FROM THE PRINCIPAL
EVERY STUDENT in EVERY CLASS (and activity)
EVERY DAY of the school year.
CONGRATULATIONS: To our newly inducted student leaders for 2014. (A full list is included in this newsletter) We are indeed a very fortunate community to have so many students of such high calibre take on these leadership roles. I give special mention to our captains Naszet and Jared and vice captains Jason and Katherine. As a community we will support you all in your roles.

CONGRATULATIONS: To our entire student body for their efforts to really enjoy our annual swimming carnival. Attendance numbers were great but it is still disappointing to see some students absent with consent from parents. It is disappointing from several points of view, namely we as a society are disengaging enough from each other, as a society we are less fit than we have ever been, and as parents some of us need to learn to say NO to teenager requests. Every school day is important and the lessons of school are not limited to the 3Rs.

SCHOOL EVENTS AND FUNCTIONS: Parents and caregivers please be well aware that sanctioned school events are conveyed to you via the school calendar, communicated through our newsletter, emails and letters sent from school directly to home. Any other event that may at any time arise with the school name attached is not a valid school function and has no school endorsement. It does not carry any form of supervision or responsibility that the school would assume for sanctioned events. If in doubt call the school and we will clarify any doubtful events.

HANDS OFF OR PAY THE PRICE: Our community is a ‘HANDS OFF’ environment. There is a consequence for any breach of this practice. Our society is now only just addressing this issue in any meaningful way and our stance in our community is the only appropriate one when we value safety so highly. We are currently reviewing our consequences in light of new legislation forwarded to you with the last newsletter. We now have a broader range of options as you will have read.

YEAR 12 – 2014 - We have commenced individual interviews with students around current performance and QCS trial data. Parent sessions will commence shortly. Our message to students is clear – try to do your very best in each subject and work as conscientiously and diligently in preparing for the QCS test. These two elements are the key drivers for improved outcomes for students.

SCHOOL GROWTH - Our school continues to attract students in increasing numbers with our Enrolment Management Plan assisting us to manage that demand. Day 8 enrolment was 1205.

GREAT RESULTS GUARANTEE: The school will benefit from a grant of $516495 with which we will target literacy and numeracy goals. More information will follow.

REMINDER: We are a ‘laptop’ school and a key to the efficient, economical running of our scheme is the part that students play in looking after school devices. It is MANDATORY for students to use the hard cases supplied daily to protect devices on a daily. Where damage occurs and the case has not been used we will not cover any damage as accidental and the full cost will be passed on to parents. We believe that we are on the cusp of a ‘Bring Your Own Device’ (BYOD) scheme to operate statewide either later this year or next and we will keep you informed as to progress in this area. When the BYOD is operating it will be a direct parent cost re damage etc so our current scheme is good preparation for students.

Myron McCormick

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY
18 Yr 8 Meet & Greet 5pm-7pm & Disco (finish 9pm) P & C Meeting 7pm Constitutional Convention, District Swimming Carnival Valley 19 Senior Interschool Sport Round 1 Yr 11 Drama ‘Cosi’ 21 Yr 11 Earth Science Geology of Brisbane Yr 8 – 10 Chinese Cultural day 24 Yr 12 Hospitality Exc (Lunch –P4) 25 Junior Interschool Sport Round 1 26 Senior Interschool Sport Round 2 27 CATCH UP PHOTOS Qld Regional Linguistics Competition 28 Clean up Australia Day – Student Council YR 10 Drama 1.45pm ‘The Apology’ Old Hall

UNIFORM SHOP
Sweatshirts and Jumpers have gone up $1.50 each Sweatshirts are now $45.50/Poly Cotton Jumpers $56.50.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING FOR YEAR 9 LAPTOPS
Where: Kedron High – in the front hall When: Tuesday 25th February 6pm – 7pm Why?
• Find out about the laptop to be issued;
• How does the take-home program work?
• What does it cost?
• Be among the first to read the charter agreement, sign it and have your child receive their laptop;

But I cannot be there.
• Student form rolls will contain a charter document with all the details, plus an individualised contract for you to sign.
• Return it as soon as possible to speed up allocation of the laptop.
Brief Overview

- Students will receive the laptops that were used by the Year 12 students in 2013. They are still under warranty.
- This is an interim measure until the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) scheme can be implemented – hopefully later this year
- Students are expected to bring their laptops every day and have them every lesson unless told otherwise by their teacher.
- Using a laptop does NOT replace bringing writing materials for all classes.
- Batteries may no longer hold a charge to last the day at school. Students may bring their charger to ensure the laptop can be used in afternoon lessons.

YEAR 8 MEET, GREET & BOOGIE

Our Year 8 cohort of 2014 have survived their first 3 weeks at Kedron and now is a good time to start looking ahead as to how we can best support our students to achieve their best in high school. An important part of this is the Year 8 Meet & Greet that will be held on Tuesday the 18th of February. This event will be held in the green space next to the tuckshop and will be a fantastic opportunity for our Year 8’s to introduce their family to their new teachers and friends. Following this our Year 8 students are welcome to enjoy busting a move at the Year 8 disco that will finish at 9pm. If there are any parents interested in becoming more involved with the school, the P & C will be running a meeting in Q Block starting at 7pm.

TEACHERS ARE LEARNERS TOO!

In order to best support your students in their learning our teachers engage in a range of professional learning to continually expand their skills and knowledge of highly effective teaching strategies. This year our continued focus is to:

1. Differentiate teaching to meet the specific learning needs of students across the full range of abilities.
2. Apply knowledge and understanding of effective teaching strategies to support students’ literacy achievement.
3. Establish challenging learning goals – set explicit, challenging and achievable learning goals for all students.
4. Use ICT safely, responsibly and ethically – incorporate strategies to promote the safe, responsible and ethical use of ICT in learning and teaching.
5. Use student assessment data to analyse and evaluate student understanding of subject/content, identifying interventions and modifying teaching practice.
6. Participate in learning to update knowledge and practice, targeted to professional needs and school/system priorities; and
7. Engage with professional teaching networks, parents and the broader community to broaden knowledge and improve practice.

Just as your students are setting goals to improve their school performance, so too are your students’ teachers. We use current research into effective teaching and learning practice to formulate the decisions we make as a learning community to continue to achieve positive results for your students.

Chrissie Coogan
A/Deputy Principal School Performance.

THE KEDRON SUBARTSTATION OPENS...

The official launch of Impress Printmakers Studio and Gallery at the Kedron SubARTStation is on Friday 21st February, 5.30 – 9.00pm, at134 Kedron Park Rd, Woolloowin. Please RSVP Pat on email platform6@bigpond.com.

This event marks the official opening of our new studio and gallery and the opening of the inaugural Impress members’ exhibition, Regenerate, which showcases the diverse talents and styles of the artists in our group. The exhibition will be on display Thursday to Sunday 10.00am – 4.00pm from 22 February through to 30 March 2014.

Celebrations will continue throughout March with a ‘Month of Print’ activities giving members of the public the opportunity to come and take a look at our new gallery and studio, meet with Impress artists and learn more about our vibrant organisation and the fine art of printmaking; more at the website: www.impress.org.au.

Impress has offered to develop some workshops at the SubARTStation later in the year for our art students.

WELCOME NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Kedron State High warmly welcomes eight new International students this term.

**Year 11** we have: Cheryl Chin from Malaysia, and Keran Li and Pengyu (John) Zhao from China.

**Year 10** we have: Akane Irie from Japan as well as Kappler Dowiyogo, Timothy Debao and Enoli Fritz from Nauru.

**Year 8** we have: Vibol Him from Cambodia.

Please make them all feel very welcome☺

CONGRATULATIONS TO . . .

Alanna Keogh (Yr 11) who has been selected to compete in the Under 16 Australian Indigenous netball team in July! Well done Alanna!
**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Wickham have emerged as the winners of this year’s Kedron SHS Swimming Carnival.

In front of a huge crowd of students at the Valley Swimming Pool Wickham and Lutwyche were neck and neck all day. Wickham went into the all important relay races with a slender lead and were able to win equal points as Lutwyche, keeping their rivals in second place. This was disappointing for Lutwyche who were looking to win their third swimming carnival in a row.

Congratulations must go to the new Wickham house captains Lesley Yu, Xanya Wilson, Ashleigh Perkins and Tali Wickham. They were decked out in house colours and led the students in house war cries all day.

This carnival is used as a selection trial for those students who wish to compete in the Kedron SHS Swim Team at the Central District Carnival.

This team will be led by our 17 Years Age Champions Samantha Perkins and Sam Harris. Samantha was been an outstanding swimmer throughout her time here at Kedron. She has been Age Champion every year and has broken a number of backstroke and freestyle records. It is just reward to have her lead the school team.

Finally I would like to thank all those members of staff who spent all day in the sun and noise for their efforts in making the carnival work. It is not a simple operation moving over a thousand students from school to the pool and conducting a timely carnival. It is only made possible through your hard work.

The Age Champions are as follows:

- **13 Years**
  - Noelle Pugliese, Lian Marshall

- **14 Years**
  - Caitlin Woodgate, Tristan Sweeney

- **15 Years**
  - Sophie Trimble and Tara Seiffert-Smith (shared), Spencer Nielsen

- **16 Years**
  - Stephanie Vincent, Ben Smith

- **17 Years**
  - Samantha Perkins, Sam Harris

- **18 Years**
  - Noemi Huszti, Louis Nielsen

Special mention should go to Tristan Sweeney, Ben Smith, Tara Seiffert-Smith and Samantha Perkins who all managed to defend their Age Champions titles from last year.

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**CENTRAL DISTRICT & MET NORTH SPORT**

The following trials are coming up for representative sport:

- **Friday 21st Feb (Week 4)**
  - Touch Football (Girls and Boys, 15 Years and Under and Opens).
  - Netball (Girls, Opens and 15 Years and Under).

- **Friday 28th Feb (Week 5)**
  - Australian Rules (Girls, 16 Years and Under).

- **Tuesday 4th March (Week 6)**
  - Australian Rules (Boys, 15 Years and Under).
  - Soccer (Boys and Girls, Opens only)
  - Basketball (Boys and Girls, Opens only)

The vast majority of sports have their representative trials in Term 1 and Term 2 and students must make sure they are aware of upcoming trial dates. This information can be found on the Met North website (www.metnorthandfilm.qld.edu.au). Alternatively students can refer to the sports noticeboard that is in the hallway outside the HPE department.

To be eligible for trial students need to see Mr Blanshard (Sports Coordinator) to obtain the necessary paperwork. If students have any questions about the process they are encouraged to see Mr Blanshard for further information.

Any students who are interested in attending these trials please see Mr Blanshard.

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**AFTER SCHOOL SPORT**

After School Sport has started again and we have seen good numbers at touch, Futsal and basketball. The sports on offer are:

- Tuesday: Touch
- Wednesday: Futsal (indoor soccer)
- Thursday: Volleyball
- Friday: Basketball

These sports take place between 3pm and 4pm either in the sports hall or on the sports fields and are open to students of all ages, male and female. They are free of charge and the emphasis is on participation and fun. Students who are interested in taking part are encouraged to come down and watch. The teachers in charge will endeavour to make sure that students play in games appropriate to their abilities.

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**OUTSTANDING ATHLETES**

Congratulations to the following representative athletes who have won selection in their chosen sports.

- Tim Vincent has been selected in the Met North Triathlon that will this month contest the Queensland Championships at Hervey Bay. Tim is a state level runner who has worked on his swimming and cycling to become an excellent triathlete.
- Alanna Keogh has been selected in the Australian Indigenous 16 Years Netball team. This team will play against a fellow representative team on the Gold Coast later on in the year. Alanna is a centre with amazing co-ordination who has previously won selection in high level netball teams.
- Eloise Stout has won selection in the Australian Junior Futsal team that will contest an international tournament in Brazil later on this year. Eloise is a gifted player who has regularly starred in Kedron SHS Futsal teams.

We wish these athletes all their best with their respective competitions.
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**QSA External Language Exams**

Each year in October and November, the Queensland Studies Authority conducts a series of external senior subject examinations. These examinations are for people who are not senior students in Queensland secondary schools or for senior students unable to access particular subjects at their school.

Unlike continuous school based assessment which is completed through subjects studied at school, assessment of students’ achievement in external exams is based solely on demonstrated achievement during the full day of examinations and interviews. A Sound Achievement or better in an examination may contribute four credits towards a QCE and four semester units for the calculation of an OP or FP (Field Position).

Students who speak Languages other than English at home may consider accruing credit through the external language exam process. The following languages are available: Arabic, Korean, Modern Greek, Polish, Punjabi, Russian, Spanish and Vietnamese. For nominations and information regarding external language exams, please see Mrs Lacey in Q Block.

**A Taste of French**

Year 12 students of French are invited to the University of Queensland to participate in free language workshops on 18 February. Students will also be introduced to the many opportunities available for language study at UQ. For times and location, please see Ms Saunders.

**CYBERBULLYING: SUPPORT FOR PARENTS ABOUT HOW TO AVOID IT AND HOW TO MANAGE IT**

Guidance Officer, Fiona Lyon.

With the advent and rapid growth of social media, people have increasingly chosen to bully others using technology. I was reading an article in The Sunday Examiner on 19 January 2014 which highlighted tips for parents— I thought I would share some of them with you.

- Talk to your son/daughter(s) about cyberbullying before it happens- keep communication open and observe any changes in their behaviour and attitude.
- Work out strategies to address it- that both of you are comfortable with should they need to come to report it to you or ask for advice.
- Identify other adults in whom they trust if they need to report or discuss it (I usually suggest a ‘high five’ principle- naming five adults they are comfortable talking to if or when they need to- a combination of home and school is best).
- Be aware of what your child is doing online and explore it with them. Adults need to monitor and manage internet access and use in the home.
- Help them develop positive, safe and respectful (and appropriate) communication skills on the internet (sometimes referred to as ‘netiquette’) with friends and family.
- Keeping the computer in a communal area in the home is useful for monitoring; also using filters and firewalls to protect them from undesirable websites (I suggest accessing the NIIRA website for resources and tips for parents and teachers regarding the internet [http://www.niira.org.au/](http://www.niira.org.au/)). It is important to discuss and set clear rules or boundaries about websites and ensure they adhere to them.
- Guide your child in blocking any and all offensive content- most social network websites have the ability to block and report individuals who are behaving offensively and remove inappropriate content.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**STAFFORD GIRL GUIDES VACANCIES**

Join us at Stafford Guides on Saturday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 at Hickey Park, Gamelin Crescent, Stafford. For ages 5+. Activities range from craft, abseiling, canoeing, cooking, bush skills, with opportunities for camping and more! Develop important life and leadership skills. Come along and try it with no obligation. For more information, contact Mindy on 0407 134 778. Cost is only $40 per term (plus an annual membership to Guides Queensland of $110).

**NEW GOVERNMENT FUNDED : CHILD DENTAL BENEFIT SCHEME**

Stafford Dental Studio is working with The Australian Government to improve Oral Health care for children between the ages 2-17 years old. Under Medicare your child may be eligible to access free care to the value of $1000 over a two year period. If you would like to check your eligibility or require further information please call us. STAFFORD Dental Studio ph : 3352-7177.
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Internet privacy in an age of oversharing

We are holding an information session for parents on:
Monday 10th March
@ 6:30pm in the Front Hall at Kedron State High

Join in the discussion with an ACMA Cybersmart expert.

Arm yourself with the knowledge of ‘what’s trending’ and how to assist your child navigate safety online.

www.cybersmart.gov.au
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