This year in library we did a presentation on a country we did not know much about. It gave the class lots of knowledge about foreign countries. We have also been reading about sustainability and things we can do to help be more sustainable. We love being able to work in a group and working things out together.
By Saskia, Laney, Lucy, Steph, Pauly, Luke and James

During Maths we are learning about area and perimeter. Some people find this quite challenging. In science we are learning about force like gravity. In LOTE we are learning how to write hiragana. In PE we are getting our timing and tests done for swimming. Stuart and Ben like maths because it is fun and challenging. Roy, Bella and Hayden like swimming because it is fun, healthy, helps us get faster and is just AWESOME! Andrew likes the Daily Dosh because his mind flows with ideas.
By Roy, Andrew, Hayden P, Ben, Bella and Stuart

In English we have been writing Asian stories, persuasive letters to Mrs Priday, game advertisements and the Daily Dosh with many subjects. Reading has been very fun because of the descriptive and informative stories such as the Dragon and Mythical Stories. We had fun in music playing with instruments and our recorder. Lachlan likes independent reading because it is fun and Hayden likes reading because of all the good books.
By Sarah, Keisha, Taki, Lachlan, Hayden B and John

We have learnt that sustainability means a resource that never runs out. We are writing letters to Mrs Priday with suggestions of how we could be more sustainable. Some of the ways we think the school could be more sustainable are compost, chickens and automatic taps. In art Mrs Sparrow took our photo which we then painted and turned into a wanted poster. Byron, Felicity and Jordan have enjoyed Art the most with mixing colours and it is fun. Ronan and Ethan have enjoyed Geography because of the research and learning new things.
By Lilly, Felicity, Jordan, Ronan, Ethan and Byron
Thank you Volunteers

Thank you to all of our fabulous volunteers. It was great to see so many of you this morning. Our children have been looking forward to showing you how appreciative they are of your commitment to their learning and of how generous you are with your time. For all of our volunteers, those who were able to make it this morning and those who were unable to come, we are so grateful for all that you do to help make our lovely school even better. You play such an important part in the lives of those children you support. Whether you help out at the sausage sizzle, P&C, organise raffles or help in classrooms, your support can not be underestimated. Thank you so much.

Candy Canes

It's official, I am the Christmas Grinch! In line with our school’s Healthy Eating Policy, candy canes and other sweets will be banned from school. At this time of the year, many children often bring candy canes or sugary sweets to school to give to their friends. Whilst yummy, an overload of sugar often leads to poor decision making. With the excitement of the holidays and Christmas, we don’t need to add sugar into the mix to complicate matters. The children may bring candy canes and sweets on break up day only (the last Thursday of the year), no other day. If children have candy canes at school they will be sent to the office and miss out on play. They can give them to each other outside of school if they really need to. If your child is keen to give things with a card, please encourage a hug or a sticker, not sugar. Thank you for your support.

Change in Class Notification

On the last Wednesday of term we will no longer display children’s names on a notice board. Instead, children will go to their new classroom in the afternoon on the last Wednesday to meet their new teacher and class mates and do a short activity to get to know their new class mates. We will issue each child with a letter to take home stating who their class teacher is. We are planning this to enable a smoother transition for the children. Many will have less anxiety about starting the new year once they have had a chance to meet their new teacher and talk to them and their new classmates. This will also alleviate the privacy concerns of people photographing and putting class lists on line.

“It’s not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.”
Mother Teresa.

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Active Travel

This week has seen the last of our events for Active Travel and I would like to thank all the parents, students and in particular my fellow committee member, Mrs Delia Atkinson, for the support which has been extended over the whole of this year.

The winners of the raffle which recognised those students who had achieved more than 20 Active travel trips this year were: Ollie P- bike voucher, Frances M $50 gift card, both from Tom Wallace Cycles, Hugh T - football and Frisbee set, Chloe D $60 family bowling pass which was kindly donated by AMF Bowling Kedron and the beach cricket set which was won by Aya M. I am certain that all these students will have a great time enjoying these.

Curriculum and Classroom News

At the moment all teachers are finalising their report cards which will go home on Wednesday 10th December with your child. If you require extra copies to accommodate your care arrangements, please send an email to admin@kedronss.eq.edu.au. I have also begun working with the teams on the overview and units that will be covered next year. If you are going on holidays prior to this date please ensure we have your correct address so we can then post it to you.

I have asked teachers to start sending home any spare and unused items so booklist purchases can be adjusted accordingly.

Yesterday the Preps had the first of their transitions to Year 1 and from what I saw they were all very excited about it.

Next week we begin the last two of our very busy weeks. As we enter the final days of term please ensure your child is getting plenty of sleep so it helps them remain resilient.

That’s all for this week,

Lisa Whitlock – Deputy Principal

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Stories from 2H

22G, 2/3P & 2H were visited by Steve the Scientist. He did lots of interesting and exciting experiments. The children learnt a lot and thought that Science was amazing.

My day with Steve was really fun. He blew up a balloon with hydrogen and set it on fire. After that there were heaps of cool things. My favourite one was when Steve put dry ice on heaps of boiling water and there were clouds everywhere.

Sam P

This morning we went to the hall for a science lesson and the scientist’s name was Steve. He made so many cool things but the coolest thing was he made a fire and he put his hands through the fire and he did not burn himself. That was awesome and he did other tricks. After that that we had to go and for being really good, we got a wrist band and I said thank you for a lovely morning and we had lots of fun.

Abbie D

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Poem from 3D

Magic Firetruck

There was a fire truck rolling down the street,
Looking for some fires to treat.
The wheels go vroom vroom,
As the engine went broom broom.
Suddenly there was an emergency,
He flicked on the siren and went to work urgently.
On arrival he uses his hose,
As he wiggled his magic nose.

Beau G

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Congratulations to PIPPA D for coming runner up in the Wayne Swan Christmas Card Design Competition for 2014.
Permission forms have been sent home with your child this week! Please see the office staff if you have not received yours. Cost of pizza and all treats is $8.00 each. Monies/Forms due back to the Music Room by Wednesday 3rd December.

Honours Choral Camp 2015 – nomination forms for Year 5 students due by 8th December, 2014.

Would you like to be a Music Leader in 2015? - MUSIC LEADER APPLICATION FORMS DUE NOW! See Ms Lupton if you require an application form. Positions available for Year 4 and Year 5 students.

Rehearsals:

Junior Choir – Prep to Year 3 – 1st break Tuesday
Senior Choir – Year 4 to Year 7 - 1st break Wednesday
Recorder Tutoring – All students welcome! 2nd break Monday

Have a fantastic week,

Ms Lupton – Classroom Music Teacher

The swimming carnivals are fast approaching!!
Prep – 3 – Tuesday, 2nd December – 9:00am – 11:00am
Year 4-7 – Wednesday, 3rd December – 9:00am – 2:00pm

Just a few reminders for the swimming carnival.

- It is compulsory for all children to wear a sun shirt and have a bathing cap on when swimming in the pool.
- There will be NO CANTEEN or BBQ on both days so children will need to bring morning tea and lunch, a drink bottle, hat, towel and have plenty of sun cream on.
- If children wear their togs to school (especially Prep – 3) they need to make sure they have clothes (shirt, shorts, dress and underwear) that you can change into after the carnival.
- Certain 9yr olds who are in Year 3 will be required to attend both carnivals. Those children will have received a note this week letting them know who they are.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED
If there are any parents who would like to volunteer to be a timekeeper on the day of the Year 4-7 swimming carnival that would be greatly appreciated. We require 6 parent volunteers. Please let Mrs Walsh know before or on the day of the carnival.

Sharon Walsh – PE Teacher

First Lego League Challenge

Team RACHEJET competed in the competition on Saturday and won the Programming Award against many other Primary and High School children from around the state. Many hours were spent programming their robot and coming up with innovative ways to learn, always following the Core Values of the Lego League; Gracious Professionalism and Teamwork. The team was invited to Sydney for the National competition but due to some major date clashes, the team had to decline the invitation. Congratulations to the team for an amazing effort and all of their hard work. The trophy has been donated to the school, as the majority of the team are heading to high school next year.
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

The good news... The school has given us the unclaimed, un-named lost property. There are so many jackets that we have decided to give away some for free! If your jacket disappeared without a trace this year, come down and take one to make up for it!

The bad news... Our supplier of our new pleated skorts is out of stock until February! I have very few on my shelves. I do have plenty of the other style of skirt.

Extra opening hours – The uniform shop will be open on the last week of the holidays on Thursday 22/1/15 and Friday 23/1/15 from 9:00 – 11:00 am. We will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday morning of the first week of term 1 2015.

Volunteers – We have had no new volunteers respond to my ad in previous newsletters. If you can help on those extra days mentioned above, please contact Catherine on 0403 821 190 or catherinehowell@optusnet.com.au. 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) until Tuesday 9 December.
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 - Book Club Co-ordinator

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