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**Curriculum News**

Next Thursday afternoon our Yr 5-7s will have a Cybersafety Talk in the hall. We are very fortunate that this is to be presented by one of the Hendra Police officers.

A **Cybersafety parent session** - see posters around the school, will also be held next Thursday (31st July) from 6:30- 7:30pm. It is important that you RSVP so I can judge the numbers and arrange seating etc. RSVP please to lwhit294@eq.edu.au or to the office on 3621 3444. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the session.

Tomorrow the school captains and I will attend the opening ceremony of Kedron State High School’s Confucius Centre. This is one of 6 centres established in Queensland and a great honour for the students and staff to be recognised in this way.

Class newsletters and Term 3 timetables will go home next week.

**Year 6 & 7 Transition to High School**

Last week I hosted some of the Heads of Departments and the Yr 7 co-ordinator from Kedron High School so they could gain knowledge of what our students do in the final year of schooling, the programs we run in the school and the curriculum coverage that has taken place.

One of the topics of conversation centred on the concerns that you as parents and the students have about Yr 6s transitioning to high school next year. Staff at both our feeder high schools are very keen to address any concerns that you may have in this regard. Please email any of your queries and I will pass these on.

**Attendance**

I would like to remind everyone that our lessons start promptly at 8:45am. So that your child can make the most of their learning, please ensure that they arrive by at least 8:40am so that they can enter the classroom, prepare their equipment and be ready for instruction at 8:45am. Late arrivals are detrimental to teachers, to the child who is late and to their classmates. The time between 8:30am and 8:40am allows students to socialise and settle, ready for the day.

Looking at last term’s absent data there are unexplained absences. If your child is absent please ensure you ring the school on the day of the absence on 3621-3466 or send an email to admin@kedronss.eq.edu.au so we can promptly notify the class teachers. I will be sending out letters at the end of each week for any unexplained absences so we can eliminate this section of data.

**Enrolments**

Parents please note that our 2015 Prep enrolments opened yesterday morning. It would be appreciated if you could come and enrol your child if they will be attending Prep here next year (including those of you who are in catchment) so we can judge the numbers we will have in 2015. Please ensure you bring your child’s birth certificate and proof of residency (rates notice).

**ICAS**

English ICAS tests are on 8:00am 28th July in the MM room at the hall. Certificates from ICAS Science tests will be handed out on parade next Tuesday.

That’s all for this week.

Lisa Whitlock – Deputy Principal

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**HEAD LICE**

It has come to our attention that Head Lice has been detected throughout the school. It is extremely important for you to check your child’s head for head lice TODAY and on a regular basis. (every 2 days until there are no head lice found for 10 consecutive days). If you do find head lice, commence effective treatment immediately and be sure to complete the process of treatment. This will help prevent head lice from spreading.

Head Lice treatment can be found at any chemist or supermarket.

If you have any difficulties treating the head lice on your child effectively, please contact the school.

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**ACTING PRINCIPAL’S DESK**

**School Opinion Surveys**

School opinion surveys have been sent home. This year the department has allowed us to invite all parents to complete the survey. Previously we were able to ask only 40 parents who were randomly selected. This year we will receive comprehensive data to help us make our wonderful school even better. I encourage you to complete the survey before 3rd August.

**Reading Improvement**

Over the end of last term and the start of this term Ms Elliott and I have met with all classroom teachers to review students’ progress. When we meet, we set reading targets, goals and strategies for each child and review their progress. It’s so pleasing to see the progress the children are making. Thank you Mums and Dads for supporting this progress.

**Explicit Teaching**

Over the last few weeks teachers have been working on improving their explicit teaching practices. Our focus has been on ‘Warm Ups’. The teachers have been visiting each other’s classes to see how each other teaches and to give each other feedback. The process has proved very rewarding with great improvement in teaching practices already. We are proud to show the children that you never stop learning.

Warm ups are a 10-15 minute revision of basic concepts. Any subject can be the focus of a warm up. We are currently working on maths. Warm ups are great for moving learning into long term memory. When children have instant recall of things like time tables, they can solve mathematical problems more efficiently. This will translate directly into improved maths results.

**Principal’s Celebration**

Last week was the first of many Principal’s Celebrations. Each week I will invite class teachers to select two students from their class who have been working well to send to me on Friday with some work that they are proud of. There are many moments every week that I feel proud of our children and pleased that I chose the career path I did. Principal’s celebrations have to be the highlight. I can’t wait for the next one!

*Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life.* Confucius.

Danielle.
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>For having a go stretching out his sounds to read some tricky stories</td>
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<td>Working on writing tasks with greater confidence</td>
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<td>For being brave and doing a great job sharing her poem with the class</td>
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<td>For a wonderful poetry recitation using a load clear voice and fantastic actions</td>
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<td>For good work habits and interesting writing</td>
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<td>Amy G</td>
<td>For having the confidence to enter the Kedron Busking Competition and winning 3rd place</td>
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<td>Ashleigh M</td>
<td>For showing great confidence and increasing your participation in class discussions</td>
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<td>Working hard at your writing and trying your best</td>
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<td>Max M Claire H</td>
<td>For happily volunteering to sort the fiction library books in order</td>
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<td>Roy M</td>
<td>For working extremely hard on his spelling skills throughout the year</td>
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<td>Mosee L</td>
<td>Always contributing to class discussions and excellent effort with independent reading goals</td>
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<td>Excellent display of confidence when delivering the confidence talk on parade</td>
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<td>Confidence shown in class speaking tasks and having confidence in his world cup favorites - Germany</td>
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MUSIC NOTES

Junior Choir – 1st break Tuesday
Senior Choir – 1st break Wednesday

Please bring a display folder to collect your choir music.

There will be a combined rehearsal for Junior and Senior Choir on Tuesday 29th July at 1st break in the Music Room in preparation for the upcoming concerts.

CONCERT DATES IN TERM 3:

A detailed letter will be sent home with your child.

4th August: Junior/Senior Choir, Strings & Concert Band – EVENING RECITAL
5th August: Junior/Senior Choir, Strings & Concert Band – GRANDPARENTS & FAMILY MORNING CONCERT
19th August: Senior Choir – SINGFEST Concert – Old Museum Building – 5:15pm

Year 2/3P – homework began this week! Remember that homework needs to be completed weekly and signed.

Please remember to bring all of your MUSIC TOOLS FOR LEARNING to your lessons each week so that you can fully participate in the activities!

Ms Lupton – Classroom Music Teacher

PE NEWS

The District Athletics Carnival is being held on August 4th and 5th at Bowden Park at Geebung. Children (10yrs – 13yrs) who have made the team received their paperwork last week. If you could return those forms with the money ASAP to the office that would be great.

You need to find your own transport to and from the venue on those days.

We have a few children who are unable to attend as they have no way of getting there, if there are any parents who can help with transport on either day, could you please contact Mrs Walsh.

Sharon Walsh – PE Teacher

KSS P&C MEETING
TUESDAY, 12 August 2014
WHERE: KSS Hall / Multimedia Room
Everyone Welcome

Blair Thompson - P&C President

UNIFORM SHOP

We still have a couple of pulllover jumpers in all sizes except 14. We are selling these off at $10.00 (below cost) and once they are gone we will only sell jackets. Grab one now if your child likes them!

Entertainment Books – are available from the uniform shop for $65.00. Last year’s book has now expired. Buy over the counter or order online and we will send one home with your child. As well as restaurants and cafes there are vouchers for movies, theme parks, resorts, florists, hairdressers, car hire, gift cards, and much more. 20% of the purchase price goes towards fundraising for the school. Only 6 left!

Catherine Howell – Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Club – Issue 5 July brochures have been distributed to students. The back page order form and payment need to be returned in a named envelope by Tuesday 29th July, via the classroom collection containers 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.)

There are 3 competitions running this issue. Design and Draw the Craziest Racecar, Pig the Pug Colouring in Competition and Write Your Own Adventure Story (300 words or less). All of the competitions have a 31st August deadline and require and entry form see the webpage scholastic.com.au for more details.

Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who help put together the brochures for the class groups; your help makes a big difference!

Patience Orford 0438 384 168 - Book Club Co-Ordinator

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Watch this space – tuckshop opening next week........

Christina Anderson – Tuckshop Coordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS

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DANCE DRAMA ACTION

Dance Drama Action offers specialised tuition in Classical Ballet (RAD), Contemporary, Jazz and Drama in a safe, creative and nurturing environment.

Classes are held throughout the year in the Kedron State School Community Hall, Leckoe Road, Kedron.

For further information about classes and to receive a 2014 Information Package, please contact:

Michelle Machen – 0421116202 or email
dancedramacao@gmail.com
Everton Tennis & Gear conducts MLC Hot Shots tennis lessons after school on our tennis court. For more details, please contact 3266 1660 or email info@tennisgear.com.au

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PH: (07) 3350 5333
Fax: (07) 3350 5077
Mobile: 0438 788504
Before and After School Care
Vacation Care Available

All Stars Baseball Club are having four "Come and Try Baseball" days leading into the 2014-2015 baseball season. We are seeking girls and boys aged 5 years to 18 years to "Come Play Ball" at All Stars Baseball Club.

The "Come and Try" program will run from 12 noon till 4pm on:

- Saturday 26 July
- Saturday 2 August
- Sunday 3 August and
- Saturday 9 August

At Bannister Park, 116 Gerler Road, Hendra.

QUEENSLAND POLICE EXPO

Friday 22nd August 9:00am–7:00pm
Saturday 23 August 9:00am – 4:00pm

Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre
Merivale Street, South Brisbane – gold coin entry fee

COME AND FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE

Stafford City Brook Run

Register now for the 2014 Stafford City Brook Run – Sunday 27th July – and you could be in the running for some awesome prizes for yourself and your school.

Go to www.thebrookrun.com.au to register for the Quality Food Services 2km fun run and be a part of a family-friendly event that promises to be a fun and exciting morning out. Why not get your whole family involved and run, walk or skip your way to the finish line so you can tell all your friends "I Beat the Brook" in 2014!

Contact: The Brook Run Team Community Liaison, Mark Chapple 0413 615 409, or info@thebrookrun.com.au

Red Sox Softball Club

SOFTBALL SIGN ON
28th July 2014
4pm - 7pm
Windsor Park
Trials will commence after sign on and run for 3 weeks
www.redsoxsoftball.com