FROM THE PRINCIPAL

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 2: I hope that everyone enjoyed the Easter Break and you are looking forward to the term ahead. Some key events for the term include: ANZAC Ceremony, School Cross Country, Year 08 camp, Kedron Expo, NAPLAN testing for Years 7 & 9 and Year 11 Camp just to name a few.

Term 2 also means that tolerance for poor choices is significantly reduced. Students have now had a full term to settle into routines and have a clear understanding of the expectations of our school community, particularly around the importance of respect at all levels, the wearing of our uniform with pride, the celebration of the richness of diversity in our community and the focus on optimising learning time and outcomes.

I expect all students to be fully prepared and committed to meeting those expectations and we will continue to take a very firm stance on any student who is not meeting those standards.

100 YEAR ANZAC COMMEMORATIONS: 2015 marks a special milestone in what is an important day of reflection and remembrance for Australians. 100 Years ago on the 25th of April, a tragedy unfolded. However it was a tragedy that played a key role in shaping the Australian identity and it is one that we quite rightly reflect on each year. Kedron SHS continued a strong tradition of commemorating this day with a service at school on the 24th of April in the morning. We also have a number of our Year 12 students and staff who will attend the services in Canberra due to the generosity of the Kedron Wavell Services Club. Additionally a large number of our students and staff participated in local services on Saturday. I would like to acknowledge the work by Mrs Hall, Mr Lang, Mrs Dannenberg, Mr Harris and many other staff and students for these important events.

ROBOTICS CHAMPS IN THE USA: As you read this newsletter, our senior robotics team has been in attendance at the World Championships in St Louis, USA. I know the team and Mr Sharpe used their holidays to prepare thoroughly for this adventure. I am certain that regardless of the results, they will do Kedron proud! I wanted to again thank Mr Sharpe for his commitment to the students and the program and also to thank the students and their parents for the time and energy they have put into the competitions over many years.

MID-SEMESTER REPORTING: Reports were distributed on April 23. These reports will focus conversations at our first Parent/Teacher Evenings in the Indoor Sports Centre. Please note the following dates:

- May 06 – Year 7 Parent/ Teacher Evening
- May 07 – Year 8 to 12 Parent/ Teacher Evening

A SUMMARY OF RESULTS INDICATES THE FOLLOWING OUTCOMES: Once again our Term 1 results reflect the excellence of our students and staff. I wanted to share with you an overall snapshot of the results. All figures below are percentages of students who received an A, B or C for their academic results, Behaviour and/ or Effort.

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I was also very pleased with the school’s attendance rate in Term 1 being over 94%. We should always strive to keep improving attendance, but this is a wonderful base for the year. The research is absolutely clear that attendance has a considerable impact on student achievement at school.

These are very strong results and I congratulate the students and staff on these results. I also want to recognise the hard work parents put in at home to support their children in achieving these types of results.

Yours in the Kedron Way
Mr Joseba Larrazabal - Principal

COMING EVENTS

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UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Please be advised that the Poly/Cotton jumpers in sizes 14, 16 & 18 are out of stock and will not be available until approx. 11 May.

If this leaves any student without a uniform jumper in the short term, they should make the situation known to Mrs Hall asap.
Expressions of Interest for Year 7 2016 enrolment are now being accepted. Forms are available from the Office or can be downloaded from the school website www.kedronshs.eq.edu.au.

It is requested that all current Kedron High families with siblings enrolling into Year 7 for 2016 please have expressions of interest completed and returned as soon as possible. This will greatly assist us in determining enrolment numbers for next year. Kedron Expo 2015 is to be held on Thursday 21 May from 3.30pm. All are welcome to attend and it is expected that a large volume of enrolment applications will be submitted after that date.

YEAR 8 COORDINATOR
GREETINGS! Welcome to Term Two. This term we begin with an exciting camp for the Year 8 students. Students will have the opportunity to engage in activities that focus on team building, problem solving and many other skills along with developing friendships and relationships with their fellow classmates. The camp will take place on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday of this week and students not attending will participate in an alternative program at school. Three particular students who are looking forward to camp are Lemi, Samer and Michael. Michael is “looking forward to camp and being with friends in a different environment”.

All three students started at Kedron last term and have embraced high school positively thanks to the many people that enable students to be part of the Kedron community. Samer enjoys coming to school each day because “The people are very nice and make me feel welcome”. Lemi also acknowledged the help he has received saying “The teachers help you with your work and there are always people to help you”. It is great to see the wonderful students we have at Kedron who are embracing our community.

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: LATE AND LEAVE PASS PROCEDURES
It is important that we know who is at school at any given time. If you arrive late to school - (transport problems, late buses or medical appointment) - you should go straight to the Junior Secondary School Office (Yrs 7 & 8), Middle Secondary School Office (Yrs 9 & 10) or Senior Secondary School Office (Yrs 11 & 12) to sign in for the day.

DO NOT go to class until someone at the office has signed you in. Where possible you should also bring a note explaining that you have been to the Doctor’s or Dentist’s.

You may need to leave school early for an appointment. If you need a leave pass you will also need to see the Junior Secondary School office. Bring in your permission note from home, before school, and the office will print off a leave pass for you to collect later in the day.

These passes are very important. We keep track of attendance with a computerised attendance program which notifies parents of absences automatically by SMS message. We do not want anybody worrying that you are not at school simply because you have forgotten to sign in or sign out.

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.

A NOTE FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER
An opportunity that you may consider… From Fiona Lyon. ☺

2015 Seize the Day Study Awards
Cancer Council Queensland’s 2015 Seize the Day Study Awards are open to all young Queenslanders, aged 16 to 21, who are planning to commence or continue post-secondary education next year and have experienced cancer personally, or with a close family member.

What are the Seize the Day Study Awards?
The Seize the Day Study Awards are financial grants of $200 to $2500 to help with the costs of post-secondary education such as tuition fees, accommodation, textbooks or stationery.
Who can apply?
You can apply for a Seize the Day Study Award if:

- You are between 16 years to 21 years inclusive at the date of application;
- You are a permanent Queensland resident;
- You or a close family member, therefore your paternal mother or father, your step mother or father, your legal guardian, or your sibling must have been diagnosed with cancer; and
- You are planning to commence or continue post-secondary school education in 2016. Post-secondary school education includes undergraduate university, TAFE college, tertiary college or a vocational training centre program. The study must be based in Queensland and can be full-time, part-time or external.

Award guidelines and how to apply
Applications open Monday, 20 April 2015 and close Friday July 31, 2015 at 5pm. Applications are unable to be accepted after this date.
Please ensure the read the Application Guidelines before completing the Application Form. The guidelines contain important information including required attachments and how to submit a completed application.
Click here for the Seize the Day Application Guidelines 2015 (PDF format)
Click here for the Seize the Day Application Form 2015 (Word format)

Online application
If you are submitting an application online, please ensure you have completed Sections 4 and 5 first, as they must be uploaded to the application in either PDF or Word format.
Click here to go to the online application.

Hard copy application
If you are submitting an application in hard copy, either by email or post, please print out the Word version of the application, complete it in full including Sections 4 and 5 and send to:
SeizeTheDay@cancerqld.org.au
or
Lisa Bridges, Seize the Day Study Awards
Cancer Council Queensland
PO Box 201
Spring Hill QLD 4004

Applications will not be processed until all of the required documentation is received. The deadline for completed applications is 5pm on Friday, 31 July 2015. Applications are unable to be accepted after this date. Successful applicants will be notified in early October 2015.

If you have any questions regarding the application process or the award generally, please contact the Seize the Day Study Awards Co-ordinator, on (07) 3634 5220 or email SeizeTheDay@cancerqld.org.au. You can also ring Cancer Council 13 11 20, Monday to Friday, 8am-6pm

BENEFITS OF TALKING TO THE SCHOOL’S GUIDANCE OFFICERS FOR CAREER COUNSELLING.
There are many benefits of career counselling to consider. It is quite easy to feel disorganised when it comes to what type of career path to choose. With numerous choices today, career counselling can assist students to identify what to focus on and the right subjects (for them) in the short term.

Having a conversation with the school’s Guidance Officer, who is a qualified advisor, may assist your son/daughter with deciding what strengths and talents can be developed into a solid career. Career counseling has many benefits for anyone who is starting out with a new career or in the midst of a job change. Five benefits of career counselling include:

- Testing to Determine Strengths and Weaknesses-
- Goal Setting for Greater Results - mentoring and coaching
- Identifying Choices in Careers and looking at job prospects and current labour market trends
- Educational Support and Guidance - where to start, the pre-requisites to get into the right pathway or course of study
- Job Search Support - help with resumes, cover letters, job applications, interviews, and how to get the job that will bring you satisfaction and meet your needs.

Please encourage your son or daughter to make an appointment with one of the school’s Guidance Officers. It is recommended that you also read the school’s careers newsletter fortnightly for useful information and career opportunities.

iSPANISH STUDENTS SHAKE IT!
Hola
Como esta, I found Zumba fun, interactive, and groovy. I loved dancing around and copying the moves Carol (the instructor) showed us. I was lucky enough to go up on stage for 3 dances, I also was up on stage for my favourite song which I found was the most fun. The end couple of songs Carol picked 4-6 people to come on stage, and when the music started they got to make up the dance moves and the people below had to copy them. Zumba wasn’t just all about dancing, here and there Carol said sentences in Spanish and we had to either translate them or answer them. For some dances we had to interact with other people by connecting arms and spinning around we also had to dance with them. Overall Zumba was a lot of fun and everyone that went thought it was an excellent experience especially me.

Ethan Hall (Year 7)
This year we welcome 94 Year 7 & 8 students into the EAL/D program, originating from over 27 different countries, and speaking over 32 different languages or dialects.

Farewell Mrs Thompson
This term we farewelled our esteemed Head of Special Education Services (HOSES) EAL/D, Mrs Thompson as she begins retirement. Mrs Thompson has been HOSES here at Kedron since 2007, and during that time she has touched the lives of so many students, teachers and people in the wider community. Always full of life, Mrs Thompson could be seen dashing from one project to the next, ensuring the best outcomes for students who were newly arrived to our country. She was a passionate advocate for all of the students within the EAL/D unit, often going above and beyond the call of duty. Mrs Thompson now takes some time to enjoy with family, especially with the impending birth of her first grandchild; we will miss her, but wish her all the best in retirement.

Aqua English
Water is an integral part of Australian lifestyle; a day at the beach or a quick dip in the pool is a common activity. For many of our students, this is not so and during term 1 the Year 8’s attended the Aqua English Swimming program. The aim of the program is to build water safety confidence in students, and further develop the skills of students that have been taught to swim previously. Each and every student participated with enthusiasm, including students new to the sport. Well done Year 8!

BRITA
Building Resilience in Transcultural Australians (BRITA) is a program run in conjunction with Queensland Health and Community Connections. The program provides a fun-based approach to build and promote resiliency when living in a new culture. Students are also taught to recognise, celebrate and share their cultural strengths and differences.