In 2ZG we learn a lot together. In science we have been learning about the earth’s resources and how we can conserve them for the future. In maths we get given challenge questions to do which makes us smarter for year 3.

Joshua and Charlie

Being in 2ZG is FANTASTIC because we learn new things every day and have fun while we are doing it. This has flown by so quickly that we can’t believe we will be in grade 3 in 2 months’ time!

FeiFei and Nathan

I like being in 2ZG because we have two cool teachers. They are so funny. One of them does lots of fun art with us and the other likes to tell funny jokes and loves teaching Science.

Xavier

Our class is the best because all the students are really friendly and care for each other.

Milly and John

We’re looking forward to being in year 3 as they go on fun excursions and do really cool art work.

Ava and Livia

In 2ZG we do really fun art and maths with Mrs Zegers. This year we made patterned beach towels, colourful oil pastel pictures, name art, newspaper art and pixel art.

Prue and Smilla
Thursday, 20 November 2014

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS – 8:15am to 3:15pm
STUDENT ABSENT LINE - 3621 5466
P&C MEETINGS HELD 2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH @ 7pm
NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

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Creative Dance Performance Yr 4-7* 9 – 10am
End of Year Concert*                        | 5 Dec     |
Choir Performance – Northside Baptist Church @ 4.00pm* | 7 Dec     |
YT 7 A8 Orientation Day – Travell High      | 8 Dec     |
YT 8 Orientation Day – Kedron High          | 8 Dec     |
Choir Break Up Party*                       | 9 Dec     |
Yr 6 Graduation Parade*                     | 10 Dec    |
YT 7 Graduation Parade*                     | 10 Dec    |
Gold Pass Day Yr 1 – 5 Bowling              | 11 Dec    |
Gold Pass Day Yr 6/7’s – Splash 9:00 – 1:30pm | 11 Dec    |
Report Cards Sent Home                      | 12 Dec    |
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ITEMS MARKED * ARE THOSE THAT PARENTS MAY WISH TO ATTEND.

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ACTING PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Staffing Update

Next year we welcome back Sonia Burt and say goodbye to Camilla Percy. Miss Percy is returning to University to undertake her Masters in Educational Research. We wish her all the best and hope to see her return to Kedron.

Class Structure Update

Since our recent newsletter we have had additional enrolments forcing our first draft class sizes to be oversized. This has necessitated a second draft of classes. We are now looking at:

- Two Prep
- One Prep/1
- Two Year 1
- Two Year 2
- One 2/3
- Two Year 3
- Two Year 4
- One 4/5
- One Year 5
- One 5/6, and
- One Year 6

We will endeavour to keep you updated if more changes are made. Please continue to be aware that class structures in all state schools are based on total school numbers. Schools are allocated a certain number of teachers to match this. EQ staffing is not finalised until the eighth day of school at the beginning of each year.

Composite Classes

Due to the staffing allocation it is necessary for schools to organise composite classes with students in more than one year level. When teachers organise classes they consider the best fit for each child. There are misconceptions about composite classes in many school communities where there have been few composite classes previously. At Kedron State School students are NOT selected for composite classes because they are low performers academically and need to be kept down or because they are high performers and need to go up a level.

Students who are selected for composite classes are children who are motivated learners. They are generally well behaved and can follow instructions well and stay focused. These are vital skills for a composite class as the teacher is at times working across two curriculum areas at once.

In any class there are students of varying ability levels. For example we have children in all of our current grade three classes who are working at a Year 1 level in some subject areas whilst there are children working at a Year 6 level in other subjects. This variation is the same in all classrooms except those that are streamed for academic ability. Kedron does not stream classes though at times students are grouped for learning activities with children of similar abilities. Our teachers are trained to work across all year level abilities. They differentiate tasks and assessment as needed for the children in their class.

In a composite class, just as in a class with children in the one year level, the expectations for each child are different. In a composite class the achievement standards are different for the two year levels. Using a written task as an example, a year 2 student in a 2/3 might be expected to use full stops and capitals and simple sentence structures using nouns, whereas a year 3 student addressing the same task will have a different assessment criterion.

If you have further questions regarding the structure of the composite classes, please email admin@kedronss.eq.edu.au

Student leaders

Congratulations to the 10 possible leaders for next year who delivered their school captains speech on parade last Tuesday. Interviews for all applicants will be held next Monday. Decisions will be made by the panel based on written applications, teacher feedback, and the interview. In the case of School Captain applicants, the speech and votes also contribute to selection.

Next year there will be approximately 15 leadership positions. This means that approximately 15 students will miss out. Successful applicants will be offered a position by the end of next week. All students will receive a formal written letter to inform them of the outcome of their application. Students may then make an appointment to see either myself or another panel member to seek feedback once the process is complete.

After school Dance classes

Thank you to Michelle Machen one of our lovely Mums who has been teaching many of our children (and several from other schools) dance and drama from our school hall. Michelle has decided to move to another location. Our community will be sad to see the dance and drama lessons finish or move to another site. We would like to thank Michelle for all of her hard work. Michelle can be contacted on 0421 116 202 if you are interested in dance classes.

YMCA Increased Capacity from 2015

Our Outside School Hours Care provider YMCA has been looking to expand to meet the growing requests for after school care for some time. As the hall has now become available, our outside school hours care programme can expand to accommodate this increasing demand from our families for before and after school care. We ask parents to please be patient as legal paperwork must first be completed and agreed to by all parties.

Volunteers’ Morning tea!

Our children have been working hard to prepare for the volunteers’ morning tea next Thursday at 9:00am in the hall. It appears to be developing into somewhat of an extravaganza. To allow us to cater, please RSVP by tomorrow.

Quote of the week by Ralph Waldo Emerson: "For every minute you are angry you lose sixty seconds of happiness."

Laura

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Active travel breakfast was enjoyed by all and our final event for the year will be the raffle draw on parade next week.

Have a good week.

Lisa Whitlock – Deputy Principal

CLASSROOM NEWS

The Annual CRE Christmas Nativity Concert is coming up on 28th November from 9-10am in the school hall. All parents are warmly invited to attend.

Poems from 6/7F

VITAL
ORGANISED
LOYAL
UNDERSTANDING
NICE
THOUGHTFUL
EFFECTIVE
EFFICIENT
RESPECTED
SPECIAL

They’re friendly and kind,
They give up their time,
They help our peers,
They run the school,
Which makes them cool,
Are vital for our school years.

By Jessica P
By Liva W & Ella D

MUSIC NOTES

Where words fail, music speaks.” – Hans Christian Andersen

* Choir notes regarding Christmas Carols event on Sunday 7th December – due for return now please! *
PE NEWS

The end of year is fast approaching and so are the swimming carnivals. Prep–3 – Tuesday 2nd December; 9:00am – 11:00am
Years 4–7 – Wednesday 3rd December; 9:00am – 2:00pm
I am in the process of doing the timing for the children in the 9yrs – 13 yrs age groups.
Those children who make the top 6 times in each age group and stroke will be entered in the Championship Events on the day of the carnival which are 50m. The District swimming team for next year will be selected from those races. All other children will get to swim as well and they will be swimming in 25m events.
If your child is turning 9yrs old this year and happens to be in year 3, they will be timed also during their PE lesson and if they make the top 6 Championship Event, you will be notified next week via a note. They will need to attend both swimming carnivals on the Tuesday and Wednesday.

Sharon Walsh – PE Teacher

LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to our wonderful Readers Cup Team. They put in a good effort. There were eight other schools who competed in this event, which was held at McDowall State School last Thursday afternoon. We came in third place. The school that won was Wooloowin State School. Second place went to Geebung State School.
The four students taking part in the event were Ella (Yr 5), Laney (Yr 4), James (Yr 4) and Luke (Yr 4). Well done guys! I must also acknowledge the wonderful support extended to these students by their families. Thank you!
This week is the last week of student library borrowing for the year. It would be greatly appreciated if those students who have overdue library books could ensure that they are returned next week or paid for if they are unable to be located. We would like all outstanding items to be finalised by the end of term.
Helen Oxenham – Librarian

P&C NEWS

KSS P&C MEETING
TUESDAY, 9 December 2014
TIME: 7:00pm
WHERE: KSS Hall / Multimedia Room
Everyone Welcome

The Parents and Citizens is a group that coordinates programmes and activities that aid and benefit all our children at KSS. There are several executive roles on the P&C which come up for re-election each year – these roles are: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Secretary. All Executive roles are opened for nominations and elected at the AGM each March. The current Assistant Treasurer will not be re-nominating for 2015, so we will be seeking someone to take on that role. Here’s a description of what it involves:

Assistant Treasurer

The key responsibilities of the Assistant Treasurer are to bank all cash income for the P&C, to arrange payment for P&C invoices and reimbursements, and to report to the treasurer on income and expenses.
To do this, the assistant treasurer needs to liaise with co-ordinators of all P&C activities on a weekly basis and to keep good records of all transactions. The Assistant Treasurer has traditionally collected money from the classrooms on Tuesday and Friday mornings with the aid of other volunteers, and on a Tuesday assists the banking co-ordinator to process the bank books.
The role could be broken into 2 jobs, with one person collection and banking, and one processing payments.

If you have 2 or 3 hours a week available to perform a vital role, but you don’t want to be ‘in charge’ of anything, this is the role for you! If you have any questions about the role email catherinehowell@optusnet.com.au

Christmas Stall (Please see attached document)

A reminder that on Thursday 4 December, there will be a Christmas gift stall, (similar to the Mothers’ & Fathers’ Day stalls) for the children to buy gifts. Some great gifts to choose from for $5.00 and under.

Christmas Raffle (Please see attached document)

The P&C mega-raffle is being drawn at the school end of year concert on 5 December. A great prize valued at over $4,000! You have to be in it to win it, so buy a ticket! $5 for 1 or $10 for 3 tickets.
Available for purchase at the uniform shop, after school parade, at the swimming carnivals and at the concert. (see below for more times) If you wish to buy tickets, please text/call Kerry Riethmuller on 0417347815.
You can buy your raffle tickets:
- Friday morning from 8.15am at the picnic table in the school grounds (10th Avenue) from Tracey Moyle (or anytime you see her);
- Friday afternoon from 2.45 at the picnic table in the school grounds (10th Avenue) from Tracey Jones (or any afternoon you see her);
- Wednesday afternoon from 2.45 at the picnic table in the school grounds (10th Avenue) from Kerry Riethmuller (or any time you see her);
- Tuesday afternoon after parade on the hall verandah from Tanya Penrose;
- At the swimming carnivals (2 and 3 December) and on the night of the school concert.

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

SCHOOL BANKING

A note for all our school bankers to let you know that the last week of school banking for 2014 will be Tuesday, December 2nd. Please don’t bring any deposits on the last Tuesday at school, as we will be unable to process them. Over the holidays you might like to take your deposit book and go to any Commonwealth Bank with your money, so that you keep up with your great saving habits over the school break.
Also, if you are eligible for a reward, please get your reward order to the banking team by December 2nd, then we will process the bank book.

As my daughters will be graduating from Year 7 in a few weeks’ time, I will not be continuing as School Banking Coordinator in 2015. Paula Sellin has kindly offered to take on this role, so you can expect to hear from her next year in regard to all the exciting banking news. Thank you to Paula for taking on the job!
I would also like to take this chance to thank the rest of the school banking team – Kaori, Catherine and Tracey – for all their hard work and time over the year. We have always had a great time in the Parent Room on a Tuesday morning when we process the banking, so to me it hasn’t really felt like work, thanks to your wonderful company. I’m sure the new team members will enjoy the experience just as much.

Thank you, and signing off as School Banking Coordinator.
Christine Gilbert – School Banking

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

Volunteers – The busiest times for uniform shop are the end of term 3 and term 1. We would love to have a couple more volunteers to help us
during this time. If you have some time available on Friday mornings from 8.15-9.00, or Tuesday afternoons from 3.00-3.30 please contact Catherine on 0403 821 190 or catherinehowell@optusnet.com.au. You can come every week, or go on a roster.

Senior Shirts – orders now overdue - Order forms for Year 6 Senior shirts for 2015 were due back last week. Shirts must be paid for this year and will be delivered early in term 1. Please contact the uniform shop or email catherinehowell@optusnet.com.au if you did not receive an order form. The vote for the screen print design on the back has been finalised, and the design with the most votes was ‘Champions’ (the design with the flames).

Selling your items second-hand - If you would like the uniform shop to sell your second-hand uniforms for you here’s what you need to do. 1) Wash all the garments. 2) Pick up a seller’s form from the uniform shop (or I can email to you), fill in all your details and list your items. You may price them yourself, or we can price them for you. 3) Deliver the form and the clothes together to the uniform shop.

Once the clothes sell we charge a commission of 50% (max $5), and the balance is remitted directly to your bank account. Please note that we cannot sell clothes that were not originally purchased from the uniform shop, or clothes in very poor condition.

Catherine Howell – Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

BOOK CLUB

BOOK DONATIONS NEEDED
Donations of books are needed for the 2015 Kedron State School Fete Pre-Loved Book Stall. The used books can be delivered to the Parent Room (near the uniform shop).

Collection times: Tuesdays & Fridays 8:15am-8:45am & 2:45pm-3:15pm
If you have a large donation of books you would like collected or you are not able to bring the books at the designated times please contact me and I will be happy to make alternative arrangements.

Patience Orford 0438 384 168

Scholastic Book Club – All orders from Issue 8 brochures must be completed online or turned in by Friday 21st November.

Scholastic is now offering our school the opportunity to trial LOOP, their Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform. This will allow you to order and pay for your child’s Book Club order online in one simple process.

To go to www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub. Begin by selecting Parent Payments then Book Clubs Pay Now. Once you have entered Kedron State School you will then continue to follow the prompts to place your order. If you are ordering on line please only return the Payment Receipt Section of the order form via classroom collection.

You can also continue to order by returning the back page order form and payment in a named envelope, via the classroom collection containers on Thursday and Friday. 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 contact me and I can arrange to have your order delivered to the uniform shop or office for collection.

Patience Orford 0438 384 168 - Book Club Co-ordinator

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

FREE MICROSOFT SOFTWARE PROGRAMS
Spread the word — Free Microsoft software for students’ personal computers

All state school students from Prep-Year 12 can now download multiple free copies of the Microsoft Office 2013 Suite to their personal home and mobile computer equipment.

Students who want the free software will need an active Managed Internet Service (MIS) login, school email account and password — those who don’t should contact their school’s MIS Administrator or class teacher. The administrator will help students activate their MIS login.

Currently, MS Office Suite 2013 is available for students’ personal equipment only — not equipment which is part of a school network. Negotiations are underway to potentially permit staff access to the same suite early in the new year.

Find out how students can download their free copy of Microsoft Office 2013 Suite.

KEDRON STATE SCHOOL SWIMMING LESSONS

TO BOOK PLEASE CALL - 0487 771 769

WAVELL STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Orientation Day for Students in Years 7 and 8 2015
Monday 8 December 2014
Assembly hall
Telopia Avenue, Wavell Heights
8:30am for 8:45am start
3:00pm finish
(Morning Tea provided for parents at 10:00am)
Students to bring/wear:
Primary School Uniform
Notepad & Pens
Morning Tea & Lunch Combined Shop Hours – Monday 8 December
Stationery & Clothing 1:00pm – 5:30pm
(Pre-purchase your requirements prior to Orientation Day.
Shop opens Monday – Thursday 8:15am – 11:15am)
Applications still welcome.
Enrolment Enquiries: Contact: Sandra Lock
Enrolment Officer on 3350 0328

SIGN ON DAY 2015
Saturday 31 January 9am-11am
Downey Park Netball Courts
Northey Street, Windsor
www.dpnraiders.netball.asn.au
Sausage sizzle & giveaways for new & current players