My name is Elsie O’Rourke and I am one of the Bowen house captains for 2015. I am nearly 11 years old and I like to draw and play sport. I love Kedron State School because of the kind teachers and lovely students. I like how we have a small school because you know nearly all the kids. As your sport leader I will make sure I am a good role model and show respect to all students, teachers and parents. When I am older I would like to be an interior designer, I like the idea of creating a nice area to live in or stay in. I value my friends and family because they are important to everyone, they make you happy and make you laugh.

Hana Langley
As cultural captain, I would like to inspire fellow students through the values I hold, such as organisation, friendliness, thoughtfulness, and my confidence in leading. At Kedron State School, I like how everyone is treated equally with kindness and respect and the effort that the staff and teachers put into their work.

Hi, my name is Saul Thompson. I have been at Kedron for six years (since Prep) and I am one of Kedron State School’s school captains. When I grow up, I want to be a professional sports player or an author. One of the things I value is people making an effort to get along well together. I love how friendly everyone is at Kedron. As school captain I would like it to stay that way, and I’m sure it will. Kedron students are very good at making new friends. For example, I have already seen lots of the new preps making friends!

I also want to encourage students to be the best they can be. This means always trying your hardest, whether in class, sport, music or the playground. I’m really looking forward to getting to know you all this year.

Kate Branson
– Prep Leader.
After just a week, I’m already enjoying my role as Prep Leader. I think it’s important for everyone to feel happy and comfortable at school and I like that I have the chance to make the Preps feel at home here at Kedron State School. Making friends with the new Preps and helping them in the playground has been a lot of fun and I’m excited to meet more of them as they settle in.

Charlotte Raineri
School Captain so far has been a very fun experience, whether it’s speaking on parade or helping everyone fit in at school. I love Kedron as I always feel safe and happy. I greatly admire Daniel and William Clarke because of all the great work they do to save the endangered orang-utan. My dream job when I’m older is to become an international netball player as I love netball and it’s my favourite thing to do.

Hilo, I’m Oliver Winter one of your Phillip House captains. I like spending time with my mates, playing sport, being creative and looking after my pets. When I was five my Kindy teacher asked what I would like to do when I grow up, I said “a Palaeontologist or…..a crane driver!” Go Phillip!

Hello, my name is Bella Piddington and I am one of the 2015 Sports Captain for Phillip house. I am very excited about this role as I love sports, especially swimming and dance. As a Phillip House Captain I will be a good role model to all students. I love how the students and parents of Kedron support their houses and enjoy the sportsmanship. Good luck to all the houses this year. Go Phillip!

Harper Graf
Cultural Captain
I admire Neil Armstrong, the first person to step on the moon. I think he lead by example because he was always able to stay calm even in stressful situations and he helped others to stay calm too. I like KSS because it is a friendly school and a no bully zone. As cultural captain I would like to encourage others to join the choir, band or strings.
Thursday, 5 February 2015
SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS – 8:15am to 3:15pm
STUDENT ABSENT LINE – 3621 3466
P&C MEETINGS HELD 2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH @ 7pm
NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

DATE CLAIMER 2015

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Parent Group
Committee Meeting - M/Media Room – Hall * 6:30pm 5 Feb
Parent Night – Yrs Prep – 4 sessions * 5:15-5:45pm - Classrooms
5:50-6:20pm - Principals Talk in Hall 10 Feb
6:25-6:55pm - Classrooms
P&C Meeting – M/Media Room – Hall * 7:00pm 10 Feb
Cross Country Training - Oval 8:10am
City District Swimming Carnival 13 Feb
Combined School Free Breakfast 8:15am 18 Feb
Prep Swimming Lessons begin 23 Feb
P&C Meeting – AGM – M/Media Room – Hall * 7:00pm 10 Mar
National Ride-2-School Day – Bling your Bike 13 Mar
School Camp – Yr 5-6 18-20 Mar
Parent Teacher Interview Week * 23-27 Mar
Choral Honours Music Camp 24-26 Mar
Easter Holidays 3 –17 Apr
School Resumes 20 Apr
School Anzac Day Service 23 Apr
Anzac Day Holiday 25 Apr
Yr 6 Excursion – Bunyaville 28 Apr
School Photos 7 May
Naplan Testing 12-14 May
School Fete * 25 July

Items marked * are those that parents may wish to attend.

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ACTING PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Creating Better Minds for a Better Future
Last year when we surveyed our parents, children and staff to develop our
schools vision, a young lady in year 4 (now year 5) Isabella N developed
this statement ‘Creating Better Minds for a Better Future’.

In the process of unpacking our statement, we established that it means
many things for many people. I look forward to discussing our vision with
you and sharing different perspectives over the coming weeks through the
newsletter.

To some of our yr 3 students who were using iPad’s in their classroom as a
teaching tool, it means being able to use technology to help with their
learning.

Building Resilience
As parents, it is very important that we structure the questions we ask our
children so as to foster a love of learning and to build resilience. So many of
us, sometimes myself included, ask our children questions that lead nowhere. The commonly used ‘how was your day’ doesn’t get much of a
response in my house anymore. One of our parents shared what she talks
to her son about after school. The focus for this family is around fostering
kindness, helpfulness, happiness and confidence. Each day she asks a few
simple open ended questions like:
- ‘what did you do today that was kind’
- ‘did you help someone today’
- ‘how were you friendly today’
- ‘what did you do well today’
- ‘what happened today that made you feel happy’
- ‘did you have any challenges today’

It is so important that we understand our children and can help them to
reflect on the positive interactions they have with others whilst at school.
Routines such as this will help children to think about the positives and
become more resilient.

The High 5 is a tool that we use with all of our children to help them to
maintain resilience.

Report Cards
This year, I would like to form a working party that will include
representation from our parents and staff to review our report cards.
There are some guidelines set by Qld Department of Education, Training
and Employment that we must adhere to, however there is flexibility in
other areas. I am keen to hear from parents about ways that you think we
could improve the report cards. If you are interested in joining a couple of
parents and I to review these, or just have a comment to share, please
email me the.principal@kedrones.eq.edu.au

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Parent Night
Parents are cordially invited to attend our Parent Information Night next
Tuesday, 10th February, 2015.

Session times are:
5:15-5:45pm First session
5:50-6:20pm Talk in the hall by Mrs Priday (Acting Principal)
6:25-6:55pm Repeat of the 1st session (to enable those of you with more
than one student to hear from your other child’s teacher)

Please note that these are general information sessions and that for any
individual concerns you will need to make a separate appointment with
your child’s teacher.

I am looking forward to seeing you all on the night.

Meeting with your child’s teacher: From 8:30am onwards, the
expectation of teachers is they will be organisers, setting and chatting to
the students in their class. As such, unless it is an urgent matter, which
will only take a very short amount of time, parents are requested to make
appointments for matters that require greater discussion.

2 minute zone- Ensuring the safety of our students
Please be aware that on either side of the school on 9th and 10th Avenue
we have 2 minute drop off/pick up zones. They are signed and marked by
orange paint on the curb.

These mean:
• you can only park there for 2 minutes
• you move your vehicle forward into the space that has just
been vacated
• you wait in the line of traffic until the space in front is clear
• you are not to leave your car and enter the school grounds
• If your child has not arrived within the 2 minutes you are to
circle the block and NOT stay in the zone.

This applies to ALL parents. Prep parents please park outside the 2
minute zone so you can come in and collect your child and their notes.
Fines do apply for incorrect parking in these zones but more importantly
it is vital that they are used correctly to ensure the safety of our
students and parents.

Active School Travel – We’re In!

This year, Kedron State School has been selected as one of 16 new schools
joining Brisbane City Council’s Active School Travel program.

Active School Travel promotes clean and green, active and healthy school
travel modes such as walking, cycling, scooting, carpooling and public
transport.

By leaving your car at home, at least one day a week on our active travel
day, we can work towards reducing traffic congestion at the school gate,
improving road safety, creating a cleaner environment and improving our
health and fitness.

To help implement and promote the program we have established an
Active School Travel committee. If you can help organise events or are
interested in leading a walking group please come along to the first
meeting Deputy Principal’s office, 9:30am Tuesday 17th February, 2015.
Many hands make light work.

To start the program off, Brisbane City Council’s Active School Travel
performers Roadstar, Red and Green will visit our school assembly to
launch the Active School Travel program.

Lisa Whitlock – Deputy Principal
MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

Medication – if your child is unfortunate enough to become ill and medication from home is required, please ensure you have the medicine labelled by a chemist with your child’s name and dosage. We also require you to fill in a form to allow us to administer. No medication will be given without the label and form completed.

Lost Property – please check the lost property box (outside the office) regularly.

Mobile Phones – all mobile phones require to be handed in at the office at the start of the day and picked up at 3:00pm.

Absentee Line – if your child is absent, please phone our Absentee Line on 3621 3466. This frees up the school phone in the mornings.

Thank you

CLASSROOM NEWS

MUSIC NOTES

CHOIRS

Let’s have a wonderful year of music-making!

At Kedron SS EVERY child is welcome to join a choir – no auditions required! Prep - yr 2 are welcome to attend Junior Choir at 1st break each Tuesday, and yr 3 - 6 children are welcome to attend Senior Choir at 1st break each Wednesday. BYO: beautiful singing voice, smile & display folder to store your music!

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RECORDBYO:

All students from Yr 2/3 - 6 learn to play the recorder as part of their music lesson, however ALL STUDENTS from Prep - Yr 6 are welcome to attend recorder tutoring each Monday at 2nd break if they wish to learn to play. BYO: recorder, display folder and smile! Yr 2/3 - 6 students are welcome to be tested for their “belts” each Monday at 2nd break.

HOMEWORK

All students in Yrs 2/3 - 6 have been given their Term 1 homework. Homework needs to be completed weekly and signed by parents. The tasks should take approximately 5 minutes to complete. Students who require assistance to complete their homework tasks are welcome to come to the Music Room at 2nd break on Monday.

MUSIC REQUISITES

Students are required to have the following items so that they can fully participate in each music lesson:

- Yr 1 and Yr 2: display folder, music manuscript exercise book, pencil case (pencil, rubber, sharpener, colours, glue)
- Year 2/3 and Year 3: Year 6: Yamaha recorder, blackbelt Recorder textbook, music manuscript exercise book, display folder, pencil case (pencil, rubber, sharpener, colours, glue).

KEDRON IDG - IS NEARLY HERE!

The ultimate Talent Quest is about to start. If you have a talent (vocal, instrumental, drama, comedy, dance, magic…), start preparing now! We’re currently sourcing some Celebrity Judges to attend our Finale. Watch this space for details about auditions.

BUCKING DAYS & “BATTLE OF THE BUSKERS” IS COMING IN TERM 2!

Start rehearsing your act! This year Revolution Music Store is donating some FABULOUS prizes for our 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

First prize: Gift Voucher for $80 at Revolution Music Store, Windsor
Second prize: Gift Voucher for $50 at Revolution Music Store, Windsor
Third prize: Gift Voucher for $30 at Revolution Music Store, Windsor

We would like to thank Revolution Music Store for their generous donation and support of this event.

Ms Lupton – Classroom Music Teacher

PE NEWS

District Nomination Dates

The following dates are for City District and Met North nominations for this year. If your child is interested in nominating for one of these sports they need to be playing at an A or B level in a club outside of the school.

Nomination forms need to be collected from Mrs Whately and returned to the school so that they can be signed and approved by the Principal. They will then be returned to you so that you can hand them in when you turn up for the trials.

It is important that you keep a track of when the trials are on. There will be a reminder at the start of each term of what trials are on that particular term.

- February 13th – City District Swimming (with the school)
- February 16th – City District Basketball
- February 25th – Met North Swimming (with the school)
- February 26th – City District Tennis Trials
- February 27th – City District AFL and Hockey

March 6th – City District Rugby League and Netball
March 13th – City District Soccer and Touch
March 16th – Met North Basketball
April 1st – Met North AFL
April 2nd – Met North AFL
April 22nd – Met North Netball 11 and 12 years
April 28th – Met North Hockey and Tennis

May 5th – City District Cross Country (with the school)
May 6th – Met North Rugby League
May 7th – Met North Rugby League
May 18th – Met North Golf
May 19th – Met North Soccer
May 20th – Met North Soccer
May 26th – Met North Cross Country (with the school)
May 28th – City District Rugby Union

June 3rd – Met North Touch
June 18th – City Districts Girls Softball

July 20th – Met North Softball
July 22nd – Met North Rugby Union
July 24th – City Districts Cricket
July 30th – City Districts Track and Field (with the school)
July 31st – City Districts Track and Field (with the school)

August 25th – Met North Track and Field (with the school)
August 26th – Met North Track and Field (with the school)
August 27th – Met North Track and Field (with the school)

September 9th – Met North 12 Cricket
September 10th – Met North 12 boys and girls Cricket

November 8th – Met North Aquathlon

Cross Country Training

Cross Country training starts next week (Week 3) Training is for Prep - 6 on the school oval - everyone welcome. Training sessions will be Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8:10am - 8:40am. It would be great to see as many students as possible attend.

Sharon Walsh – PE Teacher

NIHONGO NEWS

"Japanese Club has started again at Kedron State School for the school year. The Japanese Club is an opportunity for students to explore Japanese culture through different craft activities. Club times are as follow for students who are interesting in participating:

Junior Japanese Club (for students from yrs 1 - 3) - Monday 2nd break
Senior Japanese Club (for students from yrs 4 - 6) - Monday 1st break"

Joyce Leung - Japanese Teacher

P&C NEWS

KSS P&C MEETING

TUESDAY, 10 February 2015
TIME: 7:00pm
WHERE: KSS Hall / Multimedia Room

Everyone Welcome

Election BBQ and Cake Stall - another successful P&C undraiser

A huge thanks to everyone who helped burn snags for the Election Day BBQ and baked cakes, cookies and fudge. Lots of people told us they only came to vote at Kedron SS because we have the best cakes. Jen Gibson’s gluten-free pikelets were also a bit hit. We made close to $1,000 profit that we can now invest in additional school resources for our kids.

Thanks to the yr 6 parents who volunteered on the day - Ally Delforce, John Bain, David Winter, Nadine Brown-Winter, Mick O’Rourke, Ernie Graf, and John Kinnane. Thanks also goes to a yr 2 parent Andrew Dean who came down and did a shift on the stall.

Special thanks to John Bain who helped with setup and pack up and last year’s vice-captain Euan Bain who enthusiastically served customers all morning - Kedron SS service with a smile!

Tuckshop Convenor - We Need You!

Join an experienced and dedicated team of fellow volunteers in creating delicious and healthy food choices for KSS each week - The Tuckshop needs a convenor for 2015!

The key responsibilities of the convenor include rostering, admin, coordination of tasks, stock-taking and some ordering. You could generally expect to be involved about 6-8 hours a week – spread out but weighted to later in the week - and would probably ‘do’ a few Tuckshop mornings, as well.

Last year’s convenor is unable to continue but is keen to answer any questions you have and will still be around (as one of the dedicated and
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 ning each Tuesday morning from 8:45am
ovest and pads, all in a Kaboom
available to all the school community.
resources throughout the year. So not only are you giving your child the
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LOOP, credit card by phone or online, cash or cheque.
25 words or less who your favourite sports star is and why. Closing date
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Warner's new book,
Issue 1 is running a Kaboom Kid Competition! Australian cricketer David
eight brochures per school year.
Scholastic Book Club
Paula Sellin
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.

The Yr 6 senior shirts should arrive next week, or at the latest, the week after. When they arrive they will be sent home with the students.
If you are interested in volunteering in the uniform shop, please email me at catherinehowell@optusnet.com.au. We would love to have you join us. We particularly need someone for every second Tuesday afternoon, but would also welcome someone who could do Friday mornings, either every week or on a roster.

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

**SCHOOL BANKING**

Calling for volunteers to help with school banking!
Email me at kssbanking@kedronss.eq.edu.au if you would like to help us collect and count the school banking each Tuesday morning from 8:45am to approx. 9:30am.

**Paula Sellin – School Banking**

**BOOK CLUB**

Scholastic Book Club – Welcome back. Issue 1 brochures have been distributed to the students. Each student will receive one brochure per issue. There are eight brochures per school year. All orders must be completed by Friday 13th, February. Issue 1 is running a Kaboom Kid Competition! Australian cricketer David Warner’s new book, The Big Switch, is offered in the Lucky and Arrow brochures and online. You could win: A Kaboom Kid Grey Nichols Cricket Kit with bat signed by David Warner plus gloves and pads, all in a Kaboom Kid cricket bag. No purchase necessary to enter. You will need to write in 25 words or less who your favourite sports star is and why. Closing date is 28 February 2015. See web page for more details www.scholastic.com.au.

Scholastic now offers four ways to pay for your child’s book order. Via, LOOP, credit card by phone or online, cash or cheque.
If you order through LOOP, the 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. You will not need to return the order form and receipt.
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 Tuesday and Friday. This allows you to continue to pay by cash, cheque (payable to Scholastic Australia) or receipt number for the completed credit card transaction either via phone or online directly with Scholastic.
For “special” occasions, e.g. Christmas, birthdays etc., you may not want your child to know you’ve ordered you can arrange to have the order collected from the Uniform Shop. Please mark on your order you wish to pick up from the Uniform Shop.
Kedron State School earns 20% in Scholastic Rewards on all Book Club orders which then helps us obtain free books and additional learning resources throughout the year. So not only are you giving your child the gift of reading you are helping to build library resources that will be available to all the school community.
Remember, there is a 30 Day Money Back Scholastic Book Club Guarantee on all your purchases. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries.

**Patience Orford 0438 384 168 - Book Club Co-Ordinator**