From Your Principal

Well, the year is almost finished and I know that everyone is ready for a well-earned break. I would like to sincerely thank all of our students and staff on an extremely successful 2013 school year. I would also like to thank the P&C Association for their ongoing commitment to our school and thank all of the parents’ and community members who have supported our students and school in a variety of ways.

As a school we have much to celebrate: our NAPLAN data is equal to and above the State Mean in many of the dimensions, the School Opinion Survey for our school is very positive, School Wide Positive Behaviour SWPBS continues to strengthen and the acknowledgement system has seen some of our students achieve a Kuluin School badge. We have successfully implemented History from the Australian Curriculum, our school wide curriculum pedagogical framework Art and Science of Teaching (ASoT) and KAGAN have gained momentum in the school. We have had many successes and achievements in Sport, Music, OptiMINDS and Dance Fever throughout the year. The year has been a positive and rewarding year for us all. 2014 will be a historic year for all schools in Queensland where we will see two year levels completing their final year of Primary School. It will be the final year for our Year 7 students to be in a Primary School setting.

STAFF CHANGES:
It is with sadness that we farewell many of our staff members on Friday. All of these teachers have been highly valued members of the Kuluin School, have made a significant contribution and commitment to our school and will be missed by many students, staff and community members. On behalf of the Kuluin School community I would like to sincerely thank each one of these staff members for the excellent role that you have performed at our school. We wish each one of you continued success and happiness for the future.

SCHOOL WATCH:
School Watch continues to mature throughout the year and has become an ever increasing point of contact for our community members. If you have any concerns regarding any unusual activity at our school please report any unusual activity to School Watch on 131788. It is timely to remind our school community to help us to keep our school safe during the school vacation. Please report any unusual activity to School Watch on 131788.

PERFORMING ARTS CAPTAINS:
Congratulations to the many students who nominated for our Performing Arts Captains for 2014, each one of you were worthy candidates and should be very proud of the way you spoke in front of your peers. Congratulations to our two Performing Arts Captains for 2014 - Jayden L & Nikita F.

THANK YOU:
This Wednesday evening we celebrate the successful completion of Primary School for our Year 7 students at our Year 7 Farewell Evening. I would like to extend my congratulations to each of our Year 7 students and wish them all the very best for High School. I would like to farewell and thank all of the students and parents of Kuluin who will be leaving our school this year after lengthy associations with our school. We would like to thank you for the contribution that you have made to our school, trust that you will have fond memories of our school and I wish you all the very best for the future.

END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS:
Semester Two Report Cards will be issued next Wednesday December 13. All parents will receive an SMS regarding students’ class placement in the first week of the school holidays. Please be aware that these classes are provisional classes and there is a very strong possibility that they may change in the new school year. Due to the complexity of developing the provisional class lists, we will not be making any changes to any student’s class placement for any reason at the beginning of the year until our staffing is finalised.

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School resumes for our students on Tuesday 28th of January 2014. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone an enjoyable and relaxing holiday. I look forward to working with you all again in the new school year.

Happy Holidays!  Alison Welch - Principal

Dates To Remember

- 11 December  Year 7 Farewell from 6:45pm School Hall
- 13 December  Last Day - Term 4
- 27 January  Australia Day Public Holiday
- 28 January  First Day of Term 1, 2014
**P & C Christmas Raffle**

1st Prize - Sharon Barnyard
2nd Prize - The Guest family
3rd Prize - Teagan Parkinson
4th Prize - Jamie Luke
5th Prize - Tony Parkinson
6th Prize - Greg Trembearth
7th Prize - K. Groth
8th Prize - Oliver Pateman
9th Prize - Myers family
10th Prize - Joanne McLoughlin

All winners will be contacted to organise collection of their prizes. Thank you to all who entered and congratulations to the prize winners.

**P & C Committee**

**Uniform Policy**

Our school enforces a uniform policy.

**Girls** - Fine striped jade/navy/white drop waisted dress, or jade polo shirt with white collar and grey pleated skirt or grey unisex shorts or grey skirt.

**Boys** - Jade polo neck shirt with white collar and grey school shorts or grey cargo shorts.

**Shoes** - Black enclosed joggers either lace up or velcro are acceptable and white socks. Laces should be black matched to the colour of the shoes. For safety reasons please ensure shoes are laced firmly and the correct fitting.

**Hats** - Kuluin is a Sun Smart school so Kuluin adheres to the NO BROAD BRIMMED HAT - NO PLAY policy. BROAD BRIMMED HATS (7cm brim) ARE COMPULSORY.

**Sports Uniform** - Sports houses are allocated to all students on enrolment. Sports shirts in house colours (Kabala - green; Tilgonda - yellow; Baupal - red; Dhurku - blue) are worn with grey pleated skirt or grey knitted unisex shorts (girls) or grey shorts (boys). Students may wear sports shirts on any day.

**Winter - Boys' and Girls' Uniforms** - Jade sweatshirt; zip front jacket; grey tracksuit pants. Non-uniform jackets/jumpers are not permitted.

**Year 7 Shirts** - Year 7 shirts are available by order only at the beginning of the year.

**Accessories - Hair/Make Up/Jewellery** - Students’ hair needs to be neat and tidy, preferably pulled back away from the face with a hair tie. Students are not permitted to wear nail polish or make up. Jewellery is limited to earrings (sleepers and studs only), signet ring and a watch. Facial piercings are not permitted.

**Kuluin P & C**

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**Sports News**

Congratulations to the tennis players who won the Dickson-Dwyer tennis competition. The seniors in the Green Ball competition won the championship defeating Mountain Creek 90 - 87. The team consisted of Kate W, Ben T, Kye K and Oliver Pateman.

The Red Ball competition was an all Kuluin affair with the Kuluin Crushers defeating the Kit Kats in a tight final. Both team played very well. The teams consisted of Finn N, Jack M, Josh M, Sally B, Patrick S, Jarrod H, Amy K and Shaynee R. Congratulations to Bailey M, Daniel F, Ashleigh B and Mayah K who played in a mini competition and fun games on the final round.

All children were great ambassadors for our school and they all improved their tennis over the program. That also makes Kuluin the best school in the competition for 2013. Thanks to all of the parents who supported the children at this competition. Thanks to Eli B, Jessica S and Jayden W who were our reserves and assisted our teams throughout the competition. Thanks to the Mountain Creek Tennis Club and the Elite Tennis International for holding the competition.

Tony Doherty - PE Teacher

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**Tuckshop and Uniform News**

Tuckshop will be closed on the last day of the school year to conduct the stocktake and clean down. Thank you for your understanding.

We will be Open for over the counter sales and pick-ups for the pre-ordered uniforms from Wednesday 22 January until Friday 24 January, operating from 2:00pm - 5:30pm. We look forward to seeing you then and starting the new year with fresh uniforms.

Please be advised that we will be passing on a price increase from the School’s suppliers to our costings for uniform sales in 2014.

Kellie Bell - Tuckshop Convenor