Principal’s Report:

Happy New Year and welcome back to the 2014 school year! I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday and we are all ready to get into the exciting year ahead. 2014 is a historic year in Queensland with two year levels finishing Primary School at the same time. Our Year 6 and Year 7 students are both in their final year of Primary School. I look forward to the 2014 school year being a positive, rewarding and extraordinary journey for us all.

This year we welcome a number of new staff members to Kuluin. We welcome our new staff members Ms Jessica Thompson, Ms Megan Jeffery, Mrs Marcia Landgren, Mr Steven Mohr, Ms Elisha Tregaskis, Ms Anne-Maree Fewtrell and Mrs Ruki Innis to Kuluin who are joining our school from various schools around the state. We welcome back a number of staff members returning from leave to commence the school year Mrs Baker, Mrs McCullough, Mr McCullough, Mr Randall, Mrs Hollis, Ms Hazell, Mrs Frew, Mrs Brazier and Mrs Moore who are returning to Kuluin for 2014.

Finalisation of our staffing does not occur until the eighth day of the school year. This means that all classes are provisional and that there could be some changes to classes if our student enrolment numbers continue to change during the first two weeks of the school year. Once our staffing and classes are finalised our teachers will conduct their parent information sessions.

Our School priorities for 2014 are:

- Reading
- Numeracy
- Upper Two Bands – increasing the number of high achieving students in our school
- Attendance target of 96% for all of our students

More information regarding our priorities will be communicated at a later date.

**Assemblies:**

School assemblies will be conducted on Tuesday morning at 9:00am in the school hall for students from Year 4 - Year 7. Our Prep – Year 3 assembly will be conducted on Wednesday mornings at 9:00am. Assemblies will be commencing in week two.

**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 something with your child’s classroom teacher it is always best to make an appointment so that the matter can be discussed in a timely manner.
**P & C News**

**Tuckshop**

The Tuckshop is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8.30 - 2:00pm. When ordering food from the Tuckshop, please place your order on a paper bag with your child’s name, class, food required and amount of money enclosed clearly marked on the outside. All orders are to be placed by 9:00am.

First break is the main lunchtime break. All food ordered will be collected by classes for distribution at first break ONLY.

After the second bell at the second break, ONLY snacks, drinks and frozen food will be sold over the counter. No food can be ordered and collected at second break.

We have changed the menu to encourage **Healthy Choices** and the best of our current range. We plan to trial specials each term. We are also introducing a homebake program where the school community can volunteer. Please look out for further information in upcoming newsletters.

**Uniforms**

The new and second hand uniform shop will only be open on Tuesday morning from 8:00am - 11:00am. Order forms can be dropped into the P & C money collection slot at the tuckshop. Orders will be delivered to your child’s classroom.

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. Black sneakers or school shoes and white socks. Boys - Jade polo shirt with white collar and grey school shorts or grey cargo shorts. Black sneakers or school shoes with white socks.

**P & C Money Collection Slot**

All P & C payments are to be placed in the collection window located at the front of the Tuckshop. Such payments include fundraising events, raffles, uniforms, newsletter advertising and bookclub. As this window will not be manned, all payments must have correct money as no-one will be available to issue change.

We encourage and need your constructive feedback to provide a service to the school that is the best for our children. Feedback forms will be available at the tuckshop or email pandc@kuluinss.eq.edu.au

The volunteers and employees of the P & C are working hard to achieve the best outcome for everyone. We always welcome help whatever your skill or available time. We would love you to join us.

**Dates to Remember**

- **11 Feb—20 March** Swimming Years 4—6 and 3WW
- **Wed 12 February** Student Investiture Ceremony 9am *(whole school assembly)*
- **Mon 17 February** P & C Meeting—Staff Room 6:00pm *(everyone welcome!)*
- **Thur 27 February** Maths Day of Excellence at Maroochydore SHS
- **Thur 27 February** School Disco
- **Mon 3 March** Halogen Young Leaders Day *(Student Council)*
- **Mon 17 March** P & C Meeting - Staff Room 6:00pm *(everyone welcome!)*
- **Fri 21 March** Harmony Day
- **Fri 4 April** Easter Bonnet Parade—School Hall *(Prep & Year 1)*
- **Fri 4 April** Last Day of Term 1

The newsletter will now be once a fortnight. For current news items or other information refer to our website:  [http://www.kuluin.eq.edu.au](http://www.kuluin.eq.edu.au)