FROM THE PRINCIPAL

EVERY STUDENT in EVERY CLASS (and activity)

EVERY DAY of the school year.

CONTINUING KEDRON SUCCESS

Again, fabulous stories of Kedron endeavour and success can be enjoyed in the articles of this newsletter – from the Year 11 Drama students and teachers who put in 100 extra hours of preparation for the Zen Zen Zo production of Peta Pan and had the whole school buzzing with their brilliance, through to several sporting teams who did us proud in the pointy end of their respective competitions, the amazing winning entries that made powerful anti-bullying statements in the Cyber-Safety Video Competition and the marvellous job done by Tom Grant as MC of Work Inspiration’s Business Leaders’ Breakfast Seminar.

In the last couple of weeks we’ve seen smiles from our Seniors as they walked out of the QCS tests, confident that they’d done well...which caused their teachers to smile also, and tired smiles from those same Seniors when they finished their important mid-semester exams. We’ve seen smiles from our newly elected INTERACT Executive for 2015 and we’ve seen smiles (mainly) from the Year 10 students and their parents who came along for the Year 10 SETPlan meetings.

We’ve celebrated the arrival of another little one to our Kedron family, Grace Audrey Hardy, first child of Mr Hardy (our HOD, The Arts) and Mrs Hardy (talented teacher of the Arts at Kedron), was born early Sunday (Father’s Day) morning. Welcome beautiful baby Grace.

We’ve farewelled Ms Belinda Burman who worked hard to support our International Students for the last 2 years. We thank for her efforts on our students’ behalf and wish her well for the years ahead.

The support staff have enjoyed a luncheon provided by our Year 12 Hospitality students and funded by our generous P&C. The luncheon provided an opportunity to show well-deserved appreciation to the support staff, who are so often the ‘wind beneath our wings’ and gave the Hospitality students an opportunity to shine. The food was delicious, the presentation superb and the service impressive. It was a credit to the students and their teachers.

As well as their normal teaching and learning requirements, this term our teachers have somehow fitted in ASoT training, preparation for Year 7/Junior Secondary, KedCare revisions and extensions, Literacy and Numeracy planning, and other value-adding professional development.

Among this has been the highly successful work done in Science as part of the Australian Research Council Linkage grant. We are the first school ever to receive this funding, its usual recipients being industry, mining and health. It’s a credit to Ms.Nichols our HOD Science, that we were included in the program which involved our staff and students working with QUT, and it’s a credit to the staff and students that every single student who took part in the program showed an improvement in their Science result.

So as we reach the home straight of Term 3 at Kedron, tired staff drag themselves and their students over the term’s finishing line satisfied that it’s been an exhausting but successful term at our great school. I thank the staff, both teaching and non-teaching, for their tireless efforts on our students’ behalf and I wish our entire school family a safe and relaxing Spring break.

When we return on Tuesday, 7th October, a new principal should have been appointed.

Mrs J. Hall – A/Principal

COMING EVENTS

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SPRING VACATION

SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER – MONDAY 6 OCTOBER

(INCLUDING MONDAY 6 OCTOBER LABOR DAY PUBLIC HOLDIAY)

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)

At the P & C Meeting on Tuesday 16th September, in the Conference Room, Ms Heath and Mr Lang will be sharing information about BYOD possibilities for 2015. Please come along to obtain information and to share your views. ALL WELCOME as we value your input.

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 TUESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER.
KEDRON FAMILY - FUNDRAISER

Once a member of the Kedron family, always a member of the Kedron family, DJ Hall – who graduated in 2006 – was diagnosed with Leukaemia and has exhausted all treatments available to him in Australia. DJ and his family are currently trying to raise $600,000 for him to be able to receive a unique treatment in the United States. Kedron High is doing its bit by organising a gold coin donation on this week’s assembly – Wednesday 17th September – along with a mass photo in team colours on the Basketball courts, first break that Wednesday. We will arrange students to spell a huge D.J. on the courts, in team colours (Soccer, AFL, League, Local Club or whatever else) for a photo and story to be printed in the local papers to highlight the fundraising efforts.

What? Colours for DJ – gold coin donation on next week’s Assembly. Bring along your favourite team shirt and a spare for a friend.

When? Wednesday – 17 September
Where? Mass Photo on Basketball Courts at Morning Tea
Further info on the fundraising efforts can be found here: https://www.mycause.com.au/page/81518/keepingdjsdreamalive

Kind regards, Steve Lang - HOD Curriculum - eLearning

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO . . .

Lani Fabila who, along with Julia and Alisi Mafi, won the inaugural Gone Viral Digifest competition. Their entry was simply stunning.

The Department of Education, statewide competition, asked students to make a short, 2 minute film on the subject of Cyber safety. Kedron also took out 3rd place - with Gur Gur Ket's entry. Well done students we are so proud of your achievements.

CONGRATULATIONS TO . . .

Wayne Lucas (Yr11), Stephen Pocock (Yr12) and Lachlan McDonald (Yr10) who represented Kedron High School in the Queensland Tenpin Bowling Inter-school Challenge at Chermside Hyperbowl on Sunday 24th August. All boys bowled extremely well and placed 3rd place in the South Queensland division.

SHOEBOX SURPRISE

Interact is running its annual ‘Shoebox Surprise’ over the last term. This will be our fifth year that we are asking all parents, caregivers, guardians and students to go out and buy some small gift/s that can be wrapped up in a shoebox for transporting to Papua New Guinean villages. Last year we saw 124 shoeboxes leave the school. Our goal this year is to beat this number! Is it possible?

With your help, we’ll be sure to give it a good attempt at beating it!

Gifts and shoeboxes, sticky tape and wrapping paper are all needed. Mr Thwaites, in LA staffroom, is receiving your donations.

INTERACT

Elections

INTERACT recently held its executive elections. The positions (president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary) were filled from a hotly contested field of ten very worthy candidates and the results were:

- President – Siobhan Malone,
- Vice-President – Kelton Le Var,
- Treasurer – Sarah Baldwin and
- Secretary – Bonnie Mackay.

Well done guys. I look forward to working closely with you over the coming year.

I would also like to thank the out-going executive committee, Niamh Woods, Joseph Cho, Lynn Abraham and Bridget Duda, for their enthusiasm and diligence at leading the INTERACT club through the past year. I wish them well for their future endeavours.

Mr Thwaites

QCS BREAKFAST THANK YOU

A big thank you to Ms Gail Clements and Ms Susan Josey from the school tuckshop and their band of parent volunteers for all their work in providing a nourishing and delicious breakfast for our Year 12 QCS students on Tuesday 02 & Wednesday 03 September. Students were a little anxious but after sharing breakfast together, students were smiling, motivated and prepared to undertake the tests.

A special thank you to our tuckshop suppliers who generously donated everything for the breakfasts.

- Bluedust Pty Ltd
- JonJen Enterprises Pty Ltd-T/A Dependable Drinks
- Homestyle Bakeries Pty Ltd
- Parmalat Australia Ltd
- Quality Foods Pty Ltd
- Vegie Express
- Fresh n Frozen
BOYS BASKETBALL

Our Amazing Open Team:
I have been involved with the basketball program at Kedron since 2001 and I have never come across a team this good. This great team began their journey by convincingly beating all 7 schools in our District including our closest rivals Wavell and Sandgate. The next level involved the Metro finals series. We had a big win over Northside Christian College 75-31 before facing St James College in round 2. This game could have gone either way but our boys proved to be too strong on the day with a 9 point win (53 – 44). We headed to Cornubia Park Sports Centre at Shailer Park (10th Sept) for the semi-finals against Redcliffe. The boys had massive win (72-34) before progressing to the final against Runcorn. We proved to all the schools in Brisbane that we deserved to be in the finals but it just wasn’t our day. It is fair to say we defended well but our shooting let us down. Despite our loss it was just fantastic for the boys to make the prestigious Metropolitan finals. Best players for the season were Ward Ojulu, Ramin Bahram Beigi and Zaki Adwanga. Congratulations to all the open boys for an excellent year of basketball.

Congratulations Yr 10 Team: Just like our open team, this team deservedly headed to the Metro finals series after defeating every school in our district. Our first round proved to be an easy win (50 – 25) against Northside Christian College. We faced Coorparoo in the quarter finals and unfortunately had a narrow 5 point loss. Best players for the season were Kem Pineda, Nathaniel Rebolledo and Ben Smith. I look forward to being associated with such a wonderful and talented group of students next year as they enter the open team competition.

Mr Farrelly (Coach)

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER, MS LYON

This week is Queensland’s CHILD PROTECTION WEEK (7 - 13 September 2014). At Kedron SHS we all value the safety and social-emotional wellbeing of the students in our care.

It is important to discuss the following points and encourage your sons and daughters to know and follow three basic rules about safety:
1. We all have the right to feel safe around people (in all environments).
2. It’s OK to say “NO” if you feel unsafe or unsure (in any place).
3. Nothing is so terrible or horrible that you can’t tell someone about it.

In fact, it is essential that if a young person feels in danger or at risk, it is important that they DO tell a trusted adult. In school environments, that might include teachers, the Deputy Principal, a teacher aide, the school nurse, the chaplain or the Guidance Officer. At home, this may include family, friends or an adult that they know well and can trust. It may even be community-based people such as the police, social worker or counsellor. You can also contact agencies such as Bravehearts (Ph. 07 5552 3000 or email them: admin@bravehearts.org.au)

Some statistics about crimes in Australia from The Australian Bureau of Statistics’ (2011) Recoded Crime-Victims, Australia 2010:

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From this you can see that Sexual Assault is by far the most common crime committed against children.

Definition: What is Sexual Assault? (Ref: Bravehearts Education Program- Teacher’s Guide p 22)

Sexual assault is any act of inappropriately exposing or subjecting a child under the age of 18, to sexual activity, contact or behaviour by an adult or by another child, where there is no consent or consent is not possible, for the purpose of sexual gratification by the aggressor. Behaviours can include:
Actual physical contact such as fondling or rape, whether attempted or completed, but also includes non-contact behaviours such as; making a child watch sexual acts or looking at an adult’s genitals.

THIS Friday the 12th September is WHITE BALLOON DAY!

Bravehearts is celebrating its 18th year of White Balloon Day. White Balloon Day has raised unprecedented awareness of child sexual assault. White Balloon Day is a day of recognition, awareness and support for victims of child sexual assault and is the main fundraising initiative which enables Bravehearts to continue its programs and services to protect children.

If you wish to acknowledge the terrible crimes against children (such as sexual abuse and exploitation) and support this worthy event, please consider purchasing and displaying a white balloon this Friday. For more information, visit www.whiteballoonday.com.au

OZTAG is a non-contact/limited contact sport for Boys & Girls ages 5 – 15. Currently there are around 15000 children across QLD who are finding out why this is Australia’s fastest growing recreational sport.

Development officers have spent the term visiting schools throughout the area delivering our School Clinics program to over 3000 students. Year 8 & 9 Students from Kedron spent four weeks learning about Oztags and there are plenty of future stars amongst them. And with no training and a commitment of only 1hr a week, why not bring the kids down for a run in a fun, friendly and safe environment. Canteen and Bar facilities available.

All individuals and small groups are encouraged to register and will be placed into a team. If you want to know more about what we can offer, or our Junior Competition kicking off Wednesday the 17th September, please call Troy on 0438 566 435, or check out www.wavellheightsoztag.com, email to wavellheights@oztag.com

GET TAGGED, YOU’LL LOVE IT!

15 September 2014
PIRATES, INDIANS AND A CROCODILE, OH MY!

On August 29th and 30th audiences were taken on an adventure to Neverland with a physical theatre performance of Peter Pan. Presented by the Year 11 Drama class, these talented performers have been hard at work training and rehearsing with professional physical theatre company Zen Zen Zo to create an enchanted landscape filled with some beloved and classic characters.

A huge thank you to all the parents and audience members that supported this collaborative project. The students really valued the opportunity to be able to learn from our director Billy Stewart-Keed and various other Zen Zen Zo company members as we pieced this magical performance together.

Congratulations ‘Drama Family’, your commitment and energy to this project has been outstanding. It has been amazing watching you from your first stomp to your closing bow! The process has been an amazing adventure and with that I leave you with these final words by J.M Barrie…

“So come with me, where dreams are born, and time is never planned. Just think of happy things, and your heart will fly on wings, forever, in Never Never Land!”

Miss Cox.