FROM THE PRINCIPAL
EVERY STUDENT in EVERY CLASS (and activity)
EVERY DAY of the school year.
What are you grateful for? Pause for a moment please and bring to mind 4 things for which you are grateful. Was it easy? Were there 104, rather than 4? Did they come immediately to mind or did you have to think for a while? Do you tend to look at what you haven’t got and feel resentful or look at what you have got and feel grateful and appreciative? If you think there were fewer than 4, I’d suggest that you take a little bit longer to reflect and while you’re doing that I’d like to share some of my list with you. My guess is that many in our Kedron family will recognise my list as being close to their own.

My ‘list’ falls under a few broad categories – friends and family; work; health and fortune of birth.

I am so grateful for the love, companionship and support of my family and friends. The best way I know to show my gratitude is to be a good, supportive friend, a good-humoured companion and a good wife and mother……and I try to, every day.

I am so grateful that I enjoy good health. I know I tend to take this for granted, and I know that if I don’t look after my health I’ll regret it, so I’m starting to make more of an effort to meet the essentials for good health, including eating healthily, getting enough sleep and doing some exercise every day.

I am so grateful that I am Australian. I have had wonderful opportunities available to me, simply by fortune of birth. I have had access to excellent education, excellent health care, democratic practices, employment opportunities, usually (especially at this time of year) glorious weather, abundant and wonderful natural resources and much, much more. The best way I know to show my gratitude for being Australian is through good citizenship, and by giving a warm welcome to others who have chosen to make this land their home and support them to become the best Australian citizens they can become.

Finally, I am so grateful that I work at Kedron High. The Kedron family is different (and by that I mean better) from most other educational communities. I am grateful for the warmth and friendliness of staff, students and parents; I am grateful for the courtesy and respect that is demonstrated every day in so many ways by all in our community; I am grateful for the diligence of staff and students and their high standards of personal presentation; I am grateful for the generosity and support of the P&C who do all they can to ensure the best possible education for Kedron students; I am grateful for our school’s cultural diversity and the richness it brings to us all; I am grateful for the compassion shown by many of our staff and students and their support of others in the Kedron family; I am grateful for the students who enthusiastically participate in the extra-curricular life of the school and the teachers who give up their time to support them; I am grateful for the opportunity to be an educator and to have a positive influence on the lives of the young people in our care.

The best way I know to show my gratitude for my good fortune in working at Kedron is to conscientiously do the best I can, every day and in every way. This includes expecting high standards in all of the above, role-modelling those high standards, acknowledging the staff and students who maintain our high standards and reminding those who don’t of how fortunate they are, how much they will benefit if they follow “The Kedron Way” and how much they stand to lose if they don’t.

I have been a bit self-indulgent in this article, but I urge you to make your own list and see how good it feels to know you have so much to be grateful for.

COMING EVENTS

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2014 GRADUATION CEREMONY

Kedron State High Seniors
cordially invite their
Parents, Guardians and Teachers

When: Friday 21st November
Time: 9.15am
Where: Indoor Sports Centre

R.S.V.P. by 11th November 2014
e-mail: eglt@kedronshs.eq.edu.au or phone: 36303323

TO STRIVE IS TO SHINE

2014 YEAR 12 STUDENTS AND PARENTS

After your last day at Kedron State High School – 2014, if you have uniforms that are not required by younger siblings, our ESL Unit would greatly appreciate them. We can pass these on to our new ESL students in 2015. Please deliver them to our ESL staffroom in E7 at your convenience. Thank you
BYOD UPDATE

It’s time to find out more about BYOD. Even though we have not yet finalised all the details, we felt it was important to give parents as much information as we can so that you can plan for 2015. Here’s how to find out more:

- Keep reading the newsletter to find out when, what etc
- Attend one of the Parent Information sessions
- Collect a booklet that details as much of the information as we can currently provide. You will need a separate booklet for each device that will be connected.
- When you have read the booklet and attended the information session, you can start to make arrangements for your method of purchase.
- Parents and students will need to sign the new Acceptable Use Policy and return it to the school before connection in 2015.

Parent Information Sessions – you only need to attend 1 session

Monday 3rd November at 5pm – aimed mainly at parents of students entering Year 7 and Year 8 in 2015

Monday 3rd November at 6:30pm – aimed mainly at parents of students entering Year 9 and Year 10 in 2015

Both sessions will be held in the school’s front Hall

You only need to attend one session – go to the most convenient, or the one that focusses on your student’s level. If you cannot attend a session, booklets will be available for collection from the main office from Tuesday 4th November.

Minimum specifications

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In all cases the following are strongly advised:

- Protective sleeve or carry case
- Accidental Damage Protection (purchased)
- Household insurance specifically including portable devices

But wait – there’s more

We hope to have at least one vendor portal for purchasing up and running very soon. This can ease any uncertainty that parents may have regarding specifications. You are not obliged to use any portal for purchase.

There are some choices that should not be made. As this program is in its early stages, we would request that devices with the following features be excluded from the BYOD program until such time as investigations regarding the difficulty of connection can be assessed:

- **AMD processors** – as it is more difficult to connect these;
- **Mac/Apple devices** – at least in the early stages. The program is aimed at Windows devices primarily and connection and software issues may occur. This decision will be revisited when the project has had time to settle;
- **Existing laptops with an operating system before Windows 7**
- **Gaming level machines** – very high-specification machines, as these are not required and can pose a temptation to other students.
- **Chromebook and Surface RT devices** – will not connect to the school Wi-Fi
- **Devices without a keyboard. Devices with keyboards are required for NAPLAN testing from 2016.**

MATES FOR MATES 100KM WW1 CHALLENGE WALK

Over the weekend of the 18th and 19th of October four students and two teachers participated in a 100km trek from Woodford to The Gap. The walk was organised to remember the diggers who died during WW1. Each group carried a brick for 100km and this brick will be used to complete a memorial wall at The Gap in 2018 to coincide with the end of WW1. Each brick has the name of a digger to help remember the sacrifices they made.

Kedron SHS nominated a team through Kedron-Wavell RSL with Mr Crosby walking the 1st leg with Dane Adams and the 2nd leg with Xanya Wilson. Miss Mercer completed the 3rd leg with Tim Vilela and the 4th with Dylan Coetzee. Big congratulations to all for raising over $400 and completing what was a challenging walk.

Kedron SHS was assigned the brick of Archibald “Archie” McKellar who was the great, great uncle of parent Mandy Baker (mother of Cian in year 10). Archie enlisted on the 27th May 1916 along with younger brother Thomas. Archie was initially attached to the 11th Machine Gun Company, 6th reinforcements and after basic training. During training he transferred to the 5th Machine Gun Company and left for...
France on the 7th of September, 1917. He was given promotion to temporary corporal on the 1st of May, 1918 and made up to full corporal on the 25th of July.

From the 29th of September to the 2nd of October, there was a very big battle to take Bellicourt and Nauroy. The British troops took 4000 prisoners and 70 guns in this battle of the St Quentin Canal, where the Germans had dug out tunnels and were hiding reserves. Americans and diggers cleared the area. The company diary says the Americans had achieved all their objectives but the infantry diary says the Americans hadn’t done much of a job at all, and they had to go in and “mop” up the rest. Archie’s body was found by another corporal near Nauroy, and was buried. After the war he was re-interred at Bellicourt British Cemetery. He was 30 years if age when he died.

SPORTS AWARDS NIGHT

Last Thursday the HPE Department held their annual Sports Awards Night. Congratulations to all 156 students who excelled this year and were recognised for their efforts.

A huge crowd of parents and friends were in attendance to cheer on their family and friends. They were also entertained by Dr Phil Jauncey, a sports psychologist who works with elite teams such as the Queensland Bulls, the Brisbane Broncos and the Australian Olympic team.

This year our major award winners were students who exemplified not only high level sporting performance but also sportsmanship and fair play.

The winner of the Jack O’Brien Trophy for a Senior contribution to Junior Sport was Sammy Hsar. Sammy has been an excellent ambassador for Kedron Sport over the years. He plays almost every sport available and is a natural athlete who adapts quickly. Sammy won the Jack O’Brien trophy for his work with Futsal and Rugby. He organises the junior boys into teams, helps out less gifted players and always makes sure everyone is involved. The respect for Sammy amongst the Karen community here at school is a testament to how well thought of he is.

The Junior Sportsperson of the Year proved to be family affair, with last year’s winner, Rachel Woodgate, relinquishing her title to her younger sister, Caitlin Woodgate. And her nearest rival? It was Caitlin’s twin sister Bethany Woodgate. In the end Caitlin won both the Swimming and Cross Country Age Championships while Bethany won the Athletics Age Championship. Both girls played in the school junior netball teams this year and were outstanding. One of their greatest strengths is their sportsmanship and enjoyment of sport that was commented on by a number of coaches. They are both excellent sportswomen and we look forward to their continued success.

This year’s Senior Sportsperson of the Year was the first ever recipient of the Junior Sportsperson Award. It is a mark of his continued success and hard work that he has gone on to claim the senior prize as well. Tim Vincent is an incredible runner who has succeeded in making four Met North teams this year, Triathlon, Cross County, Athletics and Softball. This is a very impressive achievement and shows what an all-round athlete he is.

Thanks must go to all the parents, students and teachers who attended. I would also like to thank those members of staff who have given up their time to take a sport here at school.

We have entered more teams in more sports than ever before and this is only possible thanks to them.

GALA CONCERT 2014

Coming up this Friday the 31st of October is our annual Gala Concert for Instrumental Music and Vocal Program students. The evening will be commencing at 6:30pm sharp (doors opening at 5:30pm) and students involved are required to attend school at 5:30pm in their full performance uniform. Our KIMS group are also fundraising for our program throughout the event with door prices at $5 per person, $20 for a family (4 and over) and raffle tickets at $2 per ticket. If you would like to donate any prizes for this year’s raffle please contact Rohan Hardy at rohanhardy@eq.edu.au or Jessica Breen jxbre1@eq.edu.au to organise the donation. Also remember that the Hospitality department are also running their pre-Gala Concert Mediterranean themed function from 4:30pm and more information about bookings and prices can be obtained from the teacher, Brooke Fraser (bfras69@eq.edu.au).

Following our Gala Concert this year we are also presenting our Infuse program showcase at brand new Brisbane music venue BEMAC (Level 1, Queensland Multicultural Centre, 102 Main St, Kangaroo Point) on Monday November the 10th. The showcase will commence at 7:00pm and will feature performances from 21 of our Year 8 Infuse participants from 2014 and some guest performances from our professional ambassadors including critically acclaimed resident ambassador Sam Brookes from the UK. If you’d like to buy a ticket for this concert they are available for purchase from accounts for $7.50 for an Adult, $5 for a child and $20 for a family (4 and over). Tickets can be purchased at school or over the phone with Ms Kerr on 3630 3301.

While Sam is in the country he will be working with our music department over the week from the 31st of October until the 10th of November. During this time not only will he be workshop songwriting and performance craft with our Infuse students and classroom music students, he has scheduled two more shows at The Bug (New Farm Bowls Club) on Tuesday the 4th of November and also at Kedron in our Hall with the Year 12 Music Studies class for their end of year recital, “The Prelude to Freedom” on Thursday night the 6th of November. Entry to the Year 12 concert, “The Prelude to Freedom” is free of charge and will commence at 6pm.

For more information about these events or our Gala Concert please visit our school’s website or contact A/HOD Rohan Hardy via email or phone 3630 3307.
FRENCH TRIP

During the spring break holidays, 24 year 10 and 11 students accompanied by 3 teachers set off on a spectacular trip to France. During the first week of our visit to France each student was placed with a student from the school Saint Louis in Saumur. Our first week in France consisted of attending school with our homestays, a guided tour of Angers (a city near Saumur), visiting Futuroscope (a theme park), and Puy De Fou (a historical theme park) before boarding a train to take us all to Paris. Once in Paris, we caught the crazy metro with our suitcases. It was so crazy, as we all had massive suitcases, and trying to get everyone on and off before the doors closed was really hard! After the Metro we arrived at our hostel, where we broke off into groups and went to our rooms. During our week in Paris, we visited many tourist attractions, such as Notre Dame, L’arc de Triomphe, many churches, les Champs Elysees, Sacre Coeur and la Seine. The highlight of our trip, was definitely our boat cruise across La Seine with amazing food, and our surprise visit to the Eiffel Tower at night. After making many lifetime memories and friends, our group boarded the plane.

The time spent in France will remain with us all for the rest of our lives and the bond that the group of 24 shared on the trip is eternal. We will always have PARIS!

Annalise Wood

SHANGHAI IN MY HEART

This year, I was one of six lucky students from Australia chosen to attend the 2014 Shanghai International Sister Cities Youth Camp. Each year, Shanghai invites some of her sister cities from around the world to attend the event and Australia has been invited for the past five years. This year’s camp ran from the 16th July to the 29th July and was attended by 121 students from 17 different countries. I shared this amazing experience with many interesting and wonderful people and made lasting memories.

I learnt so much about the language and culture of China whilst on the camp. I improved my language skills by participating in classes, talking with the locals and being immersed in the language everywhere I went and I also experienced Shanghai through sight-seeing trips and cultural events.

Most mornings, we attended a Chinese language class where we improved our Chinese language skills and during the afternoons, we attended a variety of cultural classes. We learnt how to make Chinese tea, create Chinese knots and write Chinese calligraphy. We also had the opportunity to learn some Tai Chi, Kung Fu and how to use nun-chucks. We had fun with the Kung Fu and nun-chucks as we pretended to be professional warriors.

We viewed the city through the glass floor of the Oriental Pearl TV Tower and experienced an evening river cruise down the Huangpu River. We visited Zhouzhuang which is known as the Venice of the East and we also attended the Shanghai Science and Technology Expo.

While in Shanghai, we spent one day with a host family where we experienced the culture and everyday life of a Shanghai citizen. We met our host’s family and they taught us how to make wontons which I enjoyed eating.

The final few days in Shanghai were spent at Oriental Land which is 370 hectares full of fun including waterparks, theme parks, obstacle courses and massive parklands. During our stay there we experienced kite flying, an obstacle course, rope bridge activities and dragonboat racing. Our arms have never been the same since…

The Shanghai International Sister Cities Youth Camp was such an amazing experience and I am honoured to have been given this wonderful opportunity. I’d like to thank Ms Wu, Ms Lacey, Mr McCormick, Education Queensland-International Services and the Shanghai Municipal Education Commission for my experience. I gained new knowledge and a greater understanding of China and its culture. I had a fantastic time; made many new friends and have memories to be treasured forever.

P.S The food was delicious! Everything was deep-fried! 😊

Siobhan Malone - Year 11 Chinese Student