FROM THE PRINCIPAL
EVERY STUDENT in EVERY CLASS (and activity) EVERY DAY of the school year (in uniform including hats).
Welcome back to Term 3. The beginning of this term has a lot of excitement around it. As you read this, Kedron week is unfolding and I am very much looking forward to experiencing this uniquely Kedron celebration of our diversity. It is the similarities and the differences amongst our student population that combine to add strength to The Kedron Way.

It is only early in the term and already there are students to congratulate for their recent successes. Debating has taken a major leap forward this year at Kedron. Our students and their coaches have competed successfully throughout Term 2 and six of our seven teams have won their way through to the Queensland Debating Union finals which begin in week 3 this term. This is an outstanding achievement which I believe is unlikely to be replicated by any other school, State or Private. We wish them well for the final series.

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, three of our Year 10 students; Tash Cooley, Sarah Baldwin and Tim Vincent, gave up the end of their holidays to compete in the Asia Pacific Lego Tech Challenge. Competing with a small robot and against senior students from around the world our students did very well, learning and improving every day. They were the number 1 team from Australia and 11th overall at the end of the competition. Their passion for learning and ambition to improve for next year’s competition is inspiring. Thank you to Mrs Powell and Mr Taylor-Davis for accompanying the team.

The Interhouse rivalry continues on Thursday 18 July with the Track and Field day. Hopefully the weather will be great for the day so everyone can enjoy taking part and cheering their house mates on.

This is a busy term for our Year 12s. To assist them to prepare for their very important exam block and assessment at the end of the term and the QCS test we are providing on-line tutorials on Tuesday nights from 7 – 9 pm. While these tutorials will have a QCS focus, they will help students across all their subjects. Parents are welcome to watch with their students as they participate in these tutorials. Students in both Years 12 and 11 have the log on details. It is strongly recommended that every OP eligible student in Years 11 and 12 participate in these tutorials. The school is meeting the cost of providing these tutorials for your students.

I look forward to meeting many of you at the Parent/Teacher conference night on Thursday 25 July.

Mr G. Latta (Acting Principal)

COMING EVENTS

| JULY  | 15 | Semester Reports Issued
| 15-19 |    | Kedron Week
| 16   |    | P&C Meeting 7pm
|      |    | Junior Sport Round 5
|      |    | QIMR Yr 12 Biology all day
| 17   |    | Senior Sport Round 5
| 18   |    | Inter School Athletics Carnival
| 19   |    | Yr 11 Physics Excursion (Dream World)
|      |    | Non-uniform Day
| 23   |    | Senior Sport Round 6
| 24   |    | Yr 12 Drama ‘Black’ @ OPAC
|      |    | Senior Sport Round 6
| 25   |    | Science Competition - All year levels
|      |    | Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
| 26   |    | Yr 10 Excursion Hospitality
|      |    | Yr 11 Chemistry Field Trip (Kedron Brook)
|      |    | Kedron Cabaret 7pm Hall

SEASON REPORTS & PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT CONFERENCES

Semester Reports will be issued to all students in form class on Monday 15 July.

Please note that on the student reports there is a five point scale for Effort & Behaviour:

- Excellent; Very Good; Satisfactory; Needs Attention & Unacceptable

Achievement codes for Years 8 & 9 are A, B, C, D & E.

Achievement codes for Years 12, 11 & 10 are now:

- VHA (Very High Achievement); HA (High Achievement); SA (Satisfactory Achievement);
- LA (Limited Achievement) and VLA (Very Limited Achievement).

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences will be held on Thursday 25 July from 3.00pm-7.30pm. Booking information has been sent home with students with their reports. Interviews will be of 5 minutes duration. The system will automatically put a five minute gap between interviews to allow parents to move between appointments and maximise the time with teachers.

At Kedron we believe that the most meaningful partnerships are those where schools, parents and students work together to focus on student learning. All parents/carers are encouraged to speak to teachers on this evening irrespective of the results your child has received.
KEDRON ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
This Thursday will be the Kedron State High School Athletics Carnival. This is the last of the three major sporting carnivals of the year. Once again we will see if Lutwyche can defend their title from last year. Already some of the other houses have put in excellent performances at the half day athletics which took place in Term 2.

Those students who are competing for the Age Champion Title will need to make sure that they take part in as many events as possible to secure this prestigious title.

All students are reminded to turn up in sports uniform before getting changed into their house colours at school. We also recommend that students bring sun protection and water for the day. The tuck shop will be open as normal.

CHELSEA VINCENT'S OLYMPIC AWARD
Congratulations to Chelsea Vincent on winning the Pierre de Coubertin award from the Australian Olympic Committee. This distinguished award is presented to students who combine sporting excellence with a demonstrated knowledge of the Olympic tradition and who display good sportsmanship. Chelsea has represented Met North at four sports this year (triathlon, softball, cross country, soccer). This is a fantastic achievement and it couldn’t go to a more deserving student.

STATE GYMNAST GOES TO THE NATIONALS
Jordan Marozza has been selected to represent Queensland in the Men’s National Gymnastics Championships in a couple of weeks’ time. Jordan is an exceptional athlete who devotes many hours every week to his chosen sport, and this is a wonderful opportunity for him to compete at the top level. We wish Jordan all the best at the Nationals.

AFTER SCHOOL SPORT
Now that Term 3 has commenced students are invited to make the most of the after school sports opportunities. These afternoon sessions run from 3pm to 4pm, are open to all students (male and female) and are free of charge. The emphasis is on playing games and having fun. The sports on offer are:
Tuesday – Touch
Wednesday – Futsal (indoor soccer)
Thursday – Team Handball
Friday – Basketball

CHANGES TO ROUTE 369 TOOMBUL TO MITCHELTON
Peak school am and pm services will run every 20mins compared to the 15mins they currently run, off peak will be a 30 min service, also 369 will not service D.F.O (Skygate and beyond). Please be aware that there is no change to the actual route between Mitchelton and Toombul. Should students wish to travel between Toombul and D.F.O (Skygate and beyond) they will need to transfer to ROUTE 590 at Toombul. Timetables will be available on the Translink website from mid-July.

BIENNIAL SNOW TRIP CANBERRA–PERISHER/SMIGGINS FOR YEARS 10-12
An extra place has opened on the Ekka Week Snow Trip – 10-16 August. Cost is approx. $1600 + spending money and includes return flights, tour of Canberra, on-snow accommodation including breakfasts and dinners, 6 days on snow, ski lessons, gear and equipment and a night ski. Please contact Miss Fairley ASAP to pick up a form and pay your deposit. First in, secures the spot. To enquire, please contact me on: jfair4@eq.edu.au or call 3630-3317.
Miss Fairley

WELCOME TO KEDRON WEEK
This week marks the beginning of Kedron Week, a week-long celebration of the amazing talent and rich cultural diversity that is our school. An extended assembly, beginning at 8:40am each day will showcase the skills and abilities of our many musical and culturally diverse students. Students and teachers have practised for hours in preparation and we look forward to their well-polished performances.

The festivities continue throughout the day with special activities planned for each lunch break, including the annual Athletics Carnival on Thursday and the highly anticipated International Food Day on Friday.

Parents should also note that Friday has been approved as a non-uniform day. With a gold coin donation, students are permitted to wear conservative casual dress and appropriate shoes. All proceeds will go to Interact.

INVITATION TO PARENTS
Come and share Kedron Week with us! Parents are warmly welcome to attend Kedron Week celebrations. Limited seating is available. To book your place, please contact Mrs Dannenberg on cdann1@eq.edu.au or by phone 36303323.

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTIES
If you are a parent or carer or work with a young person who self-harms, join eHeadspace on Wednesday 17th July from 5.00-6.30pm (AEST) for a live web chat about how to gain support for loved ones. For more information, visit: http://www.headspace.org.au/about-headspace/news-videos/news/helping-parents-manage-self-harm
YEAR 12 STUDENTS HELP “CLOSE THE GAP” IN INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

The year 12 Community Awareness activity was held on the 20th June. It was a very informative and practical afternoon. The aim was to raise our students’ awareness of how they can contribute to the National agenda of “Closing The Gap” in Indigenous Education.

The desired outcome was that the students would understand that they can contribute by:

1. knowing and acknowledging the contribution of history to the gap in education
2. understanding other issues that contribute to the gap in education
3. being aware of their own attitude to indigenous educational/career potential.
4. being aware of indigenous people in our own community and the organisations involved in the “Closing the Gap” agenda.

We had 3 guest speakers. They were Lynn Chapman, the Regional Community Education Counsellor from Education Queensland’s Regional Office; Uncle Terry Williams, an aboriginal elder from the North Brisbane area; and Graeme, a representative from the North West Aboriginal and Islander Community Association (NWAICA). They spoke with our students to inform them of the practical role they can play in their community to help address this urgent issue in Australia today.

Lynn presented a program that will be introduced to other schools, so Kedron students were the first to do it, and she received useful feedback from it. Our intention is to continue communication with Lynn Chapman to look at how future year groups can also contribute.

At the end of the educational component our Seniors received their senior jerseys to acknowledge the importance of their sense of community and their place in it. The students then watched the movie “Samson and Delilah”, an Australian movie directed by an indigenous director about the issues that confront young indigenous people in Australia. This was a very raw and honest presentation of the difficulties that the Australian community is facing when addressing the issues of “closing the gaps”.

Allan Palmer, Geoff Fabila and Ben Gray share their thoughts on Indigenous Australian history.

PARENTAL AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM (PACE) AT KEDRON STATE HIGH SCHOOL

To enhance Kedron State High’s support of their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, Acting Deputy Principal, Matthew McCarthy signed off on a formal agreement with the newly formed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander School Committee facilitated by Kurbingui Youth Development Association.

The Committee will work in partnership with the school to implement its “Closing the Gap” Indigenous education strategies especially given the limited access to the Indigenous resources e.g. Community Education Counsellors. Indigenous Teacher, Petrina Underwood is very keen to ensure that the learning environment at Kedron State High responds effectively to the cultural, social and educational needs of her Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and welcomes the School – Community Partnerships Agreement. The Agreement also formalises and demonstrates the school’s commitment to the wider community.

Below is a photo of the school, parent and community representatives signing off on the Community/School Partnership Agreement signed on 23 May 2013.

If you would like to join the committee, please contact the school or Kurbingui Youth Development on 07 3265 3260 for more information.


SORRY DAY CEREMONY

On May 27th Mr Geoff Latta accompanied Tahlei Anderson, Budda McCarthy and School Captains, Chelsea Vincent and Declan Smith to the National Sorry Day Ceremony. The ceremony was held at the Stolen Generations Memorial Site, Kalinga Park with performances by students from surrounding schools. Budda McCarthy placed flowers on the memorial in remembrance of the families affected.
KEDRON STUDENTS EXPLORE CAREER OPTIONS AT UQ

We had forty-nine enthusiastic senior school students who had registered to attend UQ’s Careers that Shape the World Day on Thursday 11 July. Students selected three activities from a range of faculties to experience whether they would find careers in that discipline interesting and suitable to them. For many, it confirmed their hopes for courses; whilst for others, it clarified that such a field of education was not for them.

Career education opportunities, like university days and work experience in the labour market industry, assist students in establishing their interests and also in identifying their strengths- the two most important influences in choosing the most appropriate and satisfying career path for them.

It was a successful day for those who attended. Our students demonstrated Kedron's high standards in dress code, behaviour and overall conduct. They certainly upheld our motto, 'To Strive is to Shine'.

Other career development opportunities coming up in the next few weeks include:

- University Open Days (students are encouraged to refer to our school intranet for a list)
- TSXpo on Saturday and Sunday 20-21 July at the RNA showgrounds (10am-4pm)
- QTAC parent evening on 1 August for both Year 10 subject selections and Year 12s soon to apply for entry into tertiary study
- Career Expo for Year 10s on Monday 22 July at school.

For any career information or if your students need support with subject selection, tertiary pathways or general career development, please encourage students to make an appointment with me through administration. Fiona Lyon, Guidance Officer. ☺

YEAR 8 NEWS

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday. I am looking forward to Term 3 and looking through every Year 8’s report. We had some very busy Year 8s last term. Congratulations to Ashleigh Glover who was selected in the QLD Youth Orchestra Junior String Ensemble. Ashleigh was not with us at the end of last term as she was playing the cello with her ensemble who toured the Harvey Bay region. Readers of the Bayside and Northern Suburbs Star Newspaper may have seen Hamish Chappell on the front page. Hamish is an assistant patrol leader at Scouts.

Margaret Farmer, a physiotherapist visiting the school, wanted to pass on her thanks to Matthew Burridge for his assistance when he saw she needed help to carry her equipment from the car. Thank you to those parents who contacted me regarding attendance. Berenise Lee, Hamish Chappell and Catherine Rogers have also managed to have 100% attendance for the year! I look forward to seeing the Year 8s attendance stay at such a high level. If your child is unwell, please ensure you notify the office that they will not be at school.

Mr Crosby

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THE GREAT “KEDRON WEEK” TRIVIA NIGHT - FRIDAY 19th JULY

For a great night out, put together a table of family and friends. Up to 8 people & choose a theme if you want. Or come on your own and meet new people.

TRIVIA NIGHT DETAILS

Date: Friday 19th July
Time: 7:00 for a 7:25 p.m. start. Finish by 9:30 p.m.
Where: Wooloowin State School Hall, Gympie Road just up from the Kedron Park Hotel. Parking available at Wooloowin SS and at the KP.
Cost: $10 Entry. Book your table through Russell Bergman (0408 158 109) or just pay at the door.

Parents

Drop your child at the School Dance and come to Trivia! Or they can come to Trivia too!

Great Prizes & Trophies

1st, 2nd, 3rd Table Prizes. Best Themed Table. Door & Seat Prizes.

Purchase on Night
Hot Dogs, Pies & Snacks, Cake & Desserts, Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, & Soft Drinks.

Donate Prizes
To donate items for prizes contact Ian Charlesworth (0411 861 071)
Fundraiser for the Kedron SHS Chaplaincy Service.
The Kedron Cabaret 2013

Friday 26th of July
7pm Kedron Hall

Showcasing the ripest and freshest talent from around the Kedron Arts Department… including singers, musicians, comedians, actors and artists…

PLUS great food and drink AND some awesome prizes to be won!!!

Tickets at a Table (with food platter)
$7 Each or $25 for Family from ACCOUNTS

Limited General Admission
Tickets available at the door
$5 Per Person or $20 Per Family
It’s been a productive and busy start in Semester One for 2013 in the Visual Arts Faculty. Here are some highlights of the students work:

**APT7 Art Gallery Excursion**
The Year 11 and 12 Visual Art classes travelled into the Queensland Art Gallery cultural precinct at South Brisbane in February to explore the 7th Asia Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art (APT7). The APT7 is the only major exhibition series to focus exclusively on the contemporary art of Asia, the Pacific and Australia. APT7 continues the series’ forward-thinking approach to questions of geography, history and culture and how these questions are explored through the work of contemporary artists. The students walked through exhibitions occupying the entire Gallery of Modern Art and key spaces at the Queensland Art Gallery, viewing new and recent works by 75 senior and emerging artists and groups from 27 countries across the region. The students also investigated major groups of works by younger-generation artists from Indonesia and Vietnam reflecting exciting scenes emerging in those countries. The diversity and depth of Australian Aboriginal art was also within the exhibition, expressed in the work of five artists, representing some of the most dynamic aspects of Australian art today.

**GOA Billboard Competition**
In Semester One we hosted Rowena and Henri from the Brisbane Festival sponsored by GOA Billboards for an afternoon of photography workshops with our senior art students. The students worked on creating photography that featured this year’s theme of parks and urban spaces and entered a competition to have their art work displayed at the Judith Wright Centre in Fortitude Valley from September 17 – 28 as part of the Brisbane Festival. This year Kedron students work represented 9 of the top 30 photographs to be featured at this year’s exhibition. Shell Pray (year 12) entered with her picture of the Brisbane CBD skyline nestled amongst a beautiful urban park and was selected amongst the top 3! Shell will find out if she takes out this year’s winning photo at the exhibition launch on the 16th of September!

**Joachim Forese – Artist in Residence**
Another addition to our Artist in Residence Program here at Kedron last term was a three week residency from Brisbane based photographer, Joachim Forese. Jochaim worked with Ms Barnes’ Year 12 Visual Art class developing their photographic skills and sharing his experience through exploring still-lifes and thematic collections of work. It was great to see Joachim’s link with Kedron continuing following the fantastic commissioned work he helped create for us on display in the C block foyer.