FROM THE PRINCIPAL
EVERY STUDENT in EVERY CLASS (and activity) EVERY DAY of the school year (in uniform including hats).
Term 4 can be a real balancing act for students and their families. There are many significant celebrations of success marking the culmination of academic, cultural and sporting programs. This occurs against a background of on-going learning and a push to attain the best results possible on final assessment items. Also, in a finish that is coming all too soon for some of our students, the Year 12s will leave us on November the 15th. Students in all Year levels must continue to stay focussed on their studies, allow time to celebrate their achievements and the successes of others and not be distracted by older Year levels that finish at different times.
I spoke about this on assembly recently. An assembly which also featured awards to prize winning students in Maths and English competitions, our champion volleyball team, a report back from the 22 students who toured Japan in their September holidays, information about a fundraiser for Canteen and organisational details for the Sports awards evening and Gala concert. I will expand on some of these later in the article. You can appreciate that it would be quite easy for a student, who is not focussed, to be overwhelmed by the array of activities and celebrations going this term.
As parents you can assist your students by ensuring they are prepared for lessons, have a clear idea of assessment and homework expectations and are managing their time and workload to meet these expectations.
As mentioned above, two students received prizes in the Maths competition run earlier this year. Craig Salotto, Year 8, won the Prudence award for the most consecutive questions correct and Katherine Green, Year 11, won a prize for being in the top 0.03% of students in the competition. While their prizes will be presented at a function in early November, we congratulated them along with the many Distinction and High Distinction winners in both the Maths and English competitions on assembly.
I am looking forward to sharing the celebrations of student talent at the Sports awards night and Gala concert with the Kedron SHS community. These events will have occurred by the time you receive this newsletter. We have very talented students who are well taught, led and coached by our very clever and talented staff. I also acknowledge that these achievements would not be possible without the support of our families and wider Kedron SHS community.

ABSENT PARENTS
If parents/guardians are planning to be away for a period of time and their child will be in the care of someone else they need to let the office know in writing or by email. If students are sick we may need to contact a parent/guardian and can only contact who is on our files.

KEDRON STATE HIGH SCHOOL 2013 GRADUATION CEREMONY
When: Thursday 14th November
Time: 9.15am
Where: Indoor Sports Centre

TO BOOK YOUR SEAT CALL OR EMAIL
R.S.V.P. by 4th November 2013
email: eglt@kedronshs.eq.edu.au or phone: 36303323

UNIFORM SHOP EXTENDED HOURS
The Uniform Shop will be open on Orientation Day 9th December, from 8.15am to 12.00 pm; on Thursday 23rd January and Friday 24th January from 9.00am to 2.00pm and daily from 8.15am to 9.15am. To avoid long queues on Monday 9th December 2013 and Thursday 23rd January and Friday 24th January 2014 get in early and come in during 4th term.

INTERACT
Interact is running its annual ‘Shoebox Surprise’. We are asking 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. Gifts and shoeboxes, sticky tape and wrapping paper are all needed. Mr Thwaites, in LA staffroom, is receiving your donations.

population to reach its full potential. With the support of parents, students and staff we will continue to see the full realisation of this objective.
I look forward to seeing you at the various celebrations of success across the remainder of the term.
Mr G. Latta (Acting Principal)
WORLD OF WORK (WOW) PROGRAM
YEAR 10 STUDENTS TERM 3, 2013.

I asked twenty-six lucky year 10 students if they would like to participate in the Worlds of Work career development program at the end of Term 3.

The students who accepted this opportunity participated in the program over one intensive week, where they were taken on a journey-broadening their view on what it means to be ‘successful’ in the changing world of work.

WoW promotes partnerships between young people, schools and workplaces and encourages and assists them to develop aspirations for their future, increase their understanding of their personal strengths, increase awareness of different options for work and study, set goals, take up new opportunities and cope with setbacks, increase their understanding of what it takes to lead a successful life and career and enhance and develop their employability skills.

Mrs Brown and I had the pleasure of supervising these young people over the week and we were delighted, not only with the feedback from the presenters about our students, but more so, the wonderful progress that was evident and the growing confidence and maturity we saw throughout the week.

The feedback we received from both students and parents was testimony to the value of the career development program and feedback from teachers on return this term- that those students were absolutely ‘buzzing’ and personally fulfilled that they had participated in the program.

Quotes recorded from our students during the week:
“I feel like I have learned more in 3 days than I have all term”
“Can my brother book in for three years’ time?”
“I feel confident to lead the activities (at a workplace)”
“I really enjoyed the yoga...I just relaxed.”
“It was good to hear the mentors talk about being happy in the job you do.”
“Adults expect teens to act mature-but still treat us like kids.”

Well done to the twenty-six students for your participation and wonderful contributions. You all showed great inspiration and learning throughout the week. Hopefully this experience will improve your aspirations and your transition from Year 10 into senior school and beyond in your career journey! Fiona Lyon, Guidance Officer.

FORMER ORIGIN GREATS (FOGS) INDIGENOUS EMPLOYMENT AND CAREERS EXPO

The FOGS Career Expo had entertaining motivational speakers, past and present Broncos players and valuable career and employment opportunities for senior school students. Nine of our students attended the event, gaining resources, brochures, prizes and terrific photos of themselves with Queensland State of Origin players at Suncorp Stadium.

Once again our students represented our school well-listening attentively, responding well and conducted themselves in an exemplary manner as they took in much valuable career information that was suitable for them (as individuals). It was a great day and the message they took away from Sam Thaiday: ‘Prior preparation prevents poor performance!’ Fiona Lyon, Guidance Officer.

HANNAH GRAY SUCCESSFUL IN AUDITIONS INTO HARVEST RAIN- ONE OF AUSTRALIA’S LEADING MUSICAL THEATRE COMPANIES

Based in Brisbane, Harvest Rain has been producing and creating theatrical productions for nearly thirty years. From modest beginnings, the company has grown in stature to rival the country’s largest performing arts companies and perform alongside them in Queensland’s flagship performing arts venue, QPAC. Impressively, Harvest Rain has achieved this without a single dollar of government funding - the company has built its success on the continued support of its thousands of loyal patrons.

Harvest Rain is renowned for being a great launching pads for new talent in the country - the company has a reputation for producing professional productions that feature respected professional artists working alongside some of the country’s most exciting up and coming musical theatre performers. Each year over 30,000 patrons come to the theatre to see a Harvest Rain productions.

A huge undertaking, with wonderful results- congratulations Hannah on your successful auditions and interviews- on behalf of the staff at Kedron, we wish you all the very best for your future! Miss Lyon, Guidance Officer.
Chinese Karaoke Competition
Years 8 to 10 Chinese students participated in a Chinese Karaoke Competition last term, organised by Ms Wu. The students had to pick a Chinese Song to perform in front of their classmates. Students sang beautifully to CD or guitar accompaniment or a capella. Winners of the competition were:
Year 8: Louisa Albert, Ei Thet Maw Mya
Year 9: Sofia Bande, Evan Bolang
Year 10: Ivy Lavita, Siobhan Malone

Year 12 French Dinner
Students in year 12 French experienced a night of Swiss-French culture when they dined at Des Alpes Restaurant in Mitchelton. The staff spoke French with the students and provided delicious meals from a variety of Swiss and French regions. All involved had a wonderful night dining on diverse delicacies and enjoying the traditional Swiss setting of the restaurant.

French Sister School Visit
The Languages department was delighted to welcome 22 students, 1 teacher and the Principal from our sister school in France – Lycée Saint Louis. The students were paired up with an Australian buddy and stayed with their families for a week enjoying typical Australian experiences. They also made the most of the beautiful weather, visiting South Bank, Lone Pine and the Beach. Many thanks to all the wonderful families who made this exchange possible. We can’t wait to visit them next year!

Chinese and Japanese Movie Outings
Chinese and Japanese students had the pleasure of participating in the Brisbane International Film Festival at GoMA. Japanese students saw Leaving on the 15th Spring a movie about a girl on the cusp of adulthood. Chinese students saw Touch of Light based on the true story of blind piano prodigy Huang Yu-Siang. The students found it a very touching film. All students involved enjoyed the outing, experiencing more of Japanese and Chinese culture.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES
Thinking of doing a Spring Clean of clothes you’re not wearing anymore? If that’s the case the Wadeye Safe House is always in need of comfortable nightwear for women and shirts and shorts for children sizes 3 - 14. Surprisingly, even in a remote community like this, kids love good clothes, well-worn cotton or light sporty fabrics that breathe, bright colours etc. Women too, like to wear something clean and comfortable and reasonably fashionable while they wash their own clothes and rest.

Australia Post have some very handy 3kg or 5kg bags that you can stuff a lot into – you’d be surprised as to how much you can fit into these bags. When they get their parcel it will seem like the bag that just keeps on giving!!!

Please post to:

- Wadeye Safe House
  PO Box 22
  WADEYE NT 0822

and be assured that your gifts will go straight to where they’re really needed.

If you have any questions please contact Ian Charlesworth (School Chaplain) on 3630 3304 or 0411 861 071.
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