FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 2

I trust that you and your family found some time to relax over the Easter holiday period. We now start a longer term of 11 weeks, with some very big events coming up. Kedron SHS is an exceptional school, where diversity and personal achievement is celebrated and our students feel safe and supported. I sometimes have to pinch myself that I have the privilege of leading this great school. I hope you enjoy our last newsletter in this current format. From our next newsletter we will be moving to an online environment.

PARENT & TEACHER AFTERNOON/EVENING

As you are reading this newsletter our P&T event will be commencing. We have changed the structure slightly in 2016 to offer longer interviews. We thank the P&C for their support in allowing us to alter the school day slightly to provide this opportunity.

PARENT/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

KSHS would like to receive feedback from parents/guardians and the wider community to enable us to provide a broader approach to support your child to reach their full potential. I’m sure we have all heard the saying “It takes a village to raise a child” (Igbo and Yoruba (Nigeria) Proverb). This survey is designed to allow us to find out how we can tap into the amazing resources that are sitting out there amongst our families and community. Please take 5 minutes to complete the survey being sent to you this week. We would appreciate completion of the survey by 6 May.

ANZAC DAY 2016

Kedron SHS takes great pride in our commitment to holding a special commemorative service each year here at our school. This year our event will be on Friday 22 April at 9am. At the same time we have a group of senior students in Canberra who will be experiencing the powerful service held at the National War Memorial. We would like to thank and acknowledge the Kedron-Wavell RSL for their continued support of our school. Additionally I am looking to encourage students to be involved in the service at Kedron-Wavell RSL on ANZAC Day (Monday 25 April). Information will be given to students in the near future.

CROSS COUNTRY 2016

This annual event will be held on the afternoon of 22 April. Students are encouraged to participate to the best of their ability. Remember to wear formal uniform and bring sports uniform on this day. Further information will be provided to students prior to this event.

KEDRON EXPO 2016

Our annual expo will be held on Monday 23 May after school and into the early evening. I ask you to encourage anyone you know who is considering high school options for the future, to come along and see what an amazing school we have at Kedron.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DANA HOLDEN

Kedron SHS very proudly learned last term that one of our teachers has been the recipient of the Cooper-Hewitt Fellowship to study in the USA at the Smithsonian Institute for a part of this year. Dana Holden is a drama teacher at Kedron and also our Year 12 Coordinator. Dana is a passionate advocate for design thinking and it is around this passion that she was awarded the fellowship. Dana is a very worthy recipient of this special fellowship.

FRONT HALL UPGRADE

I mentioned this earlier in the year and we have been working with an architect to get some designs up and running for the front hall upgrade. We will have designs available from the time of the Kedron Expo on 23 May for our community to view. Additional to our fundraising drive, the school is committed to using a significant percentage of our minor works budget for 2016 to start some of these upgrades immediately.

The P&C and the school are coordinating a TAX DEDUCTIBLE fundraising drive to link with our 60th year and to work on some of the more substantial and structural parts of the upgrade. A key plank of that drive is the:

‘60 FOR 60 Campaign’

This would see as many current or past parents, students and families donate $60 for our 60th year. Did you know if we had 2000 past and present families donate $60 we would have $120 000 for the front hall. We would then be in a position to apply for ‘dollar for dollar’ grant funding!

Can you help the school by making a donation? You can do so directly via deposit to the P&C Tax Deductible Building Fund.

Bank account details:

- BSB: 064 163
- Account: 1045 6520
- Bank: CBA
- Account Name: Kedron State High School P and C Association Building Fund
- All donations over $2 are tax deductible. After payment, please email pandc@kedronshs.eq.edu.au your contact name and postal/email address so that we can give you a receipt for your tax deduction records. The receipt and letter of thanks will be sent home with your child or emailed/mailed.

60 YEARS IN 2016

A committee has been formed to develop a celebration to mark our 60th year. The event will be held during our annual Kedron Week celebrations, which this year fall in the week beginning 12 September. I wanted to provide some details early for your information:

- Date: Wednesday 14 September (3pm to 8pm)
- Event Type: Outdoor/Indoor ‘eats and beats’ event. We will have sensational, internationally diverse foods for sale. The canteen will be operating, and we will have loads of live music (including an open mic session). There will be a huge range of things to do including children’s activities, stalls, tours, photo studio, ‘graduation year/decade’ meeting points, archival activities and a bar will also be operated by the P&C from 4.30pm.
- It will be a free entry event, with opportunities to purchase food, drinks and memorabilia items.

P&C REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE WITH THE BAR AND CANTENEER FOR 60th EVENT: The P&C are keen to get volunteers to assist in the running of the bar and canteen at our 60th year event. In particular they are interested in hearing from parents who have experience in operating bars at this type of event. If you have some experience it would be greatly appreciated if you could email the P&C executive at pandc@kedronshs.eq.edu.au.

Yours in the ‘Kedron Way’.

Joseba Larrazabal, Principal
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**English as an Additional Language/Dialect Unit**

**WELCOME**
The diversity in our school is outstanding. This year we welcome 44 Year 7 students into the EAL/D program, originating from over 14 different countries, and speaking over 16 different languages or dialects.

**ABBESS MUSEUM**
This term Year 8 students have been studying Medieval Europe. A visit to the Abbey Museum, Caboolture provided a ‘hands on’ approach to life in medieval times. The students learnt about the tools and armoury used at that time, having the opportunity to don a knight’s helmet. They also participated in an archery session, many being quite accurate in their aim. Following lunch, the students spent time browsing a diorama of human existence, with relics over 4000 years old!

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**SWIMMING PROGRAM**
Water is an integral part of Australian lifestyle; a day at the beach or a quick dip in the pool is a common activity. For many of our students, this is not so and during Term 1 the Year 8s attended the swimming lessons provided by A Quality Swim program. The aim of the program is to build water safety confidence in students, and expand the skills the students learnt in Term 4 2015. Many thanks to Mrs Bucur and Mrs McMullen for accompanying the students each week.

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**Did you know…**
“By the end of 2014, 59.5 million individuals were forcibly displaced worldwide as a result of persecution, conflict, generalized violence, or human rights violations” (UNHCR, 2015)

**NEW STAFF**
This year we welcome the very lovely Mrs Kate Sweeney to our EAL/D family. Mrs Sweeney is a very experienced teacher who brings a wealth of knowledge to our school and joins us from Fairholme College, Toowoomba. Our year 7 students are very fortunate to have such a wonderful teacher.

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**EAL/D Students**

**STARTING !!!**

**Tuesday**

**8th March 2016**

**After School Homework Club**

(Conducted by students of ACS)

**ROOM E8**

Every Tuesday

3pm to 4:30pm

(Afternoon Tea Will Be Provided)**
INTERACT NEWS

Thank you to staff and students who contributed to the Easter Egg Drive. Students packaged and delivered eggs to residents of Clifford House, played Bocce with them and won by two points for the first time in 8 years. Students also met 110 year old resident Evelyn Vigor - a grandmother of two of our staff members. The residents enjoyed being able to chat with some young folk and impart some of their knowledge and skills.

On Good Friday, several Interact students visited Ronald McDonald families and sick children at The Lady Cilento Children’s Hospital. Many parents and hospital staff were delighted to see our students who brought smiles to some of the teary children in hospital. The gift of giving is priceless.

Our next fundraiser is to help improve the lives of working horses, donkeys and mules in some of the world’s poorest communities by providing treatment, training and animal health programs in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Students may sponsor an “animal” from their House to win the “Kedron Cup” at the Cross Country Carnival. Donations will be collected on Year level assemblies.

FROM THE LIBRARY

READING

Welcome back to Term 2 from Kedron’s Library! Please remind your student to check due dates for any loans and return or renew accordingly.

‘DIGITAL BLACKOUT: PLUG-IN’ SESSIONS

From Week 2 each Monday during first lunch break our Library will host a range of activities to connect with mates while disconnecting from devices. Students are encouraged to leave their laptop at the door - it’s a Digital Blackout: Plug-in!

Our IT Technician, Mr McLeish will be on site to support any students if they are experiencing laptop problems during Tech Talk. He can get students up and running again, once a week only during Digital blackout: Plug-in in the Library. For support at other times, students should go to K block Tech room before school and during breaks.

Other activities kindly offered by a dozen or so of our wonderful teachers giving up their time to support this initiative are: Stop frame animation, Anime Club, AUSLAN, Yarn bombing, Slam poetry, Sceptics Club, Chess, Campfire stories, Board games (tried Exploding Kittens? What’s a TACO CAT?).

No registration required; just come along and join in.

Ask your student what they’re up to in a Digital Blackout: Plug-in - you’ll be amazed!
Health and Physical Education is an integrated program that is delivered to all students in Years 7, 8 and 9, and as an elective subject in Year 10. In Years 11 and 12, students can elect to study Physical Education or Recreation Studies. Students study a range of physical activities including: Aquatics, Badminton, Basketball, European Handball, Netball, Soccer, Touch football, Ultimate Disc and Volleyball. Our programs favour physical and motor development while encouraging concepts of a healthy lifestyle, fair play and inclusivity.

Sport is an important and integral part of the tradition of our school and complements the HPE program. Year 7 students participate in a dedicated program on Friday afternoons, with the focus being on skill development and team skills. In Years 8 and 9 students will participate in the Junior Interschool competition on a Tuesday afternoon, and in Years 10, 11 and 12 students can take part in the Senior Interschool competition or choose a recreational sport on a Wednesday afternoon. Kedron also offers informal afterschool sport four afternoons a week.

2016 Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to Lutwyche on a dominant win in this year’s swimming carnival.

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2016 Cross Country
Can Bowen successfully defend their title for a third year in a row?

Kedron’s Cross Country event will be held on Friday 22 April. Races start from 1:25pm. All students are encouraged to participate and score valuable points for their house.