FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is my great privilege to be the acting Principal for the remainder of this year. As parents and students of this school you already know how special this school is. The high standards, expectations and outcomes across all areas of school life are the reason you have selected this school. I congratulate Mr McCormick, the administration, staff, students and parents for their commitment to The Kedron Way that provides ‘a safe and inspiring work environment for our staff and students.’

In my first few days at the school I have been impressed by the learning culture and way students are choosing to be involved in the richness of school life offered by this very experienced and capable staff.

Before coming to Kedron I was the Principal of the Senior Campus of Stretton State College where I was responsible for the learning outcomes of 860 students from Years 7 to 12, within a larger Prep to Year 12 College. I have had experiences at a range of schools during my career with Education Queensland and am looking forward to using this experience to add value to Kedron SHS where I can.

My personal educational values are very strongly aligned to those espoused in the Kedron Way. As parents and students you can be reassured that, along with the staff and student body, I will be reinforcing these in my leadership of this school.

Today I signed the Year 12 report interim report cards. As Mr McCormick noted in an earlier edition of the newsletter this year there is a very strong correlation between attendance and achievement. Every day and every lesson really does count for every student. Please continue to support your student to attend every day.

In other news Mr Male will leave us on April 18 to take up a curriculum writing role for the remainder of the year and Ms Wade will join our staff to replace him. We wish Mr Male well for his new role and look forward to welcoming him back next year.

Our Lego robotics team leave for Germany on Saturday 4 May and they have been using every spare moment of their holidays and at school to refine programming and robot construction to give them the competitive edge. I know they will represent themselves, their families, school and country magnificently on the international stage.

The strong partnership between home and school also contributes positively to student achievement and I look forward to meeting you and working with you at forthcoming events such as P&C meetings and our Parent/Teacher night.

Regards
Mr Geoff Latta

A position has just become available for your son/daughter to join the Snow Tour this year due to a cancellation. Cost is $16000, over Ekka week, includes flights, Canberra, accommodation on snow, most meals, ski hire/lessons and lift passes. Please contact jfair4@eq.edu.au if you would like more information.

COMING EVENTS

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ANZAC DAY SERVICE

Our ANZAC Service will be held on Wednesday, 24th April at 9am in the Sports Centre.

To show due respect at this Service, all students are required to wear their formal uniform. Extra care should be taken to ensure their presentation in Kedron uniform is exemplary.

Parents are welcome to attend but please let Mrs Hall know by Tuesday, 23rd April if you would like to join us.

As the Cross Country is on that same afternoon, students will need to bring their sports uniform to change into at break.

Period 1 and Period 3 classes will run as usual, so requisites for these classes should be brought to school.

YEAR 8 ENROLMENTS FOR 2014

Enrolments for 2014 are now open. Please phone the Middle School office on 3630 3323 to apply for an application

MID-SEMESTER REPORTS & PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS.

Students were issued with their mid-semester reports last Thursday, 18 April in form class.

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on Thursday 02 May from 3.00pm – 7.30pm. Online booking information was issued to students with their reports. Parents are encouraged to make bookings as soon as possible. All parents and students are encouraged to attend this evening irrespective of the recommendation of their teacher.

Any uncollected reports are available from the Middle School Office (years 8 & 9) and Senior School office (Years 10,11 & 12).

ACER LAPTOP SERVICE

Early in Term 2 ALL Acer laptops will be serviced over a 5-day period. It is ESSENTIAL that ALL students in Years 10 and 11 have their laptops available for service at the required time. Students may be without their laptops for 1-2 days for required maintenance. More details to follow.
NORTH BUNDABERG NORTH STATE
SCHOOL APPEAL
The Bundaberg North State School Pencil Case Appeal, as you know from a previous newsletter, was very successful. The principal of the school rang to express heart-felt thanks to those in our community who supported the appeal. Following is an excerpt from an email we received recently.

“Hi my daughter Keeley Dickinson of year 1b came home today with a pencil case & items from a donation from your school & from one of your children Ryan Malone in Yr 8. My daughter felt very special that she & her school was thought of during the floods & after the floods & was extremely happy as her favourite colour is purple like the pencil case she received. We & Keeley would like to say a thank-you to Kedron High School & would like to say a special thank-you to Ryan Malone”. Adrian Dickinson

YEAR LEVEL ASSEMBLY
Year Level Assembly is to be held once a week in place of form in order to facilitate a more regular meeting of year level groups and the easier dissemination of year level specific information (amongst other things).

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CONGRATULATIONS CHELSEA VINCENT
Chelsea recently played in the U19 Schoolgirls State Softball Championships from 21st to 24th April in Rockhampton where her Metropolitan North team were crowned as champions.
After the first day was washed out, a full round robin competition against nine other regional centres was played out in two and a half days in very hot and humid conditions. Chelsea and the girls rose to the occasion only losing one game out of nine and accumulating an impressive total of 69 runs for and only 17 against. They were ‘first past the post’ and easily the undisputed champions of the tournament.
Chelsea’s strength lies in her versatility as a player, her ‘softball brain’ and her positive attitude. She is a very competent pivot player, smart and fast base runner and a great contact hitter who also anchored the left field position in the team’s top nine. (Top fielding team)
Chelsea was named in the Queensland Talent Squad nominated by coaches and independent selectors and also received the Met North Team Spirit Award which was voted on by her peers.
Well done Chelsea, your commitment, effort and wonderful attitude has been acknowledged and is well deserved.

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY
This Wednesday the school cross country will take place along the Kedron Brook. This annual house event is one of Kedron strongest sports. We have won the Central District Cross Country for the last three years and have always had good representation in the Met North team.
Lutwyche is the reigning champion house and will be looking to continue their winning streak from the swimming carnival earlier this year.
Parents are welcome to come and support their children as they attack the course. The first race will be the 16, 17 and 18 years boys who will attack a 6km run at 1.25pm. All other age groups will be starting soon after that with the last race starting at 1.50pm.

HOCKEY REP PLAYER
Congratulations to Riley Fraser (Year 10) who has been selected into the Met North Open Girls Hockey team. This is a great achievement, especially as Riley has two more years to play at this level. Her team also has a further Kedron connection, as it will be coached by Mr Matt Denning, the School Junior Sports Co-ordinator and HPE teacher. We wish them both all the best when they contest the State Championships in Townsville later this term.

SENIOR RUGBY LEAGUE TERM 2
The Broncos Challenge Cup is on this term and Kedron has a Senior team made up of students from Year 10, 11 and 12 who will play on Wednesdays after school against other league schools on Brisbane’s northside.
All students who would like to play need to see Mr Blanshard in the HPE office to obtain a permission form.

KEDRON RUGBY UNION SUCCESS
Kedron has been playing more rugby union in recent years and this has been reflected in the number of students who have made the Met North team. This year three students have been selected in the team. Geoff Fabila (Year 12), Bennett Chilton (Year 12) and Richard Tengdui (Year 11) will contest the Queensland Championships at Sunnybank in Term 2. The team is coached by Senior Sports Coordinator and HPE teacher, Mr James Blanshard.
Bennett Chilton was also selected in the Combined Queensland High Schools team to play Combined Catholic Colleges at Suncorp Stadium as a curtain raiser to the Reds v Brumbies game. We wish him all the best with his selection.
LATE ARRIVALS @ SCHOOL
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LANGUAGES NEWS APRIL 2013
Assessment of Language Competence 2013
The Assessment of Language Competence Certificates is designed to celebrate and enhance the learning of languages in Australia, New Zealand, the Asia-Pacific region. The skills testing program includes listening and reading comprehension tasks in a multiple choice format and will be conducted at Kedron High School in the second week of August.

French, Japanese and Chinese students in years 9/10/11 are invited to nominate for this internationally recognised certification. For the first time in 2013, Spanish is also available to Year 9 students.

External Language Exams
This is the final call for any Year 12 background speakers of Arabic, Korean, Polish, Modern Greek, Russian, Punjabi, Spanish or Vietnamese to register for the QSA External Language Exams. All students who receive a pass grade or higher will receive four semesters credit and add two extra rank points towards individual OP scores. Practice exams are accessible on-line for preparation and study.

Students who speak Mandarin Chinese and are NOT studying it at school, are also eligible to sit the exam. Students need to see Mrs Lacey in Q Block this week to register and collect information.

A Taste of University Activities
During May, Year 11/12 students are invited to participate in A Taste of University Chinese and Japanese at the School of Languages and Comparative Studies, UQ. The program comprises of an information session on undergraduate studies and how students can continue and further their language study at university. Students will participate in a session in the specific language conducted by university staff, followed by afternoon tea.

For further information or to register to attend, please see Ms Wu or Mr Von Rentzell.

Japanese Sushi Making
As languages cannot be learnt in isolation from culture, Year 8 Japanese students were given the opportunity at the end of Term one to make inari zushi. Available at all Australian foodcourt sushi delis and all over Japan, inari zushi is a simple and inexpensive type of sushi, in which deep fried marinated tofu pockets are filled with sushi rice.

Homestays Needed!
The Languages faculty has just received exciting news that a group of 24 students from our sister school Institution St Louis in Saumur, France will visit us from 11 – 23 October. Students are looking forward to enjoying our Australian lifestyle, living with Australian families and attending our school. If your family has a spare room, is internationally minded and is interested in billeting a student, please contact Mrs Saunders on kdona69@eq.edu.au. As the exchange is part of a reciprocal sister school program, there is unfortunately no remuneration for their stay.

KEDRON SHS SNOW TRIP 2013
Snowy Gums Chalet 2013
Our biennial snow trip over Ekka week is 10-16 August. Please return your son/daughter’s medical form to the school and travel insurance application forms direct to the insurance provider. The option for travel insurance is at your discretion. Please access policy details and product disclosure statement at http://www.aussietravelcover.com.au/downloads/brochure.pdf. The application form which needs to be completed, scanned and emailed is at http://www.aussietravelcover.com.au/downloads/applicati on_form.pdf. This form must be returned to Narrele Kelley narrele@awaywegotours.com.au by Friday May 10. Payment is $49 via EFT. BSB: 012 575 Account #: 4390 86867 Account name: AWAY WE GO TOURS PTY LTD – TRUST ACCOUNT NO 1

Payment Reference: Kedron - Your child’s surname
The group policy will cover all policy holders from that date. Please direct advice of payment and any inquiries direct to the contact above.

Ms J Fairley  Snow Coordinator - jfair4@eq.edu.au 3630-3317
HPE DEPARTMENT

HPE is focused on Kicking Goals for Kedron students

One of the greatest joys of being a HPE teacher is that we get a real insight into how to engage students. It becomes apparent almost immediately whether they are learning, improving, enjoying or whether they are lost, confused or disengaged. Therefore as a staff we have really focused on pouring our energy this year into providing many opportunities for students to have experiences around the former, rather than the latter, so that they carry the message of health and wellness into all parts of their lives.

Some elements of our department have stayed the same. We still expect students to be in full sports uniform for our practical lessons and in correct formal uniform for our theory. We still expect our students to participate in sport in an inclusive and supportive manner and to embrace the opportunity to be physically active. We still work to ensure that we provide a safe and productive environment for our students. As a staff we appreciate the parental support we continue receive in regard to uniform.

Our innovation this year lies in the method in which we deliver our curriculum. With junior HPE being cut from a yearlong course to a semester, we had to focus ourselves on what were the most key aspects to deliver to our students. It was decided that Health and Personal Awareness would be key to our Year 8’s, while understanding how to say “No” to drugs and alcohol, as well as equip our students with a greater knowledge of fitness development would be important to our Year 9’s. Thus far our Year 8 teachers have done a magnificent job guiding our Junior Masterchefs as they got hands on in the kitchen, and our Year 9’s proved to be thoughtful in how to help other teenagers be more informed in their choices.

Our Year 10’s have made the most of the technology that is available to them and now work completely online with the support of their teachers. This is an important step for students to take as technology is such a part of their world, we as facilitators must provide them with the guidance and advice necessary to best navigate it.

Finally this term we are proud to say that our senior classes have been working incredibly hard in both Senior Physical Education and Recreational studies. Both Year 11 and 12 PE students just last week completed their first piece of physical assessment for the year with an Aquathlon. Year 11 Students performed a 500m swim in the DCS pool followed by a 3km run along the Kedron Brook. Our Year 12 students completed a 600m swim and a 4km run – Tough by anyone’s standards!

Any queries, support or concerns regarding our curriculum, please do not hesitate to contact the HPE department on (07) 3630 3372.

Mrs Z. Wilson
(Acting HoD of HPE)