Another Busy Term: This newsletter will mark another term completed at Kedron SHS. Once again it has been a term of amazing highlights and strong consistent performances from our great teaching team and our wonderful students. Term 3 is a tough term for both staff and students. The resilience and commitment I have seen from everyone in the Kedron family has been inspiring. I certainly hope that the holidays give everyone a chance to recharge the batteries so we can finish the year as strongly as we started it.

2016 Enrollments: I know that Mrs Coogan, ably assisted by Mrs Wilson and Mrs Linde have been working long hours to ensure that all our new enrolments receive a thorough induction into ‘The Kedron Way’. Once again we have strong numbers for 2016, with consistent enquiries from parents well outside our catchment. Those enquiries are driven by the fantastic culture and reputation that Kedron enjoys and also by the knowledge that students in our Junior Secondary program are supported and nourished with the right balance of discipline and care.

QCS Tests: The annual QCS tests have again been completed and we now know that we only have two more years of this annual testing program. The current Year 8 students will be the first to not have to complete the QCS tests, but will be part of a new system. There will be some external assessment in the new system, but it will not look like the current QCS testing program.

I want to congratulate the Year 12 students who sat the tests on the 1st and 2nd of September. Observing them at the two breakfasts that were organised to help in preparation for the tests, I was very pleased to see them laughing and joking with their friends. This was a great sign for me as Principal that the students had the balance right. Yes the tests are important, but they are not something that will define you as a person in any way, shape or form.

Again I would like to acknowledge and thank the Senior Schooling Team, in particular Mr Ash Harris and Ms Duffield, for their hard work in putting together a comprehensive preparation program.

Finally, I hope each and every one of you has a safe and joyful school holiday period.

Yours in the Kedron Way

Joseba Larrazabal
Principal

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

15 P&C Meeting
18 Final Day of Term 3
19 September – 5 October – Spring Vacation

OCTOBER

5 Labor Day Public Holiday
6 First Day of Term 4
7-9 Year 11 QCS Workshop and Practice
12 Prefect Handover
13-14 Yr 10 Peer Skills
14 Yr 12 Physics – Medical Research
Rock and Water Excursion
Drum Beat – 3-4pm
15-16 Yr 10 Science – P3&4 – The Cube
19 Pupil Free Day

QCS BREAKFAST – THANK YOU

On Tuesday 1 September and Wednesday 2 September students in Year 12 were preparing for two of the most important days of their schooling life, the Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test. Students arrived at school and were a little anxious. However after sharing a delicious breakfast together, students were smiling, motivated and prepared to undertake the tests. On behalf of the students and staff of Kedron State High School, we would like to thank the following companies for their generous donations for the Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test breakfasts.

- Bluedust Pty Ltd
- JonJen Enterprises Pty Ltd - T/A Dependable Drinks
- Homestyle Bakeries Pty Ltd
- Parmalat Australia Ltd
- Quality Foods Pty Ltd Attention: Accounts Officer
- Vegie Express
- Fresh n Frozen
- Bidvest

We would also like to thank all the volunteers who gave their time to help prepare and serve the breakfasts.

These special breakfasts, in which you played an important role, were appreciated by students, parents and the staff of Kedron.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Mr A Harris
HOD – Senior Secondary
**BRISBANE WRITERS’ FESTIVAL**

A group of our wonderful junior students attended the Brisbane Writers’ Festival on Friday 4th September with Mrs. Smith and Ms. Elmore. The Festival was held at South Bank in the Queensland State Library and in GOMA. Students had the opportunity to engage with various authors, particularly John Marsden, David Burton and Anita Heiss.

The authors provided presentations where students had the opportunity to ask questions and gain valuable insights into the art of writing. Some students were even fortunate enough to get some author signatures 😊. Each presenter spoke of their inspiration for writing and the importance of engaging with language, which was often closely linked to their own experiences and heritage.

Student feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with many students expressing the wish to go again next year.

Vanessa Elmore and Sherrie Smith

**GOA BILLBOARDS**

Recently 2 Senior Art students won themselves a finalist spot (only 15 students selected) in the 2015 Brisbane Festival goa Billboards Competition - “I AM BRISBANE”.

This means the Photographic work of Maria Volobueva Yr 11 (with thoughts of the sights on the walk to school) and Julia Mafi Yr12 will be part of an exhibition at The Judith Wright Centre of Contemporary Art in The Valley from 17-26 September between 10am-4pm daily, open to the public.

As well, their work will be seen on goa digital billboards around Brisbane City for the whole month as part of the Brisbane Festival. Keep your eyes focused to catch a glimpse of our girls’ works up in lights! Although voting was supposed to finish on the 11/9/15 you may still be able to view all works at the facebook page on GOA PROJECT - People’s Choice.

Good luck to our students; the top entry at the Opening night will win an SLR camera.

Joanna Faber

**INTERACT – BUSY AS EVER!**

This year the INTERACT Club of Kedron High has been very busy.

At the end of term 3 we say goodbye to the out-going executive committee made up of Siobhan Malone (President), Kelton Le Var (Vice President), Bonnie Mackay (Secretary) and Sarah Baldwin (Treasurer). They have been tireless in pursuing the excellence that we have come to expect from being in a leadership position at Kedron. Thank you for leading the INTERACT Club with such enthusiasm and ability this past year. We wish you well for whatever the future may hold.

We are holding the election of our new executive at the first meeting next term.

We have sponsored seven international projects this year:
- Continuing financial support of two Karen students in a refugee camp on the Thai/Burma border
- Packed a record 146 shoeboxes full of small presents bound for PNG last Christmas
- Participated in and raised money for World Vision in partnership with the Student Council in a ‘lob-a-choc’ stall
• Donated money towards a clean water project in Africa
• Bought and assembled 200 birthing kits that will provide sanitary materials to assist births in Africa
• Sponsored a charity to provide wheelchairs in developing countries for people who are otherwise lacking mobility
• Provided funds towards the Fred Hollows Foundation.

As well, we have provided funds for four national projects:
• The Humour Doctors
• Buying ‘air space’ to enable The Royal Flying Doctors to continue their great work in helping sick outback patients to get to medical assistance
• The Alannah and Madeline Foundation which assists children in domestic violence
• Towards the Smith Family to help disadvantaged children receive an education

…and three local projects:
• Provided funds to purchase two family ‘Street Swags’
• Collected and distributed Easter eggs to Clifford House, Ronald McDonald House and The Lady Cilento Children’s Hospital
• Played our annual bocce competition with the very competitive residents of Clifford House.

Well done team, for supporting the executive so comprehensively and faithfully in all of our endeavours this year.

Mr Thwaites

BOYS BASKETBALL SUCCESS

The Open boys basketball ‘A’ team has played in the Metropolitan finals series after winning their District competition. Our team had a good 6 point win against Wavell SHS in the District final to proceed to the Metros.

Our first game was against Mt Gravatt SHS where we had a convincing win 67 – 41. Best players were Kem Pineda with 19 points, Ojow Obang (12 points) and Jamsheed Dastaghir (9 points). We progressed to the semi-finals against St Eugene College. Despite leading the game for the 1st quarter the opposition came back with some sharp shooting to defeat us by 11 points (45 – 34). Best players for this game were Ojow Obang with 9 points and Rhonell Rodil with 7 points.

I am proud to have been associated with such a wonderful and talented group of year 11 and 12 students.

Mr Farrelly (Coach)

NUNDAH STATE SCHOOL SWIMMING CLUB – 150 YEAR ANNIVERSARY GIFT

The Nundah State School Swimming Club will be holding an event to commemorate the School’s 150 year anniversary. “The Gift” will be held on Saturday 17 October, with great prizes up for grabs. Open to swimmers of all ages. Get your team together today. For more information or to register your team, email thenundahgift@gmail.com.

BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL

IMMUNISATION CLINICS

The Brisbane City Council regularly provides after hours clinics for year 8 and 10 students who have missed their vaccinations, and who are unable to make day clinics. Year 8 students are eligible to receive vaccines for Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) a 3 dose vaccine, Chickenpox, and Boostrix. Year 10 students may receive Boostrix.

If you would like to enquire about these after-hours clinics, please phone Brisbane City Council Immunisation Services on (07)3403 8888.

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PARENT & STUDENT REFLECTIONS ON TERM 3

As we approach the half way mark in Semester Two, it is an important time to reflect on the progress made in our time as teachers, parents and students at Kedron State High School.

Teachers create class action plans for their students, identifying specific goals they want to achieve with individual students. Teachers and students have conversations about those goals and about specific actions they can take to achieve those goals.

As parents it is important that you are able to talk with your child about their progress in classes. It is hoped that you might be able to use the time over the school holidays to discuss your child’s progress, and I have provided you with some discussion points to help guide those conversations.

Discussion Points:
- How did you go with all your assessment this term?
- Which subject were you happiest with this term?
- Which subject did you think you struggled with most this term?
- Have you discussed learning goals with all your teachers?
- What actions have they suggested to help you reach your goals?
- Do you need to contact your teacher to get an update on your progress with those goals?
- Have you already reached your goals? Do you need to set new goals with your teacher?
- Are you happy? Are you stressed? How can I help?

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Finally, on behalf of Kedron State High School I would like to wish you all a happy and safe holiday. We are part of such a busy and productive school, and it is an absolute pleasure to see the commitment students and families have to their learning. Take the time in the holidays to rest and reflect and recuperate for the final push in Term 4!

Mick Leigh
A/Deputy Principal
Middle School