FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kedron singers hit the right note - Congratulations to our Kedron singers and their conductor Mrs Hardy. They have been selected to perform at the Chorale Fanfare finals on Wednesday night 19 June at City Hall. Their selection follows eight days of heats held across the Region. While some of the Year 11 singers will remain at the Year 11 camp, camped out in the bush, three students will return to join the rest of the ensemble for this performance. The recognition as a finalist in Chorale Fanfare is a fitting reward for the semester of quality rehearsal and performance by this talented group of students. We wish them well for this competition.

More robots - Another of our talented robotics teams has won an invitation to an international competition, First Tech Challenge Asia Pacific Championship. We received the welcome news that three of our Year 10 students; Natasha Cooley, Sarah Baldwin and Tim Vincent have been invited to compete against 25 other teams from across the world. This competition takes place in Sydney over the upcoming holidays. Thank you to Mr Sharpe and Ms Powell who will accompany the team to this competition. I am sure this team will build on Kedron SHS’s robotics reputation following our recent success in the international arena.

Qschools app - Apple iPhone and iPad users may be interested in the new Qschools app now available for free from the App store. This Queensland Schools app lists all Queensland schools with information on enrolment numbers, directions, contact details, web addresses and other related information. The app is linked to our website. Currently the app will link you to our newsletter, selected news items and calendar. You can use the app to link to more than one school if you have students at another Education Queensland school that uses the new website format. We will explore how this new technology might be utilised to provide timely communication with you. We will keep you updated through our newsletter.

Road safety - I have become aware that some parents are putting a rapid collection of their student at the end of the day ahead of road safety. In particular I am concerned that parents are waiting on the far side of roads and calling their students across the road to them. These students are running through busy traffic endangering themselves and any others who may follow. Please use the pick-up zone and ensure your students follow road rules at all times.

Recently a boy was knocked from his bike when leaving the school. While the driver and rider reacted quickly to avoid a major collision it would be timely to remind your student to always use their helmet and to take extra care when cycling to and from school.

Normal road rules apply regardless if one or many students are crossing the road. Reportedly some students are not following the walk signals when crossing roads including the major arterial, Gympie Road. Administration and Year Coordinators have addressed these issues with their relevant Year levels.

Every student, every day in every lesson is as important in the final week of the term as it is in the first week. Some Year levels have particular programs in place during week 10 and teachers will be ensuring all students are fully involved in learning every lesson. I look forward to seeing full attendance all week.

Report cards will be issued week 1 of term 3 and will be supported by a Parent/Teacher night.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable holiday. I look forward to working with you and your students in semester 2.

Mr G. Latta (Acting Principal)

COMING EVENTS

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WINTER VACATION - 22 JUNE TO 7 JULY

THE MIDDLE SCHOOL SECOND HAND CLOTHING DRIVE!

Term two's 'Community Project' will revolve around the Middle School 'Reaching Out' to our local community through the donation of second hand clothing. We would greatly appreciate your support of this initiative, where possible. But, completely understand if your household's current wardrobe is not quite ready for a clean out!

Donated clothing can be brought to the Middle School Office at any time up until the last day of Term 2, Friday 21 June and donated clothing needs to be washed prior to donation, should be in reasonable condition and thus still wearable. Both children's and adult's clothing is welcome.

As always, we are incredibly thankful of your support in engaging our Middle School students in Community Projects of this nature. Should you have any further questions or clarifications, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Ms Dyson (Yr 9 Year Co-ordinator)
INFORMATION EVENING FOR (NSSCF)

LAPTOPS FOR YEAR 9 STUDENTS
An information evening for parents and carers of Year 9 students will be held on Tuesday 18th June, at 6pm in the old school Hall. This session will provide an opportunity for parents to clarify any points and also ask questions as to how the take-home laptop program works for students at our school.

Feel free to contact me with any questions concerning the laptops and our 1to1 program in general. Slang58@eq.edu.au
Mr Steve Lang, HOD eLearning

ATHLETICS AT KEDRON
Next term the school will be hosting its 56th Annual Kedron Athletics Carnival. This will take place on the Thursday of Kedron Week, Week 2, the 18th of July. I hope that all students will consider taking part and will use the holidays to perfect their running, jumping and throwing. We have had great success at District and Regional level in the past few years due to the high standards of our athletes.

For the Year 10,11 and 12 students the race to amass Age Champion and House points has already begun, with our Half Day Athletics Carnival taking place during regular Wednesday Afternoon Sport.

Two school records were broken, both in the 18 Years Boys category. Graham George set a new school 400m record in this age group with a run of 58.59 seconds while Connor Granziien broke the 18 Years Triple Jump record with a leap of 10.60m. Well done to both boys on excellent results. I look forward to seeing more records fall when we hold our carnival next term.
Mr Blanshard - Sports Co-ordinator

KEDRON SOFTBALLERS HEADING NORTH
Kedron has had six students make the Met North Open Boys Softball team that will be heading to Bundaberg at the start of Term 3 to contest the Queensland Championships. The six boys are:
Chris Lofaro and Toa Steiner in Year 12, Brandon Goffer in Year 11, Daiki Kimoto and Tim Vincent in Year 10 and Shannon Goffer in Year 9. The coach of the team is Mrs Leigh Muller from the HPE Department. We wish them all the best for next term.

CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS
Four Kedron Cross Country runners have been selected in the highly competitive Met North Cross Country team. Sophie Ingram and Chelsea Vincent in Year 12 and twins Tim and Stephanie Vincent in Year 10 have all made the team and will be contesting the Queensland Championships in Bundaberg at the start of Term 3.

This is an outstanding result for the Vincent family that has had all three children recognised for their athletic excellence. We wish all four runners the best of luck for Bundaberg.

HANDBALL TAKING OFF AT KEDRON
Handball is making a comeback here at Kedron with over 40 students turning to trials to play for the school at the State All Schools Tournament.

The school will enter 2 Junior Boys teams (15 Years and Under), one Senior Boys team and One Senior Girls team. So great has the response been that we will start running Handball as an afterschool sport on Thursdays in the Sports Hall for all students.

We also wish our players the best in the tournament (which will have already taken place on Sunday the 16th of June by the time the newsletter is printed) and hope that some of them can win state selection.

MET NORTH RUGBY LEAGUE TRIUMPH
The Met North Open Boys Rugby League team recently contested the Queensland Schools Championship in Kingaroy and came away as the tournament winners. This was especially satisfying as the team contained two Kedron players, Joel Adams (Year 12) and Richard Tengdui (Year 11) as well as being managed by our Year 8 co-ordinator and HPE teacher Mr Michael Crosby.
Well done to both students and staff on an excellent result.

CHELSEA’S OLYMPIC RECOGNITION
Chelsea Vincent’s outstanding sporting year, in which she has represented the school and Met North region at triathlon, softball, soccer and cross country, has been rewarded by the Queensland Olympic Council who have awarded her the Pierre de Coubertin Award.

This prestigious award is given to only the top secondary school athletes in the state and is designed to reward participation and commendable sporting behaviour consistent with the Olympic Movement. Recipients need to have gained representative status in at least three sports, submit a written piece of work that shows an appreciation of the Olympic Movement and be nominated by a teacher who feels that they display excellent sporting behaviour on and off the pitch.

With such difficult criteria it is a testament to Chelsea to win one of these awards. She will be awarded her prize in a special ceremony conduct by the Queensland Olympic Council and involving past and present Olympians during the school holidays. Congratulations to Chelsea once again.

POWERHOUSE PROGRAMS
Kedron State High School, is hosting a highly distinctive parent information evening called, Raising Teenage Boys, on Wednesday 10 July, 6:30-8:30p.m. in our school hall. This is a 2 hour presentation to help improve the experience of parenting and to support teenagers at this critical juncture in their lives. Content relevant for parents of boys and girls, aged 11-18yrs.
KEDRON GOES PATHOLOGICAL

On May 28th three Senior Biology students, Bill Nhan, Emma Williams and Amy Fan attended a special event at the University of Queensland’s (UQ) Integrated Pathology Learning Centre (IPLC) at the Royal Brisbane and Women’s Hospital campus at Herston. The students were accompanied by Mr Aspinall and Ms Nichols.

Pathology Day was sponsored by the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia and highlighted the role of the pathology profession in health care in Australasia. UQ Faculty staff shared interesting aspects of their role in pathology practice and research both within the health profession and with the general community. They covered topics including, forensic pathology, links between cancer research and hospital autopsies and the pathology of the brain. During the brief tour of the Centre, the students viewed a collection of human tissue specimens that demonstrate a wide range of diseases.

The students reflected that the visit was invaluable for hearing first-hand about some of the issues in evaluating Biological issues which is a major assessment criterion for their course. The afternoon provided a unique insight into careers in Pathology, as well as some of the issues that scientists have to address and the approach they take to solving them.

Overall it was a very rewarding experience, and future visits will certainly be explored.

Ms Nichols, Amy Fan, Bill Nhan, Emma Williams and Mr Aspinall at the Integrated Pathology Learning Centre.

IMPORTANT PARENT INFORMATION

Late Passes and Leave Passes

It is important that we know who is at school at any given time. If your child arrives late to school - (transport problems, late buses or medical appointment) - they should go straight to the Middle School Office (Yrs 8 & 9) or Senior School Office (Yrs 10, 11 & 12) to sign in for the day. **STUDENTS DO NOT** go to class until someone at the office has signed them in. Where possible you should also supply a note explaining the reason.

Students may need to leave school early for an appointment. Students bring their permission note from home to the School Office where they will be given a leave pass to leave the school grounds at the appropriate time requested.

**STUDENTS SHOULD NOT RING PARENTS DIRECTLY FROM THEIR MOBILE PHONES** **WITHOUT FIRST SPEAKING TO SOMEONE IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE.** It is quite difficult at times for staff to leave the office or to locate your child especially at lunch breaks.

These passes are very important. We keep track of attendance with a computerised attendance program which notifies parents of absences automatically by SMS message. We do not want anybody worrying that their child is not at school simply because they have forgotten to sign in or sign out.

ARTS NEWS

This year the Kedron Arts Department is launching its first Cabaret concert, showcasing work from our Art, Drama and Music classrooms completed by students from Years 8-12. Cabaret will be on Friday the 26th July at Kedron SHS from 7pm and will be releasing a limited number of tickets for tables to the event from Monday the 8th of July from the accounts window. We are calling on donors for raffle prizes and concert give-aways to help promote fundraising for our extra-curricular programs in the Arts. If you would like to donate a prize for our raffle or have any vouchers or items you could offer for the concert, please contact me on the details below.

Tickets for tables go on sale from Monday the 8th July at $7 per person or $25 per family. Tickets will also be on sale at the door on the night if you would like to purchase for general seating for $5 per person or $20 per family.

Thanks for your interest in this great event, please contact Rohan Hardy (A/HOD The Arts) if you would like to donate any raffle prizes on 3630 3307 or email rhard61@eq.edu.au and we can arrange to collect the prizes prior to the concert on the 26th of July.

Thanks also to all of our parents and students involved in our hugely successful Semester One Concert on Thursday the 30th of May! The outstanding performances from each ensemble highlighted the fantastic work of our extra-curricular staff and amazing talent of our students. Thank you to our parent volunteers who gave up their time and energy during the evening to help us fundraise in the canteen, at the door and with our generous raffle prizes.

In other news in the Arts, our Kedron Singers, directed by Mrs Hardy will again be representing Kedron regionally, this year at the Choral Fanfare finals at City Hall’s beautiful new Ithaca Auditorium on Wednesday the 19th of June at 8:30pm. Participating students are asked to arrive by 8pm at the latest for warm-up prior to hitting the stage and doing Kedron proud once again… good luck!!

The symphony orchestra season got off to a huge start last Saturday the 15th of June with 50 students participating, led by Mr Boughen and members of our music and extra-curricular music staff, as they begin to form our largest Symphony yet at Kedron. Some of the works we started rehearsing this year included Brahms, Bartok and Copeland, featuring members of our World Ensemble, and tutorials run by talented Kedron alumni and other specialist staff. The next workshop is on the 31st of August in preparation for the premiere performance at the Gala Concert in October.

Thank you also to our Year 10 cohort for completing the online arts senior subject selection survey. We have compiled some great feedback about potential senior courses or future programs and career pathways we can provide as part of the Arts at Kedron and we value each and every student contribution. We are hopeful that the direction we take in shaping valuable curricular experiences in the Arts at Kedron will consider the broad opportunities and future careers and pathways in the Arts. We will work more with the Year 10 cohort in the coming weeks and in Term 3 in order to provide...
students with more information about subject selection for 2014.

LANGUAGES NEWS
MORE Kedron Students WIN trips to China!!
Following Year 11 student Cassie Caragay’s China Trip win, with the Shanghai Sister Cities competition earlier this term, TWO MORE students have won trips to China with the Confucius Institute Chinese Speaking and China Bridge Competitions held at QUT Kelvin Grove campus on 18 May. Supported and tutored by Ms Wu, Nicholas Wenhao Lee, Joseph Cho, Emma Williams, Po Ree Nay Thar, Xuan Tan, Bernise Lee, Jazmin Hubbs, Jenessa Lin, Sofia Bande Ei Thet Maw Mya and Ran Ru Tan entered the Chinese Speaking Competition. Competing against elite private schools and state schools from across Queensland, Kedron students performed exceptionally. Congratulations to Ei Thet Maw Mya and Bernise Lee who came away with Merit Prizes and Poh Ree Nay Thar who secured second place.

Students who entered the China Bridge competition for Senior non-native speakers, completed a 3 minute speech in Chinese and performed a 3-5 minute cultural performance. On that day, three major prizes of trips to China were up for grabs, and TWO of them were won by Kedron High students, Joseph Cho (second place) and Ester Sands (third place). An exceptional result!

Joseph will continue in the competition travelling to China this year to compete in the worldwide China Bridge Finals. Competing against 200 students from 40 different countries, Joseph will represent Australia to compete in a range of challenges in the format of a television game show, which will be broadcast to viewers throughout China. Voting for the best performance will take place over the internet.

Year 12 Kedron student, Ester Sands who won a place as an observer on the China Bridge competition will accompany Joseph to China.

International Food Day – Kedron Week
Thank you to the families who have already registered to provide a delicious dish from their home country for Kedron Week next term. If your family would also like to contribute, please call Mrs Nagel or Mrs Burman in Q Block or on 3630 3336 as soon as possible. With presentation of receipts, the cost of all ingredients will be reimbursed by the school. Let’s celebrate our diversity through food!

Year 10 student, Alison Collins was recently inspired by her French lessons to create this Eiffel Tower culinary masterpiece! We hope this was just a practice cake and that she’ll be making another for International Food Day next term.

Year 8 Japanese Apple Store excursion
During week 7 this term, Year 8 Japanese students visited the Apple Store at Chermside Shopping Centre as part of their end of term assessment. Students quickly became familiar with iMovie and will use the intuitive app to prepare a multimedia presentation with images, video and voice in Japanese.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL ACTION GROUP STARTS AGAIN AT KEDRON
Amnesty International is a worldwide movement of people campaigning to protect human rights. In Term 2, the Kedron Amnesty International Action Group has swung back into action with a campaign for Afghan Women’s Rights. The students who have formed the group are interested in campaigning to protect the human rights of people around the world. In week 2, the Amnesty leadership team was elected: Toa Steiner is the president, Kurt Perez, the vice president, Dylan Coetzee, the secretary and Joseph Cho, the treasurer. In week 4, the group went to the Amnesty International Schools’ Conference at Brisbane State High where they participated in workshops and learnt more about the Amnesty International Organisation. The students had a fantastic day and in Week 8 they put their newly learnt skills to use promoting the Amnesty International campaign to protect the human rights of women in Afghanistan. Amnesty International is campaigning to ensure women and girls in Afghanistan are protected, enjoy their full set of human rights, and are empowered and supported in leading changes in their lives. As part of the Kedron School Action Group’s campaign, students placed empty desks around the school to symbolize the many girls who cannot access education in Afghanistan because of their gender. The group staffed the desks, handed out information and worked to create more awareness around the issue. Amnesty International representatives, Andy and Jane also spoke on assembly about the campaign and were very impressed with the Kedron School Action Group’s campaign ideas.

Kedron students at the Amnesty International Schools Conference
Andy and Jane talking on Assembly.
An empty desk symbolizing Afghan girls who are forbidden from attending school
Shelby talking to Amnesty representatives at the Schools Conference
If you would like to find out more about the Afghan Women campaign please visit the website at http://www.amnesty.org.au/afghanwomen/
Congratulations to the Kedron Amnesty International School Action Group for a great start in Term 2.
Ms. R. Monsour (Amnesty International School Action Group Teacher Supervisor)
COMMUNITY NOTICES

**BAREFOOT BOWLS**
The Kedron Borneo team is hosting Barefoot Bowls at the Stafford Bowls Club, just behind McDonalds. Come on down and have a great time with all your friends and family.
Details: Friday July 12th, 6:30pm till late. $10 adults, $5 students. There will be food, raffles and prizes! See you all there! Put it in your diaries and calendars now! 😊

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

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**2013 SOMERSET RAIL TRAIL FUN RUN**
It’s that time of year again, where Somerset Regional Council are asking all community members, friends and families to jump on board the **2013 Somerset Rail Trail Fun Run** being held on Sunday, 14th July 2013.

The **2013 Somerset Rail Trail Fun Run** will start in Lowood and finish in Fernvale, with participants having the choice of two distances, 3km or 8.3km. Prizes for most categories including best fancy dress costume/s. There will be entertainment and community stalls making it a great morning out for all ages.

Early bird registration to go into the draw to win a Tandem Skydive at Ramblers Parachute Centre. Free Rail Trail Fun Run Cap to the first 1000 entrants. Register online at www.railtrailfunrun.com.au

For further details contact Scott Aurisch / Liz Hare at Somerset Regional Council on 5424 4000

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**BUNYAVILLE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE P & C ASSOCIATION**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
The Bunyaville Environmental Education Centre is one of twenty five centres operated by Department of Education, Training and Employment. Bunyaville EEC designs, promotes and delivers highly effective environmental education programs for schools P-12 and the community including providing professional development for teachers. Promoting health and well-being and education for a sustainable future are key themes with Centre programs linked to the Australian Curriculum and Education Queensland’s Curriculum into the Classroom. Bunyaville EEC personalises the learning for each class, helping teachers to connect the classroom learning, beyond the classroom by engaging students in real-life experiences in natural settings.

Without a student and parent population we rely on the generosity of our volunteers to provide their time and energies to help support the Centre. We currently have positions available for:

- Volunteer Co-Ordinator
- Assist in Fundraising

If you would like to help please email Dianne Robinson - dianne_lea@hotmail.com for further information.

Visit our web site for more information about Bunyaville Environmental Education Centre: www.bunyavilleee.eq.edu.au
JUNIOR DRAMA
The first Year 8s started their rotation of Drama, studying a play that deals with bullying. Some great work has been seen in the B9 Drama room and we look forward to the rest of the Year 8s coming through the Junior Drama program. Year 9s have studied Theatresports, Clowning and Commedia del’ Arte this Semester. Some very funny lazzi (or scenes) have been presented and we can’t wait for Semester 2’s students to walk through our doors.

SENIOR DRAMA
Year 10s studied and presented scenes from the play Juice. They have seen live theatre and have just finished their creation of a symbolic and ritualistic performance. Next semester we study DocuDrama and they get to see what the Year 11s do for Zen Zen Zo! The Year 11 Drama students have taken to Senior Drama like ducks to water. Their scenes from Blackrock and X-Stacey were captivating and as their teacher I can’t wait to see what they create next term in our annual collaboration with Zen Zen Zo Physical Theatre Company. We sell out every year so make sure you keep an ear and eye out for ticket sales! Year 12 Drama have been truly inspiring this semester in their study of the existential paradigm in Absurd Theatre and then in Brechtian theatre. It is very exciting to see such a high level of work and they will no doubt continue to amaze us in their One Person Shows next term.

Here are some of the events and competitions that have taken place so far:

Term 1:
- Class Clowns Regional, State and Final Competition with Fin Taylor and Esther Dougherty going through to State and Esther going on to compete in Melbourne as part of the Melbourne International Comedy Festival.
- Luxie Henseleit, Lucy Coogan and Kayla Lavell chosen as the Kedron SHS La Boite Ambassadors 2013.
- Year 11 Forum Theatre workshop run by Rob Pensalfini from the University of Queensland the Queensland Shakespeare Ensemble.

Term 2:
- Theatre sports Team 1 and Team 2 both received “Moment of the Night” at their heats against other schools this term. They performed clever and entertaining scenes to large and appreciative audiences.
- An Actors Workshop was run for the Year 11 Drama class by professional actor and vocal coach Helen Howard.
- Year 12 have been to see Mother Courage by the Queensland Theatre Company
- Year 11 viewed a live performance of Anton Chekhov’s Three Sisters
- Year 10 Drama viewed a live performance of The Stones by Zeal Theatre at KSHS
- Year 9 participated in full day Commedia Workshops with Homunculus
- Year 10 Drama experienced a Neutral Mask workshop with Homunculus
- A mixture of Year 10, 11 and 12 students went to see Cosi, performed at QUT

Term 3 dates for your calendars include:
- 12 Drama – Wednesday 24 July: Excursion to BLAK at The Playhouse, QPAC
- 11 Drama – Wednesday 28 August: Excursion to Medea by Zen Zen Zo
- 11 Drama – Zen Zen Zo Camp – Week 6 of Term 3 at Kedron SHS in the Old Hall
- 11 Drama – Zen Zen Zo Physical Theatre Performance at Kedron SHS Thursday 22 and Friday 23 August

As you can see we are all systems GO in the Drama Department! Please don’t hesitate to contact myself, Ms Dana Holden, or A/HOD Mr Rohan Hardy with any questions about Drama at Kedron State High School.