FROM THE PRINCIPAL
EVERY STUDENT in EVERY CLASS (and activity)
EVERY DAY of the school year.
KEDRON WEEK
Since the last newsletter we’ve enjoyed the wonderful celebrations of Kedron Week. Every morning during this week our students moved to class with smiles on their faces after an assembly which pulsed with musical magic from a range of our ensembles, and delightful dances and performances which reflected our cultural diversity. What was particularly impressive was the remarkably high level of skill in all performances and presentations. It was great entertainment by any standard. Congratulations and thank you to all staff and students who were involved in any capacity. Another highlight of Kedron Week was International Food day. It was popular, delicious and a huge success. Thank you to all the families who contributed and to Mrs Burman and her team of helpers. Thanks also to Mr Thwaites and the prefects for a successful dance.
The Athletics Carnival this year was also very successful. The weather was kind, the organisation was smooth, the level of student participation was high and the Kedron Spirit was palpable. Thanks to Mr Blanshard and the teachers who worked so hard to ensure a great day for all.
The opening of the Confucius Classroom coincided with Kedron Week and the attendance of the Minister for Education, the Treasurer and several other dignitaries, attested to the significance of the occasion. I thank Mrs Lacey and Ms Wu for the work they did to bring this to fruition. It was a shame that the army of media who were there following the politicians, not only overloaded our sound system causing it to malfunction, but reported nothing of the event.
At any time we are all so lucky to be part of this great school, however during Kedron Week we are given an enthusiastic reminder of our good fortune. I, for one, feel honoured and privileged to belong to Kedron High. I also feel privileged to work alongside Mr Leigh and Mrs Dannenberg, whose organisational skills in Kedron Week allowed our students to shine.
PARENT TEACHER EVENING
Thank you to all the teachers and parents who took time out of busy lives to attend this valuable opportunity to discuss the reasons we’re all here – our students. I hope the news was good!

WWI QUEENSLANDER CHALLENGE
On the 18th of October four students from Kedron SHS will be participating in a 100km walk from Woodford to The Gap to commemorate fallen soldiers from WWI. The event is organised by Executive Excellence who are a team of professionals founded by former members of the Australian Army. This walk is one of many in Brisbane and Townsville over the next four and half years. Teams which enter will carry a brick with the name of a soldier who died in WWI and these bricks will make a memorial at The Gap. If you have any connections to people who died in WWI and would like Kedron SHS to carry their brick please email (mcros95@eq.edu.au) or contact Mr Crosby on 3630 3362.

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR OUR TUCKSHOP AND UNIFORM SHOP.
At Kedron High School, we rely on our parents / caregivers / grandparents to volunteer their time so that the tuckshop and Uniform Shop runs smoothly. If you can help please contact Ms Gail Clements (Tuckshop Convenor) 36303377 or Ms Joyce Fritz (Uniform Shop) 36303347.

YEAR 7 & 8 ENROLMENTS FOR 2015
If you are interested in enrolling your child for Year 7 or Year 8 for 2015 and you currently have a child at Kedron SHS or you live in the catchment area please contact Mrs Dannenberg or Ms Owens on 3630 3323. OUR LAST GROUP ENROLMENT INTERVIEW WILL BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER.

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HOMESTAY OPPORTUNITIES
Do you have a spare bedroom?
Do you have room for an extra seat at your dinner table?
Would you like your family to experience cultural exchanges?
Kedron High School’s International Student Program invites expressions of interest from families and individuals who would like to host an overseas students. We are in particular need of families who can host a student from Term 4.
Host families must be Australian residents with fluency in English and all household members over 18 are required to obtain Bluecards. A remuneration of $254 per week is made for providing students with their own furnished room, meals, care and supervision. Terms and Conditions apply.
For more information please call Homestay Coordinator Lisa McHattie on 0459 843 194 or email lmcha7@eq.edu.au.
YEAR 12 PARENTS/GUARDIANS
RE: 2014 YEAR 12 QCS BREAKFAST

On Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd September, Year 12 students will be sitting the Queensland Core Skills (QCS) test which assists in the calculation of their Overall Position (OP).

As you can imagine, the students feel a little anxious about such a test. To assist them to relax and be mentally prepared for each long day ahead, our school tuckshop has organised to serve a substantial breakfast to the students. Both breakfasts are offered free of charge as goods have been kindly donated by the tuckshop suppliers.

We would be very grateful if you could give some of your time to assist in the preparation or serving at the breakfasts. Please complete the slip below and have your student deliver it to the Tuckshop Convenor. The school will contact you with times when the roster is finalised.

- Volunteers are required at tuckshop area from 7:15 am – 8:30am.
- Breakfast will be served to students at 7:45 am – 8:15am.

We look forward to your help in supporting the students on these days.

2014 YEAR 12 QCS BREAKFAST
I would like to volunteer on Tuesday (2nd Sept) and/or Wednesday (3rd Sept) to assist with the QCS breakfast.

Attending Student’s Name: ___________________________
Parent/Carer’s Name: ________________________________
Daytime Phone /Email address: _______________________
Signature: _______________________

Please return to the KSHS Tuckshop Convenor

QTAC PARENT EVENING FOR YEAR 12s AND THEIR PARENTS
A reminder to all Year 12’s and their parents about the QTAC parent evening at the Kedron SHS front hall on Tuesday 5 August from 6-7p.m. Please bring your son or daughter’s QTAC guide in case you have any questions to make notes about answers and bookmark relevant pages. This is applicable to ALL students considering tertiary study (TAFE included). If your child has not brought home their guide, it is likely to be still in Senior school- please contact Mrs Linde or Mrs O’Leary to receive it. Thanks.

Ms Fiona Lyon (Guidance Officer)

CONFUCIUS CLASSROOM OPENING

Friday saw the culmination of Kedron Week celebrations with the opening of our very own Confucius Classroom. This initiative, sponsored by the Chinese government through the Confucius Institute at QUT, seeks to promote the teaching of Modern Standard Chinese in countries such as Australia.

On Friday, we were fortunate to have Queensland MPs Tim Nicholls (Treasurer), John-Paul Langbroek (Minister of Education), the Deputy Consul of China in Brisbane and the Vice Chancellor of QUT attend our opening ceremony where we were entertained by Xuan Tan (Yr 12) on the harp and Joseph Cho’s (Yr 12) fantastic sword dance which you might have been lucky enough to see on Channel Nine news later that night! This was followed by a performance by the Lam Tu Luan Lion Dance Kung Fu School and an unveiling of the Confucius Classroom plaque.

The successful application of the grant will mean enhanced resources for our students to access in learning Chinese and will involve collaboration with our partner primary schools in fostering language learning. With over 40% of all students at Kedron SHS studying a language this will certainly be a boon in improving the capabilities of our Languages department.

Congratulations to Liz Lacey (HOD Languages) and Cofa Wu (Chinese teacher) who have worked so hard in the preparation leading up to the awarding of the Confucius Classroom grant. Without their efforts this fantastic opportunity would be impossible.
KEDRON STATE HIGH SCHOOL
DEBATING POWERHOUSE

We have known for some time the amazing aptitude our students have for debating, and this has been confirmed with two teams making their mark in the finals of the QDU debating competition.

Congratulations to Mr Taylor-Davis and the Year 11 team (Harrison Fiedler, Elise Conley and Chloe Harris substituting for a sick Naomi McCarthy) who took on Loreto College in an epic battle of words. Unfortunately we went down to the other team, though it was great to see such amazing talent from our prospective Seniors.

Furthermore, our valiant Year 10 team (Kwame Eshun, Clary Ritchie, Sahibjeet Bains, James Shoring and Jack Jones) under the coaching of Chrissie Coogan and Anna Hall soundly defeated Brisbane Girls Grammar and now venture further into their third round of finals next week in a short prep debate.

All teams should be congratulated on their amazing efforts which truly show that Kedron students daily Strive to Shine. We are a debating powerhouse, and we should all look forward to further great news in the near future!

SCHOOL BASED YOUTH HEALTH NURSE – KIRSTEN KEEN CN

I am employed by Queensland Health and I work in partnership with Kedron State High School. The SBYHN role promotes positive health and wellbeing of young people and their families, and work in partnership with the school community.

One on one consultations are available to young people. Consultations work from a primary health care model, providing support, brief interventions and information regarding referral agencies.

It is important to note that confidentiality is provided at the same level of any person who accesses a Queensland Health service.

Health related areas frequently discussed with students are:

- Nutrition
- Sleep Disturbances
- School/life balance
- Stress
- Self-Esteem
- Friendships at school
- Personal and Family problems
- Growth and Development
- Sexual Health
- Alcohol/drug awareness

Students can locate me in A Block near the Guidance Officer. Students are able to make an appointment with me directly or through student services main reception. Parents can contact me on Ph: -36303351.

I look forward to working with you….

Ms Kirsten Keen CN

KEDRON CAMPUS CANTER 2014

The annual Campus Canter was held on Monday 21/07/14 with the competitors running approximately 800m in and around the school.

Students were inspired by the music “Chariots of Fire”. Congratulations to the winners for each category who will have their names engraved on the perpetual trophy. Special mention must go to Miles O’Leary and Hamish Dixon for excellent times in their very competitive races.

Junior Male: Hamish Dixon (2.11)
Junior Female: Charlotte Wynd (3.59)
Senior Male: Miles O’Leary (2.06)
Senior Female: Maria Nascimento (7.36)

Mr Farrelly

INTERACT HELPS OUT

As part of the Charter of the Interact Club of Kedron High, we must perform at least one of each of a local, national and international project in a year.

This year the INTERACT Club has been fund-raising at every opportunity so that we might sponsor worthwhile causes and, under the guidance of our Executive Committee made up of Niamh Woods, Joseph Cho, Bridgette Duda and Lyn Abrahams, the club has settled upon the following causes:–

INTERNATIONAL

1. Safeguarding the orang-utan’s habitat in Borneo by providing the training for two wardens who will look after 200ha each of the orang-utan’s forest homeland. - $370

2. Adopting an orang-utan - $55
   - Provide African country Malawi with:
   - Wells of clean water - 2 X $550
   - Latrines - 2 x $250
   - Women’s income generation - 8 x $50

3. Providing funds for our yearly commitment of sponsoring two Karen school students in the refugee camps in the Thailand/Burma border area - 2 x $75

NATIONAL

4. Street Swags – providing emergency accommodation for two families - 2 x $300

LOCAL

5. Visit Clifford House, a local aged-care facility before Easter (with Easter eggs and a team of very keen bocce players) and during the final summer rotation of recreational Wednesday afternoons to assist with arts and crafts, music and other activities.

6. Providing funds for our yearly commitment to the Humour Doctors of the Royal Children’s Hospital - $200

Well done Interact Club!

Mr Thwaites

BEARS SOFTBALL

Summer Season - Downey Park - Oct – Mar (no play during school holidays)

For more info contact: Leigh Muller – 0429 622 664
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