FROM THE PRINCIPAL

KEDRON WEEK – 2015: Having now experienced my first Kedron Week – I am quite simply in awe of the amazing talent and diversity in our school. It was quite literally highlight after highlight during the week. Kedron Week is a showcase of our school that is internally focussed on maintaining the strong culture and traditions that make this school so very, very special. There are too many individuals to thank for such an event and that means quite simply that it is a huge team effort. It will be hard to come down from the ‘adrenaline rush’ that is Kedron Week, but this is exactly what we must do as we get back to the business of learning. However we shouldn’t lose sight of the values that underpin Kedron Week, in particular those of inclusion, kindness, respect and responsibility.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL & INTERNATIONAL FOOD DAY: Two key events during last week were the Athletics Carnival and International Food Day. Both were exceptionally well organised and provided huge entertainment and enjoyment for all involved. I wanted to thank the organisers of both key events for their great work and commitment.

REMINDERS - WINTER UNIFORM AND SPORTS SHOES: We are continuing to get some blasts of cold weather, so I seek again to remind all students and parents that only the school’s official winter uniform is allowed – Year 10 Set Plans and Pathways: During the 3rd and 4th of August 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. There have been both parent and student information sessions to assist in this important decision making process.

PARENT/ TEACHER INTERVIEWS: Last week saw our second Parent/Teacher interviews for 2015. I wanted to thank all of the parents that made time to speak with teachers around the progress of their children. It is through this continued communication that we can best meet the needs of students.

ACADEMIC COACHING: Year 12 students have been participating in academic coaching meetings with staff during the past weeks. This individualised approach is essential in ensuring each student is working towards their goals for the future and they are on the right track.

COMING EVENTS

| AUGUST |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 3   | YR 10 SET PLANS – NO CLASSES FOR YR10 Central District ½ Day Athletics Carnival – Wavell SHS |
| 4   | YR 10 SET PLANS – NO CLASSES FOR YR10 Central District Full Day Athletics Carnival – UQ Yr 11 Physics excursion |
| 5   | Senior Interschool Sport Finals Yr 11 HST excursion |
| 6   | Yr 12 Legal Excursion QTAC info evening |
| 7   | Japanese Movie Night |
| 10-14 | Ski Trip |
| 11 | Junior Interschool Sport Finals Yr 12 Earth Science field trip Yr10 Commedia Performance 9am |
| 18 | P&C meeting Yr 11 Earth Science field trip all day |

BLOOD DONORS

Another five Kedron heroes went to the Blood Bank on 22 July to donate blood for the first time. They are Frances Neale, Jeremy Robinson, Joanna Luz, Rena Muscat and Ben Smith. Well done guys! We’re proud of you!
Mr P Thwaites

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.

SCHOOL DIARIES

If you need to replace your diary, they are now available from accounts at a cost of $12.50.
INTERNATIONAL FOOD DAY

International Food Day on Friday, July 24 was a huge success! A big thank you to Cheryl Chin and Bill Luu, our International Prefects, for organising the day in such meticulous detail. Students were treated to food from all parts of the world including India, Malaysia, France, Japan, China, Korea, Italy and many more. In just 35 minutes, most dishes were sold out and stomachs were happily filled. “It’s one of the biggest highlights of Kedron Week,” many students said.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN 2015

Dear Parents,

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for Kedron – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we encourage you to start collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it’s complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school in the office.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English and Science. If you’d like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

Peter Thwaites

STATEMENTS FOR OUTSTANDING FEES

Statements for outstanding fees will be forwarded home in the next week. The school offers many methods of payment: Internet, BPay, Credit Cards, Cash and Cheque (not preferred). We are also happy to announce a new method of payment – the BPoint Payment System.

The BPOINT Payment System allows payments to be made online using a secure Commonwealth Bank portal. It requires an internet connection, and an invoice that has both an invoice and customer number on it. Payments with BPOINT can be made using either Visa or Master Card branded cards.

The BPOINT system can be accessed either via the link, by clicking on the logo or by entering www.BPOINT.com.au/payments/dete into your preferred web browser.

If you require an invoice suitable for BPOINT payment, please contact the office and one will be provided for you. It is vital that you enter the correct information into the fields so that the payment will be applied to your account. A pamphlet on the BPoint Payment System is attached for your information.

WORK EXPERIENCE AND WOW

In the last week of term 2 Year 10 students had the opportunity to participate in Work Experience or World of Work (WOW). Feedback from students, staff, employers and parents was that it was predominantly a very positive experience. I hope all students learnt something from the experience and have greater focus in what they want to do when they leave school.

I would strongly encourage students to continue to look for work experience in holidays to build their work-related skills.

Mr M Crosby
Year 10 Coordinator and HPE/Science Teacher

The school is now also offering access to Centrepay. This is an excellent way to support you to pay school accounts. We also welcome discussions about Part Payment Plans and invite you to contact the office to discuss this.

Friendly Reminder to Year 12 parents: payment for the Year 12 Formal tickets will be due prior to the end of this term. An invoice will be forwarded within the next couple of weeks. If you are uncertain of your current outstanding fees (if there are any) please contact Accounts. Unfortunately, unless all outstanding fees are paid your student may not be able to attend the formal. It would be excellent for all Year 12 students to attend this memorable occasion.

On behalf of the Accounts team I thank you for your support and cooperation when paying accounts.

Angela Spina - Business Services Manager
FROM THE CHAPLAINS’ OFFICE – WE NEED YOU!

Since 1999, our Chaplains have played an integral role in the network of student support services that are available within our school through the important pastoral care dimension they bring.

Chaplains focus on prevention and support; helping students find a better way to deal with a range of life’s issues. They are a listening ear and a caring presence for our kids in crisis or those who just need a friend and are available to everyone in the school community. Chaplains also offer support for staff and parents in the wider school community.

Our current chaplains are Erin Archer, who is at school each day except Thursday, and Nick Warren, who is at school Thursday and Friday. They are responsible for running various programs throughout the school year covering a range of issues and topics. Chaplain Erin is also responsible for the running of the Metamorphis Youth Group at Kedron High on a Friday night.

Our Chaplains are supported by a Local Chaplaincy Committee which has responsibility to care for our chaplains and ensure there is sufficient funding. Most funding comes through donations from local churches and individuals. Kedron’s P&C Association is also a much valued and appreciated financial supporter.

Chaplaincy has ‘been there’ for our school community over these many years – and now we ask you to ‘be there’ for us. At this present time we have an urgent need to raise funds to ensure our Chaplains continue to effectively serve our students, staff and families. We invite you to become involved in supporting this very important part of our school’s student services and encourage you to consider becoming a donor. This could be by a regular monthly contribution or a single donation – all donations over $2 are tax-deductible. Arrangements can be made by contacting our chaplains at school on 3630 3351, LCC Treasurer (Mr Russell Bergman) on 0408 158 109 or SU Queensland on 31126400 or http://www.suqld.org.au

You are also invited to our monthly Committee meetings on the fourth Friday evening each month at the school. Please phone the secretary on 0407 763 611 for times or other information.

If you have any great ideas about fundraising that we could take advantage of, we’d love to hear from you about that too!

YEAR 11 CAMP | MAROON DAM

First of all, a huge THANK YOU to all the students and staff who attended camp. It was a wonderful experience as I’m sure all who participated can attest. It wasn’t as cold as previous years (lucky us!) and the weather was sunny the majority of the time.

The camp was focussed on leadership and teamwork skills which our students demonstrated over the course of the five days and four nights. I was fortunate enough to watch and play with each of the groups as they came through camp base and what I saw was an incredible display of comradeship and relationship building. We had a lot of fun at night with activities including fashion parades and trivia. The two night hike out that each group went on tested the students (and teachers!) fitness and attitude when faced with a challenge.

The staff who came along were Ms Cox, Ms Milner, Mr Perkins, Ms Dyson, Mr Wilson, Mr Brock, Mr Harris, Mr Cunningham, Ms Duffield and Mr Larrazabal.

What an amazing cohort! I look forward to the next year and a half and continuing to build a strong team. Well done!

Ms Holden
This year the school Athletics carnival was spread over one half day carnival at the end of term 3 and the full day carnival on Thursday of week 2 during Kedron Week. After some poor weather in the lead up, we were met with a cool but clear morning for the main events. It was great to see such high levels of participation from all year groups and in particular the year 7’s and 8’s enjoying their first Athletics carnival at Kedron. Students dressed in house coloured outfits and costumes and took to all events with great Kedron spirit. Bowen House again proved that participation is key, as they successfully defended their champion’s crown, winning by a dominating margin at the end of the carnival. The top two athletes in each event will now represent the school at the central district carnival on Monday the 3rd of August at Wavell and Tuesday the 4th of August at UQ Athletics Centre. Congratulations to the following students who were this year’s age champions:

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