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

“It always seems impossible until it is done”- Nelson Mandela

I have the feeling that this is how some of our Year 12 students (and their families) are feeling as they enter their final term of secondary school. The final assessment pieces, preparation for performances and culminating activities - at times it seems they will never be done. Like the many years of fine Kedron SHS students who have gone before them I am confident this year’s Year 12 students can and will rise to the challenges of these final weeks.

The hand over to the Year 11 Prefect elect group occurred on assembly on October 9 and marked a significant step in the handover to the next capable group of student leaders. The new Prefects will be inducted early next year and look ready to lead.

While the final term can seem impossible - it will be done, and hopefully our Year 12 students will take the time to enjoy the elements of school life they have taken for granted for so long; seeing your friends every day, having a reliable routine and professional adults around you assisting you to succeed whatever your chosen field.

This is also the final term for some of the parents who have given their time to lead and contribute to our P&C and School Council. They have made an outstanding contribution to the school across many years and I hope there are parents who are just as enthusiastic as our future student leaders have been to take up these roles next year.

OVERSEAS TRIPS
Once again our staff (Mrs Wu and Mr Boland, China and Mrs Lacey and Mr Von Rentzell, Japan) volunteered their holidays to lead groups of students to both China and Japan. These tours are an extension of our very successful language programs and are wonderful opportunities for the students. I add my thanks to those of the students and families involved to the four staff members for giving up their own time to plan and run these trips.

We will be hosting our sister school from France for the week beginning October 14. This is a small group who will have limited time in class with our students however I am sure Mrs Saunders, their buddy students and host families will provide an unforgettable Australian experience for them.

With some Year levels finishing on different dates this term it can be difficult for some students in younger grades to remain focussed. I encourage everyone to attend and participate fully in their education until the end of term for their Year level. I look forward to sharing our end of year ceremonies and celebrations with parents, staff and students.

Mr G. Latta (Acting Principal)

KEDRON STATE HIGH SCHOOL
2013 GRADUATION CEREMONY
When: Thursday 14th November 
Time: 9.15am
Where: Indoor Sports Centre
R.S.V.P. by 4th November 2013
email: eglt@kedronshs.eq.edu.au or phone: 36303323

PARENTS!
Please remind your children not to phone home if they are sick at school and want to go home. Students who are not well are to report to the school office so that we can monitor them while contacting their parents.

YEAR 8 ENROLMENTS FOR 2014 -PLACES LIMITED
Applications for Enrolments for 2014 are now open. Our Enrolment Management Plan can be viewed on the school’s web-site.
If you live in our catchment or have a sibling wishing to attend KedronSHS in 2014 please contact the school as soon as possible.
If you live outside of our catchment area you need to contact the school on 36303323 as soon as possible.

BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL BUSES
Some Brisbane City Council bus services will be changing their timetables from Monday 14 October 2013 so please make sure you check at www.translink.com.au
LEAVING SCHOOL AT THE END OF 2013?

Are you in Year 9 – 12?

All students with laptops who are leaving the school at the end of the year need to return them before they go.

Items to return:
- Laptop – cleaned with wipes available from the Tech room
- Carry case – cleared of all papers and cleaned as much as possible
- Charger and any leads supplied

Year 12 students will have a session set aside during their last week for returning laptops. Students in other year levels who are leaving the school must return all items in a reasonable time before leaving.

Missing and damaged items may incur a fee for repair or replacement.

UNIFORM

A reminder to all that our great school has its standing in our community because of the tremendous results that our students achieve, their conscientious and industrious approach to their work and the diligence of our staff to encourage and guide them to excel. It should also be noted that our reputation is also built around the visuals of our students in their uniforms and their conduct in public on a daily basis. We congratulate members of the school community for their support in these areas. In the coming weeks, we will be giving extra regard to the uniform as outlined in the dress code information given to all families at enrolment. Our dress code is not negotiable and is part of a signed agreement between enrolling families and the school and as such will be enforced. Our young men and women, and the manner in which they present in their uniforms, will be closely monitored at this time. Please refer to or seek a copy of the Dress Code if required so that we can all positively contribute further to our tremendous image. We are grateful for the ongoing support of the whole school community every day of the school year in achieving this goal.

HOMESTAY OPPORTUNITIES

Do you have a spare bedroom?

Do you have room for an extra seat at your dinner table?

Would you like your family to experience cultural exchanges?

Kedron High School’s International Student Program invites expressions of interest from families and individuals who would like to host overseas students. We are in particular need of families who can host a male student.

Host families must be Australian residents with fluency in English and all household members over 18 are required to obtain Bluecards. A remuneration of $245 per week is made for providing students with their own furnished room, meals, care and supervision. Terms and Conditions apply.

For more information please call Homestay Coordinator Lynne Swallow on 0459 843 194 or email lswal6@eq.edu.au.

2013 NAPLAN RESULTS

Congratulations must go out to our Year 9 students who have performed exceptionally well in the 2013 Naplan Tests. Individual results were issued to students last week in their Form classes. If you have not received your child’s results, please direct your son/daughter to collect them from the Middle School Office.

YEAR 8 & 9 SUBJECT SELECTION

INFORMATION EVENING

Students were issued with information last week regarding an upcoming Subject Selection Information Session for parents and students on Wednesday 16th October 5:30pm- 6:30pm in the Assembly Hall. This evening is designed to support the subject selection process for current Year 8 & Year 9 students, and you and your son/daughter are both invited and encouraged to attend.

The supplementary Junior Secondary Subject Selection Handbook is available on the Kedron SHS website; however students or parents who are unable to access the materials online are able to collect hard copies of the handbook at the Subject Selection Information Evening. Subject Selections need to be completed online by Friday 25th October, 2013.

ATTENDING THE GALA CONCERT?

Why not make a night of it and enjoy a pre-concert meal at the Fiesta Café. Full table service provided.

Friday 25th October 2013.

From 5pm. Bookings and pre-orders essential.

To secure your table please email satki92@eq.edu.au

Menu’s available from outside Senior Schooling or from the information desk in the music block.

RSVP Thursday 17th October.

Payment required on the evening.

Please note that there will be no EFTPOS facilities.

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

MONDAY 7 TO SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER 2013

Mental Health Week is an annual national awareness event held every year to coincide with World Mental Health Day, on 10 October each year. It aims to raise awareness of the importance of mental health and wellbeing in the wider community.

At Kedron, we hosted a BBQ on Wednesday 9th October, organised by our Youth Support Co-ordinator (Kelly Otto) and her team from Community Connections with show bags to promote positive mental health and wellbeing services.

Next Wednesday during our whole school assembly our Year 12 Drama students will present a short skit to stress the importance of early intervention and who to access when someone is having difficulties both at home and at school.

Both of these initiatives aim to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness and offer a platform to engage the community in dialogue regarding help-seeking behaviours and mental health promotion. Everyone has difficulties at some times- it is what you do about it that counts! There is always someone available to listen and help within our Kedron community.

Fiona Lyon, Guidance Officer. ☺

PAST STUDENTS OF KEDRON SHS

Past students and teachers are invited to the 20 year reunion of the class of 1993 at the Breakfast Creek Hotel on Saturday the 19th of October from 5pm. RSVP Tracey Paige (nee McCollm) on 0408155397.
LANGUAGES NEWS

Japan Trip
Welcome home to the 22 students, Mr Von Rentzell and Mrs Lacey who returned home safely after 17 days in Japan over the September holidays. Students enjoyed visiting many famous tourist destinations and stayed with host families while attending Fukiai High School in Kobe. Parents kept up with events by reading and commenting on the travel blog and we look forward to learning about their adventures in the newsletter in the coming weeks.

China Trip
A warm welcome home also to the 16 students, Mr Boland and Ms Wu who returned home from China on 3 October. Students were able to experience the language and culture of China first hand and gain deeper intercultural understanding. The China travel blog provided parents with day by day accounts of the students’ experiences and we look forward to hearing and seeing their presentation on the whole school assembly.

With our school trips to Asia now complete for the year, the Languages Faculty can now beginning planning our European tours for 2014 – France and our foundation trip to Spain.

Kedron Primary cluster Japanese activities
Kedron High School and the Asian Language Centre for Brisbane North have been working in conjunction with seven affiliate primary schools since 2011, to provide a cultural program by a native Japanese teacher to promote the learning of Japanese. Prior to the holidays Eagle Junction SS, Kedron SS, Nundah SS, Windsor SS and Wooloowin SS all participated in the program. Mitchelton SS and Wilston SS’ days will occur after the holidays.

Foreign Food Week
The Languages Faculty celebrated the final week of term three with Foreign Food Week. Through food, students were able to practice the language and etiquette used at meal times to better understand the customs and culture associated with food and eating. French students cooked and enjoyed crepes. Spanish students made tapas. Chinese students tried BBQ pork buns and Japanese students ordered obento. Delicious!

QSA External Language Exams
From mid-October ten Year 12 students will be sitting the QSA External Language exams for Korean, Vietnamese, Spanish, Chinese and Punjabi. Tested in listening, speaking, reading and writing skills, these background speakers will receive four semesters credit and two bonus rank points with a sound achievement at exit; a helpful bonus towards their OP. We wish them the best of luck!

ASSESSMENT OF LANGUAGE COMPETENCE RESULTS
Students have been continuing to excel in Languages with the annual Assessment of Language Competence. The tests, which were conducted in August, aim to celebrate and enhance the learning of languages. This year students in year 9-11 in Chinese, Japanese, French and Spanish took part in the test and received some outstanding results.

High Distinction:
Aimee Nash, Cleo Fahrner, Sarah Melit, Angelina Mackinnon, Jenessa Lin and Catherine Chang.

Distinction:

Congratulations!

UQ Summer School
The Institute of Modern Languages at the University of Queensland hosts a Summer High School Program in January for students of languages who will be in year 11 or 12 in 2014. Students wanting to further their language skills are encouraged to enrol. For more information students can come to the Q Block staffroom or access the website: http://www.iml.uq.edu.au/highschool.html

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Like to contribute to the amazing cause? Contact Miss Kymberly Webb at kwebb91@eq.edu.au
CALLING ALL BOOKS! CALLING ALL BOOKS!
Are you wondering about whose copy of Hamlet that is that's been sitting on the coffee table/under the bed for the last six months? Are you perplexed by the appearance of The Great Gatsby in your household? It could be that your child has overdue books on loan from the English Department of Kedron State High School.
We are missing a substantial number of books that have been loaned out to students throughout the year and we need your help in locating them. Could you please have a look around the house and in your child's room and bag to see if they have books from Kedron that may require returning?
As you would appreciate, the successful operation of the English Department requires texts for students to read. Your assistance in helping us maintain supplies of texts ensures successful outcome for your students and we thank you for helping out in this regard.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CALENDAR AND THE GALA CONCERT – TERM 4
Welcome back to Term 4! There are some amazing performances on the calendar over the next four weeks and some extra rehearsals. Below are some of the dates and performances, with letters and more information available from outside of I Block staffroom.

Friday 11 October: Percussion Ensemble 1 Rehearsal @ Kedron SHS Hall 3 - 4pm
Monday 14 October: Music Fest (Wind Ensemble) @ Iona College 3 - 6pm (meet at I Block at 3pm)
Thursday 17 October: Big Band and Kedron Acapella Tour to Eagle Junction SS and Virginia SS (7:30am at school – 3:30pm return to Kedron SHS)
Saturday 19 October: Symphony Orchestra Workshop and Kedron Singers rehearsal for finale in Gala Concert (9 - 3pm)
Tuesday 22 October: Music Fest (Wind Symphony) @ Iona College 3 - 6pm (meet at I Block at 3pm)
Wednesday 23 October: Percussion Ensemble 1 Rehearsal @ Kedron SHS Hall (1:30 - 3pm)
Monday 21 October: Student Free Day
Friday 25 October: Gala Concert @ Kedron SHS - 12 - 3pm (period 3 and 4) rehearsal, Concert: 7pm - 10pm
Thursday 31 October: Vocal Showcase @ Kedron SHS 6pm - 8pm
Thursday 14 November: Year 12 Graduation with Finale event from Gala Concert (students will be notified closer to event)

We are also seeking raffle donations from any parents or friends of our program for fundraising for our Gala Concert on the 25th of October. If you would like to donate toward our raffle please contact our Arts teacher aid Jessica Breen on jxbre1@eq.edu.au or feel free to drop any donation with Jo O’Leary in the senior school office.

Entry to the Gala Concert this year will be $5 per person or $25 for a family (5 or more members), purchased at the doors – opening at 6:15pm on the night.

GOA BILLBOARD COMPETITION EXHIBITION
Huge congratulations to Shell Pray (year 12) who took out this years 1st prize in the Goa Billboard photographic competition as part of the Brisbane Festival!! She walked away with a wicked Sony Digital SLR camera!!

Joanna, Lynne and I attended the opening exhibition and awards ceremony at the Judith Wright Centre and spent the evening viewing some amazing student work from across Brisbane, all displayed in an excellent gallery and on canvas.

The quality of the Kedron students work was outstanding with 8 of our students represented in the Top 30. Thanks to Lynne and Joanna for their support of the students and for working with Rowena and Henri from the Brisbane Festival last term.

The exhibition was open over the holidays and below is a list of all the Kedron students who’s work was on display.

Has Lah Lah Lue, Isabelle Arthur, Kewh Tha You Moo, Pre Po, Rebekah Fritz, Red Fernandez, Shell Pray and Caitlin Kerr

OPERATION SHOEBOX SURPRISE
Show that you care by giving a gift in a shoebox!

Gift Ideas
- SOMETHING TO LOVE- Teddy Bear, Doll, Soft Toy, etc.
- SOMETHING FOR SCHOOL- Book, Pencil Case, Pens, Eraser
- SOMETHING TO WEAR- Shirt, Shorts, Beanies
- SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH- Ball, cars, skipping rope, yo-yo, slinky (NO BATTERY\OPERATED ITEMS)
- SOMETHING FOR HYGIENE Soap, Brush, Hair Clips/Ties
- SOMETHING SPECIAL- Carry Bag, Sunglasses, Stickers, etc.

DON’T INCLUDE
- ITEMS THAT LEAK OR MELT- toothpaste, shampoo, BATTERIES, playdough.
- FOOD AND LOLLIES
- ANY USED OR DAMAGED ITEMS
- BREAKABLE ITEMS
- ITEMS THAT CAN SCARE OR HARM A CHILD- Toy Guns, etc.
- GAMBLING RELATED ITEMS- Toy Money, Playing Cards, DominoEs.
- ANYTHING OF A RELIGIOUS, RACIAL OR POLITICAL NATURE.

Return To Mr. Thwaites (LA staffroom)
HELP FOR SHY OR ANXIOUS TEENS:
ONLINE TREATMENT FOR SOCIAL ANXIETY IS NOW AVAILABLE!

For teenagers with Social Anxiety, school can be an incredibly difficult time. Activities like presenting oral reports, participating in class activities, playing or competing in team sports and joining in with groups at lunch can be extremely anxiety provoking situations. But there is help available... and it’s online!

A team of researchers (BRAVE Team) at Griffith University, University of Southern Queensland, and the University of Queensland are seeking teenagers (13-17 years) suffering from social anxiety; a fear of being negatively judged by others, or extreme shyness.

The BRAVE program aims to help adolescents and their parents learn strategies for managing social anxiety and teach techniques to cope with anxiety-provoking social situations. The treatment program involves 12 online sessions for teens and 7 online sessions for parents, with each session taking approximately an hour to complete. Families are charged a one-off fee of $120 to assist in covering treatment costs. Families will also be asked to complete questionnaires and telephone interviews, but will receive a rebate of $25 in vouchers each time they complete a post-treatment assessment.

For more information, or to register your interest in the program, please visit the BRAVE ONLINE website: www.exp.psy.uq.edu.au/socialanxiety. Alternatively, you can contact the BRAVE team on (07) 3735 3312 or Email: brave@psy.uq.edu.au.

For further information, pay a visit to our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/braveforanxiety.
Australia is a very lucky country. We have clean air, beautiful beaches and great medical and educational facilities. School in Australia is for everyone, in contrast to some parts of the world where school is only accessible to the few. It was devastating to read a recent UN report that found: “around 90 per cent of children with disabilities in developing countries do not attend school.”

Kedron High students who need some extra support have many different resources available to them. From specialist teachers and teacher aides to assist them in the classroom to ‘In Club’ which provides a comfortable place to visit at break time.

As a bit of a gadget geek I am always interested in the latest technologies. A recent internet search found talking calculators, handheld devices that can scan documents and read the content out loud, programs that take predicative text to a whole new level and gloves that connect to the computer and enable sign to voice or text translations.

According to the “Knowledge Doubling Curve”, human knowledge doubled every century up until 1900 and every 25 years by the end of WWll. Buckminster Fuller (1895 1983)

Today knowledge is said to double approximately every 13 months. Just imagine what technology might be available ten years from now? Holograms, voice recognition software that gets it right more often than not……

Congratulations to all our students who are making the most of their educational opportunities. Special congratulations to those involved in World of Work, Doorways to Construction, representing Kedron in district and regional sport and entering artistic work in Qld based competitions.