FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

TERM ONE – A GREAT START: I wanted to open by thanking the Kedron family for the warm welcome and support I have felt since commencing at the school. It has been a hectic start to the year, but highly successful. That only happens when everyone is pulling in the same direction!

THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS: Our P&C AGM was held last week. I wanted acknowledge the continuing and new members of the executive voted in at the meeting;
• President: Sam Hollingworth
• Vice-President: Yve McIntyre
• Secretary: Rebecca Pearce
• Treasurer: Tony Howell

We have an excellent P&C and have had strong parental representation at all the meetings I have attended. I would love to see that continue.

I also wanted to pass on the school’s heartfelt thanks to Mr Harry Peek who officially left the role of treasurer after many years fulfilling this important duty.

CONGRATULATIONS: To all the students & staff who participated in and/or organised the multitude of events on Friday the 20th of March. This day was about sending a clear message around harmony, acceptance and a zero tolerance to bullying in our great school.

THANKS: To the committed and wonderful Year 7 staff who travelled with our students for the first Year 7 camp at Kedron SHS. From all reports it was a great camp with plenty of cherished memories. Thanks for Mr Sharp for his organisation of the camp. Additionally huge thanks to our music staff, who staged a highly successful music camp recently.

MID-SEMESTER TESTING: Tests are being finalized across the school to inform families about progress to date. Reports will be distributed on April 23 (Day 4 Term 2). This will focus a shared conversation at our Parent/Teacher Evenings on the 6th & 7th May. It is in the school calendar but make sure to highlight it.

STRATEGIC PLANNING 2016 to 2020: This year I am keen to work with as many staff, parents, students and community groups as possible to shape the next strategic plan for Kedron SHS. We obviously have a fantastic school already, but strategic planning allows us to keep looking forward and aiming to be even better. I will share more information next term about opportunities for different stakeholders in our school to share their views.

A GREAT STAFF: I have thoroughly enjoyed my first full term as Principal of Kedron SHS. What has become very clear to me is that there is a very large group or incredibly dedicated staff at this school who give everything they possibly can for the students and community of this school. I am incredibly proud of the staff here at Kedron!

END OF TERM 1: The term has been extremely busy, passed quickly, with many great accomplishments achieved by students and staff. I hope that everyone is able to enjoy the break ahead. If you are travelling please be careful and be safe.

START OF TERM 2: We return to a full first week for next term which commences on Monday the 20th of April. ANZAC Day this year falls on a Saturday, therefore there is no public holiday. The school’s service will be on Friday the 24th of April.

Yours in the Kedron Way
Joseba Larrazabal (Principal)

COMING EVENTS

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YEAR 7 CAMP
Leaping, climbing, dancing, splashing through the river on rafts, crafting ropes to make our own bridge to walk over, drumming a jungle rhythm and adding 207 people to my family. This is the best way to sum up what was a great Year 7 camp! On Monday 16th March we set off for three days of challenges, fun and to learn a bit more about whom we are as a
Year 7 cohort. The beautiful, natural, surrounds of Maranatha Camp set amongst the forest and creek country in Yandina provided the backdrop. Students rotated through eight different activities, including river-rafting, wall-climbing, bridge building, high tree possum pull, drumming and a group building challenge trail.

The emphasis of the camp was focussed on the concept of “contributing towards the group”. This theme was developed with each group writing up and committing to its own agreement relating to supportive behaviours. In essence, students committed to the notions of “being kind” towards each other and “having a go”. This pledge was evident in the four sessions of fantastic activities on day two. The highlight of day two was the evening’s Kedron SHS version of “So You Think You Can Dance”. All groups showed impressive enthusiasm and quite a few students demonstrated considerable creativity and dancing talent when competing with their activity group. With the assistance of our Year 12 prefects, Courtney and Jeremy, Mrs Coogan as chief judge with a display that combined the precision of Olympic gymnastics with the tight group feel of hip hop dancing.

By the time the buses carried everyone home on Wednesday afternoon the group was exhausted, but a more mature and tightly knit group for the experience.

The camp was particularly special due to the care and enthusiasm of our staff who so keenly volunteered to attend. For their commitment, the Year 7 cohort say “thank you!”

QATSIF BREAKFAST
On Thursday 18th of March the six students who are recipients of the Queensland Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Fund attended a welcome breakfast, held at St Laurence’s College. The senior students were welcomed to Country and given an address by Hon Curtis Pitt, Member for Mulgrave, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, encouraging students to pursue their dreams. Aunty Ruth Hegarty, patron of QATSIF, also presented an inspirational speech to the students, reminding them that they have an amazing opportunity to get an education, in comparison to her experience, whereby she was only taught to read and write to grade 4 level.

The students were then entertained by dancers from Wavell State High School and Palm Beach State High School. Following the formalities, time was spent enjoying a light breakfast and catching up with QATSIF students. Scholarship recipients are Marley Clifford, Kiri Fabila, Jakob Parsons, Lani Fabila, Naomi McCarthy and Alanna Keogh.

2015 MUSIC CAMP
Music Camp 2015 kicked off on Wednesday the 11th March, with 125 of our Senior and Junior Instrumental Music and Vocal Program students heading for QCCC, Mt Tamborine for five days of music making. While on the music camp our senior ensembles were burning up their chops during three days of intensive rehearsals, bushwalks, workshops and performance anxiety sessions! This year we had several students committing to four or five rehearsals per day and once our Junior Secondary students arrived on Friday, mentored and modelled the Kedron Way of making music. This year Mr Boughen, Ms Van Gaalen, Mr Johnston, Mr Mitchell, Ms Hardy, Mr Lang, Ms Want and Miss Martin and I joined the students with a special guest appearance and workshop from sports and music psychologist Abraham Garfield. We had an incredible time making music, getting to know one another better, jamming and getting deep in the Ju Ju!

From the moment we arrived we began rehearsals with the Wind Symphony and String Orchestra both spending much of the first day running through their pieces for our Semester One Showcase Concerts in term 3 (check the Kedron website for dates). During the Wednesday evening we all unwound with some getting to know each other activities and a few of us woke in the morning with Ms Van Gaalen for the annual camp fun run, rainforest yoga and meditation session (thanks to Ms V).

By Saturday morning (following our Friday the 13th costume night and superstition trivia) the Kedron Acapella students warmed themselves up for the Education Queensland Choral Fanfare Competition Heats taking place here at Kedron on the 20th May. Meanwhile Mr Mitchell jammed on the Physical Education chart with the Percussion Ensemble and Ms Want worked with our strings students and was chasin’ the trane with the jazz piano students. We topped the day off with a ping pong championship (a game for true musicians) and an awards ceremony and thanks to our senior music students. On Sunday afternoon the students performed for around 60 parents who made the trip up the mountain, showcased our work over the last four weeks and once again raised the bar that extra bit higher. Thanks to all the students for their excellent behaviour and to the families of our extra-curricular music students for providing the support to make this year’s camp a huge success!

Also coming up this Semester are our showcase concerts for Wind, Brass, Percussion, Strings and Vocal. Please check the Kedron SHS Website calendar for updates for these events or download our Kedron SHS app for Apple or Android.

Other dates firming up this Semester include our Big Band gig for Soroptimist International (non-for-profit organisation supporting professional women) at the Kedron Wavell Services Club on the 6th of May, The Australian Acapella Awards performance with the Kedron Acapella on the 16th of May at the Princess Theatre, the State Principals Conference gig for Kedron Acapella at the Convention Centre on the 5th of June and our Grant Collins Drum Clinic with the Percussion Ensemble on the 1st of June.
30 March 2015

Also stay tuned for more info about our Infuser’s sessions with Tjupurr and the Infuse tour to some of our local primary schools in Term 2.
Mr Rohan Hardy (A/HOD The Arts)

HARMONY DAY AND NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING & VIOLENCE

On Friday 20th March, Kedron SHS came together to celebrate diversity and say ‘No’ to bullying and violence. The day began with a whole school assembly whereby students and staff donned orange ribbons as a symbol of their renewed pledged to stamp out bullying and cyber bullying at Kedron State High School. Out loud, staff and students reaffirmed their belief that everyone has the right to feel safe, secure and accepted regardless of colour, race, gender, sexuality, popularity, athletic ability, intelligence, religion and nationality. Staff also banded together in a remarkable display of solidarity wearing a sea of orange - the official colour of both Harmony Day and National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence.

Fittingly, this was followed up by a presentation by Year 11 leaders of four Motivation Boards or ‘Mo-Boards’ to the school community. These colourful boards were designed in KEDCare lessons in Term 4 last year as a year level initiative by the then Year 10’s. Each coloured hand contains words or phrases of affirmation submitted by each individual student within the cohort. A number of these boards will be hung in the walkway leading to the Year 7 building in the hopes of inspiring the youngest members of our Kedron community to stay positive.

As a part of their commitment to the Kedron community, these Year 11 students were also involved in delivering powerful assemblies to Year 8, 9 and 10 cohorts during the week preceding the day around what bullying looks like, in addition to outlining practical strategies and support options for students who may be affected by bullying. It was clear that the younger members of our school community really appreciated their older peers taking an active role in conveying these important messages.

Students were then invited to cast their thoughts across the seas to those affected by the recent cyclone in Vanuatu and donate a gold coin in the spirit of Harmony Day. Students and staff raised a fantastic $1309.15 of much needed funds to go towards the relief effort! Great job, Kedron!

The day’s events continued at First Break with talented Kedron musicians breaking out the tunes whilst over 1000 staff and students joined together in a huge Conga line that curled around the grounds - a sight that almost needed to be seen to be believed. At Second Break, our Chaplains ran a sausage sizzle near the Old Tuckshop whilst representatives from Headspace chatted to students about the different support options that they have available to them, in addition to students contributing their handprints to a colourful mural celebrating diversity led by representatives from QPASTT.

All in all, the day was a huge success. Thank you must go to all the wonderful staff for their organisation around the remarkable number of events, and the students for their enthusiastic participation. The Kedron Way was certainly evident as our school community banded together to say ‘No’ to bullying and violence, and ‘Yes’ to valuing diversity.

YEAR 11 LEADERS

Congratulations to our Year 11 Leaders who were presented with their badges at Investiture last Tuesday. With so many nominations of wonderful students, the voting for our Leadership Team was very close. Congratulations to the following students on their positions this year:

Citizenship Captain: Israth Mohammed Fazahir
Citizenship Vice Captain: James Shoring
Cultural Captain: Sahibjeet Bains
Cultural Vice Captain: Kwame Eshun

HOUSE CAPTAINS:

Bowen: Sophie Anderson
Vice-Captain: Liam Andrea

Griffith: Jack Jones
Vice-Captain: Lily Ingram

Lutwyche: Spencer Nielsen
Vice-Captain: Benjamin Smith

Wickham: Sophie Trimble
Vice-Captain: Jaimyn Wiki

A special mention goes to Michael Baldwin for his masterful performance on piano at the Year 11 Investiture.

Well done students! I look forward to a positive and busy year with you all!
Ms Holden (Year 11 Co-ordinator)
AIME & ED SHEERAN

Lani and Kiri Fabila had an experience of a lifetime on Saturday, with thanks to their involvement in AIME. In order for this amazing experience to go ahead they had to agree to a) giving up 4 hours on a weekend and b) wear formal uniform (on a Saturday!) and c) meet at the State Library. During the 4 hours they were privy to a music/singing session and were finally rewarded with an impromptu visit from international star Ed Sheeran! Mr Sheeran gladly gave up his limited free time in Brisbane to spend with students that participate in the AIME program. He answered questions from the students, gave them some worldly advice and to finish the session off, he sang to the students. They in turn gave him an impromptu ‘jam session’. There was also some time for some quick selfies!

INTERNET SAFETY AWARENESS PRESENTATION AT KEDRON SHS

Young people today are immersed in digital technologies. They use the internet and mobile phones to socialise, study, exchange ideas and play. While online activity has many benefits, there are also risks.

To help your children stay safe online, Kedron SHS is hosting a Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation. Designed for parents, teachers and students, this presentation is provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA) as part of a national program of cybersmart initiatives.

The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation is thorough and non-technical. It covers a range of issues including:

- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, identity theft, inappropriate contact and exposure to inappropriate content
- tips to help children stay safe online.

The presentation is conducted by an ACMA Cybersmart trainer and is free of charge.

The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation will be held on: Thursday 30th April, 2015 at 6:30pm in the Kedron SHS Front Hall.

Register your interest online at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5R55FD5 as soon as possible. Enrolments will also be accepted on the night.

P&C PIECE

Thanks to those people who came and contributed to our AGM and usual March meeting. There was plenty to discuss! The executive team has been elected again for the coming year: Yve (Vice president), Tony (Treasurer), Rebecca (Secretary) and Sam (President). We are making big strides in providing a better service at the tuckshop. Students will be able to use their student cards to load money and use them to buy from the tuckshop. They can also pre-order – be sure to get your preferred items and no queues! If you have some ideas on how to provide even better services then we welcome your input. Next meeting Tues 21 April at 7pm. Have a happy and safe Easter. Best wishes, Sam (P&C President)

SAVE THE DATES

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL WOOLOOWIN

Sunday 21 June 2015 – 125th Birthday Festival
Sunday 13 September – Feast Day Pilgrimage & Celebration
Saturday 24 October – Past & Present Parents’ Reunion

MR McDADE RETIRES FROM WOOLOOWIN STATE SCHOOL

Mr Michael McDade is retiring at the end of this term, after working at Wooloowin State School for 37 years, and we are compiling a book for him. If any past students would like to write something about their memories of Mick, or Sir as they called him, it can be included in the message book. We hope to make it a surprise for him.

Thank you for your help with this. Ms Vicky White (BSM) can be contacted at Wooloowin State School on 3622 1777
KSHS Robotics
Kedron State High School’s Robotics Program is thriving, heavily involved with FIRST programs and competitions and the wider engineering community of Brisbane. FIRST is an American created Foundation for Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology, with a mission to teach kids about the importance of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) through innovation and robotics.

There are two subset programs in which Kedron takes part, divided by age group. Each program has its own type of robot and competition structure. Calling the manual arts department home, student teams of up to 10 students are expertly mentored by Mr Sharpe and Mr Martin through FIRST Lego League (FLL) for junior grades 7-9 and FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) for senior grades 10-12.

Junior FLL
FLL teams construct small autonomous Lego Mindstorms robots to interact with Lego game elements on a table-height mat to complete certain tasks and obtain points. Each season has a theme from which the robot game, tasks and also a research topic is based. In this, teams are challenged to come up with an innovative idea that addresses a real world issue.

This year students will meet during Wednesday 2nd break and Thursday morning 7.30-8.30 (beginning Term 2 week 3). The new season isn’t announced until August so until then they’ll be learning and improving their skills so they’re ready to hit the ground running.

Senior FTC
Students carry through to FTC a lot, of the principles and lessons learnt during their FLL experience. The robot itself is a larger metal based bot designed specifically for each season’s game. With remote and autonomous elements, four teams and their robots compete simultaneously on a 12ft square field on the floor. Each season there are different field elements and tasks for the robots to interact with and complete to gain points.

Community outreach is also a big part of FTC. Teams are encouraged to share their knowledge and experience with the wider community through events such as workshops, fundraising and friendly local competitions. Our current senior students also mentor the junior FLL teams through their season and volunteer at official competitions.

World Championships
In April, the infamous Smurfs (Senior FTC Team) are gearing up to take St. Louis by storm at the FIRST World Championships. The Kedron students won the Australian Championships in December 2014 to qualify to compete at the world championship.

Currently the senior FTC team (Sarah, Tash, Kyle and Siobhan) spend every spare moment of their time - before and after school, during breaks and even Saturdays, on top of the usual Wednesday afternoon sport time preparing for St Louis.

The trip is sponsored by Bechtel, the largest construction and civil engineering company in the United States. With an ever increasing presence globally, this connection with relevant industry is essential example of the real world applications of the FIRST experience.
Health and Physical Education is an integrated program that is delivered to all students in Year 7, 8 and 9, and as an elective subject in Year 10. In Years 11 and 12, students can elect to study Physical Education or Recreation Studies. Students study a range of physical activities including: Aquatics, Badminton, Basketball, European Handball, Indigenous Games, Netball, Soccer, Touch Football, Ultimate Disc and Volleyball. Our programs favour physical and motor development while encouraging concepts of participation and a healthy lifestyle.

Sport is an important and integral part of the tradition of our school and complements the HPE program. Year 7 students participate in a house based competition on Friday afternoons. In years 8 and 9 students participate in the Junior Interschool competition on a Tuesday afternoon, and in Years 10, 11 and 12 students can take part in the Senior Interschool competition or choose a recreational sport on a Wednesday afternoon. Kedron also offers informal after-school sport four afternoons a week.

What do the following all have in common?

- Lamb Shanks
- Baked Blueberry cheesecake
- Paella
- Flat white, Cappuccino, Chocolate milkshake, fruit smoothie
- 3 course dinner with beverage service
- 3 course dinner with beverage service

All have or will be prepared and served by our amazing Food Studies and Hospitality students.

Food studies is undertaken by all students in year 8 as part of the DAT learning area. Food studies is an elective for students in year 9 (1 semester) and 10 (full year). Students study elements of healthy eating, industry standard hygiene and food preparation practices, food choices for growing adolescents, Year 8’s also study some textile elements like sewing.

We cater for both OP and Non OP students in years 11 and 12 with two separate Hospitality streams. Both courses have a strong focus on customer service, event organisation and back-of-house functions, as well as food preparation and production. In addition the OP subject focuses on the business practices required to run a successful food service based hospitality business.

Things only Hospitality students say:

- This recipe uses so much Thyme I’ll need the Tardis to get it all here.
- I think my duck is still a little raw. In fact it’s still so raw that I can see it in there arguing with Bugs Bunny about hunting season.
- I wish the producers from Master Chef could come and edit out all my washing up too.