FROM THE PRINCIPAL

RESPECT: This is an earned attribute. How have you earned the respect of others in the past week? What is it that you can do each day to demonstrate the expectation you have of yourself in the area of self-respect? How can we demonstrate to others the respect we have for our school and its community? We need to continually self-assess if we are to make a difference. The difference that we are seeking is always a positive movement and each person in our community can contribute to making our community a better place each and every day.

THAI DELEGATION VISIT: On Friday the 13th of March, Kedron continued its long established culture of welcoming professional visits to our school. We had a large teaching and administration group from the Prince Royal College with us for a large part of the day. Their focus was primarily around STEM (the teaching and application of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) across the school. They were very impressed with what is happening at Kedron and will return to Thailand with great stories to tell about our wonderful school.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE: Thank you to the parents who came along to the information evening in preparation for work experience in 2015. The work experience program is an important opportunity for students to engage in the world of work. We know that many young people have part-time jobs, but work experience can provide an insight into occupations that students generally have limited opportunity to access. If you require information regarding work experience, please contact the Middle School Office.

P&C AGM: Please remember that our P&C AGM is on Tuesday the 17th of March at 7pm in A3. We have a fantastic and hard-working P&C, with an excellent executive. It is always a positive when we get a large number of families to come along to P&C meetings and the AGM. We hope to see you there.

Kedron Instrumental Music Support (KIMS): Thank you to the supportive group of parents and staff who continue the work of this important group within our school. I thank you on behalf of the students who benefit from your efforts and thank you for the support you give to our staff.

CONGRATULATIONS: To our new Year 11 leaders. This experience is part of our student leadership training that commences in Year 8 and culminates in our Prefect induction in Year 12. Each step along the way prepares students not only as a leader, but as a great citizen.

MID-SEMESTER ASSESSMENT: Assessment is underway across the school to inform families about progress to date. Reports will be distributed early next term. This will focus a shared conversation at our first Parent/Teacher Evening for 2015. Details of the evening will be communicated to parents in the coming weeks. Yours in the Kedron Way

Mr Joseba Larrazabal - Principal

COMING EVENTS

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EASTER VACATION

FRIDAY 3RD – MONDAY 20TH APRIL

WORK EXPERIENCE

Further to Mr Larrazabal’s message regarding the Work Experience information session, I’d also like to extend a big thank you to all of the parents and students who attended.

Where to from here?

Students and parents have been sent an email will details of the Work Experience Nomination 2015 survey. This survey enables students to indicate their preferred areas for their Work Experience placement at the end of Term 2. All students should complete this and discuss their choices with parents/carers. This should be completed as soon as possible. Paperwork with general information for parents will be sent out this week.

We have created a space on the school website dedicated to the Work Experience Program. You can find this by clicking on the Work Experience news story on the front page – this is a one-stop-shop for all the information you’ll need to know about Work Experience. When paperwork is sent out to parents, generic versions will appear here too. There is also a dedicated email address just for Work Experience – workexp@kedronshs.eq.edu.au – this address should be used for general questions or enquiries.

Mr Steve Lang

BCC LOST PROPERTY

Please remind you children to check for any personal items before exiting the bus.

Should any items be left behind, I encourage the owner of the property to please contact the BCC on (07) 34038888. Lost property can be claimed from our Lost Property Office located on Level 1, Brisbane Square, 266 George Street, Brisbane between the hours of 9am to 5pm Monday – Friday excluding Public Holidays.
YEAR 7 & 8 LEADERS

It has been a brilliant start to the year for our Year 7 and 8 students and we are proud to say that they are certainly stepping up to the mark by quickly adopting the ‘Kedron Way’. This year we have been presented with a plethora of able students in our Junior School capable of leadership. Therefore, rather than just having 4 student leaders we instead ran a student election for Form Captains who will form an executive to represent our Junior student body. It is with great pride that we announce the students below as our student representatives.

The Year 7 students will participate in a Student Investiture in week 10 on Wednesday April 1st at 10am. The Year 8 students will celebrate their Student Investiture in week 3 on Friday May 8th at 9am. These dates have been chosen so that students can use their camp experience as an opportunity to select their year level captains. Congratulations to our Form Captains, who are already proving to be an impressive cohort of young Kedronites.

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CHANGES TO THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS TAX FILE NUMBER PROGRAM IN 2015

The Secondary Schools Tax File Number (TFN) Program will not continue beyond 31 December 2014. This means that School TFN forms will no longer be processed beyond this date.

How students can apply for a TFN from 1 January 2015

The Australian Taxation Office in partnership with Australia Post is making it easier for individuals to apply for a TFN.

Students can now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office.

Applying online and presenting Proof of Identity documents at a participating Australia Post Office is the fastest and most convenient way for students to get a TFN. More information on applying online can be found at [ato.gov.au](http://ato.gov.au) by searching for 'QC27248'.

Students who are unable to visit a participating Australia Post office will need to complete the application form Tax file number - application or enquiry for individuals form (NAT 1432). More information about lodging this form can be found at [ato.gov.au](http://ato.gov.au) by searching for 'QC22604'.

YEAR EIGHT CO-ORDINATOR

On Tuesday 10th March selected Year 8 students participated in the official launch of ASPIRE. ASPIRE is an after school program that operates on Tuesdays in the Library from 3-4pm. The program focuses on particular skills in English based on individual student’s needs. The first session involved students practicing skills for their upcoming assessment. A small number of students embraced the opportunity to engage with their fellow class members and receive specific assistance from staff. Students made a series of comments which demonstrated their enjoyment along with expressing an appreciation for the support they received throughout the afternoon.

“ASPIRE is fun and I would like to come next week. It gives us the chance to receive extra help in areas that we need to focus on”. Lana (First Left)

“ASPIRE is a great study group that encourages me and others to achieve an improved understanding of our current assignment”. Shayne (Second Left)

“I liked that we receive extra help with the tasks we are doing in English”. Sophie (Middle)

“I liked that we watched a short video and then had the opportunity to share our ideas with the group”. Valeria. (Second Right)

“I liked ASPIRE because we learn more about paragraph writing”. Nisrina (First Right)

Ms V. Elmore (Yr 8 Co-Ordinator)
TUCKSHOP NEWS
Please place orders before school for 1st & 2nd Breaks to save time.
Orders placed before school can be collected from the Pre-order counter.

TUCKSHOP / UNIFORM SHOP VOLUNTEERS
At Kedron High we have a wonderful, air-conditioned tuckshop which is open five days a week.

Our tuckshop is a friendly, happy place in which to work and all of our volunteers are provided with morning tea and lunch.

Volunteering is central to the effective operation of our Uniform Shop. Our Uniform Shop is open five days a week from 8.15 – 9.15am and full on the job training is provided.

If you would like to volunteer your help, please provide your name and contact details below.

We value any time you are able to give.

NAME: _______________________________________
CONTACT: Phone: ____________________________
Email: _________________________________

I would like to volunteer: ☐ Tuckshop ☐ Uniform Shop

STUDENT COUNCIL TERM 1 HIGHLIGHTS
Valentine’s Day was successful with many new staff presented with a welcoming balloon, message and chocolate. The Student Council will be donating $100 to Epilepsy Queensland.

With Clean Up Australia Day celebrating its 25th Birthday, the Student Council had a record 39 students and two teachers cleaning up the surrounds of Kedron Brook on Friday 27 March.

Saturday 28 March is Earth Hour and the Student Council is running a poster competition to promote it. Turn your lights off between 8-30 and 9-30 PM.

Caption: Mr Leslie with some of the eager Year 7 volunteers.

TAKE A MOMENT FOR SOME TIME OUT AND RELAX.
Sit or lay comfortably with your eyes closed.
For the first 6 minutes focus on your breathing. Notice the rise and fall of your rib cage and follow the air as it flows in and out of your lungs. Let any feelings and thoughts come and go, and each time you notice that your attention has wandered, gently refocus (you may need to do this again and again).

For the next 3 minutes be aware of your body and your feelings as well as your breathing. For the final minute, open your eyes and connect with the room around you, as well as with your body, your feelings and your breathing.

Exercises, such as mindfulness, relaxation and meditation, are really important for everyone but especially teenagers trying to cope with school life and the rigorous demands of the Australian curriculum. It is really valuable to demonstrate that you take time out and relax too to exercise outdoors (to absorb Vitamin D from the sunshine- beneficial for calcium absorption and bone development), laugh (releasing Endorphins- the happy hormones) and play. By modelling these choices, your son/daughter understands that it is equally important to engage in such enjoyable activities in order to be able to function and live a balanced life (which ultimately promotes better study skills and helps students to learn effectively).

© Enjoy. Ms Fiona Lyon (GO).

P&C NEWS
The P&C runs two small businesses: the Tuckshop and Uniform Shop. How much profit did we make last year? And where does the money go? If you are curious about these questions, are committed to bettering the student experience or have some great ideas for improvement at Kedron then please come along to the P&C meetings (every third Tuesday of the month at 7pm). Our next meeting includes the Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 17 March at 7pm (upstairs behind the office) – we’d like you to become a member. We also have some exciting news about even better services at the Tuckshop! Best wishes, Sam (P&C President)

2015 NEXT STEP SURVEY
The Queensland Government is conducting its annual statewide survey of all students who completed Year 12 in 2014. The Next Step survey is a brief, confidential survey that gains a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school completers in the year after they finish Year 12.

Between March and June, all our students who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician’s Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate.

Thank you for your support of the Next Step survey in 2015.

Further information on Next Step is available online at www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/ or on toll free telephone 1800 068 587.
2015 INTERNATIONAL WELCOME LUNCH
The ISP Department hosted a Welcome Lunch for all the new students and those returning from last year. We also welcomed Ms Yuki Asano who has taken up the acting role as HOD Languages / International Student Program.

This year, we have students from China, Korea, Japan, Hong Kong, Thailand, Philippines, Cambodia, Vietnam, Malaysia and Nauru. These students are enrolled from Year 8 through to Year 12. We are expecting students from Italy and Germany to start with us in Semester 2.

The newly elected International Prefects Cheryl Chin and Bill Luu helped with the setting up for the luncheon. Thank you very much.

HOLIDAYS AND TRAVEL FORMS
If your student is travelling during the school holidays we will require a copy of the travel form and their ticket for approval by the Principal. The last day for this to be submitted is 20 March 2015.

INTERESTED IN HOSTING
If there are Kedron families who would be interested in hosting an international student in Semester 2 and would like to get more information please contact Mrs Lisa McHattie the Homestay Coordinator on 3630 3336.