Walkathon
Thursday, 11 September 2014
SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS – 8:15am to 3:30pm
STUDENT ABSENT LINE – 3621 1466
P&C MEETINGS HELD 2nd TUESDAY OF THE MONTH @ 7pm
NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

DATE CLAIMER 2014
Northside Honours Music Camp
Parent Teacher Interviews 9-12 Sept
Museum Visit - Prep I & Prep R 12 Sept
Gala Day – Yrs 4-7 15 Sept
Yr 3 Excursion – Historical Village
Pet Prep – Prep & Yr 1 15 Sept
Solid Pathways UK Event
Celebration of Learning – 6/7F, 3D & 3M, 6/7B 17 Sept
Senior & Junior Choir Party – 1st Break
Celebration of Learning – Prep I & Prep R 18 Sept
Gold Pass Day – Yr 6/7s, 3D & 3M 19 Sept
Celebration of Learning – 1A
Gold Pass Day – Prep I & R 22 Sept
Last Day Term 3
Sept/Oct Holidays 22 Sep–3 Oct
Public Holiday 6 Oct
Free Breakfast 8 Oct
Chaplaincy Picnic in Kalinga Park @ 11:00am 11 Oct
P&C Meeting 14 Oct
Pupil Free Day 20 Oct
2013 Prep Interviews 22-24 Oct
Active Travel Spy Day 22 Oct

To ensure preparations for excursions can run smoothly, all excursion payments are to be paid by the due date. Late payments will not be accepted. Thanks

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ACTING PRINCIPAL’S DESK
Staffing
Congratulations to Dale West who was successful in her application for the position of Business Service Manager. We are so thrilled that Dale is a permanent member of the Kedron team.

Lisa Whitlock will be taking some well-deserved leave next week and the first week back of next term. Jill Elliott will be acting Deputy Principal during this time.

During the first four weeks of next term Kylie Fedrick will be acting Head of Special Education Services at Windsor and Ascot State Schools 4 days a week. This is a great opportunity for Kylie. For these four weeks, Sue Johnstone will be taking on the lead Special Education Teacher position.

Creating Better Minds for a Better Future
Our teachers are currently conducting parent teacher interviews. Please ensure that you take this opportunity to meet with your child’s class teacher to hear how they are going and find out how you can work with the teacher to help your child’s progress. When we work together we achieve our moral purpose to Create Better Minds for a Better Future.

Curriculum Changes
To enable us to help our children’s learning in spelling to continue to improve, we have decided to change the way we teach spelling in Yrs 3-7.

The changes will align more closely with the Australian Curriculum. Each child will have a spelling list based on spelling rules and personal spelling words. The child’s teacher will group children based on ability and work with each group to build vocabulary.

“You can never be overdressed or overeducated.” Oscar Wilde

Danielle.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S DESK
Active Travel
The winning class from last week for the first time this year was 6/7B with a resounding 87% of students actively travelling to school. They were followed by 1A with 80%. What a great effort by both these classes. Our school average was 65% which is also a great result.

Next term we will have our Mystery Spy Active Travel Day in October once again and an additional fun day “Sunnies Stride Day” on Friday 7th November where all students will be encouraged to wear sunglasses and their hat in recognition of the need to protect our eye health.

Out and About
It is great news to see the number of students who are playing handball before school and staying in the supervision area. However, there are a few students who are on verandas before 8:30am bell. We ask that students are not on verandas at this time so class teachers can complete the necessary planning without interruption and distraction.

Parent Teacher Interviews
It has been wonderful to see how many parents have taken up the invaluable opportunity to speak to their child’s teacher. I would like to recognise the time and effort that all our teachers have taken to make these interviews so successful.

On Leave
As I am taking Long Service Leave for the week before and after the holidays, I would like to wish all our school community a safe, happy and relaxing holiday and I will see everyone again on the 13th October. Ms Jill Elliott will be Acting Deputy in my absence.

That’s all for this term,

Lisa Whitlock – Deputy Principal

CLASSROOM NEWS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students on receiving their ‘You Can Do It’ Awards last week

STUDENT AWARDED CLASS
Jack B For being so focused and doing an awesome job of staying on task Prep R
Aaron G For making an effort to start your day organized and ready to learn 1R
Tyler L Demonstrating greater confidence with reading 1GC
Trinity M For completing her M500 words and working well 2H
Joshua C For showing great confidence and enthusiasm in your work 22G
Sam Z For his “never give up” attitude to all aspects of school 2/3P
Eloise M For showing great confidence in making new friends at your new school 3D
Sydney S Your homework, tidy tray and class books have been neat and well organized 3M
Tom O Excellent participation in all lesson discussions especially in science 4G
Hayden B Contributing ideas to class discussions and good effort in reading 4N
Brody S Great effort when listening to instructions and participating in group work 5V
Oliver W For improving his level of concentration and active listening skills 5W
Ruby C Excellent display of persistence with your workload 6/7B
Adrianna P Great extra reading in Literacy Circles after changing groups 6/7G
Japanese Class Engaging well in the cultural lesson by paying attention, taking careful notes and showing interesting thoughts 4N
PE Class For good listening and organization when completing their soccer skills test 22G

CELEBRATION OF LEARNING
Yr 6/7B – Wednesday 17th September – 2:10 – 3:00pm – play in hall
Yr 6/7F – are holding their learning celebration at 12:40pm on Wednesday 17th September in the Great Hall of Kedron State School. A play from “Off Broadway” will be performed along with an important legal case in the “Kedron State Court”. The performances are a culminating piece de resistance based on the studies on immigration in class. All parents and friends are invited to this extravaganza from little known director N.G Fogarty and the “Not Ready Prime Time Players” of 6/7F.
Yr 1A – Friday 19th September @ 2:30 – 3:00pm
3D & 3M – Wednesday 17th September @ 2:15 – 3:00pm
Prep I & Prep R – Thursday 18th September @ 10:00 – 10:45am

GOLD PASS DAY
Prep I & R – Friday 19th September @ 11:45-12:45pm – play in park
All 6/7s – Thursday 18th September @ 9:00-10:45am – movie in hall
3D & 3M – Thursday 18th September @ 12:50 – 3:00pm – indoor and outdoor activities

CHAPLAINCY NEWS
– The next FREE MONTHLY BREAKFAST hosted by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Parent Group, the YMCA Before and After School Care and the local churches is scheduled for Wednesday 8th October in the undercover area from 8:00 to 8:30am. What a great opportunity to chillax before school with friends and enjoy the good food! All students are welcome and parent help is well received.
Please contact Chappy Leanne (0422061954) if you’d like to be on the team.

• The Local Chaplaincy Committee (LCC) is hosting The Inaugural KSS Picnic in Kalinga Park on Saturday 11th October from 11:00am to 1:30pm. This is a free and easy get together with other Kedron families to help us all to connect. There’s plenty of shade and parking but bring your own food, drinks, chairs, blankets bikes and cricket gear. Come when you can and go when you must. Cancelled if raining.

MUSIC NOTES

PARTY TIME!!! All Junior and Senior Choir students are invited to attend a Choir Party in the Music Room at FIRST BREAK next Wednesday 17th September to celebrate your hard work this term! Please bring a plate of healthy food to share (fruit platter, dips/carrot/celery, sandwiches, quiche etc…). We will also require plates and serviettes if any parents would like to donate these! All food can be brought to the Music Room before school on Wednesday morning. Please note that there is limited refrigerator space.

Ms Lupton – Classroom Music Teacher

PE NEWS

Just a reminder that swimming for Term 4 starts the week of the 6th October (first week back). This term we are concentrating on the Swimming and Water Safety Continuum.

The classes are as follows –
Monday – 6/7G, 6/7B, 6/7F, 4N, 4G, 5W, 5V
Tuesday – Prep R, Prep I, 3D, 1M, 1GC
Wednesday – 2G, 2H, 1R, 3D, 2/3P, 3M

WHAT YOUR CHILD NEEDS:
Swimming bag, togs, towel, brush or comb. It is compulsory for a swimming cap and sun shirt to be worn at every lesson. Girls are encouraged to wear one piece togs (no bikinis) ALL ITEMS MUST BE MARKED WITH THE CHILD’S NAME
NOTE: Jewellery is not permitted. Sleepers/studs may be worn.

EXCEPTIONS:
If there are any medical or other conditions that do not allow your child to swim on a particular day, a note signed by a parent or guardian is required. Swimming is an essential part of the school Physical Education program and all children are expected to attend.
All lessons will continue even if it is raining so please send the children’s swim gear along on that day. The only reason we would cancel a lesson is if there is a thunderstorm that may develop during the day.
If you are able to help out with supervision in your child’s lesson, please contact your classroom teacher as soon as possible. We especially need a number of parent helpers who are willing to get in the pool for Prep, Yr 1 and Yr 2. Your help is greatly appreciated and needed for the program to run successfully.

Sharon Walsh – PE Teacher

LIBRARY NEWS

Last week twenty-seven Year Six students were lucky enough to be able to attend the Brisbane Writers Festival. After catching the train we were given three very interesting talks, by three talented authors.
The first session was with cartoonist Dave Hackett who is more commonly known as Cartoon Dave. He really inspired us with his illustrations.
The next session was with Pat Flynn. He gave us tips on how to write a story. He suggested that we introduce our problem in the first paragraph. The middle of the story should concentrate on developing the problem. He said we could even make it worse if it went from there too. He recommended that by the time we got to the end of the story, we should have solved the problem and could perhaps do so with a twist. He held our attention and was very informative.
The final session was with the author, Jackie French, who has written many great books. Her latest release is called "I Am Juliet". It centres on Juliet Capulet and her love for a boy called Romeo (sound familiar). The story explores the helplessness Juliet feels as she realises that unlike young men her age, her lover, diplomatically betrothed and controlled by others who see her as entering into an arranged marriage of strategic alliance and giving birth to many sons. Jackie gave us a wonderful insight into the world of Shakespeare. She was captivating.
We had a very enjoyable day meeting the authors and learnt some very useful writing tips. I would like to give a special thanks to Mr Fogarty for helping me out on the day. Overall, we all agreed we had an amazing time.

Finally, holidays are fast approaching so I will just remind everyone to return their library books for renewing and borrowing purposes before the end of term. We will not be closing off library loans over the holiday period, so children are able to have a library book at home for the holidays. However we ask that they are not taken away on holidays with you as sometimes they don’t come back in your luggage!

Helen Oxenham – Librarian

YEAR 7 YEAR BOOK

REMEMBER
Don’t forget to complete and return your profile forms for the Yr 7 year book. If you need another form with all the information, please see Mr Gubesch as he has spares.

And have you provided photos yet? I have some fantastic photos coming in, but we need some for everyone or there will be some disappointed students (and parents) when they look through the year book. Even if we can’t use all the photos you provide, having a lot to choose from is better than having none at all.

If you need to borrow a USB to copy them onto, please just let me know and I can provide one for you.

Christine Gilbert

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to Kaif M for winning the The AFL Fantasy Schools competition. This was an online fantasy game open to all school students in Australia in which entrants select a squad of AFL players and score points based on their players’ real life match performances. After Round 19 of the 2014 AFL season, Kaif was declared the QLD state winner, his fantasy team having the highest cumulative score of all students in QLD. From AFL Rounds 20-23, his fantasy team then participated in a playoff involving all other state winners before defeating a student from SA in the Grand Final to become the AFL Fantasy Schools National winner for 2014! This involved Kaif often spending many hours each week studying AFL statistics on the internet in order to adjust his fantasy team each round! Over 2,500 students participated in the competition – WELL DONE KAIF

Angus B – Student Council Representative

P&C NEWS

Your P&C Invests a further $20,000 into the school
Some of you may wonder what happens to all the money we raise through your generosity at events like the disco, walkathon, mother’s and father’s day stalls…
All of that money is invested for the benefit of our kids to provide more educational resources, additional teacher aide hours, better learning tools and technologies and improvements to the school grounds and facilities.
In the last 5 years alone, the P&C has contributed over $275,000 to the school, but as our school community grows there is always more to be done.
So at the P&C meeting on Tuesday night, the P&C agreed to invest a further $20,420 into the school. Some of the areas we chose to invest include:

• Additional teacher aide hours
• Teaching resources such as microscopes and software for kids with learning difficulties
• Improvements to the building and grounds such as a mural for the tennis shed and classroom blinds
• The year 6/7 Yearbooks
• Upgrades to the school sound systems - both in the hall and in the grounds for everyday use and on occasions such as the athletics day and fete

KSS P&C MEETING
TUESDAY, 14 October 2014
WHERE: KSS Hall / Multimedia Room
Everyone Welcome
Below is more details on this breakdown of investment.
Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or ideas and I hope to see you at our next meeting.

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**Blair Thompson - P&C President**
pandcpresident@kedrons.eq.edu.au

**Walk-a-thon**

The Walk-a-thon was a wonderful success and every student who participated can be proud of their cooperation and effort. We would like to thank every parent/grandparent who helped to make this event possible by assisting in organizing as well as coming along to the event on the day. A special thank you to the Staff at Kedron State School because without your support the Walk-a-thon would not be possible.

**Reminder** - All the money that was pledged needs to be collected and returned no later than **Tuesday 16 September** as at parade later that day the students who raised the 1st and 2nd highest donation and have their money turned in, will be announced as well as the draw for the bike. We will also find out if Principal Friday will be wearing a CRAZY WIG.

Finally thank you to the sponsors. Wayne Swan MP, for donating the bike. AMF Kedron, Baskin Robbins Kedron and The Courier Mail for the terrific meals.

If there are any further queries please contact Stine W 0481 276 252 or Patience O 0438 384 168

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**SCHOOL BANKING**

**School Banking Needs You!**

At Kedron State School, we offer an opportunity for students to get into good saving habits through participation in the School Banking Program provided by the Commonwealth Bank. Students can open a Youth Saver account, and then each Tuesday we offer collection and processing of deposits for the students.

To do this, we have a loyal band of volunteers who do classroom collections, process the deposits, drop the money at the bank and enter the deposits through the school banking computer system. All very easy and quick jobs to do but vital nonetheless.

At the end of this year, we will have some vacancies on the school banking team, due to two of us having children moving on to high school. So we are looking for new helpers!

**What do we need?**

- People with one hour to spare each Tuesday morning from 8:45am; and people with an ability to stamp deposit slips and count money.
- See? We don’t ask for much at all! Full training will be provided, so no problems if you’ve never done this type of thing before. Ideally we would like to get people on board during term 4 so that they are fully trained and ready to go for 2015. We always have a lovely time while we are processing the banking, which makes the job all the more fun.
- If you are interested in getting involved, please email me at clgilbert67@gmail.com and we can take it from there.
- Please consider helping out – it’s fun and it’s easy, and it doesn’t take long.

**Christine Gilbert – School Banking**

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

**Uniform Shop Open**

Tuesday afternoon 3:00pm – 3:15pm
Friday morning 8:15am – 9:00am
for all your uniform requirements.

We accept payment by EFTPOS, Cash or Cheque for all P&C monies

For the rest of term 3 the uniform shop will close 15 minutes earlier on both Tuesday and Friday, due to low demand.

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

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**KEDRON STATE SCHOOL SWIMMING LESSONS**

‘What Price do you put on your child’s Life?’

Queensland enjoys one of the best outdoor lifestyles in the world with easy access to fantastic beaches, water ways and rivers. One of the greatest gifts that we can give our children is the ability to enjoy learn to swim lessons in a safe, fun, friendly environment.

Belgravia Leisure is recognised as one of the most successful Learn to Swim and coaching providers in Australia teaching children of all ages to all ages to be water safe.

Our program caters for toddlers and progresses through to squad level and adult classes. Our instructors are fully qualified and strongly believe that swimming lessons can make a significant difference to the enjoyment and safety of a child’s life.

Our professional Swim School offers:

- Lessons in the morning and afternoon
- Austswim Qualified instructors
- Squad training for Children and Adults
- Royal Lifesaving Society Australia Endorsed Program
- Adult lessons Group/Private

Program: Designed to cater for all ages and all levels of non-swimmers and swimmers, our program teaches children in a progressive way adding one skill at a time, our program also includes the royal lifesaving program.

Learn to Swim Price ONLY

$16.00

**TO BOOK AN ASSESSMENT PLEASE CALL OUR FRIENDLY LEARN TO SWIM TEAM**

0487771769

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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, Leckie Road, Kedron

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

Michelle Machen – 0421116202 or email
dancedramaaction@gmail.com

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**KEDRON STATE SCHOOL TENNIS**

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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**YMYCA KEDRON OSHC**

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Mobile: 0438 788504
Before and After School Care
Vacation Care Available
Keep a watch on our school these holidays – newsletter item
With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88.

Toombul District Cricket Club in2CRICKET Program 2014/2015
Where: Oxenham Park, Duke Street Nundah 4012
When: Friday Nights from 17 October onwards
Times: 6:00pm – 7:15pm
Cost: $195 for Pre and Post-Christmas Seasons incl. backpack, shirt, hat, bat, ball.
Who: Boys and Girls aged 5-10 who are new to the sport
Contact: playcricket.com.au or Murray Fiechtner 0434 824 213

Kids Holiday Club
On the Farm!
30 Sep – 3 Oct, 9am to 12pm, Tuesday to Friday – includes a family night on Friday
Cost is $4 per child, per day – ages prep to Year 7 – morning tea is included
City North Baptist Church – 52 Yiada Street, Kedron
Register online: register.citynorthbaptist.com
Enquiries: call 3256 4822 or email kids@citynorthbaptist.com

WAVELL STATE HIGH SCHOOL
JUNIOR SECONDARY

Parent Information Evening
Years 7 & 8 2015
Monday 15 September 2014
Commencing at 7:00pm
Assembly Hall
Telopia Avenue, Wavell Heights

2015 Enrolment Applications are due now
For further details contact our Enrolment Officer Ms Lock on 3350 0328