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

RESPECT is an earned attribute. How have you earned the respect of others in the past week? What is it that you can do each day to demonstrate the expectation you have of yourself in the area of self-respect? How can we demonstrate to others the respect we have for our school and its community?

We need to continually self-assess if we are to make a difference. The difference that we are seeking is a positive change and each person in our community can contribute to make our community a better place tomorrow than it is today.

THANK YOU: To the parents and caregivers who attended the Cyberbullying information evening early last week. It is really pleasing to see so many interested parents willing to get informed about the ever increasing risks in the world of online social communication.

YEAR 9 LAPTOP PROGRAM: The take-up (97%) for this program has been tremendous. We thank you for your support. We know there are some battery issues that we are addressing now and will resolve in the near future.

KEDRON INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC SUPPORT(KIMS): Thank you to the supportive group of parents who have resurrected this important group within our school. I thank you on behalf of the students who benefit from your efforts and thank you for the support you give to our staff.

CONGRATULATIONS: To our new Year 11 leaders. This experience is part of our student leadership training that commences in Year 8 and culminates in our Prefect induction in Year 12.

MID-SEMESTER TESTING: Tests are underway across the school to inform families about progress to date. Reports will be distributed on April 23 (Day 2 Term 2). This will focus a shared conversation at our first Parent/Teacher Evening on 8th May. It is in the school calendar but make sure to highlight it.

Myron McCormick

KEDRON SMART-PHONE APP
Kedron has developed its own Smartphone App, with a Sydney based company – Skoolbag. The app will enable us to communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community and will provide another option for sharing important information. At present the iPhone app is available, with the Android version under development – the Android version will be ready in the next few weeks hopefully by the end of Term 1. To install the iPhone version, just look for our school name "Kedron State High School” in the Apple App Store, and install it on your iPhone. Email any feedback or ideas/additions to slang58@eq.edu.au Mr Lang (HOD eLearning)

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FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL
Students in years 9-11 French had the opportunity to attend the annual French Film Festival, celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. The Alliance Française allows students and members of the public to view the most recent and most popular films released in France. This year, Kedron students saw Belle et Sébastien, a movie set in during World War II on the Swiss-French border. It was an emotional movie about a boy and a wild dog he befriends as the French face the realities of life under Nazi rule. Nevertheless, it was deemed a success by the students. All involved enjoyed the outing and the opportunity to listen to a movie entirely in French, trying to understand as much as possible.

FAREWELL
We’ve recently said a sad farewell to a couple of staff members. English and Social Science teacher, Mrs Robyn Smeltzer, retired after 12 years at Kedron and Mr Ian Furner, our highly-capable I.T. technician, left us to take up a position in Mackay. We wish them both well and thank them for their contribution to Kedron High.
KEDRON EXPO
The high level of interest in our school from parents of primary students, particularly those with children currently in Year 6 and 7, has prompted us to hold a Kedron Expo this year. It will be on Thursday, 3rd April from 3.30-7.30pm and will include displays of our faculty and extra-curricular areas. An information session is scheduled at 6pm, and a sausage sizzle will be available from 4pm.

Many of our students will be assisting on the displays and with presentations and we thank them for their willingness to participate. Parents, you will receive a letter if your son/daughter has been invited to assist.

The event has been advertised through primary schools but please feel welcome to inform families you think may be interested, of the date and time.

Our current families are, of course, welcome to come along.

ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 7 & 8, 2015
Enrolment interviews for Year 7 and Year 8, 2015 will commence in Term 2. Parents who would like to enrol children in either year level are encouraged to ring the school early in Term 2. Students who reside in the Kedron catchment area and students who have siblings currently attending our school will need to attend a group interview, while students who reside out of the catchment area will attend an individual interview.

We’d like to have all enrolments for Year 7 and Year 8, 2015 completed by the end of Term 2.

Mrs Jenny Hall Deputy Principal

INTERACT EASTER EGG DRIVE.
As you may know, Interact is running a chocolate Easter Egg drive, the proceeds of which is going to three beneficiaries, Clifford House, Ronald McDonald House and the Children’s Hospital Foundation. If you would like to donate small chocolate Easter eggs, please deliver them to Mr Thwaites in LA staffroom. We have a special meeting on Monday 31 March to wrap your donations. Thank you in advance for your generosity from all those children and old folks who will smile at your gifts.

Mr Thwaites

AN APP TO ASSIST YOUR WORKING
Lumosity is an iPhone and iPad app designed to assist you in improving your memory, attention and problem solving.

The app has a personalised brain training regime with games that may assist the areas you indicate you would like to improve.

If interested, click on Lumosity.com Adapted from http://www.lumosity.com/app/v5/personalization/memory
Ms F. Lyon – Guidance Officer

YEAR 9 LAPTOPS
Most Year 9 students have received their laptops in what proved to be a fairly smooth rollout. Students also received a green sheet detailing initial operation and set up and also included tasks that need to be carried out on a regular basis. Could you please check with your student that they are complying with the suggestions.

Students who have submitted the pink contract form, but who did not receive their laptops should go to the tech room at the appropriate times to collect theirs. If the pink contract has been lost or not handed in, further copies will be provided. It is essential that all students participate in the program.

Below are common problems and what to do about them:

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<td>Take it to the techs with your charger so that both can be checked. We have ordered some new batteries, but they have not yet arrived.</td>
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<td>Laptop doesn’t hold charge all day.</td>
<td>It is now allowable for students to bring their charger to school to enable the laptop to be fully used during the day.</td>
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<td>I can’t access YouTube and so on at home.</td>
<td>Sometimes the policies relating to laptop use download over a period of time. If this is still a problem after a couple of weeks (and the laptop is fully shut down and restarted at school regularly), then a visit to the techs is warranted, although we cannot address issues with home networks.</td>
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<td>I have keys missing, or my screen is cracked, or my hinge is broken – any issue at all relating to the perfection of the laptop.</td>
<td>Take to the techs for review and repair.</td>
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KEDRON STUDENTS ARE IMPROV HEROES!
Six Year 10 Drama students competed in an interschool improvisation competition on Wednesday 5th March at St Margaret’s College. Out of the five teams competing we came in second with some very high schools against strong competition. Miles O’Leary shone as our 1 minute game voiceover, Madison Sweeney-Rayner and Callan Wilson advised the audience on twenty ways to use Nutella, including as a wax and bronzer…hmmm. Emily Smith, Virag Dombay and Rosemary Thomas all displayed the attributes we expect of Kedron students and the meaning of team sports. Thank you also to the parents in the audience for supporting our students. It was a fun night and one which highlighted the many talents of our fabulous Drama students. Well done Kedroneers!
“THE MESSAGE OF HARMONY DAY IS EVERYONE BELONGS…”

It is a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. Harmony Day aims to engage the Australian community, particularly young people, in celebrating the cohesive and inclusive nature of Australia. [Harmony Day is an Australian Government programme and coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. 21st March 2014 www.harmonyday.gov.au]

Kedron SHS this year is working with ideas from the Youth Voice team from QPASTT who’ve suggested we might take on board their theme, to consider “walk in my shoes…” as a starting point to create artworks that may then be used in an exhibit in National Youth Week (April 2014). Considering all the journeys we’ve all travelled we’re gathering together to arrive at first break on the 20th March outside the art block and share in an event that the senior art class will photographically record.

The plan is to spiral out 2x2 from a central globe and then walk away leaving our shoes in the pattern. We hope our Year 8s and their Senior Buddies will lead the core. We’ll ask people to leave their shoes which will be an additional pair of their choice from themselves or family …could be very diverse and revealing! So we’re hoping many will participate, 50 pairs, fun, a 100, 300 something else… But PS please have your shoes named. Ms Webb wants those high heels back! The senior art class hopes to rework some patterns during Lesson 3 and then asks everyone to return and collect their shoes. Look forward to some intriguing family contributions… Can’t all be ballerina and skateboardies… Shake those booties… Ms J Faber

SAMANTHA PERKINS’ FIVE PODIUM FINISHES

Congratulations to Samantha Perkins who had a very successful Met North swimming carnival. Samantha was the winner of the Girls 17 Years 100m freestyle, came second in the 50m freestyle, the 50m backstroke, 100m backstroke as well as finishing 3rd in the 200m backstroke. These excellent results mean that she has been selected for the Met North Swim Team which will contest the State Carnival at the end of the month. Good luck, Samantha.

EXTERNAL LANGUAGE EXAMS

Nominations are now open for Year 12 students wishing to apply to sit the QSA External Examinations for Languages. Examinations are available for Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Modern Greek, Polish, Punjabi, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Students who pass these exams accrue four semesters of credit and two bonus rank points towards their OP. All examinations occur in October and November 2014.

Registration and payment is due by 23 April 2014. For further information, please see Mrs Lacey in Q Block.

YEAR 11 LEADERS FOR 2014

Cultural Captain: Psalm Guartero
Cultural Vice Captain: Megan Christensen
Citizenship Captain: Stephanie Vincent
Citizenship Vice Captain: Josh Petrie

House Captains:

LUTWYCHE
Captain: Ivy Lavita
Vice-Captain: Rob Lutton

GRIFFITH
Captain: Lani Fabila
Vice-Captain: Conor Macdonald

BOWEN
Captain: Taleah Castley
Vice-Captain: Livy Dunlop

WICKHAM
Captain: Tim Vincent
Vice-Captain: Rachel Woodgate

NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY
19 MARCH 2014

It is estimated that approximately 250000 students across Australia will ride to and from school on that day as part of a get active campaign. Exercise such as cycling is a great way to start the day- arriving at school, feeling alert, attentive and ready to learn.

HEAD LICE

Detection of adult lice on the scalp is the best way to determine if head lice are present. All parents should check their children and other family members for head lice regularly as early detection decreases treatment time and helps break the breeding cycle.

The most effective way to detect head lice is by using the hair conditioner and combing method.

Help and Assistance

For more information and assistance in managing head lice, families can contact their local public health nurses, child health clinics, pharmacists and family doctors.
The Languages Faculty at Kedron State High School is dynamic and vibrant. Extending beyond pure language study, students develop international mindedness through a broad range of culturally rich experiences including immersion days, restaurant visits, dance and cooking. Overseas tours are the curriculum highlight of our languages program as students are given the opportunity to reinforce and extend the language in an immersion environment beyond the classroom.

French
In September, twenty five students and three teachers will visit France on Kedron’s biennial French tour; visiting Paris, our sister school in Saumur, La Somme, Mont St Michel and Angers. This year will also see the continuation of our relationship with our sister school, Lycée Saint Louis, with our long term reciprocal exchange program. Every year over the Christmas holidays, Year 11 French students have the opportunity to visit Lycée Saint Louis for a 6 week exchange. Interested students should see their French teacher for further information.

Japanese
Last September, twenty-four students visited Tokyo, Kyoto, Hiroshima and Kobe, visiting a number of modern and historically significant sites. Students gained deep cultural insights by attending school and living with Japanese host families and came home inspired to continue their language study.

Chinese
In 2013, accompanied by Ms Wu and Mr Boland, sixteen Chinese students visited China, taking in a number of famous Chinese attractions including Shanghai, Beijing, the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, and the Terracotta Warriors. Kedron High became only one of six schools in QLD to be recognized as part of the world-wide Confucius Classroom program last year. We look forward to the official opening, which is planned for 25 July to coincide with Kedron Week festivities.

Spanish
Spanish, which was introduced to Kedron High in 2012, continues to grow in popularity. This year will see our inaugural trip to Spain at Easter time where students will attend a language school in Salamanca and explore the Spanish capital, Madrid.

“For you speak to a man in a language he understands, you speak to his head.
If you speak to a man in his own language, you speak to his heart.”  Nelson Mandela 2007

Here are 5 reasons why learning a second language is so very important.

1. To gain 2 extra rank points for university entry
   In 2008, UQ, QUT and Griffith began to recognise that there are some subjects and studies undertaken by high school students that require a high level of skill and knowledge. These subjects better prepare students for the rigour and diversity of tertiary study. As a result of this, the Bonus Rank Scheme was introduced, giving students who pass an approved Language other than English in Senior, 2 bonus rank points.

2. To improve employment potential
   A second language is now becoming a vital part of the basic preparation for an increasing number of national and international careers. It can enhance career mobility and improve chances of promotion.

3. To increase native language literacy
   Knowing one language helps you understand another. Our first language and other languages work in partnership to strengthen and enrich our repertoire of literacy practices.

4. To improve cognitive development and thinking skills
   People who have learned foreign languages show greater cognitive development in areas such as mental flexibility, creativity, and higher order thinking skills, such as problem-solving, conceptualizing, and reasoning.

5. To foster intercultural understanding
   Through the study of languages, students gain a rich, broad understanding, respect and sensitivity of other cultures, people and customs. Intercultural Understanding is one of the seven General Capabilities in the Australian Curriculum.

For further information please contact Mrs Lacey, Head of Languages / International Programs, elace5@eq.edu.au