We wish the graduating classes of 2014 all the best with their future!

Year 7 graduating class of 2014!
The first Preps of Kedron and the last year 7 class at Kedron!

The year 6 graduating class of 2014!
The first ever year 6 class to graduate from Kedron!
Thanks goes to one of our wonderful hard working crossing supervisors, Nick Rayner, who will be moving on to bigger and better things as his son Angus is now moving to high school. Please thank him for looking after the students of Kedron - rain, hail or shine while they cross Leckie Road.

Also a big thank you and farewell to Pauline Power who has been involved in our Religious Education program here at Kedron for 18 years. Her calm and lovely manner has helped so many students and staff. Thank you Pauline and all the best in the future.

To the Lovely Kedron State School Musicians and Parents!

Thank you for another fabulous year of music!

Congratulations to all students who performed at the KSS End of Year Concert at Wavell High School on Friday evening, and a big thank-you to students who performed at the Christmas Carols at The Brisbane North Church of Christ on Sunday afternoon. You all did a spectacular job!

Parents – Thank you for continuously supporting your child’s musical endeavours this year. Being involved in an ensemble requires a lot of parent dedication also. Mr Galbraith, Mr Johnston and I continually appreciate your support and involvement. Thank you for encouraging your children to practise, getting them to ensembles and events on time and ensuring that they always wear their uniform with pride.

Congratulations to those students who have been involved in Honours Choral and Instrumental events this year. We begin next year with the Honours Choral Camp. (Please ensure that you return your nomination forms to the Office this week!). Kedron Idol will begin in Term 1, 2015, so begin thinking about your solo and group entries. We also have the Fete next year, so we are looking for a performance choir, and of course Buskers! If you have a talent, Busking Days will begin in Term 2, just in time for our Busking finalists to perform at the Fete.

I have really enjoyed working with our Kedron State School SUPERSTARS again this year!

Wishing you all a relaxing and safe holiday.

Ms Lupton – Classroom Music Specialist

PE NEWS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION RE:- CITY DISTRICT SWIMMING TEAM FOR 2015

There is an opportunity next year for 9 year olds (children who are currently 8 years old and born in 2006) to nominate for the City District Carnival at the Valley Pool in 2015.

As we do not have our 8 year olds (born 2006) this year competing in the Year 4-7 Carnival (and hence not timed for 50m events) we are asking if any children who wish to be considered for this event please notify Mrs Walsh of the events you wish to take part in and also have times available to submit to District. Children must be attending a squad training either at our school or another club to be considered.

This age group will not be available for selection into the City District Team to attend the Met North selection trials. Therefore their inclusion in this carnival is seen as a preparation for when they turn 10. With this in mind, the only events that can they can nominate for as a 9 year old at the trials include: 100m Freestyle, 50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Butterfly.

2015 Principal
Thank you to everyone for a great year. I have so enjoyed being a part of this lovely community and I am very much looking forward to continuing in the role as Acting Principal next year. It has been overwhelming to hear and read the positive feedback about the work that we have done together this year. I really look forward to continuing to build on our strengths next year.

Have a wonderful break, be safe and I hope the children spoil you.

Staffing
Yesterday the children joined with me to farewell our leaving teachers. We wish Mrs Gill Sparrow, Miss Camilla Percy, Miss Meagan Radley and Miss Carly Rennie all the best in their new roles and know that they will be welcomed and appreciated.

Next year we welcome:
- Mrs Annemarie Cavallaro to Prep
- Mrs Sonia Metzeling will be returning from leave to year 3 with Mrs Zegers
- Mrs Catherine McMahon will be returning from leave to year 2 with Mrs Garrett
- Mrs Vunaki will be returning to take year 4 whilst Mr Gubesch is on paternity leave
- Mrs Diana Morgan will be joining us as Master Teacher. This role is an initiative of the Education Ministers from Great Teachers=Great Results. Mrs Morgan will be working at Kedron and Aspley SS with teachers
- We welcome back Mrs Sue Johnstone and Mrs Anna Anderson who will continue with us on contract next year

Quote of the week:
“The fool doth think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool.” William Shakespeare

danielle.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Have a Great Break
I would like to wish all of our students and their families a restful, safe, joyous and happy holiday and New Year. Thank you for all your support over 2014. For those students who are departing, we will miss you and of course, I wish all the very best to our departing Year 6 and Year 7 students who I am sure will use the skills they have learnt across their primary years to build a bright future for themselves. To those of you who have students returning I look forward to seeing you all back here on the first day of school –Tuesday 27th January, 2015.

That’s all for this year.

Lisa Whitlock – Deputy Principal

From the Office - may you all have a wonderful, safe and enjoyable holiday. See you all back refreshed and ready to go in 2015.

Lou & Dale
All other children ie. 10yrs – 13yrs will be selected for the District Team from the swimming carnival this week and they will be notified at the beginning of next year if they are in the team. Times from the swimming carnival will be used in their nominations.

There is also an opportunity for students 10yrs – 13yrs to swim in longer events (than the 50m) at this particular carnival. Those children who are interested need to also hand in the other events (besides 50m) that they want to be considered for and they must also have times for those events. Those events include 100m in all strokes, 200m Freestyle and 200m IM.

Please note that only children who make the District team for the 50m event in that particular stroke will be considered for the longer events.

These nominations and times can be emailed to Mrs Walsh at swals10@eq.edu.au and they are needed by this Friday.

As we come to the end of the swimming term, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents who have helped throughout the term with supervision and also all the mums and dads who have got in the pool and taken groups for me. Your help is very much appreciated and especially in the younger grades, the lessons could not be achieved without your help.

So thank you for giving up your time and all your effort to help out. I hope to see you all again next year in term one for more fun in the pool!! Have a fantastic Christmas and I hope Santa finds you where ever you may be enjoying your school holidays.

Sharon Walsh – PE Teacher

P&C NEWS

Voluntary Payment Survey
Thank you to everyone who has completed the voluntary payment survey so far. Your feedback has been invaluable. Interestingly, the most common reason people said that they didn’t make the payment this year was that they forgot, so this is a little reminder now to keep it in mind for next year! There will be more notifications in Term 1 about the payment, what it is used for and how you can pay it. The amount for next year had already been set in the middle of this year when the 2015 handbook was being prepared, well before this survey was commenced - it will remain the same as this year at $65.00 per child. However, further consideration will be given next year to the amount, how it is paid and other factors in preparation for the 2016 school year.

There is still time to complete the survey which can be found at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NDWBQT7. The survey is anonymous and should take less than 5 minutes but we would really appreciate your feedback.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
A very excited Windsor grandmother of seven who had previously never won anything before took home our KSS mega Christmas hamper on the weekend.

Caroline Bristow, 65, bought just one raffle ticket. A long-standing P&C committee member for her children’s schools, Caroline said she couldn’t walk past our ticket table without supporting us.

“I’ve spent many, many hours myself standing around in shopping centres selling raffle tickets.”

“When I saw your raffle table it brought it all back.”

The prizes Caroline was most excited about were donated by KSS school families: the gorgeous hampers from the Cooke family who run Brizzie Baskets and Blooms and the red wheelbarrow donated by engineering company John Ole Keko CPEng RPEQ.

“We are building a house next year and we’ll need a wheel barrow and those white hampers are just gorgeous,” she said.

“I can’t wait to unpack it and see what’s in it.”

Caroline said she couldn’t believe it when she received the phone call on Saturday morning to tell her she was the lucky winner.

“I’m so excited,” she said.

“Things like this don’t usually happen to me.”

“It’s like all our birthdays and Christmasses have come at once.”

The P&C raised $3000 for the school from ticket sales for our mega Christmas hamper. All prizes were donated, with most by local businesses.

hugr thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising.

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

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

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. We will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday morning of the first week of term 1 2015.

Free Jackets! 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! Come in and grab one! Please!

Skorts - Our supplier of our new pleated skorts is out of stock until February. I have very few of those on my shelves, but I do have plenty of the other style of skort.

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.

We will be open Friday morning on the last day of school if you wish to drop off items, but we are not open after school.

Catherine Howell – Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

BOOKCLUB NEWS

Scholastic Book Club – Issue 8 book orders have arrived and all book club orders have been distributed to your child’s class room teacher unless otherwise specified.
Scholastic is running a summer reading competition. Register for the Southern Cross Competition to help Stop the ‘Summer Slide’. Registration is now open see the web page www.scholastic.com.au/summer for details.
I would like to thank EVERYONE that supported the book club in 2014. Your support helped to raise $1314.00 which can be spent on resources during the next year school year. This year $1156.50 was spent on library resources. A Special Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who help put together the brochures for the class groups your help makes a big difference!

Redgum Book Club – All the book orders have arrived and have been distributed to your child’s classroom teacher. There was a little confusion with our first book club brochure because the parents and students order from and pay the book club directly. If you missed out on the opportunity to order from Redgum this year there will be four brochures distributed, one each term next year. Thank you for your support.

BOOK DONATIONS NEEDED
Donations of books are needed for the 2015 Kedron State School Fete Pre-Loved Book Stall. The books can be delivered to the Parent Room (near the uniform shop) until Tuesday 9 December 2014. Collection times: Tuesdays & Fridays 8:15am–8:45am & 2:45pm–3:15pm
Please feel free to contact me over the summer holiday if you have books to donate and I will make arrangements to collect them. No donation is too big or too small.
I would like to wish everyone a safe and peaceful holiday break

Patience Orford patienceorford@optusnet.com.au or 0438 384 168

Sam Year 4, congratulates the lucky winner Caroline Bristow.
COMMUNITY NEWS

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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

YMCA KEDRON OSHC

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

SCHOOL WATCH

Please call 13 17 88 if you need to report anything suspicious

KEDRON STATE SCHOOL SWIMMING LESSONS

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.

TO BOOK PLEASE CALL - 0487 771 769