FROM THE PRINCIPAL

EVERY STUDENT in EVERY CLASS (and activity) EVERY DAY of the school year (in uniform including hats).

QCS Test
Our Year 12 students passed a major milestone last week as they prepare for life beyond the school. The QCS test was described by another Principal as “the biggest team event their Year 12s will participate in this year”. I was very proud of the way our students demonstrated The Kedron Way, as a team, across the two days of the QCS Test. They were supportive of each other and it was clear during the tests that each student was doing the very best they could knowing that the group performance is the most important aspect of the QCS test. We will not know how successful they have been until their OP results are released on December 14.

They have a few days following the QCS test to refocus and prepare for their very important final block exam period. I am sure with the hard work being done in class and at home that their results will continue to improve on these next assessment items.

Year 7 in 2015
Our staff are very keen to be involved in the preparation for Year 7 moving to Secondary school in 2015. Recognising that students of this age prefer to engage in education slightly differently to older adolescents we have a team of staff working on the best solution. We are looking to blend the best practices of Primary schooling with those of Secondary schooling. To this end we are sending staff to learn from primary schools and those schools piloting Year 7 in secondary school across the next 5 terms.

Our new building has been designed with all the flexibility for lesson delivery we believe will be needed. It will provide an inviting and exciting learning environment for these students. If you would like to know more about our school, our early thoughts about Year 7 as part of secondary school and the new building you are welcome to attend an information session in our Hall from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Tuesday 17 September.

Student success
As always our amazing students have been competing and performing successfully since our last newsletter. This fortnight I would like to feature the students who were successful at the Regional Athletics carnival (a more comprehensive article is included in this newsletter). Our team represented the District well with the best results being:

Tre Witehera - 1st 17Yrs Shot Put (meet record), Chris Lofaro - 1st 17 Yrs Long Jump, Jordan Cummings – 1st 14 Yrs 100m (athletes with a disability), Nyawang Biel – 1st 14 Yrs100m (athletes with a disability), Joel Adams – 2nd 17 Yrs Discus, Annelise Crilly – Qualified for 2000m Steeplechase.

These wonderful athletes will go on to compete in the State Titles to be held at QE2, Brisbane in October.

In previous newsletters we have published a tutorial timetable that allows students to access additional assistance. Students may wish to utilise these more as they prepare for their exams. Mr G. Latta (Acting Principal)

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YEAR 10 SET PLAN INTERVIEWS
Wed (11 Sept), Thurs (12 Sept) & Fri (13 Sept) 2013

As part of our Year 10 Senior Education & Training Planning process (SET Plan), carers and students are invited to attend an interview with your student’s career education teacher.

- This meeting will take approximately 30 minutes.
- Interviews will be conducted in the school’s Language Centre (Q Block) unless otherwise indicated by the teacher booking your appointment.
- Interviews will take place from 9.00am – 3.00pm (Wed 11 Sept & Thurs 12 Sept) & 9.00am – 12.30pm (Fri 13 Sept).
- Year 10 students will not be attending school on Wed 11 Sept and Thurs 12 Sept except to attend their interview. During this time students are expected to be completing assignments and preparing for exams.
- All students in the following mathematics classes will return to school at 1:00pm on Friday 13 September for a Mathematics exam. These classes are: MAT102A; MAT102B; MAT102C; MAT102D; MAT102F; MAT102G; MAT102H; and MAT102I.
- All students are to wear full school uniform to the interviews.

If you have any questions please email: setp@kedronshs.eq.edu.au or PH: 3630 3367

BORNEO WORLD CHALLENGE
We would like to thank the families and staff that supported the pie drive. It assisted us greatly. Hope everyone enjoyed them.
AIME NEWS
The Other Election
Last term our year 10 Indigenous students wrote and recorded a speech about what they would do if they were the first Indigenous prime minister. Nicky Hynes, Lani Fabila, Jeremy Robinson and Alanna Keogh all wrote outstanding election speeches! As is the case with elections, there is plenty of advertising and of course voting. We can all vote for our favourite candidate by going to theotherelection.com.au and typing Kedron in the search area. Listen to the candidate speeches and vote, however, you must remember to confirm your vote by clicking on the link which will be emailed to you. Jeremy Robinson has received front page advertising in the August edition of the Koori Mail.

If I were the first Indigenous prime minister, I would …
AUGUST 30: If Jeremy Robinson becomes Australia’s first Aboriginal prime minister he will change education so every student learns sign language and deaf and hearing students all learn together. Jeremy, a Year 10 student from Kedron State High School in Queensland, will also improve access to health and fitness in schools. “I am deaf and I am proud,” he said, in sign language. “I am Aboriginal and I am proud. I’m proud of my family because they accept me for who I am.” Jeremy is one of 600 Indigenous high school students participating in the Other Election, run by the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME). Students give a speech outlining what they will do, if they become prime minister. AIME is hoping a million people will vote in the Other Election, to send a message to Indigenous kids that they have the potential to achieve whatever they want – and the hope that we will see the first Indigenous prime minister in their lifetimes. (Koori Mail, August 30, 2013)

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KEDRON WINS 7'S RUGBY UNION COMPETITION
In week 8 of this term Kedron SHS entered four teams into the third instalment of the Northside 7’s Competition run by the Qld Rugby Union. Run out of Ballymore, home of the Qld Reds, these tournaments have taken place each term this year. The Open Boys team were the standout team all day and made it into the final were the played their old rivals from Clontarf Beach SHS. The 20min final was a showpiece of skill from both teams with play going from end to end. The Clontarf team led for most of the game but slowly the Kedron boys worked their way back into the game through tries to Richard Tengdui and Geoff Fabila. In the final play of the game a long quick lineout throw from Richard Tengdui found Bennett Chilton in space. With two defenders to beat and a long 70 metre run to make Bennett put on a swerve, a step, a fend, and the gas to take Kedron into the lead. It was an exceptional try and worthy of the team’s captain. Congratulations to the Senior team that consisted of Bennett Chilton (capt), Geoff Fabila, Graham George, Richard Tengdui, Sammi Hsar, Nathan Muller, Alex Robinson, Peter Norris, Turuk Shong, Zac Jane, Red Fernandez and Dane Adams.

METROPOLITAN NORTH ATHLETICS TRIALS
On 28th and 29th August, 38 of Kedron High School’s finest athletes competed in the Metropolitan North Athletics Trials, held at the University of Queensland. The standard of competition was very high with athletes coming from 29 schools around North Brisbane. With first place athletes qualifying for the state titles, the most outstanding performances from Kedron athletes during the trials were: Tre Witehera - 1st 17Yrs Shot Put (meet record) Chris Lofaro - 1st 17 Yrs Long Jump Jordan Cumming – 1st 14 Yrs 100m (athletes with a disability) Nyawang Biel – 1st 14 Yrs100m (athletes with a disability) Joel Adams – 2nd 17 Yrs Discus Annelise Crilly – Qualified for State Titles (2000m Steeplechase).

All Kedron athletes performed with great pride and determination, and were once again noted for their excellent standard of behaviour and presentation.

We wish Tre, Chris, Annelise, Nyawang and Jordan the best of luck as they compete in the State Titles to be held at QE2, Brisbane in October.

Mr Sharp
YEAR 11 DRAMA
As many in the school community will already know, the Year 11 Drama class has just finished their Directing Residency with Zen Zen Zo Physical Theatre Company. Their adaptation of Great Expectations, the classic novel by Charles Dickens, was incredible. Feedback about the show has been very positive and as their Drama teacher I am very proud of what these young people have created. The outcomes of such an event are invaluable, both academically and in the bonds formed between class members. Of course there is no show without the help of parents, friends and students. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those people that assisted this production, from the beautiful costumes and set to the support given to the students. The relationship that Kedron SHS has with Zen Zen Zo is very special and each year I witness enthusiastic Year 11 students evolve into mature and compassionate young adults. Thank you and well done to you all.
Ms Holden

INTERACT EXECUTIVE 2013-14
The team who will lead the Interact Club forward in 2014 was elected. They are:
President- Niamh Woods
Vice-President- Joseph Cho
Secretary- Dylan Cotezee
Treasurer- Bridgette Duda
Well done and congratulations, ladies and gentlemen! Mrs Maguire and I look forward to working with you in the coming months. And, of course, a special thanks must go to the out-going executive Siohban Matthews, Eve Na, Emma Williams and Po Ree Thay, who have done an extraordinary job this year.
Mr P. Thwaites

INTERACT
Interact is running its annual ‘Shoebox Surprise’ over the last term. This will be our fifth year that we are asking all parents, caregivers, guardians and students to go out and buy some small gift/s that can be wrapped up in a shoebox for transporting to Papua New Guinean villages. Last year we saw 144 shoeboxes leave the school. Our goal this year is to beat this number! Is it possible?
With your help, we’ll be sure to give it a good attempt at beating it!
Gifts and shoeboxes, sticky tape and wrapping paper are all needed. Mr Thwaites, in LA staffroom, is receiving your donations.
P Thwaites

YEAR 12 QCS BREAKFAST THANKYOU
A big thank you to Gail Clements (Tuckshop Coordinator) and Sue Josey (Assistant Coordinator) and their merry band of parent volunteers for preparing an amazing, nourishing breakfast provided free of charge to the QCS students on Tuesday 03 and Wednesday 04 September.

Thank you to the following tuckshop suppliers who generously donated all the food and drinks for the QCS breakfast:

- Bluedust Pty Ltd
- JonJen Enterprises Pty Ltd –T/A Dependable Drinks
- Homestyle Bakeries Pty Ltd
- Parmalat Australia Ltd
- Quality Food Pty Ltd
- Fresh n Frozen
- Vegie Express
- Bidvest

We look forward to seeing you there!

CYBERSMART OUTREACH- INTERNET SAFETY AWARENESS PRESENTATION TONIGHT
To help your children stay safe online, Kedron State High School is hosting a free Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation for parents on Monday 9th September from 6:30pm-7:30pm in the library.
The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation is thorough and non-technical. It covers a range of issues including:
- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, identity theft, inappropriate contact and exposure to inappropriate content
- tips to help children stay safe online.
Registrations will be accepted at the event, or you can register online at [https://cybersmartkshs.eventbrite.com.au/?ref=estw](https://cybersmartkshs.eventbrite.com.au/?ref=estw).
The link is password protected – the password is: kedrons hs

We look forward to seeing you there!
LANGUAGES NEWS
NEED TWO BONUS RANK POINTS FOR YOUR OP?
Did you know that students who continue a foreign language to Year 12 and pass at exit are eligible for TWO bonus rank points towards their OP?
The Bonus Rank Scheme is available at the following institutions:
Australian Catholic University
Griffith University
 Queensland University of Technology
Southern Cross University
The University of Queensland
University of Southern Queensland
University of the Sunshine Coast
For more information, have a look at the QTAC website:
http://www.qtac.edu.au/Applying-SAS/Year12Bonus.html

Spanish Zumba
Taught by a Chilean Zumba teacher in immersion Spanish, Year 8/9 Spanish students danced the Zumba with rhythm and enthusiasm in the Indoor Sports Centre on Friday 16 August. Originating in Columbia, Zumba has dance and aerobic elements and is a popular fitness routine in gyms around the world. What better way to learn a language than through its living culture?

China Trip Parent Meeting
With our 20 September departure date only three weeks away, anticipation is building for the eighteen students participating in China trip 2013. Every week students have been involved in lunchtime meetings in preparation for the biennial tour. Led by Ms Wu and Mr Boland, students have been taking part in lunchtime information sessions regarding international travel, cultural etiquette, gift giving and school life in China. An information session was held for parents and participants on Thursday 5 September. Families received a final itinerary outlining flights and accommodation and a travel pack with maps and information about cultural and historical sites the group will be visiting.

Gold Coast Languages Speech Contest
Great work to Jaime Bates, Melina Davis and Abbi Smith-Steen of Year 9 Spanish who recently took part in the annual Gold Coast Languages Speech Contest on Sunday 18 August and Griffith University Gold Coast Campus. Students strongly represented the school by taking part in a three minute interview in Spanish to a native Spanish speaker.

Students were also given the opportunity to meet students from many other state and private schools and enjoyed a number of dances and cultural performances.

CASSIE CARAGAY REPRESENTS KEDRON HIGH IN CHINA
In May this year, Year 11 Kedron State High student Cassie Caragay, was selected as only one of five Education Queensland students to represent Queensland on the Shanghai Sister Cities Youth Camp. Having recently returned from China, Cassie recalls her experience in the following paragraphs.

With much anticipation, I boarded a plane with four other excited Education Queensland Year 11 students on 17th July to participate in the Shanghai International Sister Cities Youth Camp. The two week annual event is an internationally recognised celebration to promote Chinese language and culture to high school students in Shanghai’s thirteen sister cities. Students from around the world participate in a range of cultural and language based activities including sightseeing, learning Kung Fu, calligraphy, and attending Chinese classes. Scorching summer weather did not dampen our enthusiasm as we were able to visit the pandas at the world famous Shanghai Zoo, the futuristic Oriental Pearl TV Tower, river cruise, acrobat show, museum, aquarium and many more amazing places. Without a doubt, the part that I enjoyed most was the homestay experience where we were given a precious insight into everyday Chinese family life.

On reflection now back home, I have come to realise that this experience has been a once in a lifetime opportunity. I have been to China for the first time and had the opportunity to practice the Chinese I have been learning at school. I’ve experienced a completely new culture and made friends with students from around the world. It has opened my eyes to the world and possibilities beyond Brisbane. Thank you to Education Queensland, Kedron State High and my Chinese teacher, Ms Wu for nominating me for this amazing and life changing experience.
KEDRON 10 PIN BOWLING SUCCESS

At the end of Week 7 three Kedron students represented the school at the Qld Tenpin Bowling Inter-School Challenge. The team was very successful and achieved an outstanding 3rd place finish. This is quite an achievement against schools from all over the state. The three boys were Thomas McDonald (Year 12), Lachlan McDonald (Year 9) and Wayne Lucas (Year 10). Wayne was also selected onto the All Star team, which consisted of the best five bowlers across all competitions. Well done to these students.

SECURING A SPOT ON A TRADE PROGRAM IN QUEENSLAND IS LIKE GETTING YOUR HANDS ON ONE DIRECTION CONCERT TICKETS.

So many schoolchildren vie for places on SkillsTech Australia’s annual Trade Taster program that parents are forced to call a special number for first-come-first-served enrolment. This year phone lines opened at 8am and all 308 spots were filled within hours. A total of 742 Year 10 students from 80 schools, both state and private, competed for a place on the Year 10 program. In 2012 there were less students vying for more spots - 632 students and 343 places. SkillsTech Australia is Queensland’s largest TAFE institute for tradespeople.

"SkillsTech Australia offers the maximum number of places possible in the Year 10 Trade Taster program within the constraints of teacher and classroom capacities. Students who missed out on a place can still enrol in a VET in Schools program and undertake a school-based apprenticeship in Years 11 and 12," said Jodi Schmidt, chief executive officer for TAFE Queensland.

The Trade Taster program allows the pupils to sample three trade areas one day a week during one school semester. Kedron State High School’s Josh Petrie has secured a place in the scheme. The Year 10 student is trying out auto care at SkillsTech Australia Bracken Ridge Training Centre. Next week he will be checking out bicycle mechanics. Previously Josh gained a “white card” in electrical.


COMMUNITY NOTICES

COME & TRY AUSTRALIA’S RAPIDLY GROWING OLYMPIC SPORT OF WATER POLO!!!

WHEN: SUNDAYS FROM 2PM TO 4PM
ON SEPTEMBER 1ST / 8TH & 15TH
WHERE: ALBANY CREEK LEISURE CENTRE
EXPLORER DRIVE ALBANY CREEK
DETAILS: If you are a competent swimmer and you are keen to train hard & play hard (and also have a lot of fun with new friends) – Polo Bears want you!
FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST, PLEASE CONTACT KARILYN registrar@polobears.com.au

WOOLOOWIN STATE SCHOOL FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER
10AM – 3PM
663 LUTWYCHE ROAD LUTWYCHE
CENT AUCTION, HAMPERS TO WIN, RIDES FOR ALL AGES, BOOK STALL, PARKING ON SITE, FOOD AND DRINK, CAKE STALL, COFFEE VAN, MUSIC, MEDIEVAL ARCHERY

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A Flying Start for Kedron Students
In accordance with Education Queensland’s ‘Flying Start’ initiative, Kedron’s ‘Middle School’ has undertaken some renovations in preparation for the intake of Year 7’s in 2015. The new ‘Junior Secondary’ School is immersed in the task of developing a distinct identity. Central to this identity is the construction of an exciting new building that will contain a series of modern classrooms and flexible learning spaces. The Junior Secondary School also sees the expansion as an ideal opportunity to enhance our current teaching and learning practices by exploring the potential for more collaborative team-teaching. A continuing commitment to students making incremental improvements linked closely to the construction of valuable learning goals is also paramount. Leadership opportunities will be expanded in the lead up to 2015 with Year 9’s expected to play a key mentoring role with our first intake of Year 7 students. Throughout this year, Junior Secondary students have taken advantage of a host of curricula and extra-curricular opportunities as we continue to forge strong partnerships with respected local community organizations. From QLD Debating Union finals to Opti-minds regional success and robotics tours of Germany, our Year 8’s and 9’s have thus far had an extremely busy and rewarding 2013. Student wellbeing is always at the forefront of our planning. The Junior Secondary team is extremely proud of the positive impact the Kedcare program appears to be having.

KedCare
This term, students have been working through activities around what it means to ‘belong’ and how each student can help others feel that they belong here at Kedron. Year 8 students have most recently finished a unit entitled ‘Breaking the Bullying Cycle’ which looked at what bullying is, how to recognise it and how to cope if they are being bullied, or see others being bullied. Whilst the first half of the term was focussed around practical strategies to assist with positive decision making, the Year 9 cohort has recently begun a very exciting unit entitled ‘Leading Change- Breaking the Bullying Cycle’. Over the course of the next three weeks, students will be working in small teams to create their own Kedron Anti Bullying Campaign around the slogan ‘Stop Bullying- Speak Out’. This involves Project Teams designing posters, pamphlets and comic strips to be displayed around the school in the hope of educating students, and instigating change. We also have around 15 teams working on the planning, filming and editing of their own 60-90 second Anti Bullying Videos which will be shown on whole school assemblies next term.

Cybersafety in the Junior Secondary School
The Junior Secondary Team would like to extend our thanks to all the parents of Junior Secondary students who took part in the recent survey that focused on our student’s Social Media habits. We had almost 200 responses. As you may be aware, our Year 8 and Year 9 students also completed a similar survey during their KEDCare lessons and we are in the process of collating the information from both surveys to distribute amongst our school community in a special addition of the newsletter. The results were very enlightening, and will be used to inform and plan future units of work around cyber safety in order to best educate our students on this very important topic. If you wish to know more about Cybersafety, including practical tips and strategies to implement with your teenager, we are holding a free CyberSafety Information Session at 6:30pm on Monday 9th September in our school library.