FROM THE PRINCIPAL

EVERY STUDENT in EVERY CLASS (and activity)
EVERY DAY of the school year.

CONGRATULATIONS
- to Mrs Van Gaalen for her work in coordinating a tremendous day for our instrumental music students to work with the Australian Army Band last Friday. This was a great learning experience for our students. Thank you and well done.
- to our First Lego Leaguers who were placed in the top five at Nationals in Sydney and have now been asked to represent Australia in the European Finals along with 35 other countries in Paderborn, Germany in May. This is an expensive exercise for all and anyone who could assist financially please contact Steve Lang at school on 36303371. The group will be accompanied by Miss Dyson, Mr Sharpe and Mr Lang. We wish them well.
- to our Middle School students who have bundled some 260 pencil cases full of school requisites (from donations), and a note from a Kedron student, that will be transported to Bundaberg North SS on Friday to support students impacted by the recent floods. This is their community project and I congratulate staff and students on their efforts.
- to our newly inducted Year 11 leaders in their roles. Former school captain, Scott McGowan (1999) who is now State Manager for IBM spoke to the group about how school prepares you for future life.
- Further update -- Andrew Wydmanski - School Captain in 2006 - recently graduated from his Law/Economics degree at UQ (2012) and was elected by his peers as the Valedictorian for Law. He graduated with First Class Honours.

This year Andrew has been selected to be the Associate to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Queensland, The Hon Paul de Jersey (a very great achievement!).
- to our science and technology students who competed recently. The results speak for themselves – The Kedron Way.

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MOBILE PHONES: Our policy is very clear and more than reasonable. In brief, students can bring their phone to school but it must not be seen or used for any purpose at school. This way students can contact family on the way to or from school or advise of any change of plans at the end of the school day. Students are NOT to be texting anyone, including parents or caregivers, during the day. Breaches of this policy are managed under the school’s Responsible Behaviour Plan and may result in suspension from school. Students who are sick during the day must advise their teacher and then proceed to the school office for management and supervision. If warranted home will be called.

KEEP YOUR HAT ON! Greater emphasis to the wearing of school hats will be part of our normal routine. Students are expected to have their hats on at all times when in uniform at school other than in classes. There is no grey in this approach. Students who have difficulty in meeting this expectation will be supervised in the shade during breaks for their own welfare.

This is my last newsletter for some time. I will take leave starting next term for the remainder of the year. I am scheduled to return for the first day of the 2014 school year. To those families who will leave us during this time can I extend my very best wishes, particularly to our Year 12 group. I have every confidence that our school is delivering a top class education to the young people in our care and I thank you for the trust you have in the school to do this daily. In the last week of term I will advise you of the Principal who will take up the acting role in the school for the rest of the year. Thank you.

Myron McCormick

COMING EVENTS

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EASTER VACATION FRIDAY 29 MARCH – SUNDAY 14 APRIL INCLUDING EASTER (GOOD FRIDAY 29 MARCH – EASTER MONDAY 1 APRIL)
ASSIGNMENT & ASSESSMENT CALENDARS
Students have now been issued with a paper copy of their year level Semester One Assignment & Assessment Calendars. Spare copies are available from the Middle School office (Years 8 & 9) and the Senior School office (Years 10-12). A copy of the Assignment & Assessment Policy & year level Calendars have also been emailed to each student and to parents.

MID-SEMESTER REPORTS & PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Important Dates for Term 2:
• Mid-Semester Reports will be issued in form class on Thursday 18 April, 2013 (First week of Term 2).
• Parent/Teacher Interviews – 3.00-7.00pm Thursday 02 May 2013. Booking information will be issued to students with their school reports.

DRAMA NEWS
This year we have THREE La Boite Ambassadors! Only 100 students from the whole of Queensland are chosen to be a part of the program and they limit it to 2 per school, so to have 3 is either a mistake or an indication of how much La Boite value the relationship we have built with the company. I tend to favour the latter...
The students chosen this year (there were a lot of applicants from Kedron) are: Luxie Henseleit, Lucy Coogan and Kayla Lavell. Please congratulate them when you see them. As a school community we also benefit from their involvement through cheaper tickets to the theatre! Woohoo!

SENIOR EXTERNAL LANGUAGE EXAMS
Every year, the Queensland Studies Authority runs external exams for students who have timetable clashes or cannot access subjects within their school. At our multicultural school, we have many students from many ethnic backgrounds and the external language exams are an excellent way for students to demonstrate their proficiency in another language. Any year 12 background speakers of Arabic, Korean, Polish, Modern Greek, Russian, Spanish or Vietnamese are highly encouraged to sit the External Language Exams, as all students who receive a pass grade or higher will add two extra rank points towards individual OP scores. Practice exams are accessible on-line for preparation and study. Students who speak Japanese or Mandarin Chinese and are NOT studying it at school, are also eligible to sit the exam. These tests are administered in October/November, however registrations close shortly. Interested students need to see Mrs Lacey in Q Block to register and collect information.

NATIONAL LEGO LEAGUE ROBOTICS
Our Kedron 1 team (from the 2012 Strive is to Shine group) that was successful at the National Lego League Robotics competition held recently in Sydney has been invited to REPRESENT AUSTRALIA IN GERMANY!!!! WOOHOO!! The competition is the European Open Lego League Robotics Championship.

The students involved are: Nathan Schoenmaker, Jesse Champness, Lachlan Anderson, Annelise Crilly, Naomi McCarthy, James Howell, James Shoring, Nathaniel Rebolledo and Sabibjeet Bains. They will be away from 4 May to 13 May. The competition is in Paderborn, Germany, (3 hours from Berlin). Mr Sharpe, Mr Lang and Ms Dyson will accompany them.

If you are receiving a hardcopy of the newsletter and would prefer one emailed to you, please contact the school so we can update your details.
SCHOOL WEBSITE
We are currently working on a revamp of our school website, which we will see launched ready for the start of Term 2. This will address some of the ongoing issues we have been faced with over the past month and should make for a much more simple browsing experience, allowing parents to access news and information about school and our local community.

Hot on the heels of this will be the launch of a new app, for smart phones which will complement the updated website.
Mr Lang  (HOD Curriculum – eLearning)

KEDRON STUDENTS RISE TO THE CHALLENGE.
Twenty-One year 10 students have represented their school admirably in this year’s Science and Engineering Challenge, held at the University of Queensland on February 28th.

The Challenge is a national competition, run primarily to inspire students into Science and Engineering careers, but it is also an opportunity to showcase the analytical, problem solving and teamwork skills of students from a wide diversity of schools.

This year, Kedron students were up against eight other schools form Brisbane including 5 private schools and 3 other public schools. We proudly came 3rd place which highlights the creative, cooperative and analytical abilities of our students here at Kedron. We finished well ahead of other schools including the Queensland Academy of Science, Maths and Technology at Toowong, Indooroopilly High School, Hillbrook Anglican School and Northside Christian College. Our students also won an individual challenge (receiving a trophy) by building a bridge from lightweight materials to carry heavy “gold ingots”.

Their final result is even more impressive when you know that we did not field full teams – in some challenges we only had 2 students instead of four. Also some of our teams were reallocated to challenges that they were not expecting, so they had no ability to prepare.

Science teachers Mr Aspinall and Mr Sim accompanied our students and were impressed with their conduct, teamwork, creativity and willingness to listen to each other and experiment!

Our school community can feel very proud of their efforts. Well done to all involved!

INTERACT NEWS
Easter Egg Drive
On Thursday 21 March members of the club will be wrapping and preparing the Easter eggs for our annual excursion to Clifford House. Leftover eggs will be donated to the Royal Children’s Hospital Foundation and Ronald McDonald House at Herston. All donations can be dropped off at Administration or to Mr Thwaites’ staffroom (LA).

Paul’s Collect-a-Cap Promotion
Results are in! Through our campaign last year to collect Paul’s milk caps, we have raised $581. Wow! How good is that? This was proposed to go to the Futures Project in Cambodia to take young girls and women off the streets to give them an alternate education path and life career.

A-Mart Kick Back
If you’re buying anything from A-mart, remember to tell the check-out operator you’re supporting Kedron High School Kick Back. This contributes 5% of your purchase towards goods donated to the Club that it is in turn giving to the Borneo Trippers at the end of this year to give to a remote village in Borneo.

ENGLISH
My name is Mick Leigh and I am the new English Head of Department at Kedron State High School. I look forward to working closely with you and your children throughout their time here at school. I will be sending regular emails home to parents with updates on the curriculum but if you would prefer hard copies of information sent home, please contact me on my extension 3630346 so I can add you to a mailing list. Keeping you informed is a vital link in the communication chain & instrumental in improving student results. If you have not received communication from me by the end of this term, please contact me so we can check your contact details.

Please note the following important dates for students studying Authority English in Year 11 & 12:

Yr 12 – Tuesday 19.3.13: Unseen Analytical Exam – students will begin in Break One & continue through to Break Two. As such they may bring a healthy (and quiet) snack and water to keep those energy levels up throughout the exam.

Yr 11 – Wednesday 20.3.13: Unseen Analytical Exam – students will begin in Lesson Two & continue through to Break One. Some students will have a staggered start to the exam because of commitments in other subjects. If your child is confused about when they are starting, please encourage them to see me in B4.

Thank you and I look forward to a great year together!

WHO IS LEARNING AT KEDRON SHS?
The media is currently overflowing with ideas about how education systems can improve the learning that our students participate in. A focus of this debate has become teacher quality and the difference that a teacher can make. At Kedron SHS our focus is on improvement for both students and teachers. As a part of this process we have undertaken the implementation of the national framework of standards for teachers. Another action we have undertaken is to identify what constitutes good teaching as a part of Dr R Marzano’s “The Art and Science of Teaching” framework.

Every student has completed a learning plan in which they have identified the actions required to assist them in improving their results. To complement this, teachers have completed class action plans that identify the actions that the teacher will undertake to assist students in improving their
results. When you receive your student’s report card at the start of Term 2 you will also be invited to discuss your student’s results at our parent/teacher evening. A part of your discussion could be about your student’s learning plan and to what degree they have succeeded in putting their actions into place.

Mrs Coogan (A/Deputy Principal School Performance)

WELL DONE CHELSEA

Congratulations to Chelsea Vincent (Year 12) who has made her second Met North Tea of the year. Chelsea represented the region at triathlon earlier this term. She has now been selected in the Met North Softball Team. Chelsea is an outstanding athlete with both gruelling endurance and great co-ordination. We wish her all the best at the State Championships.

DAIKI CONTINUES TO SHINE

Daiki Kimoto (Year 10) has continued his success with baseball and has recently been selected in the Met North Open Boys Baseball team. This is an especially impressive achievement considering Daiki has another two more years after this one to keep achieving representative honours. Daiki is a pitcher who has a very powerful and accurate arm. He represented Met North last year at the 15 Years level, where he was unlucky to miss out on state honours. We wish him all the best for this year.

AMAZING YEAR 8 ATHLETES

Our new crop of Year 8 students have already impressed the sports staff at school with their athleticism. Three notable examples are Emily Rogers, Stephanie de Wit and Alex Barnwell. Emily was this year’s Age Champion for school swimming and attended the Met North Carnival. She has recently been selected in the Open Girls Touch team for Central Districts. This is a very impressive achievement for someone who has just started high school this year.

Stephanie de Wit is another young female athlete who has excelled beyond her years. Stephanie was also selected in the Open Girls team for Central Districts, this time in Volleyball. This is a remarkable achievement considering we have Craigslea SHS, a volleyball school of excellence, in our region. Sadly Stephanie missed out on Met North selection but clearly she has many more years of representative sport ahead of her.

Alex is our third amazing athlete who is achieving success outside of the school sporting programme. Alex has recently been selected for the Australian National Under 12’s Inline Hockey team. This team will compete this year in California at the World Youth Cup and Junior Olympics. We wish him all the best.

Congratulations to these three trailblazing athletes. We hope there are more of you out there and look forward to seeing you take part in more school sport.

RUGBY UNION 7’S SUCCESS

The Kedron SHS Senior Boys Rugby Union 7-a-side team recently had a great start to the year, winning the Redcliffe 7’s competition. This year the Queensland Rugby Union has introduced a 7-a-side rugby union competition, which will take place over 4 all day tournaments throughout the year. The Redcliffe 7’s was the first tournament. Kedron had two teams entered, a Junior team made up of boys from Years 8 and 9 and a Senior team made up of boys from Years 11 and 12. The senior team played Clontarf SHS in the final and ran out winners 24-22. The player of the tournament was Geoff Fabila who was the leading try scorer.

The next tournament will take place in Week 4 of Term 2. We hope to also field a team made up of boys from Years 10 and 11 but need greater numbers to attend training before we can commit to this new team.

RUGBY LEAGUE SOON

The Kedron SHS Rugby League season starts soon, at the beginning of Term 2.

Teams are currently training and we welcome all new students. The junior team (Years 8 and 9) will be coached by Mr Crosby and will train and have their games after school on Tuesdays. Mr Blanshard will be taking the Senior Boys (Years 10,11 & 12) for their games on Wednesday afternoons. The competition is the Aspley / Broncos Challenge and pits our teams against other northside schools.

All boys who would like to take part need to get a permission form signed by the parents / carers. These can be obtained from the HPE office. There is no cost to play and students will be driven to and from all venues in the school bus. We look forward to seeing many new faces down at training.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SPORT

After a very wet and inclement start to the year the Years 10’s, 11’s and 12’s have finally been able to compete against other schools in the Central District on Wednesday afternoons. So far we have played Bracken Ridge SHS, Aviation High and Earnshaw College. Both boys and girls teams have excelled and the majority of our teams are undefeated.

We will face tougher opposition over the coming weeks in the form of Sandgate SHS (Week 8) and Aspley (Week 9) before taking on our nearest, and often most competitive rival, Wavell in the first week back of Term 2.

We wish all our teams the best. I would also like to thank the teachers and coaches who run these activities for their own time that they happily give up to make these activities work.

IS YOUR CAR LOOKING DIRTY??

Kedron is holding a CAR WASHING day on the 24th of March. From 9am in the front car park come and get the awesome students from the World Challenge Crew do the hard work for you!! For only $10 you can get your car looking shiny and new (well, as new as we can get it!!). There will be cold drinks and snacks available while you wait… but with our group, waiting shouldn’t be as long as waiting for your kids!! Come help out our Kedron community help a poor Borneo community!!

CAR WASH!! Only $10!!! Can’t beat that!! 😊
NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE
Friday 15 March 2013
On Friday 15 March 2013 schools across Australia will join together to mark the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. This annual day provides a focus for schools who want to say Bullying, No Way! and to strengthen everyday messages that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time.

The annual National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence occurs on the third Friday in March each year and is organised by all Australian education authorities through the Safe and Supportive School Communities Project. Students were invited to wear an orange ribbon to Take a Stand Together at Kedron… Bullying? No way!

EVERY CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO SUCCEED IN AN EDUCATION WORTH HAVING, (AITS)
At Kedron State High School we firmly believe that our core business is your students’ learning. We strive to meet the needs of our learners in a variety of ways. In Years 8 to 10 we differentiate the learning in the core subject areas of English, Maths, Science and History based on your student’s demonstrated ability in the subject as well as his/her literacy and numeracy skills. In extension classes we focus on extending the students through activities such as the implementation of higher order thinking skills. Students cover the core work as outlined in the national curriculum but the approach of the teacher is altered to suit the specific needs of this group. In mainstream classes the students are completing the national curriculum and your student’s core teachers have strategies in place designed to help your student improve. Our assisted learning classes include learning support and ESL. Again the teachers’ focus is on assisting their students to meet the core demands of the national curriculum with additional scaffolding and support.

In 2013 we have introduced STUDENT LEARNING PLANS for students in Years 8 to 12. In week one of this term all students were issued with a Student Learning Plan and students in Years 9 to 12 received another copy of their Semester 2, 2012 report. Your student is responsible for setting a goal for every class as well as two actions that they will put in place to achieve that goal. The student shares his/her goals with their teacher who will ensure that the goals are realistic and the actions appropriate. You will be able to discuss your student’s goals and actions with his/her teachers at parent teacher night and we would encourage you to discuss the goals regularly with your student. The plans are kept in the student’s homework notebook.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs Coogan, A/Deputy Principal School Performance at the school or via email ccoog1@eq.edu.au

ROLE OF THE SCHOOL BASED YOUTH HEALTH NURSE
For those of you who don’t know me, I am Melanie, the Youth Health Nurse at Kedron High. I work Tuesday and Friday and alternate Wednesdays within the school.

The role of the Youth Health Nurse includes working within the school community on issues that may affect the health and wellbeing of young people. I provide information through whole of school health promotion, classroom education and young women’s groups for Gr 8 to 10 girls. The majority of my work is consultations with students on various issues they may be having and the girl’s groups. Student consultations are confidential except in circumstances where the student’s safety is at risk. Parents can also contact me if concerned about their child and I can make community referrals for parents if required.

Some health related areas I can discuss with students or parents are:
- Eating and body image issues
- Behavioural changes that can affect one’s learning capacity ie. Sleep disturbances, risk taking behaviours
- Stress
- Self esteem
- Friendships at school, bullying, non compliance with attending school
- Personal and family problems
- Growth and development
- Sexual health
- Alcohol and drug awareness
- Referrals or information in regards to community agencies

The role of the Youth Health Nurse does not include treatment such as medications, injections, first aid, physical examinations or longer term counselling for psychological problems. I can be a support person though for students with a medical condition.

Students can make an appointment with me directly. My room is located in the same area as the guidance officer. Parents can contact me on 36303351 (Tuesday, Friday and alternate Wednesdays)
Ms Melanie Hilder (School Based Youth Health Nurse)

FROM THE CHAPLAINS...
Here are a few things you might be interested in! 😁
Metamorphis Camp – Fri 12 to Sun 14 April (Last weekend of the holidays)
Every year, in the Easter holidays, Metamorphis goes camping! All students are welcome to join us. This year’s camp will be held at a great campsite at Tewantin, near Noosa. Cost is only $80 and that includes transport to & from camp, food, accommodation, and activities. Interested students should get a camp form off Chaplain Ian or Chaplain Erin.

Easter Service
All students are invited to join in an Easter Service, which will be held in the Assembly Hall on the last day of term (Thursday 28 March). The service will be run by the chaplains and
students. Parents need to give permission for their children to attend this service. Students can get permission slips off the chaplains. Please note: students participating in the Spirituality Programme can automatically attend the Easter service.

**Spirituality Programme**
This will run in second term for Year 8 and 9 students. Please make sure that permission slips have been returned if you would like your child to attend.

If you have any questions about these events, please contact our chaplains.
Ian Charlesworth (Mon-Thurs):
school 3630 3304 mobile 0411 861 071 email chaplains@kedronshs.eq.edu.au

Erin Archer (Mon, Thurs, Fri):
school 3630 3351 mobile 0426 245 572 email chaplains@kedronshs.eq.edu.au

**EARTH DAY!!**
Here at Kedron we believe strongly in protecting the environment around us and the community. This is why one of the main focuses this year is the importance of the environment and how we as a cohort can preserve it. On Monday the 22nd of April Kedron will be participating in Earth Day, which is an annual event that occurs worldwide in hope to increase awareness and appreciation of the Earth’s natural environment.

Please add this to your calendars and diaries and keep posted for more information!
We appreciate your support in making our planet a more sustainable place.
From The Year 11 Environmental Committee

**DON’T PLAY IN STORMWATER DRAINS**
As the wet weather season continues please take the time to warn your children about the dangers of playing in or near flood waters and stormwater drains.

Queensland Fire and Rescue’s Swiftwater site can help you get this important message heard by your children or listen to flood stories told by young people.

**SCHOOLS TO ENHANCE TEACHING**
By the end of 2013, our school will have developed a pedagogical framework in collaboration with the school community. This framework is designed to ensure our school delivers high quality teaching focused on the achievement of every student.

For more information speak to our school’s administration team.
We say a huge Thank You to the parents, students and teachers who contributed to our Bundaberg North SS Pencil Case Appeal. Our Year 8 students wrote cheery notes of support for the students of the flood-ravaged school and these were enclosed in the pencil cases which our students filled in their KedCare lesson last Monday.

There were boxes and boxes of pencils, pens, rulers, erasers, highlighters, etc in a fantastic response to the Middle School Reaches Out appeal.

260 pencil cases, each filled to the brim of school requisites, were delivered to Bundaberg SS last Friday where the school’s chaplain has happily taken on the task of ensuring that the pencil cases are distributed to those in need.

As usual, the Kedron family has responded magnificently demonstrating the kindness, compassion and respect for others that is so much a part of The Kedron Way.
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

Message from the ISP Co-ordinator
The International Students Program at Kedron State High is a valued part of the school community and its rich multicultural fabric. Currently, there are 26 International students at Kedron State High from China, Korea, Taiwan, Vietnam, Japan, Philippines, Austria, Thailand and Papua New Guinea. These students recognise that the opportunities afforded them through an education gained in Australia are, in many cases, greater than in their home country. They work hard to achieve their full potential despite the challenges of living in a new culture and functioning in English.

In 2012, 40% of the strong graduating International student cohort achieved OP1-5. These success stories are testament to the students’ commitment, drive and diligence, to our fantastic group of supportive homestay families, and the professional standard of our dedicated teachers. It is evident that the International Students Program and the academic nature of this fine school fully complement one another.

As the International Student Co-ordinator, I look forward to working with all the international students and providing the support necessary to ensure their time spent at Kedron State High is happy and rewarding.

Welcome new ISP students to Kedron
This term we have welcomed 8 new students to the program –
Chiaki Abiko (Japan): Chiaki was successful against hundreds of other Japanese students to win the Tokyo Scholarship to study a year in Australia!
Qifan (Ryan) Huang (China): in Grade 11; Keonwoo Lee (Korea): Grade 11; Luoyao (Sarah) Tan (China): Grade 11; Hoang Minh (Ryan) Tran (Vietnam): Grade 11; Yongwook (Greg) Gweon (Korea): Grade 10; Duc Du Nguyen: Grade 10; and Linda Gams (Austria): Linda is our here with our Study Abroad program for one term. We hope all our new students will feel at home in our Kedron community.
We expect more students from Germany, France, Korea and China to join us in Terms 2, 3 and 4.

Thank you to our Homestay Families
I would like to take the opportunity to thank our wonderful group of supportive homestay families, who provide a home away from home for our International students. Far beyond providing food and board to our students, our homestay families give students an important insight into Australian family life and act as host parents to our students by sharing advice, care and concern. We are indebted to our homestay families for making our students feel included and a valuable part of their own busy lives.

Welcome Belinda Burman
This year we welcome Belinda to the International Office as the students’ ESL/Admin Support Officer. Belinda will be supporting the International students in some senior classes and tutorial sessions.

Ms Lacey
HOD International Programs