FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A GREAT SEMESTER: It is hard to believe that I am writing my final newsletter piece for Semester One 2015. It has seemed to pass in the blink of an eye and I genuinely believe that is because Kedron is such a vibrant and engaged school. I am thoroughly enjoying my time at Kedron and I wish to thank the staff, students and community for the warm manner in which I have been received. I am looking forward to Semester Two already.

EXAMS & ASSESSMENT: Over the past few weeks students have been busily either completing assignments or preparing for exams. As I explained to the students at the last whole school assembly, this is about doing their best. A part of developing into high quality and contributing citizens, is to ensure we meet our responsibilities and deadlines. Report cards will come out early next term and there will be a further opportunity for a parent/teacher evening in Week 3 next term.

WEEK AHEAD: Year 11 camp and Year 10 work experience are underway as you read this newsletter. These are enormous organisational activities and I thank all the staff engaged in them for their efforts. We hope students take advantage and enjoy the experiences that are provided.

VISITING THE SCHOOL & DROP OFFS: Can I please remind parents that when you come to the school you must sign in at the front office if you wish to meet a staff member or deliver a message or equipment to your child. Please don’t wonder through the school without signing in, as this is a child protection matter in terms of unregistered visitors. I also remind parents that the front carpark of the school (Park Rd) is not a drop-off zone (unless there are medical reasons).

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEYS – 2015: The annual School Opinion Survey will be conducted between 29 June and 31 July 2015. All families, school staff and a random sample of students will be invited to participate. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how this school can improve. Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey will be sent home with students in the first week back next term. Parents/caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online at the school, and school computers will be available upon request to the contact below. Survey queries or requests for translations can be directed to Anne Kerr on telephone 36303301 or email info@kedronshs.eq.edu.au.

Best wishes to the school community for a restful break.

Yours in the Kedron Way

Joseba Larrazabal
Principal

COMING EVENTS

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YEAR 7, 2016

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.
MUSIC NEWS

Music News
It’s been a huge Semester for us in the Arts this year and particularly over the last few weeks there have been a number of notable achievements worth mentioning. Firstly, congratulations to Abbi Smith-Steen (Year 11) who recently completed her 4th grade Guild Piano exam with honours and was awarded within the top 10% nationally! That’s a fantastic result and worth commendation.

Coming up on the 23rd of June our Kedron Singers will be performing at the Metropolitan finals for Choral Fanfare at the Old Museum, Bowen Hills. Students will have received a letter with the details for the event over the last week and parents are most welcome to attend, with the ensemble due to perform at 8:30pm with free entry. The Kedron Singers are required to be at the venue in full formal school uniform at 7:45pm for warm up. Also our Kedron Acapella group has accepted an invitation to perform at the National Finals for the Australian Acapella Awards in Melbourne and this week have booked their flights for September. We wish them luck next term and will no doubt have some good news to share with you all in the future.

In May, sixteen selected students participated in the Songmakers program with acclaimed singer songwriter Katie Noonan and her producer Grant Windsor. Over two days, the students wrote and recorded 4 songs and under the mentorship of Katie and Grant and the songs have just been made available for download via our Kedron Soundcloud portal. If you’re interested in downloading the songs for free please visit https://soundcloud.com/kedronmusic Thank you to Tina from APRA (Australian Performing Rights Association) for offering us this opportunity and a huge congratulations to all sixteen students involved!

Finally for prospective for parents our Music Program brochures for 2016 will be posted to prospective enrolments in the coming week. This information pack includes details about our extra-curricular music enrolments and auditions for our Infuse program. Auditions for Infuse 2016 will take place the 3rd of August 2015 and will available to be booked online via the www.sobs.com.au portal. If you are a prospective parent for 2016, please email music@kedronshs.eq.edu.au following the holidays if you have not received an information pack about enrolling into our program or would like more information.

P &C PIECE

The P&C met this week. We are working on getting new equipment in the tuckshop. We invite your ideas for the strategic plan – what would be on your ‘wish list’ for Kedron in the next five years? You can send your ideas here and we can pass them on: pandc@kedronshs.eq.edu.au. We have recently supported two big projects in the school: landscaping around the new building ($30,000) and air conditioning ($10,000). Please come along to the next meeting on Tuesday 21 July at 7pm. Best wishes for safe holiday break. from Sam Hollingworth (President)

YEAR 12 QCS TRIAL

Wednesday 24 June 2015
The Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Trial will be held in the Indoor Sports Centre on this day and Year 12 students are required to assemble in the Tuckshop area NO LATER than 8:30am.

Students are NOT required to attend form classes. An attendance roll register is maintained for QCS.

This exam is compulsory for all QCS students. As for all senior examinations, if a student is absent a medical certificate is required. The school should also be contacted on the day of the test. PH: 3630 3303

Monday-Tuesday (22-23 June) and Thursday-Friday (25-26 June 2015) are normal classes for all students.

The timetable for the QCS Trial tests: – Wednesday 24 June
8:30am Students to assemble in the Tuckshop area.
8:40am Students admitted to the Indoor Sports Centre
9:00 – 9:10am Perusal of Writing Task (WT)
9:10 – 11:10am WT
11:15am–12:35pm LUNCH
12.40pm Students to assemble in the Tuckshop Area
12:45pm Students admitted to the Indoor Sports Centre
1.00pm – 1.10pm Perusal MULTIPLE CHOICE (MC) paper
1.10pm – 2:40pm MC
2.50pm End of session.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT STUDENTS HAVE ALL THE REQUIRED EQUIPMENT.
• It is best to have your equipment organised well before the test days, so you do not have to scramble to get it together at the last minute.
• If you forget to bring essential equipment, you may not be able to respond to some items, for example, when you need a compass to draw a circle, or a ruler to measure a length.
• Two things matter: that your response is clear and easily read by markers and that you use the equipment that best allows you to respond the way you want to.
• If you are in any doubt about what equipment you can use in the test, ask the chief supervisor before the test date.
**Session** | **Permitted Equipment – essential** | **Permitted Equipment – optional** | **Not permitted**
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**Writing Task** | Pens (black ink) | Pencils (2B), Pencil sharpener, Eraser, Correcting fluid/tape, Highlighter, Transparent container to carry equipment | Own paper, Dictionary, Thesaurus, Electronic devices, Any other items
**Multiple Choice** | 2B pencils, Pencil sharpener, Eraser, Ruler, Approved calculator, Approved calculator | Highlighter, Transparent container to carry equipment | Own paper, Dictionary, Thesaurus, Protractor, Drawing compass, Electronic devices, Any other items

**Pen or pencil?**
When you respond in writing on the WT make sure that you use black ink. Black ink makes your response easier to read. It doesn’t matter whether you use printing or cursive script.

**Electronic devices**
No mobile phones, iPods or translators are permitted. No form of personal computer is permitted unless approved under special provision, e.g. laptop, notebook, hand-held organiser, pocket PC. Having such devices in your possession is considered to be an act of academic misconduct. If you have such a device with you when you come to the test room, hand it in immediately to a supervisor.

**Free dental check-ups and treatment available now!**
Regular dental check-ups and early preventive care are an important part of good oral health.
Metro North Oral Health Services are offering your child a dental check-up through the Stafford Dental Clinic or one of our school-based dental facilities. They will also receive additional appointments if any treatment is needed – all free of charge!

There have been some changes to who we can now offer dental care to. The following children are eligible for our service now:
- ALL Students 4 years of age through to year 10
- Students in Years 11 and 12 who have a current Centrelink Card, Healthcare Card or Pension Card
- 2 – 3 year olds whose parents have a current Centrelink Card, Healthcare Card or Pension Card
- 2 – 17 year olds who are eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS). To check your eligibility visit the website at my.gov.au or phone 132001

This offer of care is an opportunity to provide your child with more timely access to public dental care and we also now have the ability to offer more regular recalls for children who attend our service. So if it has been more than six months since your child’s last check-up ring us up now.

Call **1300 300 850** between **9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Tuesday - Friday** and our friendly staff will arrange an appointment for you at the Stafford dental clinic or one of our school-based dental facilities.
Visual Art

Yr 7 ‘DNA’ Canvases

The Junior Visual Art program at Kedron State High School provides a wonderful opportunity for students to learn, explore, develop and display their art making skills. Year 7’s started with a bang, introducing an inaugural MAD event showcasing work from the Music, Art and Drama Departments. It was a very successful occasion hosting works created by three classes of year 7 Visual Art students. One of the works on display combined 80 DNA student canvases. These abstract self-portraits, currently on display in R block, allowed students to symbolise their personalities through DNA inspired shapes and colours. Practicing artist Nancy Duncan lead workshops with each class to add the finishing touches, introducing students to aboriginal dot painting techniques and processes.

Yr 8 ‘Monster Mayhem’

Nancy Duncan working with students on the DNA canvases.

Yr 8 Mixed Media Canvases