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What an outstanding event – the kids were awesome and the dancing was amazing. We had a very successful day with every child making at least one final and most making two finals. Well Done!

Results:

Year 4 Cha Cha
1st Aidan H and Kya W
2nd Traysha R and Lily S
3rd Kaelan S and Eva A

Year 5 Cha Cha
1st Lucy H and Alicia K
2nd Calvin S and Lily A
3rd Year 6 Cha Cha

Year 7 Foxtrot
1st Kaelan S and Jade T
2nd Lucy H and Alicia K
3rd Year 7 Cha Cha

Year 4 Foxtrot
1st Georgia M Year 5, Lucy H Year 5
2nd Kaelan S Year 6, Ben T Year 7
3rd Taylor R and Destinee H

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1st Lucy H and Alicia K
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3rd Year 6 Foxtrot

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1st Taylor D and Emily C
2nd Lachie B and Abbe M

Year 5 Overall Ballroom Champions
Year 6 Overall Ballroom Champions
Year 7 Overall Ballroom Champions

Our Show Dance was spectacular. The kids performed with enthusiasm and precision winning the audience over with their entertaining routine. All students involved in the 2013 Dance Fever Challenge should be extremely proud and deserve a gigantic congratulations. Hope to see all of you and more next year.

Jarda Samaha
(Dance Fever Co-ordinator)

Aquathon event is a 1km run/200m swim and 1km run and will be held at Lake Kawana on Sunday November 10. It is open to children turning 11 and 12 in 2014 and it will serve as a selection for the State Championships in Hervey Bay in 2014. The nomination fee is $30.00. All the details are on the noticeboard near the Tuckshop. If your child is turning 13/14 years of age in 2014 and would like to do a triathlon this event will also be held at Lake Kawana on the same day. (The cost is $50.00 for the entry fee).

The distances are 400m swim, 12km cycle and 4km run and this event is a selection trial for the Sunshine Coast Regional Team that will compete at the State Championships in 2014 at Hervey Bay on February 13 -15, 2014. If your child wishes to compete please see Mr Doherty for more details. Entries close on November 4 and entry forms need to be done through Triathlon Queensland.

Swimming for Years 1 - 3 commences on Tuesday October 29 and notes will be forwarded to all classes.

Tony Doherty
PE Teacher

Orders for Issue 7 are due back to school NO LATER than Thursday 24 October. This is the 2nd last issue for the year so now is a great time to be thinking about Christmas gift buying. Books are a wonderful gift to give to your child. If you would like to collect your order from the Library please attach a note and your contact details and I will phone you when your order arrives.

Trish Koltermann
Bookclub Co-ordinator

For more information contact:
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Our school’s Language Literature and Science Engineering teams participated in the awesome Opti-MINDS State Finals held at the University of Queensland last weekend. It was a huge event, with over 110 teams from throughout Queensland and Western Australia participating. Our fantastic teams presented their “Vision for the Future” projects (Capture Creativity and Chooks for Books) which were displayed in an ideas expo held on the Saturday. Our teams presented their ideas with confidence, maturity and enthusiasm. On the Sunday the teams had to solve a long term problem and a spontaneous problem.

The long term problems were very challenging! Consider this. Many fairy tales teach a moral or a lesson. Traditional fairy tales are stories that date back to 1749! Times have changed, in fact nearly everything has changed since most of these tales were written. What might a fairy tale – written in 2010 – look like and sound like? And this! As Ecotopia Jones had earlier discovered, the Topi-Topi Tribe have a thing about pendulum technology. Ecotopia’s most recent expedition has unearthed another pendulum structure, which for some reason is used to cause the displacement of small objects in opposite directions! But just what are these small objects? Why do they need to be ‘displaced’ and most importantly, what happens when they are displaced?

These were precisely the dilemmas that the members of our Language Literature and Science Engineering teams faced! Team members could only use a few simple materials and had to solve all aspects of this complex problem within a three-hour time limit. Students had to incorporate their solution into a dramatic performance and create props and costumes as well! The students then presented their solution to a panel of judges and in front of an audience of hundreds of people.

Our Kuluin students proved to be wonderful ambassadors for our school and worthy representatives of the Sunshine Coast region. The team handled the demanding three-hour problem-solving situation admirably displaying productive group skills, problem solving strategies and a confident demeanour. The teams both gave very credible performances on the day and thoroughly enjoyed participating in this special event.

We are all immensely proud of the way our students conducted themselves. Their levels of maturity, commitment to hard work, co-operative team skills and pursuit of excellence were of the highest quality.

Thank you to all our students for their dedication to the Opti-MINDS process. I’m sure they have learned a great deal from their involvement. A special thank you to all our parent supporters. You were a fantastic cheer squad. Thank you also to our team facilitators, Julie Boed, Janette Neighbour and Denise McCormack. Your ongoing expertise, commitment and unwavering support are invaluable! Our teams’ ongoing successes could not occur without your involvement. May the Opti-MINDS spirit be with you all! Bring on 2014!

P & C Committee