I would like to firstly extend a warm welcome to the newest members of our Kedron community. We have an unprecedented number of new families joining us this year and we are excited about your future at Kedron. This year we have welcomed 250 new Year 7 students into our Junior Secondary department from more than 60 primary schools.

As we enter our fourth week of the school year we are happy to see our students maintaining the high standards they set last year in relation to behaviour, uniform and attitude to learning. At the senior investiture last Tuesday, Mr Larrazabal spoke about what we value as individuals and a school and how this impacts on our choices. Similarly, the Australian of the Year, David Morrison, last year, in his now famous speech to the Australian Army, stated that “the standard you walk past is the standard you are prepared to accept.” Again, this relates to what we as a school value and why these values impact on our day to day choices. From your first experiences at Kedron we are explicit in discussing what we value in our school community and all of our teachers are busily supporting and encouraging your students to display these values both within and outside of the classroom.

At Kedron we value the partnership we have with you, our parents and guardians, in the education of your student. The best way to build this relationship is through communication. With busy timetables and the range of extra curricula opportunities that our teachers provide for your students, email is often the best option (if it is not an emergency). All teacher email addresses are available via the school website. It is important that we are reasonable in our expectations around timelines for a response from teachers as they juggle the many demands of their profession.

Our teachers consistently work to be the best teacher they can be and engage in professional learning throughout the year and are aware that learning to be an effective teacher relies on being a successful learner. Like our students setting learning goals in class, so too do our teachers set professional learning goals with their Heads of Department. At our recent Meet and Greet with Year 7 parents and guardians, I discussed the practice of WALT and WILF used by our teachers to assist students with their learning in class. If you are curious about what they mean, please ask your student – I promise this is not compulsory homework for you but it is definitely a question worth asking.

It is important to inform the school of any events or issues that may be impacting on your child and his/her learning. Each Year Level has its own Coordinator ready to assist students when things are not going to plan or to celebrate their successes. Their contact details are available on the school website. We are fortunate to have two Guidance Officers this year, Ms Kathy Bermingham and Ms Bronwyn Steele (part-time) to assist our students with anything from career questions to managing challenging situations. Our school based health nurse, Andrea Barron (part-time) is also available to assist students with health concerns. Our school chaplains, Erin Archer and Nick Warren are also available to assist and support your student. Parents and guardians can also book appointments via the main school phone number. In order “to strive to shine”, we need to know that there is a support team ready to help us!

I am excited by what this, the 60th year of Kedron holds for our diverse student cohort and extended school community. As we continue to live by The Kedron Way, this is an inclusive and welcoming community with much to be proud of. If you are a keen user of Facebook, we encourage you to visit our Kedron SHS Facebook page where we are showcasing the opportunities undertaken by our Kedron kids. We are fortunate to have KedCare in our school where students learn their rights and responsibilities in relation to the responsible use of social media. As a user of social media myself, I am guilty using the hashtag, #lovemyjob, a reflection of the pleasure it is to partner with you, our parents and guardians in our education of your children.

Chrissie Coogan
Deputy Principal, Junior Secondary

**COMING EVENTS**

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**VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING NEWS**

Welcome to the 2016 School Year. We have a new member to the VET Team, Ms Nicole Tinney, who joins us from working in the training sector. It is great to have Nicole on board as additional support for Kedron students taking up VET pathways, apprenticeships and traineeships. With Nicole, Andre Deslandes and myself now available to support...
your students, we have created a new email for communication with everyone. You can now reach us at VET@kedronshs.eq.edu.au

At this time of year we are encouraging our students to start thinking about their future career directions. A good way to ensure they make an informed choice is to undertake work experience (Year 10) and structured work placement (Year 11 and 12). As part of this process we encourage the students to start talking at home about their interests, strengths and desires for work experience and work placements. While considering the array of options with parents, guardians, family and friends we would urge all members of our Kedron community to let us know of any businesses that would be interested in taking them or another student from Kedron SHS for work placements. If you can suggest possible work placement opportunities, we would be keen to talk to you.

We are very excited with the many new opportunities that are regularly advertised on the internal Kedron student site. Now is the time to get talking to us in the VET staffroom about how to apply for the vast array of opportunities in work placement, external courses, traineeships and school based apprenticeships. Over the coming weeks we will have more information on the positions that are coming up….so stay tuned.

**INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY AND DESIGN NEWS**

At the end of the 2015 school year, the Industrial Technology and Design faculty was supported by our Principal Mr Larrazabal and Totally Work Wear in Chermside (who provided the overalls at cost price) in the purchasing of overalls for our Industrial Technology Skills students. We treat safety very seriously and are constantly looking for ways to continuously improve our WH&S procedures. Students wear safety glasses in all workshop classes and we regularly replace these to ensure our students are safe. We would welcome other organisations that feel they could support our school with other WH&S equipment that is vital to our delivery and also teaches students great employability skills when they engage with industry standard practices in our ever improving Kedron SHS ITD faculty.

**FRENCH EXCHANGE**

Over the summer holidays four senior Kedron students sacrificed their time in sunny Australia to experience six weeks as a school student at our sister school in France. Each student was paired with a French student with whom they lived for the six weeks. They shadowed them to classes entirely in French and participated in a whole range of activities in French life. During this time, the students had two weeks holiday over Christmas, which involved Christmas markets, travel to Paris and visiting other attractions in the Loire Valley.

Having safely returned to Australia, five French students are now attending Kedron, following their Australian buddies to classes and experiencing a whole range of Australian adventures.

It has been an exciting adventure for all involved, with a great deal learnt about the language and culture of these two different countries.

**SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

On the first Friday back, Kedron SHS had its first sporting event of the year, the swimming carnival. Held at the Fortitude Valley Pool the day saw an enormous turnout, with 18 buses required to transport the school there and back. The stands were as full as they had ever been, which was a great start to the year.

Defending champion, Wickham house, was given the prized position of the grassed hill next to the pool. Another new addition was the use of the barrier to turn the 50m pool into two 25m pools. This allowed us to introduce a new, non-competitive section. This was for students who were not confident swimmers but who wanted to have a swim, take part and win points for their houses.

Bowen house in particular made the most of this, racking up big numbers of participants. At the competitive end of the pool it was a two horse race between champions Wickham and Lutwyche. Even before the relays Lutwyche House had stretched out to a big lead and they extended this with some dominant team swimming to be crowned 2016 House Swimming Champions.
Congratulations to House Captains Spencer Nielson and Nina Pilgujski on leading your troops to victory.

The next step is for those swimmers who finished first or second in their event to represent Kedron at the Central District Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 16th February at the Lawton Pool. The best of these swimmers will then go on to swim at the Met North Carnival, held again at the Lawnton Pool on Thursday 25th February.

The list of our Age Swimming Champions is as follows:

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Thank you to those who supported our first fundraiser for the year - iTunes vouchers. Winners were $50 Hana Thwaites (7W1), $30 Ms Abraham, and $20 Mr Lees. The raffle raised $221 to go to the Clown Doctors at the Lady Cilento Children’s Hospital. Please support our next fundraiser - Pancake and Coke Day on Thursday 18th February. Funds go towards “Save the Children”.

The Interact District Conference is Sunday 6 March at St Columban’s College Caboolture. This is an opportunity to meet members from other schools and discuss ideas on how best to serve our community. If you are interested in attending, please get a permission slip from Mrs Maguire in Lower B Staffroom. Permission forms are due by Thursday 18th February (Close of registration).

Mrs K Maguire

SCHOOL IMMUNISATIONS YRS 7/8
The following vaccines are provided free for children in years 7/8 through school immunisation programs.

- Varicella (chickenpox)
- Human papillomavirus (HPV)
- Diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis (whooping cough) (dTpa)

Parents or guardians are required to complete a consent form in order for their child to receive a vaccination at school. Consent forms have been issued. Completed consent forms should be returned to the school office.

It is also important that your child attends school on vaccination days. Note that some vaccines require multiple doses throughout the school year.

Kedron’s Immunisation Days are:

- * Monday 7th March 2016, 9.00am HPV1
- * Thursday 26th May 2016, 9.00am HPV2 & Chickenpox
- * Tuesday 30th August 2016, 9.00am BOOSTRIX
- * Wednesday 16th November 2016, 9.00am HPV3

You may also choose to have your child vaccinated by your family doctor. Please note that while vaccines are provided for free, a consultation fee may apply.

TIPS FOR PARENTS

Some older children can get very concerned about the prospect of having a vaccination at school. It is important to talk to teenagers openly about the importance of immunisation, and to explain how a little pain now will equip them with a lifetime of protection.

Some useful tips for preparing older children for school-based immunisation include: giving them a good breakfast, making sure they wear a loose shirt, ensure they are feeling well on the day, and if they are feeling nervous or unwell to make sure they let someone know.

If parents have any questions regarding the school program or their child’s immunisations, please contact Immunisation Services Centre, Brisbane City Council on (07)3403 8888.

INTERACT NEWS
Interact is a club for youth who want to connect with others in our school community. Interact club members have fun while carrying out service projects and learning about the world. Interact organizes several service/fundraising projects a year that benefit our local, national and international communities. We are supported by the Nundah Rotary Club.

Interact meets every second Thursday in L17 at 11.15 am. Please come and support our executive team: Tara Seiffert-Smith, Sarah Melit, Aimee Nash and Israth Mohammed Fazahir.

LUTWYCHE KEDRON HIGH SCHOOL
Reading

KSHS Library offers a range of reading material in print and digital formats. Our fiction collection has an extensive range of manga, picture and audio books, magazines and books on general interest areas. Kedron students have access to two ebook platforms for loans to a variety of mobile devices. Students borrow using their id cards and loans are 2 weeks. Please encourage your student to borrow and please remind them to check due dates for return or renewal to avoid late notices.

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Research

KSHS Library subscribes to online products and services for access to resources and tools to make research based assessment tasks easier to navigate. Usernames/passwords obtained from Library search page from the school intranet homepage.

Databases

http://www.librarywebs.net/. Subject directory of websites.

Journal articles of published research supporting secondary curriculum.


Logon with eq email at: http://online.clickview.com.au to access digital tv content.

Research tools

Research tasks require students to develop their awareness of principles of academic integrity and correct referencing of sources is expected. Citations known as Reference Lists are required for all assessment where students must consult a range of sources for information. Kedron’s Library helps students develop this skill with two online tools.

Citemaker: creates your in-text and end-text references as you go. Register with eq email. http://www.citemaker.com/kedronshs.qld/