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

WELCOME BACK FOR TERM 4
I hope all of our families found time to spend with each other over the break and I hope all of our students had a restful holiday and are refreshed and ready to work hard and have a happy term.

I extend a special welcome back to those students and staff who visited different parts of the world over the break. Several of our French learners were accompanied to France by Mrs. Saunders, Mr. De Santis and Ms. Dyson. Reports from students, staff and parents were that the trip was hugely successful and very enjoyable. Thanks to Mrs. Saunders for her meticulous organisation.

While the students were enjoying the view from the Eiffel Tower, several staff were tripping around Japan, on a staff trip. This trip was equally successful and enjoyable and I thank Mr. Von Rentzell for its organisation.

NEW PRINCIPAL
I’m pleased to announce that a new principal has been appointed to our great school. The position went to merit selection (rather than re-location as is often the case) and, understandably, because our school is a shining gem in the Education Queensland crown, there were many applicants for the position. Mr. Joseba Larrazabal was the successful applicant. He is currently the principal of Springfield Central SHS and is extremely well-regarded by his community. I am confident that our school is in safe hands with him at the helm and I look forward to his arrival. This has been delayed for a few weeks as he was the foundation principal of his current school in 2010 so the first Year 8 students at the school are this year’s graduating Seniors and he wanted to remain with them until the commencement of their exams. Personally I couldn’t think of a better reason for him to delay his arrival – it demonstrates a genuine interest in students and community which will no doubt be transferred to our students and our community when he takes up the position of Principal of Kedron High on 10th November. In the meantime, the Admin arrangements of last term will continue.

PREFECT HAND-OVER
We started the term with the Prefect Hand-over on assembly. Our out-going Senior prefects should be very proud of the contribution they have made this year. We have seen many successful ventures undertaken or supported by them and the ethos of the school has been advanced under their student leadership. I thank them for their co-operation and congeniality, and commend them for their consistent demonstration of Kedron spirit. I trust that they have been personally enriched by their experiences as prefect.

Congratulations to the Year 11 students who have been elected by their peers and teachers to continue the tradition of prefects in the Senior school. They received their badges on the Hand-Over Assembly and will receive their Prefect Pockets at the Senior Leaders’ Investiture early next year. I remind them that it is indeed an honour to be elected prefect, but that the position comes with very high expectations and considerable responsibilities. I wish them well in their leadership endeavours. Remember Prefects, Term 4 is your ‘probationary’ period.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FORMER STUDENT
Paul Kelly attended Kedron High from 1999 to 2003. He was exemplary in his conduct, presentation and work ethic when he was here (as are most of our students). He went from here to University of Queensland for his undergraduate tertiary studies and we have just received word that he has recently commenced postgraduate studies at The University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom. Paul was gracious enough to write to the school thanking the Kedron teachers who allowed him access to great learning opportunities. We are very happy to bask in reflected glory and wish him all the best in his educational endeavours.

A/Principal Mrs J Hall

COMING EVENTS

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CONGRATULATIONS TO . . . .
Alex Barnwell (Year 9), Thomas Lundy and Matthew Lombardi (Year 8) who were part of the Queensland State Inline hockey team that won silver at the National Inline Hockey Championships held in Geelong over the holidays. They narrowly missed winning Gold after taking South Australia to double overtime. Matthew Lombardi was selected to play for Australia in the Oceania Inline hockey Championships in April 2015.
BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)
Watch this space and other communications for advice regarding the BYOD program for students who will be in Years, 7, 8, 9 or 10 in 2015. Parent information evening(s) will be held soon as we are making rapid progress down this exciting path.

DOWNER EDI MINING
In March this year five Year 9 students (Thomas Grant, Breeana Rushworth, Mandy Yu, Ryan Malone and Zeke Fitzpatrick) attended the Downer EDI Mining Work Inspiration program. They experienced the work of all the sub-companies like Otraco, Downer Blasting and ReGen. Through this work with Downer EDI, they said they have changed the way they think about employment.

On Thursday the 11th of September, these students went to the Ithaca Auditorium in Brisbane city hall for a breakfast held by the Smith Family. The breakfast looked at how companies can bridge the gap to employment and the highlight of the morning was a talk by Dr Anthony Mann. Dr Mann has dedicated the last decade of his life to researching and developing employment engagement programs for schools and universities. His research shows that employment engagement programs change the way employers hire young people, with changing who young people talk to gain more experiences before employment.

A big congratulations also to Tom Grant who was an MC for the event and represented himself and the school very well.

CHINESE WRITING COMPETITION
It is time for the annual Chinese Writing Contest again. Students from year 8 to 12 Chinese language classes are invited to take part in this competition. It is organised and run by the School of Comparative Cultural Studies at the University of Queensland. There are six sections which cater for different year levels and students’ language background. Students who are native speakers of Mandarin or any Chinese dialect can only enter in the Native Speakers Sections. Historically, Kedron language students have excelled in these competitions, so we are looking to field another strong team this year. Places in each section are limited. Interested students can contact Ms Wu in Q block.

CHINESE COOKING CLASS
At the end of Term 3, Year 8 to 10 Chinese students had the opportunity to explore Chinese culture by making and tasting dumplings. It was the highlight of the term for many students and was enjoyed by all. We hope they will share their new found cooking skills with their families.

KEDRON SPORTS AWARDS NIGHT
The annual Kedron SHS Sports Awards Night will take place on Thursday evening, the 23rd of October. This is our chance to recognise all the outstanding achievements and sportsmanlike behaviour of our students over 2014. The awards ceremony will take place in the Old School Hall at the front of the school. Guests are invited to arrive from 7pm onwards for a 7:30pm start.

Letters have been sent out to the parents of prize winners but just in case they were lost in the post we invited students to have a look at the full list on the sports noticeboard. If your name is on the list and you haven’t received an invitation please see the HPE Department so that we can rectify this. Students are reminded that this is a formal occasion and that normal school uniform is expected to be worn. There will be light refreshment and tea and coffee served after the awards ceremony. We look forward to seeing all of our 154 winners on the night.

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.

PREFECTS 2015
| Megan CHRISTENSEN | Josh BOURKE |
| Psalm GUARTERO   | Stephanie VINCENT |
| Courtney WOOD    | Sarah BALDWIN |
| Cheryl CHIN      | Jesse CHAMPNESS |
| Tim VINCENT      | Bonnie MACKAY |
| Nikki CHATFIELD  | Naomi McCARTHY |
| Audrey AUMAN     | Frances NEALE |
| Elise CONLEY     | Henry LWIN |
| Josh PETRIE      | Alanna KEOGH |
| Fin TAYLOR       | Kelton LE VAR |
| Jullienne VILELA | Rachel WOODGATE |
| Ish Pratap MINHAS| Jeremy ROSARIO |
| Bill LUU         | Chloe HARRIS |
| Nathan SCHOENMAKER| Connor MACDONALD |
| Rob LUTTON       |                       |