to visit the following websites:

<https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/>

<https://www.studentwellbeinghub.edu.au/>

Reading

At Kuluin, reading is a school focus.

How do we become readers?

Read...One of the most important things you can do with and for your child is to read to them. Show them you are a reader.

YOU can make a huge difference in your child's life both emotionally and academically just by reading 1 book a day.

You can do it...**be the difference.**

BecauseIread!



Welcome To Religious Instruction

Across the Sunshine Coast, Religious Instruction (RI) is a part of the Education Act for Queensland and is offered as a lesson for all primary students. **GodSpace** is the programme used at Kuluin State School and has been popular with most families. It is a 3 year curriculum that is designed to engage children in a relationship with God and his word. For more details visit the website – www.godspace.org.au This approved curriculum is an engaging and relevant way for students to learn about God and Jesus' life from the bible. Jesus' teachings provide a positive moral framework for living and making healthy, positive choices. These values include patience, self-control, friendship and compassion. Students learn through bible stories, drama, songs, quizzes and games and enjoy a fun filled lesson. Each child is valued, whatever beliefs they have in a non-judgemental environment where they can ask and discuss life's big questions.

RI teachers are accredited and trained volunteers who dedicate their time to inspire young people to be people God created them to be. They love to see students engage and put into action the valuable life lessons they learn. RI started on the 20th February for students who have indicated they are participating through the parent permission form. If you have not returned your RI form you can request a new one from the school office.

Thank you.

Rosemary Hewitt, External RI Coordinator

School Crossing Supervisor — Casual Position Available

A casual position exists for a Casual School Crossing Supervisor at Kuluin State School, you may also need to relieve at other schools. The School Crossing Supervisor may be required to work five days per week in all *weather conditions*. The hours of work for School Crossing Supervisors are normally 1.5 hours a day and usually comprise of one hour in the morning and ½ hour in the afternoon. The successful applicant is dependent on:

- The favourable outcome of a health assessment carried out by a Government Medical Officer or a duly qualified Medical Practitioner according to the guidelines in the "Notes for Medical Practitioner" on the School Crossing Supervisor Scheme – Health Assessment Form; and
- A Positive Notice Blue Card (This means you do not need to have a blue card to apply for the position)

Applications addressing the selection criteria as listed in the position description must be submitted in writing to the school.

Address application to:

Private and Confidential
The Principal
Kuluin State School
Kuluin, QLD 4558



Applications close at 3.00pm on March 23. For further information please phone Road Safety on 07 5452 1823

Dates to Remember

- 8 Mar Free Dress Day
- 8 Mar Year 6 Camp First \$100 Instalment Payment Due
- 12 - 16 Mar Teacher Parent Interview Bookings Open Online
- 15 Mar Bright Minds - Maroochydore State High School
- 16 Mar P&C Colour Run
- 16 Mar National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence
- 16 Mar Athlete Visit - Commonwealth Games Years 3-6
- 16 Mar Vision Screening Permission Forms Due Back (Prep)
- 17 Mar LCC BBQ - IGA, Wises Road 7am - 3pm
- 19 - 29 Mar Teacher Parent Interviews
- 21 Mar Harmony Day
- 21 Mar Maroochydore State High School Information Night 6pm (Year 5 & 6 Students/Parents)
- 23 Mar Ride To School Day
- 26 Mar Australian Maths Competition Expression Of Interest Forms Due
- 28 Mar Interhouse Cross Country Prep - Year 6
- 29 Mar Easter Parade 9 - 10 am Hall (Prep & Year 1)
- 29 Mar Year 4 History/Drama Workshop Payment Due \$23
- 29 Mar Last Day of Term 1
- 30 Mar Good Friday
- 16 Apr Student Free Day
- 17 Apr First Day of Term 2
- 13-14 Jun School Musical