FROM THE PRINCIPAL
EVERY STUDENT in EVERY CLASS (and activity) 
EVERY DAY of the school year.
CONGRATULATIONS: To our new Year 10 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 being finalized 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 May 8. It is in the school calendar but make sure to highlight it.
EDUCATION QUEENSLAND DISCIPLINE AUDIT: This audit was completed on 20 March. The auditor was very impressed with the tone and culture of our school. The process involved discussions with the school administration, random staff, parents and students. When the formal report is received we will place it on our website for the community to view. It was very clear that we should all be proud and celebrate the great school community that we share.
END OF TERM: The term has been extremely busy, passed quickly, with many great accomplishments achieved by students and staff. I hope that everyone is able to enjoy the break ahead. If you are travelling please be careful and be safe. We return to a short week for next term which commences on Tuesday 22 April and has ANZAC day on the Friday 25 April.
Best wishes for the Easter break.
Mr M. McCormick – Principal

CONGRATULATIONS TO . . .
Former student Paul Kelly who has been accepted into Cambridge University this year.

KEDRON EXPO - REMINDER
KEDRON EXPO - Thursday 3rd April 3.30 – 7.30pm.
Sausage sizzle 4pm – 5pm. At this event in the Sports Centre, we showcase all faculties of our great school - on display for prospective families and, of course, current families. Many students will be invited to assist with the displays. The student helpers will be offered a free sausage sizzle. Please get permission forms back ASAP for catering numbers.
If you know any families who are in the process of selecting a school for their children, invite them to come along to have a look at what we offer. If you would like to have a look at what our faculties and extra-curricular programmes are offering, you’re invited to come along. Hope to see you there.
Mrs J. Hall – Deputy Principal

TUCKSHOP NEWS/ CLOTHING SHOP
Don’t forget we have packaged yummy meals – Fried Rice /Hokkien Noodles/Curries/Pasta/Fresh Fruit Salad
Please place order in the morning.
Jumper are now available. (Small price rise on most items next term)

COMING EVENTS

APRIL
1 Junior Interschool Sport Round 6
2 Senior Interschool Sport Round 7
3 Army Band Workshop (All day) Kedron Expo–Information Evening
5-20 Spanish Trip

EASTER VACATION MONDAY 7th APRIL-MONDAY 21st APRIL INCLUDING EASTER (GOOD FRIDAY 18 APRIL – EASTER MONDAY 21st APRIL)

21 EASTER MONDAY
22 Junior Interschool Sport Round 7
23 Mid-Semester reports issued in form class Senior Interschool Sport Finals Yr 9 Drama Commedia Workshop
24 ANZAC Service (Anzac Service M/Tea Yr11 Hspt) Cross Country
25 ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY
29 Junior Interschool Sport Finals Yr 9 Drama Commedia Workshop
30-2 Year 8 Camp

MID-SEMESTER REPORTS AND PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT CONFERENCES.
Mid-Semester Reports will be issued to students on Wednesday 23 April (second day of Term 2). Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences will take place on Thursday 8 May from 3:00pm-7:30pm. Instructions for booking interview appointments will be sent home with the Mid-Semester Reports.

STAFF DRESS ORANGE TO SUPPORT ANTI-BULLYING
On Friday 21st March more than half the staff at Kedron dressed in Orange to show their support for the anti-bullying message. They had their own competition to encourage participation.
The winners were: Most Orange - Mrs Dannenberg; 100% Orange staffroom - ESL ; best orange shoes - Mrs Wilson, best shorts - Mr Farrelly, best Shirt - Mr Denning, best neckwear - Ms Jodrell, best hair - Mr Leigh; best head wear - Mr Singh.; Most stylish use of Orange - Ms Buckley and Mrs Thompson. Congratulations to everyone involved.

YR 11 CAMP 23 - 27 JUNE
As part of developing leadership skills at Kedron, Year 11 students have the opportunity to attend a camp at the Maroon Education Outdoor Centre at the end of Term 2. The camp is optional for students and is restricted to a maximum 146 students due to the size of the venue. Students not attending camp will engage in an alternative program at Kedron High.
Last Thursday at assembly each Year 11 student was given an information kit for parents/carers re: the camp and the alternative program. Please read this information carefully and return the Expression of Interest and Consent/Medical Forms to the Senior Secondary Office by Friday 04 April.
DOWNER EDI MINING WORK

INSPIRATION DAY
Recently 5 students in year 9 had the opportunity to learn about and experience careers associated with mining including Legal, H.R., Engineering and Workplace Health and Safety. The students, Tom Grant, Ryan Malone, Zeke Fitzpatrick, Mandy Yu and Breeana Rushworth, all reported that it was great opportunity and has given them extra focus and drive since returning to school. One student took the time to thank them personally, in this he wrote the experience has “changed the course and direction that I will take for the rest of my life and for that I am truly appreciative”. A big thank you to the students involved as the feedback we received from Downer EDI Mining was extremely positive and a thank you to the staff at Downer EDI Mining for making this valuable day possible.

Mr Michael Crosby (Year 9 Coordinator)

HARMONY DAY & NATIONAL ACTION DAY AGAINST BULLYING
On Thursday the 20th of March, Kedron State High School celebrated Australia’s diversity on Harmony Day by creating an installation art project ‘Walk in My Shoes’. Students formed circles and left shoes in their place to show support for any person who has had a difficult journey, they were to imagine walking in another person’s shoes to demonstrate empathy and support. Representatives from Harmony Day bought with them ribbons and support information for victims of discrimination. Oranges were also handed out to pupils who vowed their acceptance and support of this great cause. Also present was Nedrokette – Nedrok’s cousin. Furthermore on Friday the 21st of March we celebrated the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. Teachers took part by dressing in orange, this event’s colour of awareness. Students each accepted a wristband declaring that they ‘Say No to Bullying’ and this was reflected by a whole school pledge on assembly. Thanks to the chaplains for a yummy sausage sizzle and to Ms Dyson for organising many activities during the week.

Overall, these events were an enormous success. The Kedron High community took a stand in support of our diverse cohort and said “NO!!” to bullying.

Kirsty Williams (Year 12)

EXTRA-CURRICULAR MUSIC NEWS
Next week our extra-curricular music department kicks off it’s first major concert and workshop series of the year with the Australian Army Band and our Big Band and Stage Bands on Wednesday the 2nd of April. Students have been instructed to head over the hall at the beginning of Period 3 on Wednesday and will later perform with the Army Band in a concert commencing at 5pm in the school hall. The KIMS group will be providing a sausage sizzle for the event and entry will be a gold coin donation (with the proceeds going toward our extra-curricular music program).

The Kedron Expo is on the following evening with our Big Band and Percussion Ensemble One performing for prospective parents and our wider school community during the evening. Students have been asked to arrive at 5:30pm at the hall in full band uniform and will conclude their performance by 6:30pm. There are also other smaller instrumental groups performing throughout the evening as the expo commences from 3:30pm. For any more information please talk with Rohan Hardy (A/HOD The Arts) on rhard61@eq.edu.au or 3630 3307.

Music Camp 2014 has accepted an unprecedented 111 students to this year’s trip to Mt Tamborine on the 20th of May. The camp will run over four days and will include intensive workshops and rehearsals for the students involved in all our instrumental music ensembles. Camp invoices have been sent out to parents, including medical forms for students to complete and return (with parent/guardian) signature before Friday the 9th of May to the I Block staffroom.

The Mt Gambier trip for Kedron Acapella to the Generations in Jazz is in full swing (pardon the pun) for the 9th of May. We have 16 students attending and performing at the festival in South Australia and will share the stage and participate in workshops with James Morrison and the Gordon Goodwin Big Band and internationally acclaimed Acapella ensemble the Idea of North.

KIMS Meeting
Don’t forget our second KIMS (Kedron Instrumental Music Supporters Group) meeting is on Tuesday the 1st of April at 7pm here in I Block. Please contact me on the details above if you’d like any more information about the meeting. Come along and get involved in our extra-curricular music program as a parent or as an interested member of our school community.

INFUSE launches
Our Infuse pilot music enrichment program launched this term for 22 auditioned junior secondary students. Our first guest artist in residence was Indigenous didgeri-bone performer Tjupurrri with his wide array of effects pedals and soundscapes. It was pretty amazing to watch and absorb his incredible musicianship and experience! The students asked some great questions and picked his brain about how he learned the didgeridoo (or didgeri-bone), utilised his effects pedal board and created loops, sounds and layers in his songs. The students then went onto create their own loops and soundscapes with Tjupurrri using some of the unique sounds they can create with their voices. Their work will ultimately culminate in a public performance with some very special guests from around Brisbane and singer/songwriter Sam Brooks (from the UK) in November. Next term the students will start working with international drumkit guru Grant Collins and tabla artist Aref Durvesh. If you’d like any more information about our Infuse program for junior secondary students please visit our schools website or contact me on the details above.

Mr R. Hardy - A/HOD The Arts
SHIFNA AS GUEST SPEAKER AT INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY

On Friday 7th March 2014 Milpera State High School hosted a celebration of International Women’s Day. Milpera is the reception centre high school for new migrants to Brisbane. Kedron SHS was asked to select a female migrant student to attend as guest speaker. Fathima Shifna Mohamed Fazahir was chosen. In front of an audience of students and guests from around the globe, she spoke inspirationally about the importance of education. Many guests warmly congratulated her after the speech and entertainment. Thank you Shifna for being such a wonderful Kedron ambassador. Below is an extract from her speech.

“Through my experiences in Australia, I have come to the realisation that this country definitely is one of the few which offers women freedom. There are many opportunities that are given to women in Australia that most in third world countries only dream about. We are so fortunate to have migrated to this wonderful country and I am thankful every day that I was given the chance to have a better life. But our journey doesn’t end just here. It is only the beginning. You and I have been blessed. If we stand together and take what is given to us in the palm of our hands and use it to help our world, our work is done. The only way I believe we can achieve this goal is through education.

There are so many women and children out in the world today who suffer from poverty, discrimination or cruelty. As fortunate and blessed migrants we must focus on the one thing that many people are not given the chance to appreciate, education. Education is the key; it is the key to unlocking and solving all our problems. We must have goals that focus on assisting our families, communities, nations and finally the world.”

KICKSTART CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014

The KickStart program uses Australian football as a vehicle for education, employment, health and participation outcomes for Indigenous people. The KickStart program and Championships provide further development opportunities for other parts of the football industry such as umpiring, coaching and administration with local Indigenous people engaged in these leadership positions for each team. Players are selected through State KickStart camps on leadership qualities, school attendance, community involvement and football ability.

Ben Pay, year 10, has been selected to participate in this year’s Under 15 Kickstart Championships to be held in Coffs Harbour from April 11-16. Good luck Ben!

OUTSTANDING ATHLETES AT KEDRON

Congratulations to Ivy Lavita (Year 11) who has been selected in one of two Queensland squads for schools volleyball. Ivy has been an excellent player who led the Kedron team last year to victory in their inaugural participation of the Queensland Junior Schools Cup. At that tournament she was named as the Most Valuable Player. This Queensland selection is due reward for such a dedicated athlete and we wish her all the best at the National Championships taking place between Term 2 and 3.

Richard Tengdui (Year 12) has again been selected in the Met North Rugby League teams. This is a notable achievement as Richie made the team last year. We wish him all the best with the state championships which will take place in Term 2.

Mr Ross Clayfield has continued his magic here at Kedron with our female Australian Rules players. Twelve girls have been selected in the Met North Girls 16 Years Australian Rules team. This is the fourth year in a row that Kedron girls have dominated the team selection and shows the quality of players that Mr Clayfield is working with. Congratulations to the following girls:

Sophie Anderson, Kiri Fabila, Alisi Mafi, Julia Mafi, Lily Ingram, Maecyn Barron, Ivy Lavita, Lisiti Asimdonald, Jana Aming, Annelise Crilly, Renee Fraser, Emily Rogers.
Health and Physical Education is an integrated program that is delivered to all students in Years 8 and 9, and as an elective subject in Year 10. In Years 11 and 12, students can elect to study Physical Education or Recreation Studies. Students study a range of physical activities including: Aquatics, Badminton, Basketball, European Handball, Netball, Soccer, Touch football, Ultimate Disc and Volleyball. Our programs favour physical and motor development while encouraging concepts of a healthy lifestyle.

Sport is an important and integral part of the tradition of our school and complements the HPE program. In Years 8 and 9 students participate in the Junior Interschool competition on a Tuesday afternoon, and in Years 10, 11 and 12 students can take part in the Senior Interschool competition or choose a recreational sport on a Wednesday afternoon. Kedron also offers informal afterschool sport four afternoons a week.

For more information talk to Mr Matt Denning (Head of Department), Mr James Blanshard (Senior Sports Coordinator) or Mr Corey Tucker (Junior Sports Coordinator).