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

We are now at the end of another successful year at Kedron State High School. I have, in these last few weeks, reflected on my three terms here and just how much the students and staff, with the support of the parents and community, have achieved. There are so many highlights – too many to mention. However it is not so much the highlights that have impacted on me it is the everyday, consistent and pervasive presence of the The Kedron Way that has had the most lasting impact.

This school has a very strong identity as a traditional, academic, disciplined school with a diverse population. While this is part of our mission statement it is the living and breathing of this mission every day that makes this school unique. The student body and some staff members change each year however the culture of the school remains strong due to the little things that happen every day. I thank all parents who have supported the school throughout the year; ensuring their students are well presented, well prepared for learning and supported as they take advantage of the extra opportunities offered as part of Kedron school life.

Sadly some staff will not be part of Kedron SHS next year; Mr Cordiner transfers to The Gap SHS, Ms Lutherborrow moves to the Sunshine Coast, Mr Sim retires after 41 years with Education Queensland and Mr Greensill retires after 23 years as Head of Department Maths at Kedron and 43 years with Education Queensland. Students have made presentations to and thanked Mr Sim and Mr Greensill across the last weeks, recognising the impact these men have had on their learning. While all of these people will be missed, I particularly thank Mr Greensill for the teaching and leadership he has provided. Those of you who have been part of the school over many years will be able to identify and applaud the contributions of these staff members and wish them well for their futures.

The end of the term also brings my time at Kedron to a close. Mr McCormick will return as Principal in 2014. In my speeches at the final assemblies for each Year level I have told the students what an honour and privilege it has been to act as Principal of this great school for three terms. I sincerely mean this and have appreciated the support of the Deputy Principals,

Management team, staff, students and parents throughout my time. This really is a unique school and I hope you and your students continue to take advantage of everything Kedron SHS offers in the years ahead.

Mr G. Latta (Acting Principal)

COMING EVENTS
DECEMBER

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CHRISTMAS VACATION
SAT 14TH DECEMBER 2013 TO MONDAY 27TH JANUARY 2014

SCHOOL RESUMES TUESDAY 28TH JANUARY 2014

FAREWELL MR LATTA
It is with sadness that we farewell, not only those staff to whom Mr Latta refers in his column, but also Mr Latta himself.

It has been a pleasure to work with Mr Latta for the last 3 terms. He has made his presence felt in many positive ways, from running the Cross Country and getting to know so many students to supporting individual staff members and providing valued leadership in the school’s endeavour to be constantly improving our already good student outcomes.

We thank Mr Latta for the significant contribution he has made in a relatively short time, and wish him all the best for the future.
END OF YEAR PROGRAM
After what we hope was a very busy year with students applying themselves diligently to their studies, we will be winding up the year with an End of Year Activities Program in the last week of school.

Monday is Orientation Day for current Year 7s who have enrolled for Year 8, 2014. There will be normal lessons for all current students, except for the Yr 8 & 9 Leaders who will assist with the Orientation.

Tuesday, students wear their sports uniform, as usual. Otherwise, formal uniform is required.

The Activities Program will run from Tuesday to Thursday. On Thursday 12th, there will be a Christmas Service for those students who returned the Permission slips, followed by a Form Class break-up in the second Session.

Students will receive their reports and NORDEK during this session.

The Year 8 & 9 Awards Ceremony will be held in the third session on Thursday. Parents are invited to attend this ceremony. Please let us know if you are able to attend.

LAPTOPS – CURRENT YEAR 8 STUDENTS
As you may be aware, the Federal Government initiated a program to provide laptops to all students in Years 9 through 12 across Australia. The program provided funding to allow the school to purchase laptops for students to use and provided a level of support as well. Students were actively encouraged to take the laptop home each day and a charge was made to enable this program to occur. This program has finished and further funding has not been made available. Those students who have been issued with laptops will continue to use them under this program until they complete Year 12.

At Kedron High, we believe that student engagement and outcomes have been enhanced by the use of laptops and we feel that all students benefit from having access to their own device. In particular, the ability to take the laptop home has had great benefits:

- Immediate access to virtual classrooms and other online facilities;
- Textbooks available online, meaning the schoolbag is actually lighter;
- Absent students can be in constant contact with teachers regarding missed work;
- Absent teachers can provide ongoing and consistent access to classroom materials to students;
- Students can research and prepare school work without waiting for their turn on a home computer;
- Students have access when there is no home computer.

Because funding is no longer available on the scale required to support this program, DETE has undertaken a study into a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program. Preparations are well-advanced, but are not yet ready to implement. If Education Queensland’s investigation into BOYD progresses as we expect it will, here’s what we plan for students entering Year 9 in 2014:

- Students will be issued with the laptops that have recently been returned by Year 12 students. This will involve the normal Charter for signing. There is still a year of warranty left on these computers and they have been cleaned and re-imaged.
- During 2014, information will be provided regarding the details of the BYOD program. Parents will be encouraged to attend scheduled information sessions where full details of the program can be given.
- Parents will then have the opportunity during 2014 of commencing the BYOD program.
- From 2015, the school expects to be completely BYOD for students in Junior Secondary and Year 10.

Stay tuned for information as it is released.

YEAR 9 LAPTOP CARE
Year 9 students have been working extremely well with their tablet computers and are generally treating them very well. The technicians have generally been very pleased with the way the tablets have been cared for.

There is one major concern. Some students believe that the laptop case is an “optional extra”. It is not. A few screens have been damaged because the tablet was not in its case. The Acer technicians are adept at determining if damage is careless and an accidental damage claim will not be allowed for a cracked screen if the case was not being used. In these situations, the repair cost to the student and parents is around $400. If the damage occurred and is deemed accidental and covered by the policy, then the charge is only about $50 for a first claim.

Remember, these tablets should last for 4 years and will easily make that milestone if cared for properly. Please ensure that your student is reminded of proper care for this valuable piece of educational equipment.

On another note, please remember that shoulder straps are available from the technicians. Only the official shoulder strap should be used with the laptop case.

All laptops/tablets should be stored in the cases whenever the device is not in use.

FAREWELL INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
We have reached the end of 2013, and it’s time to say goodbye to our Year 12s. We have celebrated a wonderful graduation and we wish our students well as they embark on an exciting future! We all have such fantastic memories which we will carry in our hearts forever. To all our leaving students, it has been wonderful having you with us here at Kedron State High School. We wish you all the very best!
### YEAR 10

**ACADEMIC AWARDS**
- Ancient History: Hannah Jorgensen, Nathaniel Saddam
- ART: Jullienne Vilela & Aisling Rudd, Rena Muscat
- Auslan: Hannah Jorgensen, Nathaniel Saddam
- Chinese: Jennifer Lin & Daiki Kimoto, Nathan Schoenmaker
- Computer Education: Riley Fraser & Frances Neale, Rachel Woodgate
- Drama: Nancy Yao, Nancy Yao, Courtenay Wood
- English: Chloe Harris, Yu-an-Chin (Catherine) Chang
- English for ESL: Kevan Kidd, Stephanie Vincent
- Business Studies: Benjamin Graham
- Chinese: Benjamin Graham
- Computer Education: Nathan Schoenmaker, Rozita Takzare
- Drama: Courtenay Wood, Jullienne Vilela
- English: Benjamin Graham
- English for ESL: Janea Rascado, Hamish Ross
- Food Studies: Jullienne Vilela, Aisling Rudd
- French: Julian Shores
- Geography: Yohanun (Catherine) Chang, Ethan Farley
- Graphics: Kevan Kidd, Hamish Ross, Courtenay Wood, Zeplin Arts-Wade
- Health & Physical Education: Stephanie Vincent
- Industrial Technology & Design: Charles Milne Memorial Bursary for Citizenship, Conor McDonald & Joshua Petrie
- Special Awards: Year Coordinator’s Award, Henry Lwin & Alison Collins
- Special Awards: Long Tan Australian Defence Force Award for Leadership & Teamwork, Timothy Vincent
- Special Awards: Sports Award, John Macdonald & Joshua Petrie
- Special Awards: Cultural Award, John Macdonald & Joshua Petrie
- Special Awards: Charles Milne Memorial Bursary for Citizenship, John Macdonald & Joshua Petrie
- Special Awards: Alex Devine Memorial Bursary for Citizenship, John Macdonald & Joshua Petrie
- Active Promotion of the Kedron Way: Chloe Harris, Siobhan Malone
- Active Promotion of the Kedron Way: Nathan Schoenmaker, Elise Conley
- Active Promotion of the Kedron Way: Michael Fernandez, Siobhan Malone

### YEAR 11

**ACADEMIC AWARDS**
- Accounting: Vignesh Parikumar, Katherine Green
- Ancient History: Fiona Geard, Chiaki Abiko
- Biology: Katherine Green, Farshad Mahmoudy
- Business Communication & Technologies: Courtney Haim, Alice Holder
- Certificate II in Business: Eh Ka Dot Ray, Nicholas Philpotts
- Certificate II in Information, Digital Media & Technology: Cherry Lynn Maque, Nicholas Wenhai Lee
- Chemistry: Niangh Woods, Fiona Geard
- Chinese: Amelia Walker & Lucy Coogan, Katherine Green
- English: Nianh Woods, Sophie McKay
- English Communication: Shuang (Nick) Li, Fiona Geard
- French: Callum Hossack & Charlotte Stevens, Blake Stephens
- Drama: Chiaki Abiko & Lisa Mundwiler, Sarah Nicoll
- Earth Science: Jameson Dewhirst & Louise Nielsen, Walter Wengert
- Hospitality: Chiaki Abiko & Xanya Wilson, Christina Cooley, Ryeece Winks
- Hospitality Studies: Janea Rascado, Hamish Ross
- Industrial Technology Studies: Chalee Akita & Donna Wilson, Louise Nielsen
- Information Processing & Technology: Walter Wengert, Oscar Nielsen
- Japanese: Matthias (Hifini) Mohamed Fazahir, Sophie Sharp
- Legal Studies: Lisa Mundwiler, Kate Johnson
- Mathematics (Advanced): Farshad Mahmoudy, Ha Bi Ba
- Mathematics (Core): FCChad Mahmoudy, Ha Bi Ba
- Special Awards: Year Coordinator’s Award, John Macdonald & Joshua Petrie
- Special Awards: Long Tan Australian Defence Force Award for Leadership & Teamwork, Timothy Vincent
- Special Awards: Sports Award, John Macdonald & Joshua Petrie
- Special Awards: Cultural Award, John Macdonald & Joshua Petrie
- Special Awards: Charles Milne Memorial Bursary for Citizenship, John Macdonald & Joshua Petrie
- Special Awards: Danish Michelsen Memorial Bursary for Citizenship, John Macdonald & Joshua Petrie
- Active Promotion of the Kedron Way: Chloe Harris, Siobhan Malone
- Active Promotion of the Kedron Way: Nathan Schoenmaker, Elise Conley
- Active Promotion of the Kedron Way: Michael Fernandez, Siobhan Malone

**MOST IMPROVED**
- Ancient History: Nathaniel Saddam
- Art: Julia Mafi
- Auslan: Brianna Kowatsch
- Chinese: Benjamin Graham
- Computer Education: Rozita Takzare
- Drama: Sara Meninga
- English: Christopher Inglis
- English for ESL: Harrison Bailey
- Food Studies: Lani Kovacs
- French: Diviyanang Angello
- Geography: Harry Nutting-Zillman
- Graphics: Julian Shores
- Health & Physical Education: Lauchlan Renner
- Industrial Technology & Design: Frances Neale
- Information Processing & Technology: Megan Christensen
- Japanese: Jullienne Vilela
- Legal Studies: Genevieve Hitzke & Lani Fabila
- Mathematics: Sara Meninga
- Music: Hamish Ross
- Special Awards: Heny Lwin & Alison Collins
- Special Awards: Timothy Vincent
- Special Awards: John Macdonald & Joshua Petrie
- Special Awards: Bonnie Mackay & Stephanie Vincent
- Active Promotion of the Kedron Way: Sarah Baldwin
Merry Christmas

2014

COMMENCEMENT DATE & TIME

Tuesday 28 January 2014

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.