Principal's Report:

I would like to congratulate all of the students and staff on a very successful Term One. This has been a very busy Term and it has been pleasing to see the majority of our students applying themselves well to their learning and continuing to make good choices about their behaviour. Well done everyone!

Parent Teacher Interviews:
Most of our teachers will commence conducting parent teacher interviews this week which will spread across the last two weeks of term one. There are still a few classes who will be conducting interviews at the beginning of term 2. After these interviews all parents will be able to gauge exactly how your child/children have been progressing academically and behaviourally throughout the year. This valuable information will help you to work closely with your child and the school to further support your child’s learning.

Staff Changes:
Mr Wolfenden will be on leave for the remainder of Term One. Ms Dolphin will be acting Deputy Principal. Mrs Venz will be acting Head of Special Education Services for the rest of term one. Mrs Venz will be replaced by Ms Sara Davies. Mrs Tamara Brazier will be finishing working at Kuluin next week. On behalf of the school community I would like to sincerely thank Mrs Brazier for the contribution that she has made to our school and wish her all the very best for the future.

School Holidays:
School Holidays commence on Friday 4 April and school resumes for everyone on Tuesday 22 April, 2014. It is vital that all of our children continue attending school each and every day that they are well leading up to the school holidays. I would like to wish all of our school community an enjoyable and restful vacation.

Keep a watch on our school these holidays
With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number – 13 17 88.

The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

Alison Welch
Principal

Early Years Support Group Multi-Prize Easter Raffle
A huge thank you for all the donations rolling in for the Early Years Support Group Multi-Prize Easter Raffle. Tickets are $1 each and you can collect a book of 5 from the Office to fill in with your name and number. Please bring in your ticket stubs with the money in an envelope to the Tuckshop. Tickets will also be on sale next week before school. Don’t miss out on your chance to win a magnificent Easter hamper to share with your family this Easter. We also look forward to seeing all of the cute little Preps and Year 1’s performing in the Easter bonnet parade and sing-along!

Maree Brinkman
Teacher
Sports News

Kuluin Cross Country

The school Cross Country is only 1 week away. It is on Thursday April 3 and we have been doing fitness running, running games and relays in P.E. lessons. The cross country distances are short at Kuluin, so everyone can achieve and participate to the best of their ability and we also use the cross country as a selection trial for 10-12 year olds only. The first five in the 10-12 years age groups, will be invited to represent Kuluin at the Coastal District Event which will be held at Currimundi State School on May 5, 2014.

Training has been held at school on a Tuesday and Thursday morning for Years 3-7 students and we have had 113 registered runners attend training. It starts at 8:10am sharp and is some running for fitness and a little bit of speed work. All children who attend training earn a point for their house and the team at the end of the training program, wins the prestigious Stockall/Lund Trophy. Points to date are Baupal 82, Dhurku 49, Kabala 62 and Tilgonda 49. The total number of runners was 93 last Thursday morning. The Cross Country timetable is attached to this newsletter.

Congratulations to Will Ramsay who has been selected in the Under 11 Coastal District Rugby League team. Well done to all of the boys that attended the Rugby League Trials and Soccer Trials last week.

Congratulations to Teyl Danger and Sapphire Bunston who represented the district in the Regional Softball Competition. Teyl has been selected into the Regional Softball team and she will play at the State Titles in Bundaberg later in August.

Ashleigh Blake has been selected in the Coastal District Tennis team to compete at the Regional Trials later this year.

Congratulations to all of the children from Kuluin who did the Junior Lifesaving Championships. Noah Andrew, Lilly Andrew and Khyle Jones won silver medals in their respective events. Well done to all of the Kuluin participants in the State Championships and to all of the children involved in lifesaving programs throughout the Sunshine Coast.

Congratulations to Abby White who has been selected in the Coastal District Hockey team.

Congratulations to Teyl Danger, India Richardson and Haylee Page-Fewquandie who have been selected in the Coastal District Soccer team. They will play at the Regional Trials on May 21 and 22.

The Coastal District Basketball Trials will be held at Meridan State College on March 27, 2014 commencing at 3:30pm. Good luck to all of the children that will be attending the trial.

Congratulations to all of the classes that completed their swimming last week. You all had beautiful weather this year and a special thanks to all our students, staff, the Flying Fish Swim School and Goldline Buslines for making everything work so well.

The Sunshine Coast Cross Country series starts on Sunday March 30 at the Maroochydore Cricket grounds. It is a cross country running series for children aged 5 - 70+. It is a family friendly event and if your child wants to run well at the district level, I would recommend to do some races. There is also the Park Run at Kawana on each Saturday morning which is a 2km run or a 5km run along Oceanic Drive and up to Point Cartwright.

Tony Doherty - PE Teacher

Students Against Teachers

Last week some of the students played a game of Newcombe against the teachers. All of the students had a great time even though we got smashed.

Mr Harrison is a gun on the Newcombe court. He would throw and catch the ball with ease but when he throws the ball it’s like Mitchell Johnson bowling the ball at 150km/hr. It felt like we were famous because all the little guys from Years 1- 5 came to cheer us on. Overall it was a great game and we are looking forward to the next, teachers versus student match.

Student Council
Kuluin Cross Country 2014 Timetable - Thursday April 3

9:00am  Children assemble on hill
9:05am  Welcome and procedures (Warm Up Starts)
9:15am  Boys 12/13 Years  1.5km  (2001 and 2002)
9:27am  Girls 12/13 Years  1.5km  (2001 and 2002)
9:40am  Boys 11 Years  1.5km  (2003)
9:52am  Girls 11 Years  1.5km  (2003)
10:05am  Boys  10 Years  1.1km  (2004)
10:15am  Girls 10 Years  1.1km  (2004)
10:25am  Boys 9 Years  1.1km  (2005)
10:35am  Girls 9 Years  1.1km  (2005)
10:45am  Year 3-8 Years  680m  (2006)
10:52am  Year 3-8 Years  680m  (2006)

(All children should run in their age group)  (Ribbons  1st - 4th)

11:00 - 11:40am  Morning tea
11:50am  Year 2 cross country  300m
12:20pm  Year 1 cross country  300m
12:45pm  Preps cross country  250m

In the 10, 11 and 12 years events the first 5 runners will be invited to represent our school at the Coastal District Cross Country on Monday May 5, 2014. The venue is the Currimundi State School. We will hold a course orientation on Friday May 2 at 4:00pm. Our school has won this event 7 times, second on 4 occasions, third twice and fourth once over the last 14 years. The back-up date will be Monday April 28, 2014.

**Aladdin - Lead Parts**

It is very exciting to be producing our first musical in many, many years. There are over 90 students from Year 2 to Year 7 involved in our production of Aladdin Junior. Rehearsals are already in progress and a number of songs are taking shape. Congratulations to the following students who have been successful in attaining a lead role in our musical.

Nothing great was ever achieved without **ENTHUSIASM**!

_Jarda Samaha - Year 1 Teacher_
National Day of Action Against Bullying

On Friday the 21st of March students from Years 4 to 7 were asked to make three promises to take a stand against bullying as part of the government’s ‘National Day of Action Against Bullying’. According to statistics, 1 in 4 students from Years 4 to 9 will report being bullied.

These promises are:
- I promise not to bully others
- I promise to care for others who may be bullied
- I promise to be resilient if I am bullied

Please come in and look at our wall in the office where we have attached our promises. We mean to keep them!

Here is some more information from the www.bullyingnoway.gov.au website. They come from the fast facts on bullying section.

Not all aggressive or harmful behaviour between people is bullying. While conflicts and aggressive behaviour need to be addressed, it is important to be clear when these behaviours are not actually bullying. The definition of bullying has three critical aspects: a repeated pattern, the misuse of power within relationships, and behaviour which causes harm; all three aspects need to be present in order for behaviour to be called bullying.

Bullying is complex. Approaches to bullying need to include relationship and social solutions at the whole school, class and student level and on occasion, at the family and community level. Although bullying may stop in the short term after a ‘get tough on bullying’ approach, unless the relationship and social factors are addressed, it is very likely to reoccur, take another form, or just become hidden (or covert).

What can parents do if bullying happens? There are five key steps for parents if their child tells them.

1. Listen carefully to what your child wants to say
2. Reassure your child that they are not to blame and ask open and empathetic questions to find out more details
3. Ask your child what they want to do and what they want you to do
4. Discuss with your child some sensible strategies to handle the bullying – starting a fight is not sensible
5. Contact the school

The Bullying. No Way! website provides information about various strategies to try to avoid physical bullying situations:

1. Avoid areas which allow the bullying students to avoid detection by teachers
2. Stay with other students
3. Talk to a trusted adult at school or home

The Bullying. No Way! website provides information about various strategies to try and avoid social or verbal bullying. These can be tried if the child feels safe:

1. Walk away
2. Try to act unaffected or unimpressed
3. Try to deflect the bullying behaviour (e.g. pretending to agree in an off-hand way, “Okay, yeah, maybe”).
4. Say ‘No!’ or ‘Stop it!’ firmly
5. Talk to a trusted adult at the school or at home

Strategies not recommended for dealing with bullying include:
- fighting back
- bullying the person who has bullied them
- remaining silent about the problem

The Bullying. No Way! website provides information about things to do. If a parent suspects their child has been bullying others, they can talk to their child about:

- why they have been behaving this way
- taking responsibility for their behaviour

Maree Brinkman - Teacher
P & C News

Uniforms
It’s that time of the year again, when we start to feel the chill in the air ..........

**PRE ORDERS for WINTER JUMPERS and JACKETS** have now opened.

We have pre-paid order forms at the Tuckshop ready to go, so drop past and grab one. Fill it in with your requirements, together with your credit card details (or alternatively cash/cheque when placing the order) and hand it back to me by **Friday 28 March**. Sorry no late orders will be accepted as there is a very tight turnaround. This will be the **ONLY** pre-order for winter items for the year, so don’t delay 😊

We will be expecting delivery week 2 of term 2, being the end of April.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to pop past the Tuckshop to discuss any matters. Thanks and have a good week.

*Kellie Bell*
*Tuckshop Convenor*

Tuckshop

We trust that all the children have settled into school, for those who have just started and hope it’s been a smooth transition.

We would like to advise you, that we have revamped the Tuckshop Menu for 2014. Our apologies that the previous menu was incorrect. These new changes will come into effect when school returns for the 2nd term.

We have changed the menu to encourage **Healthy Choices**. Please note that there have been some price changes and we have also deleted some items, as well as adding some new and fresh items.

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.

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

**Please note that tuckshop will re-open at second break for over the counter sales only.**

The tuckshop is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30am - 2:00pm. We will be running a monthly special. Look out for the presentations in the 1st Newsletter of each month.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact the President of the P&C or email pandc@kuluinss.eq.edu.au

Thank you for taking the time to read over the new menu.

*Vivienne Gibson*

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**Dates to Remember**

- **Thu 3 April**  School Cross Country - School Oval 9:00am to 1:20pm
- **Fri 4 April**  Easter Bonnet Parade & Raffle - School Hall *(Prep & Year 1)*
- **Fri 4 April**  Last Day of Term 1
- **Fri 18 April**  Good Friday
- **Mon 21 April**  Easter Monday
- **Tues 22 April**  Term 2 Begins
- **Fri 25 April**  Anzac Day
- **28 Apr - 2 May**  Qld Anti - Bullying Week
- **Tues 29 April**  Year 1 - ‘Pete the Sheep’ - $17.00 *(Payment Due 4 April)*
- **30 April - 1 May**  School Photos *(Envelopes to be distributed next week)*
- **Fri 9 May**  Years 4 & 5 History Performance $10.00 *(Payment Due 3 April)*