FROM THE PRINCIPAL

FAREWELL MRS HALL: In the very near future, the Kedron family bids farewell to a person who is the heart and soul of the school. Mrs Jenny Hall begins the next phase of her life of travel and relaxation and leaves a giant hole to fill at Kedron. I have only been at the school a little over 6 months, but you don’t need to be here long to know that Jenny is one of the most dedicated educators our system has seen. She loves Kedron and our students and I know it is not a stretch to say Kedron as a whole loves her back. Bon Voyage Jenny – you will be missed!

WELCOME BACK: I hope all members of the Kedron family had an enjoyable winter school vacation period and an opportunity to spend some time with family and friends. We came back to some very cold weather, so it is a good opportunity to remind all students and parents that only the school's official winter uniform is allowed. If there is any confusion please contact the school to clarify.

ASSESSMENT & REPORTING: The final weeks of Semester One were incredibly busy for all involved with assessment. Then our teachers spent considerable time in their holidays completing reporting for the semester. The reports will be distributed from Monday the 20th of July. We then have Parent/Teacher interviews coming up on Wednesday the 29th of July (Year 7’s) and Thursday the 30th of July (Years 8 – 12).

THANKS FOR A BUSY LAST WEEK OF TERM 2: I wanted to thank all the staff who were involved in the coordination of a number of events during the last week. The Year 11 camp was a huge success and very enjoyable. The Year 10 work experience went incredibly well, with vast amounts of positive feedback about our students. We additionally had a number of programs running at the school for students and the Junior ½ Day Athletics carnival. At the same time the school hosted a professional visit from Columbia and visiting Principals undertaking a review of the school as part of our regular 4 year review cycle. Needless to say it was very busy, but the great team at Kedron pulled together and did a great job.

KEDRON WEEK – 2015: I have heard so much about this week and I am very excited. I wanted to thank Mrs Hall and her amazing team who have been preparing for this week for some time now. It promises to be an excellent week that highlights the great school we are all privileged to be a part of every day.

YEAR 10 SET PLANS AND PATHWAYS: In the coming weeks Year 10 students and their parents will work with the school to map out the best pathway for a successful future. It is a time of honest conversations and setting clear goals. As a school we are committed to ensuring each student is on the best possible pathway for them and their future.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEYS – 2015: The annual School Opinion Survey has now commenced. 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 was sent home last week. 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 Ann Kerr on telephone 36303301 or email info@kedronshs.eq.edu.au

Your’s in the Kedron Way
Joseba Larraza

COMING EVENTS

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STUDY TRIP OF JCIS TO AUSTRALIA

KEDRON SHS welcomes the teachers and students of the Jining Confucius International High School from the Shandong Province, China who will be with us until 27th August.
FIJI EXPEDITION

Over the holidays seven Kedron students had the privilege of going over to Fiji for a two week expedition. The purpose of the trip was to establish leadership, discover other cultures and face new challenges.

The first week involved long days of sea kayaking into strong head winds and difficult swells around the small remote Yasawa islands, with the students camping along the way. The physical tiredness of this challenge quickly disappeared with many snorkelling opportunities in the amazing crystal blue waters filled with stunning coral. A particular highlight on this part of the trip was the amazing experiences learning about the ways of life in small villages on these islands. Our students had the opportunity to visit the very small local primary school, where the Fiji students sung the Australian anthem to us. Being able to interact and play games with the students put the biggest smiles on their faces, and this will forever be entrenched in our memories. Students were also able to be involved in a meke (traditional dancing ceremony) and learnt how both the men and women spend each day providing for their families and the rest of their village without needing any money.

After a long boat ride back to the mainland it was then onto the project phase of the trip at a small high school two hours north of Nadi, called Balata. The school welcomed us with open arms providing amazing hospitality. Incredible local food was prepared for us by one of the Home Economics teachers and we camped overnight sleeping on the classroom floors. During the day we got involved in the school life joining in classes and teaching them how to play cricket with the new sporting equipment Kedron donated. The project involved helping fix up their canteen area as they had nowhere for the students to sit to eat their lunch. The canteen was very small and run down and the project expanded to include painting the walls, improving the serving area and concreting the area immediately out the front of the canteen. This provided an area to place the table and chairs that were getting built, with the long term aim to provide shelter for this area as they have nowhere to sit when it rains during breaks or when waiting for the bus.

The students need to be congratulated on their commitment to this expedition and many hours they have put in over the last year getting prepared and raising money. They did a remarkable job on the expedition both with the kayaking challenge and the project, and should be very proud of their efforts and the difference they have made to other people’s lives.

SCHOOL DANCE

On Friday 24 July, the end of Kedron Week, Kedron is holding a dance for all students currently enrolled. 7pm to 10pm. Cost is $6 pre-paid (at accounts) or $10 at the door. To cover costs we need at least 100 students to prepay in order for us to run the event. We must have enough pre-paid tickets by Thursday 23 July so get to Accounts ASAP!

Theme for this dance is ‘SUPER…’. Closed Dance (only current Kedron Students allowed...bring ID's). Prizes for best dressed. Mr Thwaites

THE ARTS

Welcome back to Term 3 everybody! This term there are a few events coming up throughout our Arts Department including our annual Year 11 Drama physical theatre performance on the 21st and 22nd of August, our second MAD event for Junior Secondary students (TBA), a Kedron Acapella trip to Melbourne on the 12th of September as QLD representatives at the National Acapella Awards and of course our Kedron Week performances and presentations throughout Week 2. Keep your eye on the newsletter for information about our physical theatre performance tickets and announcements throughout the next few weeks.

The schedule for Kedron Week this year is Percussion Ensemble (Monday), Tuesday (Wind Symphony and String Orchestra), Wednesday (World Ensemble), Thursday (Wind Ensemble and Stage Band) and Friday (Kedron Singers and Kedron Voices). Students are required to be at the hall each
Another exciting announcement is the launch of our music program website [www.kedromusic.com](http://www.kedromusic.com). This website, aside from our official school page will provide information about the various strands of our program and will include information such as schedules, letters, announcements and auditions. There will also be links to our social media platforms on twitter (@kedronmusic), Soundcloud ([https://soundcloud.com/kedronmusic](https://soundcloud.com/kedronmusic)) and Vimeo ([https://vimeo.com/kedronmusic](https://vimeo.com/kedronmusic)). There is still content to be uploaded, but please keep checking this space for information throughout the Semester.

Please email [music@kedronshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:music@kedronshs.eq.edu.au) with any enquiries or questions about these programs or dates for this semester for extra-curricular music or email me at [rhard61@eq.edu.au](mailto:rhard61@eq.edu.au) for more information about any of our arts program events this Semester.

Mr Rohan Hardy

**SET PLANS**

All Year 10 students and their parents will be expected to attend SET Plan interviews on Monday 3 August and Tuesday 4 August. This is a mandatory requirement for all Year 10 students in Queensland schools to complete in choosing an appropriate pathway for Year 11 and 12. More information will be available soon but it is an important step for you to begin a discussion with your child about their current academic progress and which subjects would best suit them in Senior. Students have received a subject selection handbook which will help you in this discussion.

A successful parent information night was held on 16 July and I would like to thank Mr Crosby, Mr Lang, Mrs Dannenberg and Ms Mercer for their planning of the event. If you did miss the evening and have any questions leading up to SET Plans don’t hesitate to get in contact with the Middle School team on 36303323.

Mr Mick Leigh
A/Deputy Principal.

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**2015 Early School Leavers survey**

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual statewide survey of students who left school in Years 10, 11 and prior to completing Year 12 during 2014. The Early School Leavers survey is a short, confidential survey that collects information about what young people are doing the year after leaving school. The information from the survey helps our schools to understand the pathways young people follow after leaving school and to plan services to support transitions into study or employment for our students.

Between July and August, our students who left school in Years 10, 11 and prior to completing Year 12 last year can expect to receive an invitation to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician’s Office to complete the survey. Please encourage early school leavers to take part.


**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](http://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.
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Nationally Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability.

In 2013, 10% of Queensland state schools participated in the first year of implementation. In 2014, two thirds of Queensland schools participated and all schools will collect data from 2015. Our school will be involved in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data again this year.

Please be reassured that the Department will not provide any data on to another organisation that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you are aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you.

Whist only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please let our Acting Head of Special Education Services, Marilyn Milner, know, either in writing or via email to mmiln20@eq.edu.au.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:


Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact Marilyn Milner directly.

Yours faithfully

Mr Joseba Larrazabal
School Principal