Inside the Prep I classroom.

In Prep I, we are learning about letters, numbers, living things and places. Every day we have lots of fun! By the end of term we will be able to subitise, order numbers, rhyme, hear sounds in words and complete our Kid Writing confidently!

Dallas likes to play at indoor time in Home Corner. Patrick likes to practise his letters and numbers in the fishing game. Cheyenne likes to learn about numbers and letters. Greer likes to listen to a story while she has her fruit break.

We are learning about being Confident which is our Prep You Can Do It focus, we have been sitting confidently on the carpet in the mornings when our Mums and Dads leave. We have been having a go at all of our learning tasks and confidently asking for help when needed.

Tye really wants to learn how to do Kid Writing. Ryder really wants to learn how to draw properly. Molly really wants to learn how to clap syllables in words and rhyme. Ryan really wants to learn how to make his fingers strong in FingerGym by using playdough. Patrick really wants to learn how to tell the time.

Max says the best thing about school is doing the weather chart in the morning. Jackson says the best thing about school is playing on the Prep playground. Ethan says the best thing about school is observing the hermit crab for science. Amity says the best thing about school is learning.
Vision Statement.
It is official, our vision statement is ‘Creating better minds for a better future’. Thank you to everyone who made a submission. We had 121 entries in total. The school leadership team and helpful P&C representatives helped me to shorten the list. All P&C, staff, student leaders and councillors voted, and the vision statement was decided upon. Congratulations to Isabella N in 4N for coming up with the winning entry.

Congratulations Barton House.
Yesterday we had almost one third of the school proudly wearing their Barton House shirts. Well done boys and girls. The tally count was 234 Barton, 171 Bowen and 198 Phillip. I can’t wait to see who wins next week.

Goal leaves.
Thank you to everyone who has returned the goal leaves. We are really looking forward to getting the tree up and seeing everyone’s goals being added. Yesterday I announced that the first five classes to return all of their leaves will have a free free dress day. Notes will be sent home for these classes.

Cross country.
The children have been practicing for cross country in the mornings. It’s great to see. Cross country has been scheduled for the second day of term 2 to avoid shortening the swimming term and to give us enough time to get nominations in for districts. We encourage the children to continue their training over the school holidays.

Make every day count in 2014
Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons. Check out the new Every Day Counts videos live on DETE TV. http://www.youtube.com/DETE Queensland

Please plan your holidays in school vacation time. We understand that at times this is difficult. Thank you for trying to minimise the disruption to the children’s schooling.

The You Can Do It focus this week is Confidence.
Confidence means feeling like you can do things. It is about not being afraid to make mistakes or try something new. Confidence also means standing up tall and speaking with a clear voice. It involves raising your hand to answer a hard question, sharing a new idea, or simply saying ‘hello’ and talking to someone new.

Lockdown practice.
Today the children practiced what to do in a lockdown situation. Every term we are required to hold a lockdown or evacuation drill so that we know what to do in a real event. The children coped well with this today.

“Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony.” Mahatma Gandhi

Danielle Priddy – Acting Principal

SCHOOL PHOTOS – WEDNESDAY 12TH MARCH, 2014
Please note that all photo money and envelopes must be brought along with your child on the day of the photos only.
NO ENVELOPES OR MONEY TO THE OFFICE
THANK YOU

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Active Travel
Wednesday’s launch breakfast was extremely well attended with all the students enjoying the fruit and milk which was served, especially those students who were training for the Cross Country. Quite a few students also enjoyed the balloons which had been placed around the shelter area surrounds. I would like to thank Mrs Atkinson and her children for cutting up the fruit and those students who assisted with blowing up the balloons which ensured this event was such a success. The class teachers have begun collecting the data for our Walking Wheeling Wednesdays and judging by the number of bikes and scooters in the racks we are off to a great start.

Curriculum News
Teachers in Year 1-7 are now starting the final assessments of the first units of work in English and our Prep teachers will begin the Early Start assessments which will guide the focus of their teaching. These assessments are 1:1 so Miss Ickiewicz and Miss Radley, from today, will be released in blocks from class to perform this testing.

NAPLAN
As part of our NAPLAN preparations and our focus on Maths Problem Solving, Ms Elliott is modelling lessons in the Year 3 and Year 5 classrooms to introduce the See, Plan, Do, Check Thinkboard strategies. See - students find the relevant information and work out what the question is asking; Plan – students plan out what strategies they might use to solve the problem ; Do is the actual enactment of the strategy and Check often involves working backwards to ensure the answer is correct and is the actual solution which is required. The strategy being highlighted this term for the Year 3s is Part/Part/Whole while the Year 5s will work through a variety of strategies that reflect those in the Upper 2 bands (U2B) project. Each week I will be sending out more information about the preparation we are doing and the focus of each of the NAPLAN tests.

That’s all for this week,

Lisa Whitlock – Deputy Principal

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ACTING PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Repeat Principal address Tuesday 4th March
6:00-6:30 pm in the 6/7B classroom.

DATE CLAIMER 2013

National Young Leaders Day Excursion (Leaders) Mon 3 Mar
Comm Bank Presentation on Parade-School Banking Principals Talk (repeat from Parent Night) Tues 4 Mar
Problem Solving Challenge – Wavell High Yr 6/7 Teams Mon 10 Mar
P&C AGM 7:00pm Hall Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Community group meeting 5.00-6.30 - Multipurpose Hall * Tue 11 Mar
School Photos Wed 12 Mar
Crazy Hair Day – Gold coin donation Fri 14 Mar
Bling your Bike day* Wed 19 Mar
National Day of Action Against Bullying Thur 20 Mar
Yrs. 4-7 Cricket Gala Day * Fri 21 Mar
Parent Teacher Interviews* Mon 24-27 Mar
Chappy Free Dress Day - Gold Coin Wed 26 Mar
Harmony Day Celebrations* Thur 3 Apr
Gold Pass Day Fri 4 Apr
Easter Holidays 7 Apr – 21 Apr
Anzac Day Assembly* Tues 22 Apr
Cross Country – Prep - yr 7* Wed 23 Apr
Anzac Day Fri 25 Apr
June July Holidays 30 Jun – 11 Jul
Sep/Oct Holidays 19 Sept – 6 Oct

Items marked * are those that parents may wish to attend.
**Zoo Keeper of the Week**

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students on receiving their ‘You Can Do It’ Awards last week:

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<td>Wonderful listening and trying his best to complete work</td>
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<td>Always willing to share your fantastic thoughts and ideas</td>
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<td>Alyssa S</td>
<td>Always being ready for work</td>
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<td>Showing persistence in persuasive writing</td>
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If your child was in 2T last year and still has a chair bag from that room, could you please return it to the office. Thanks.

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**KEDRON IDOL** begins on Monday 3rd March! We are still accepting entries. Please collect forms from the Music Room or Mrs Dalton in the office.

**Next week’s performers include:**

- **Monday** – Eli, Ella D, Losa, Liva, Josephine, Caitlin McC, Kate B, Hana L
- **Tuesday** – Georgia L, Hana L, Sena L, Sean M, Laney V
- **Wednesday** – Erin MG, Samara, Pearl, Chynna, Tyler, Aubrhey, Kimiora, Brianne, Paige, Teagan, Imogen, Holly, LJ, Jerome, Oliver
- **Performers** – Please bring your costume/props directly to the Hall at 10:45am and get changed. You need to be seated in performance order in the allocated chairs at the front of the Hall. Performances begin promptly at 11:00am. You can eat your lunch after Kedron Idol auditions conclude. Please email mlupt2@eq.edu.au if you have any questions regarding the audition process.

***FREE ENTRY TO KEDRON IDOL!!*** All KSS children and parents are welcome to come and watch our wonderful performances each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 1st break in the hall. Please do not bring food or drink into the Hall.

**JUNIOR CHOIR** - Rehearse each Tuesday at 2nd break (UNTIL KEDRON IDOL FINISHES THIS TERM)! Please bring your display folder to collect your lyrics.

**SENIOR CHOIR** - Rehearse each Wednesday at 2nd break (UNTIL KEDRON IDOL FINISHES THIS TERM)! Please bring your display folder to collect your lyrics.

Do you need help with your recorder playing, or would you like to show off your talents by trying out for your next BLACK BELT TEST? Please come to the Music Room at 2nd break on Monday where we have lots of talented tutors waiting to help. Ms Lupton LOVES listening to recorder tests!

**Ms Lupton – Classroom Music Teacher**

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Cross Country training for all those keen runners is happening on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Everyone welcome from Prep – 7. Meet on the oval at 8:00am. The Cross Country is being held on Wednesday 23rd April from 9:00am - 12:00pm.

Conratulations to BARTON for winning the house token competition this week. This meant they were lucky enough to wear their house shirts for the day!!

Great start to the Preps swimming this week and thank you to all the parent help. Look forward to seeing you all again over the next few weeks. Just a reminder that it is compulsory for children to wear a sun-shirt and bathing cap to every swimming lesson.

**Sharon Walsh – PE Teacher**

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**PE NEWS**

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**P&C NEWS**

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**TUESDAY, 11 March 2014**

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Everyone Welcome

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**Student Council News**

**STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS**

14th March, 2014 it is FUNKY HAIR DAY

Style your hair in any way you want! You can dye it in any colour your mum and dad have, or you can have it done at school.

You can use gel to make it funky or just tie your hair in crazy fashions.

You need a gold coin donation to turn up with funky hair.

If you want it done at school, you will need to bring $2.00 - $1.00 for having your hair coloured at school and the other $1.00 for having crazy hair.

All donations will be put towards the Leukaemia Foundation. You will be helping people with blood cancer.

Can’t wait to see all the crazy hair do’s!!!

**Eaun Bairy Year 6/7B - Student Council Representative**

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**P&C Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting of the P&C will be held on Tuesday, March 11th at 7:00pm, in the multimedia room of the Hall. All are welcome to join us at this meeting. During the meeting, the election of the Executive members of the P&C will be held. There are four Executive positions on the P&C – I have included a brief overview of each position below. If you would like to nominate for an Executive position, please send an email to the pandcsecretary@kedronss.eq.edu.au prior to the AGM.

These descriptions have been summarised from the Quick Guide for P&C Executive Officers – if you would like more information you can access the document at http://education.qld.gov.au/parents/pdf/quickguide-pc-executiveofficers.pdf

**President**

The P&C President is responsible for chairing all meetings of the P&C during the year, ensuring time is used effectively during the meetings and...
allowing everyone to have their say. They are also responsible for fostering good communication between the P&C, school and community, and generally overseeing all of the business of the P&C. This requires knowledge of all of the programs, events and services that the P&C provides, including things such as fundraising, Uniform Shop and Tuckshop. The President may, on occasion, be required to deal with conflicts and complaints, so good interpersonal skills are essential.

**Vice President**
The Vice President primarily provides support and assistance to the President and other members of the Executive. The Vice President chairs meetings if the President is not in attendance, and carries out any duties that have been delegated by the President.

**Secretary**
The Secretary generally organises, records and maintains information pertaining to the activities of the P&C. They maintain all documentation including attendance records and a register of members, minutes of meetings, correspondence and contracts. At P&C meetings, the Secretary prepares and publishes the Agenda, and prepares minutes of the meeting.

**Treasurer**
The Treasurer has the overall responsibility for the financial management of the P&C and must comply with the Accounting Manual for P&C Associations. This includes preparing an annual budget for the P&C, supplying a financial statement at each meeting and presenting audited annual statements. It is the Treasurer’s responsibility to keep accurate accounts of all receipts and expenditure.

**Christine Gilbert – P&C President**

**UNIFORM SHOP**

Uniform Shop Open
Tuesday afternoon 3:00pm – 3:30pm
Friday morning 8:15am – 9:00am
for all your uniform requirements.
We accept payment by EFTPOS, Cash or Cheque for all P&C monies

Order forms – The prices on the order form available on the school website are out of date and the school is unable to update them until the website is upgraded. If you are sending in a uniform order, please obtain a paper copy (dated 2013) from the office or the uniform shop, or email me at catherinehowell@optusnet.com.au and I will send you one.

**Catherine Howell – Uniform Shop Co-ordinator**

**BOOK CLUB**

Scholastic Book Club – Your child should receive their
Issue 2 February brochures this week. The back page order form and payment need to be returned in a named envelope by Tuesday 11th March, via the classroom collection containers or receipt number on the order form on Tuesdays and Fridays. Cash, cheque (payable to Scholastic Australia) or receipt number for the completed credit card transaction directly with Scholastic, is accepted as payment. (If you are ordering from 2 or 3 brochures, the single total credit card amount can be paid once, not individually for each. Please note the receipt number on the order form.) For “special” occasions, e.g. Christmas, birthdays etc., you may not want your child to know you’ve ordered, you can drop off and/or collected by arrangement from the Uniform Shop. Please mark on your order you wish to pick up from the Uniform Shop.

Remember, there is a 30 Day Money Back Scholastic Book Club Guarantee on all your purchases. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries. Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who help put together the brochures for the class groups; your help makes a big difference!

**Patience Orford – Book Club Co-Ordinator – 0438 384 168**