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

GRADUATING CLASS OF 2013
It is with mixed emotions that we farewell our 238 Year 12 students at their graduation ceremony on November 14. Like the students, our staff are excited about the future possibilities for this fine group of young men and women. While I will have the chance to address the students at their graduation I would like to publicly acknowledge their positive contribution to the school across many years. Their legacy is a strengthening of the The Kedron Way. As a cohort they are very inclusive and supportive of each other. They have continued the fine traditions of this school by being fully involved in all aspects of school life – Academic, The Arts, Service, Sport and Leadership. They even managed to lead Wickham to their first Cross Country win since 1975! My hope for the students is that they recognise within themselves the skills and knowledge they have already developed and the potential they have to continue to learn and grow. As they settle into their chosen pathways I trust the relationships they have formed during school will last as long as the lessons learnt. Along with the entire school community I wish them all the best for their future.

Attendance
While the Year 12s graduate, school continues for our other Year levels. On assembly last week I reminded the students that full time attendance is one of the keys to success at school. Research has established strong links between attendance in one year and achievement in that same year and in the future. Education Queensland’s recommended attendance rate is between 95 and 100%. Too many of our students are currently falling below this level. Students and families should take steps to prioritise school attendance. Birthdays, completing assignments and being tired from part time work are not reasons for students to miss school. Over a 12 year period a student who attends 92% of the time will have missed almost 1 year of school.

I look forward to sharing Graduation, the pre-Formal and the various academic celebration assemblies with you across these final weeks of the 2013 school year.
Mr G. Latta (Acting Principal)
AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS MENTORING EXPERIENCE (AIME)
The last week of October saw the final AIME for 2013. The students have been attending regular workshops at the University of Queensland, engaging in cultural activities that promote positive identity and confidence. The students have formed solid relationships with university mentors. The highlights for this year included the 4 day workshops the Seniors participated in. In “The Other Election”, the grade 10s wrote a speech on “If I was the first Indigenous Prime Minister...” and the grade 9s participated in the “Hip Hop Challenge”. The culmination was the final energy charged day where Tahlei Anderson was presented with her AIME hoodie, a visit from Jade North of the Brisbane Roar. Students were also presented with their certificate and a limited edition AIME drink bottle. On behalf of the students I would like to thank all of the staff who took time out of their busy schedule to escort the students to AIME and parents for supporting AIME at Kedron.

A RISING STAR
Queensland Theatre Company runs three Youth Ensembles for up and coming theatre practitioners. They are sought after places with students travelling from a long way to attend the weekly sessions at QTC’s theatrical home in West End. This year, Year 12 Student Emma Reynolds has been a part of this prestigious program, the only state school student in her age group. We are all very proud of Emma as she has developed her skills and wish her all the best in her upcoming university auditions. Good luck!

QUEENSLAND MUSEUM 2014 WORK INSPIRATION PROGRAM
Applications are now open for this a unique behind-the-scenes experience for young people in year 10, 11 and 12 (in 2014) where they will have an opportunity to explore the research facilities, exhibitions and loans facility; meet with a wide range of staff from across the organisation; and contribute ideas for the future of the Museum!

Key information Dates:  22, 23 and 24 January 2014
Location:  Queensland Museum, South Bank
Students must complete an online application via: https://qmwi2014.questionpro.com/

This application asks for a response to four key questions:
- Why would you like to participate in this program?
- What are the big issues facing humanity?
- What do you consider is the role of a museum?
- If you could collect anything, what would it be?

Students must upload a signed parental consent form and teacher referee form.

Applications close Friday 6 December 2013 and there are only 15 places available so get in quickly!
For details see Mr. Booker-McLay in Upper L staffroom.

Check out the website www.workinspiration.com.au

CHINESE WRITING CONTEST
In September and October, Chinese students were given the opportunity to participate in the annual Chinese Writing Contest, organised by the School of Languages and Comparative Cultural Studies at the University of Queensland. Students from Kedron performed exceptionally well in the Non-Native Speaker category with Berenise Lee receiving a merit award and Po Ree Nay Thar receiving the Supreme Award for Non-Native Speakers – the highest prize awarded by the Confucius Institute.
Congratulations to all involved!

KEDRON SPORTS AWARDS
The HPE Department recently held its annual Sports Awards Night to celebrate the outstanding athletes here at school. There was a great turn out from award winners and parents alike. They were entertained by Ms Bridie Kean, the captain of the National Wheelchair Basketball team, who spoke of her love of sport and how she overcame the loss of her feet as a young child to pursue a sporting dream. The highlights of the evening were the presentation of the Junior and Senior Sportsperson of the Year.

The Junior Sportsperson was Rachel Woodgate, who had a great year in touch football and netball. Not only did she play representative netball but Rachel also won a number of Best Team Player awards which demonstrate her enthusiasm and sense of camaraderie. Rachel was also the Age Champion for Athletics.

The Senior Sportsperson of the Year was Chelsea Vincent. Chelsea had the rare honour of qualifying for Met North in four sports, cross country, triathlon, softball and soccer. On top of this she was also the Age Champion for Cross Country and the winner of the Pierre de Coubertin Olympic Committee Award.

Congratulations to both girls on an outstanding year.
FUTSAL
For the second year Kedron has entered teams in the highly prestigious Chantelle Cramb Cup, run by the Australian Futsal Association. This is a very competitive tournament that sees schools from all over Queensland compete for the title.
This year, after much after-school training on Wednesdays, we sent four teams to Toowoomba to compete. Our teams surprised themselves with how well they did. Both boys’ teams qualified for the finals, with our senior boys going through undefeated having beaten the tournament favourites, local team Harristown SHS. Our girls narrowly missed out on qualifying for their finals by one goal.
Unfortunately for all our teams the final game was a bridge too far. Having played, on average, six games (almost three hours of football), they did not have the fitness to continue their winning streaks.
I must commend the students on their exemplary behaviour and enthusiasm during what was a very long day, leaving Kedron at 6am and not getting home till 10pm. They all got on exceptionally well and displayed a real camaraderie that made me proud to be their coach.
For many of the players it was their first time at the tournament and I have no doubt that next year, with more experience and fitness, we can take the final step to victory.

Borneo World Challenge Group are proudly sponsored by:
Like to contribute to the amazing cause?
Contact Miss Kymberly Webb at kwebb91@eq.edu.au

SHOEBOX SURPRISE UPDATE
Currently we have about 90 shoeboxes and enough ‘stuff’ to fill about 40 of these waiting to be packed. If everybody would bring in just $2 worth of toys etc from the Reject Shop or Bargain City, it would go a long way to not only making some more children’s Christmas happier but break our record shoebox drop of 144 last year. Thanks every one!
Wrapping Date: Tuesday, 12 November.
P Thwaites

LANGUAGES NEWS
Japan Trip 2013
Over the September holidays, twenty-two Japanese language students visited Japan. In the following paragraphs Tash Cooley and Cathy Collins recall the experience.
While the majority of us were enjoying a mental break over the relaxing September holidays, an enthusiastic group of senior Japanese students braved the nine hour commute to further their skills. And, where better than Japan itself?
The first week and a half consisted of embracing their inner がいじん (foreigner) and taking the tourist route across the island of Hokkaido.

Tokyo introduced them to the busier side of Japan; it’s neon signs and bustling streets widening many tired eyes in awe. Highlights included attending an actual Sumo match and a somewhat scary but wonderful shopping spree in Harajuku.

Next came Kyoto, and while the streets may have slowed, the action certainly did not. Every day went from dawn to dusk, especially a day trip to Japan’s world famous Universal Studios; a childhood reminiscent adventure that proved absolutely extraordinary.

A short trip to Hiroshima was made, and while the delicious Okonomiyaki brought smiles to multiple full mouths, the most prominent memory in many minds was the trip to the Peace Museum. Both educational and incredibly moving, it’s what’s been described as unforgettable.

Though sorry to see their tourist days come to a close, week two promised a truly personal insight into an extraordinary culture, and remains the most cherished of experiences. Learning and laughing at school by day, and shaping memories with their buddies by night, the group became very much a member of their respective home-stay families, and all the more delighted with Japan.
All too soon however Saturday was on the horizon, and twenty-two once vibrant faces found themselves regrettably exchanging teary goodbyes. From the view behind plastic aeroplane windows, the lights of the incredible cities they’d visited grew distant, but there was no doubt Japan would always be something more than just a memory. With that, those twenty-two sprung from the plane and into the arms of their families, faces wide with smiles once more.
Tash Cooley and Cathy Collins
We returned after the September holidays celebrating the achievements of two Kedron instrumental music students; Toa Steiner and Maddi Tranent were recognised for their participation at the Queensland Conservatorium State Honours Program. Both students performed in ensembles with some of QLD’s leading young musicians and spent a whole week of their school holidays at the Conservatorium working with American and European conductors in Wind Ensembles and Choirs on challenging and inspiring repertoire. Congratulations Toa and Maddi!

After our Showcase Concerts in Term 3 our annual Gala Concert in Term 4 was a grand event! This year we farewelled our ever-enthusiastic Year 12 class of 2013 students and awarded our most outstanding Instrumental Music Student for 2012 to Toa Steiner and our Laurie Case Outstanding Musicianship Award to Moira Quinn. The Year 12 class of 2013 will be sadly missed here at Kedron and we thank them all for their hard work and commitment to our Instrumental Music Program in the true spirit of the Kedron Way! Listed below are all of our award winners for 2013:

Most Outstanding Music Student (Laurie Case Shield) Moira Quinn
Most Outstanding Instrumental Student Instrumental Music Encouragement Award Amy Fan and Sarah
Most Outstanding Woodwind Student Chelsea Vincent
Most Outstanding Brass Student Conor Clarke
Most Outstanding Percussion Student Kunchana Meregngnage
Most Outstanding Strings Student Moira Quinn
Most Outstanding Vocal Student Jemma Short
Most Outstanding Harp Student Xuan Tan

Directors Choice - Percussion Ensemble 1 Megan Christensen
Directors Choice - Percussion Ensemble 2 Kwame Eshun
Directors Choice - String Orchestra Bonnie Mackay
Directors Choice - World Ensemble Fin Taylor
Directors Choice - Big Band Alex Zhou
Directors Choice - Stage Band Mikayla Champness
Directors Choice - Wind Symphony Becky Pearson
Directors Choice - Wind Ensemble Kyle Harmer
Directors Choice - Kedron Singers Chloe Harris
Directors Choice - Kedron Acapella Megan Chrisensen

We are sadly saying goodbye to Jodie Lutherborrow, our Brass teacher and Wind Symphony director as she begins a new chapter in her career on the Sunshine Coast for 2014. Over the past two years Jodie has brought a great energy and enthusiasm for instrumental music to our Kedron community. Jodie has inspired and motivated our brass students and her experience and commitment to instrumental music will be greatly missed at Kedron. We wish her all the best for the future.

Last week our vocal students took to the stage for their annual showcase concert. It was amazing to witness the confidence and talent on display throughout the evening and even more incredible to see how far the students have become after 3 years of work. A special thank you to Mrs Hardy for all work with the students in vocal lessons and in lunchtime rehearsals in the lead up to the showcase throughout the term. Thanks also to Ms Want for her piano accompaniment efforts and support of our vocal program and to our administration team for their ongoing support and commitment to this fantastic program! We’re looking forward to seeing and hearing more from award winning vocal program in 2014!

Thank you to the students and parents for their commitment to our extra-curricular music program throughout 2013. It’s been a huge year (as you may have seen on Friday night) and our outstanding outcomes at Kedron State High School couldn’t happen without your support, attendance at rehearsals, hard work and passion for music education!

There is one small housekeeping reminder for all instrumental music students. Please return all loaned instruments (to the music block storeroom) and black music folders (to the library) before the end of this year.

Already 2014 are shaping up to be another huge year for our extra-curricular music department. There are some new initiatives on the agenda for 2014 and there’ll be plenty more info to follow prior to the school holidays about how students and parents can be involved.

Rohan Hardy (A/HOD The Arts)
# END OF SEMESTER 2 EXAMINATION SCHEDULE – 2013

## Years 8-11

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION RE: EXAMS

1. Years 11, 10 are in block exams for the dates listed for each year level only.
   NOTE THAT YEAR 10 HAS ONE DAY OF BLOCK EXAMS ONLY (22/11/12) – on this day students attend for their exams ONLY. All other days’ classes are as normal up until Friday 29 November. Years 8/9 have one session of exams for Maths and are in normal classes up to end of term.
2. Students are responsible for reading the timetable carefully and ensuring they are present for all examinations. If a student is unable to sit for an examination through illness or other circumstances satisfactory to the Principal, the school should be advised on the day of absence (PH: 3630 3333) and provided with documentary evidence (i.e. medical certificate) as soon as possible after the examination. Medical certificates must provide details of the medical condition (e.g. chicken pox) and must not simply say “a medical condition”.
3. As for other exams, it is compulsory for all Year 11s to attend the QCS Trial.
4. All exams are held in the Hall unless otherwise noted.
5. All exams are one and half hours unless otherwise noted except in Years 8 and 9.
6. School uniform must be worn correctly at all times.
7. ESL, International, Deaf and Students with disabilities – exams for these students commence 15 minutes before stated times.
8. Alternative Pathways Students (TAFE, Apprenticeships, Traineeships etc) must attend all school exams & make alternative arrangements with their training organisation or employer if required. Please see Mr Claridge if you need assistance.
9. If a student has a clash with another exam, they must speak to the Mr McCarthy and the teacher of the subject ASAP.
10. All other enquires regarding the exam schedule must be directed to Mr McCarthy.

M. McCarthy

A/Deputy Principal
KEDRON STATE HIGH SCHOOL
IMPORTANT END-OF-YEAR INFORMATION 2013

YEAR 12
- Monday 11 November-Wednesday 13 November: Year 12s on Alternative Program
- Thursday 14 November: Graduation (9.15am); Pre-formal(4.30pm at KSHS) and Formal(6.30pm)
- Wednesday 20 November: SAls displayed in Senior Secondary office for Year 12s to check
- Yr 12 QCEs, Senior Statements & Tertiary Entrance Statements posted 13 Dec by QSA. (available online via
  login to Learning Account from Saturday 14 December 2013)
- NORDEK available Thursday 12 December 2013 9.00am – 11.00am only – Distributed from Q Block to
  students who have returned all resources and paid accounts.

YEARS 10 & 11
- Awards Assemblies – Front Hall
  Friday 29 November 2013
  Year 10 Period 3 (12noon – 1.10pm)
  Year 11 Period 4 (1.40 – 2.50pm)
- School Finishing Date
  Friday 29 November 2013
- School Reports
  Issued Thursday 12 December 2013
  9.00am – 11.00am only - Distributed from Q Block
  NORDEK (school magazine) will be available at this time for students who have returned all resources and
  paid accounts.

YEARS 8 & 9
- From Tues 10 Dec -Thurs 12 Dec students will be involved in an alternative program.
- Thursday 12 December 2013
  Session 1 – School reports issued to students. NORDEK distributed in form class groups to students who have
  returned all resources and paid accounts.
  Session 2 – Christmas Service
  Session 3 – Awards Ceremony (Front Hall) 1.30pm – 2.50pm

INFORMATION FOR ALL STUDENTS
- School reports (Yrs 8-11 only): can be emailed- please ensure Kedron High has the correct email address
  for parent/guardian or can be posted if students are unable to collect them on the set date (see above).
  Please deliver an A4 sized stamped self-addressed envelope (2 x 60c stamps) to the school office if postage is
  required. Nordek will not be mailed unless pre-paid parcel post rate of $10 is arranged.
- If a student is not returning to Kedron in 2014 or will be returning after the school start date, please notify the
  Principal in writing or by emailing info@kedronshs.eq.edu.au. This will assist the school in finalising classes for
  2014.
- All lockers must be emptied and locks removed before the last day. Spare keys can be collected from the office.
- The School Office re-opens Monday 20 January 2014. (9.00am to 3.00pm)
- Uniform Shop will be open 9.00am– 2.00pm Thursday 23 January & Friday 24 January 2014 and daily from
  Tuesday 28 January – 8.15 – 9.15am

2014 – RETURN TO SCHOOL DATE – Tuesday 28 January
- Year 8 8:45am Front Hall
- Year 9 10:00am Indoor Sports Centre
- Year 10 10:30am Front Hall
- Year 11 10:00am Front Hall
- Year 12 9:15am Indoor Sports Centre

Timetables will be distributed to students at these times.