FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Bronze in Germany

Congratulations to our First Lego Robotics team and their teachers who have returned triumphant from the European finals in Germany. In a very competitive environment our team continued to refine and improve their performance with each round. Their competitiveness and teamwork were recognised with a bronze medal in the Gracious Professionalism category. This award aligns very nicely with The Kedron Way. I could certainly feel the team members’ enthusiasm and excitement as I read their blogs.

Congratulations to these fine young ambassadors for our school and their teachers. An extended article about the team and their experiences will feature in the next newsletter.

Year 12 Outcomes

The Queensland Studies Authority (QSA) recently released the Year 12 Outcomes Report highlighting last year’s Year 12 students’ results.

The percentage of Queensland students awarded a Queensland Certificate of Education, Vocational Education Training Certificate, school-based apprenticeship or traineeship or International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBD) rose 1.1 per cent to 95 per cent in 2012. The percentage of Kedron SHS students achieving at least one of these was 95.1.

Other highlights of our 2012 Year 12 results include increasing our number of OP1 students from 6 to 9, the percentage of students receiving a VET Cert II or above from 36.1 to 50.2 and the percentage of QTAC applicants receiving a tertiary place from 89.2 to 93.5.

While we are yet to receive our Next Step data for the 2012 graduates our historical data shows that approximately 70% of our students go on to post school education and training while the remainder go directly into the workforce. The data also shows that our graduates are readily employed with their youth unemployment numbers well under State levels.

I believe the best outcome for any student is that they graduate with access to a clear and positive pathway for their life beyond school. This outcome is a product of consistent hard work by a student who is well taught, well supported by their family and who responds to the advice and opportunities presented to them. As a school we will continue to provide the safe, supportive and positive learning environment that is a hallmark of this great school. In the near future the Year 12s will be presented with some additional advice and opportunities to help focus them as they close in very quickly on their final 100 school days. Along with every student the Year 12s should be looking to maximise their attendance. Every lesson, every day really does make a difference.

I look forward to working with this fine group of students during what is a very hectic time for them.

Mr G. Latta (Acting Principal)

COMING EVENTS

MAY

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>21</td>
<td>P &amp; C Meeting 7pm Junior Sport Round 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>22</td>
<td>Junior Sport Round 2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23</td>
<td>Shakespeare Festival School Competition Night</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27</td>
<td>Yr 12 Drama ‘Mother Courage’ @ QPAC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>28</td>
<td>District Cross Country Junior Sport Round 3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>31</td>
<td>Music Winter Showcase 7pm</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

THE STATE’S BEST CLASS CLOWN RIGHT HERE AT KEDRON!

On Thursday 21st March 2013 students Fin Taylor (Yr 10) and Esther Dougherty (Yr 12) competed in the heats of Class Clowns, a stand-up comedy event run by the Melbourne International Comedy Festival. Both students performed very well and got through to the State Final. Kedron was the only school to be represented twice, and considering that neither student has done stand-up before (except in class of course) it was an amazing achievement.

Esther was named the Class Clown Queensland Winner, a very proud moment for her Drama teacher of four years...oh, and her mother. We always knew Esther was especially talented; you only need to pop your head into Year 12 Drama to identify her as a stand out comedian and quick witted student.

Esther was flown to Melbourne to compete in the National Finals against the other states, 13 contestants in total. She performed very well and had the best audience banter and participation of the lot. A young man from Tasmania took home the prize, but Esther can be proud of what she has achieved. She also got to meet comedians including Frank Woodley, Matt Okine and spend some time with Rhys Nicholson.

Well done to Esther and Fin for representing Kedron State High School with distinction, you have done us all proud.

Ms Holden

CRICKETER’S POTENTIAL RECOGNISED

Sports Prefect Tess Cooper has recently received some very exciting news. She has been talent spotted by Queensland Cricket and invited to join the preseason training squad of the Queensland Fire women’s team. This is the state’s top professional female cricket team that contains many of the stars of Australia’s recent World Cup winning squad. This is fantastic recognition for an up and coming school girl to be selected to train with this calibre of athlete. Twice a week Tess will train with the squad at the State Cricket Academy in Albion. Congratulations Tess.

IMPORTANT: Attention parents and caregivers
Please remember to notify school of any changes to address, contact numbers or email addresses.
RUGBY 7s CONTINUES TO GROW
Rugby Union continues to grow in popularity with the students here at Kedron. At the recent Ballymore School 7s competition we were able to field three teams of 10 players for the Under 14, Under 16 and Open divisions. These teams played well in the all day tournament. The best result was from the Under 16 team which reached the final. They played a very exciting game against Clontarf Beach SHS with the lead changing hands several times. Sadly the boys were defeated 33-28 but they played with great sportsmanship. The next 7s tournament will be on in Term 3 and I would encourage all students who are keen to play to come down and take part in the Tuesday afternoon Touch games as a way of staying fit and keeping their skills up.

CROSS COUNTRY CAPTAINS NAMED
Congratulations to Chelsea Vincent and Sean Edmonds who have been named as the Cross Country Captains for 2013. Both these athletes were Age Champions and will be taking part in both the District and Met North cross country carnivals.

YEAR 8 CAMP
On camp we did many different activities that all showed leadership in their own way. One of the activities that showed leadership was problem solving which showed how we can work together communicating with others. Another activity was trust which showed us being able to rely on others. Although this camp was based on leadership we also did other activities that contained other skills like hiking and raft building which showed our physical side.

The accommodation and food was surprisingly good. There was different variety of food because we had vegetarians and lactose intolerant etc. The rooms we stayed in were full of different people that we could get to know and could make new friends.

There was one activity called leadership. In this activity we learnt the value of having someone to take the leadership role and try and lead their group to solve the problem.

Our camp was a great experience that we’ll never forget. We did really fun activities and got to make new friends. We appreciate all the hard work and extra hours the teachers and staff put towards our camp. Special thanks to Mr Crosby and the staff for making it an enjoyable camp.

Written by the Year 8 student leaders.

INTERACT NEWS
Interact is holding a ‘Knit Drive’ in which we are collecting from the Kedron community any unused woollens ie scarves, mittens, beanies, jumpers etc, that may be lying around the house, taking up valuable storage space. We are hoping to deliver the woollens in the last week of school this term ending 21 June. Mr Thwaites in LA Staffroom is collecting these woollens.

YEAR 8 & 9 INVESTITURE

YEAR 8 LEADERS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>HOUSE</th>
<th>CAPTAINS</th>
<th>VICE-CAPTAINS</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>BOWEN</td>
<td>Maecyn Barron</td>
<td>Oliver Roberts-Simmonds</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GRIFFITH</td>
<td>Renee Fraser</td>
<td>Bonnie Euler</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LUTWYCHE</td>
<td>Tristan Sweeney</td>
<td>Joel Jeffreys</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WICKHAM</td>
<td>Emily Rogers</td>
<td>Joe Simons</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

CULTURAL CAPTAIN: Fifita Paasi
CULTURAL VICE–CAPTAIN: Tim Dawson

CITIZENSHIP CAPTAIN: Joshua Blakey
CITIZENSHIP VICE-CAPTAIN: Tom Grant

YEAR 9 LEADERS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>HOUSE</th>
<th>CAPTAINS</th>
<th>VICE-CAPTAINS</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>BOWEN</td>
<td>Sophie Anderson</td>
<td>Liam Andrea</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GRIFFITH</td>
<td>Kiri Fabila</td>
<td>Cohen Harwood-Sgorlon</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LUTWYCHE</td>
<td>Quebah Otene</td>
<td>Ben Smith</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WICKHAM</td>
<td>Sam Dougherty</td>
<td>Abbi Smith-Steen</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

CULTURAL CAPTAIN: Sahibjeet Singh Bains
CULTURAL VICE –CAPTAIN: Sarah Melit & Emily Coogan

MIDDLE SCHOOL CAPTAIN: Jack Greentree
MIDDLE SCHOOL VICE-CAPTAIN: Giorgia Griffith
International Food Day – Kedron Week
International Food Day is a popular and highly anticipated annual event celebrated during Kedron Week in Term 3. Each year families from the broad range of nationalities represented at our school volunteer to prepare a dish from their home country, which is heated and served to students and staff. Further information will be given out at a lunchtime meeting. Please keep your eye on notices. With presentation of receipts, the cost of all ingredients will be reimbursed by the school.

Let’s celebrate our diversity through food!

French Film Festival
Students in Year 9 French had the opportunity at the end of Term One to attend the annual French Film Festival. The Alliance Française allows students and members of the public to view the most recent and most popular films released in France. This year, Kedron students saw Astérix and Obélix Au Service De Sa Majesté, a movie set in 50 BC with the Roman Empire planning to conquer Britain. Amongst the most popular and well-known comic book series in France, the movie adaptation was deemed a huge success by the students. All involved enjoyed the outing and the opportunity to listen to a movie entirely in French, trying to understand as much as possible.

Homestays Needed!
The Languages faculty is looking forward to receiving a group of 24 students from our sister school Institution St Louis in Saumur, France 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 kdonah69@eq.edu.au. As the exchange is part of a reciprocal sister school program, there is unfortunately no remuneration for their stay.

Japanese Consular Visit
Year 8 Japanese students were on their best behaviour on Wednesday 1 May, to greet Emma Nicholls and Melissa Sawyer, Education Officers from the Consulate General of Japan’s Brisbane Office. Students learnt about the important role of the Japanese Consulate, completed a quiz about Japanese culture, watched an interesting DVD about high-tech detailed plastic products and played food related games. The plastic food that they brought looked good enough to eat and everyone left the session feeling very hungry!

YEAR 8 NEWS
Firstly, a big congratulations to Alex Barnwell who has been selected to go the Junior Olympics in the USA for inline skating, we wish him the best of luck. It has been a busy few weeks going through reports but the results have been very pleasing. There is a relatively small group of students who did not receive Satisfactory for Effort and Behaviour and I have had a short meeting and discussion with all of them and am looking forward to seeing them make the changes we discussed. Any student who received 2 or more Unsatisfactory gradings for Effort or Behaviour on their report are on a behaviour card for that number of weeks to help them take ownership of their actions. An explanatory letter has been sent home to their parents and they are to have it signed by myself and their parent/guardian daily. Approximately half the Year 8s have received all ‘Excellent/Very Goods’ for Effort and Behaviour. It is great to see so many students making a positive step towards their future. All of these students have had a hand written postcard sent home to them to congratulate them on their successful Term 1 and will be a part of a raffle later in the term. Congratulations to the following students:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Homestay Students</th>
<th>French Film Festival</th>
<th>Languages News May 2013</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Kedron Students</td>
<td></td>
<td>Students in Year 9 French had the opportunity to attend the annual French Film Festival. The Alliance Française allows students and members of the public to view the most recent and most popular films released in France. This year, Kedron students saw Astérix and Obélix Au Service De Sa Majesté, a movie set in 50 BC with the Roman Empire planning to conquer Britain. Amongst the most popular and well-known comic book series in France, the movie adaptation was deemed a huge success by the students. All involved enjoyed the outing and the opportunity to listen to a movie entirely in French, trying to understand as much as possible.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Music Camp 2013 kicked off last Monday the 6th of May, with 85 of our senior instrumental music and vocal program students heading for Alexandra Headlands for three days of music making. While on the music camp our senior ensembles were burning up their chops during three days of intensive rehearsals, beach runs, pool and ten pin bowling games! This year we had several students committing to four or five rehearsals per day, attending sectionals and receiving specific instrumental tuition and had a huge three days. This year Mr Boughen, Ms Van Gaalen, Ms Lutherborrow, Mr Farquharson, Ms Hardy and I joined the students with special guest appearances from Mr Mitchell (our new percussion teacher this term) and Ms Want. We had an incredible time making music, getting to know one another better, jamming and taking in the Sunshine Coast vibe.

From the moment we arrived we began rehearsals with the Wind Symphony and String Orchestra both spending much of the first day running through their pieces for the Semester One Concert at the end of this month. During the Monday evening we all unwound at the ten pin bowling alley down the road from our accommodation and a few of us woke in the morning with Ms Van Gaalen and I for the annual camp fun run, yoga on the beach and meditation session (thanks to Ms V and well done to the 8km Alex Classic winner Fin Taylor!)

We got back into the swing of things on Tuesday morning as the Big Band rehearsed and the Kedron Acapella students warmed themselves up for the Education Queensland Choral Fanfare Competition Heats taking place here at Kedron on the 27th of May. Meanwhile Mr Mitchell jammed on the Metallica Medley with the Percussion Ensemble 1 and Ms Want visited for the day to work with our newly formed Year 11 String Quartet group. We topped the day off with a pool, ping pong and air hockey championship evening (all games for the true musicians) and followed the next day with a showcase performance morning and debrief. Thanks to all the students for their excellent behaviour and to the families of our extra-curricular music students for providing the support to make this year’s camp a huge success!

While on camp we also announced our new Symphony Orchestra Season beginning on the 15th of June with our first Saturday workshop. We are re-launching the Symphony Orchestra program to all interested instrumental music students in a weekend workshop format that will include intensive rehearsals with guest tutors in specific sectional and tutorial rehearsals and will provide students to the opportunity to participate in larger symphonic works. We are also looking into the possibility of a commissioned work for the group to feature in a world premiere at the Gala Concert in October this year. Expression of Interest forms (found outside the I Block staffroom) must be returned to my office in I Block before the 27th of May.

Don’t forget our Semester One Winter Showcase Concert is on Thursday the 30th of May kicking off at 7pm and will feature short performances from each of our ensembles in the Middle and Senior School. Tickets are $5 at the door per person or $20 for families and I would also like to extend an invitation to anybody interested in volunteering to help on the night to contact me via email at rhard61@eq.edu.au.

Please keep the Cabaret night free on Thursday the 25th of July from 7pm early in Term 3 as it’s shaping up to be a jazzy first for Kedron with a huge variety of musical, dramatic and artistic talent on show at Kedron! Auditions are being held this week and next week (Week 5 and 6) and the rehearsals begin in week 9 and 10 this term. Tickets for tables at this event will go on sale in Week 1 next term and will be $5 per person and $20 per family. Please keep your ear out for more info in the coming weeks!

Rohan Hardy A/HOD The Arts