McGrath Foundation Day

Fundraising
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Curriculum
Teachers are in full swing with assessments being collated and moderated across English, Maths and Science in readiness for the end of semester report cards. Report cards will go home on the last Thursday of the term. If your circumstances dictate the need for an extra copy of the report to be sent out, please ensure you notify the office. More information about the format of the reports will be in next week’s newsletter.

ICAS Science tests
This week twenty of our students sat the ICAS Science tests. These International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are independent skills-based assessments with a competition element and are commonly known as the University of New South Wales tests. They give our students the opportunity to judge their knowledge and skills against a wide range of students. Over one million student entries are accepted from over 6,300 schools in Australia and New Zealand annually in addition to which, students from over 20 countries including Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa and the USA participate in ICAS each year.

The next tests will be Spelling and Writing which will be held on Tuesday 16th and Friday 19th June, respectively, at 8am in the multimedia room.

Out and about
It is great to see the improvement in the student behaviour before school. The quieter level of games has enabled our students to be organised and settled more readily for the prompt 8:45am start to lessons and also allows our teachers to do their essential jobs.

Active Travel
Last week’s Active Travel winner was Prep/11 with all members of the class actively travelling to school. This is a tremendous result and contributed to the school’s average of 64%. 6W received the encouragement award with a continued rise in their numbers.

The next event which supports increased road safety, fitness and independence is the free Year 4 bike skills session which will occur next Thursday, 11th June. The accredited bike skills presenters are part of the support we receive for being in the Brisbane City Council’s Active Travel Program.

That’s all for this week,

Susie Randel-Kneipp

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Thursday, 4 June 2015
SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS – 8:15am to 3:15pm
STUDENT ABSENCE LINE – 3621 5466
P&C MEETINGS HELD 2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH @ 7pm
NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

DATE CLAIMER 2015

Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
8 June

2/3H – Performance on Assembly*
2:10pm

P&C Meeting
Band Blitz
7:00pm

Strings Camp
5 June

Readers Cup – Padua College
8:15am

Yr 4 Bike Skills
11 June

Yr 5’s Excursion – Planetarium
12 June

Kedron SS 100m, 200m & 800m Events – Kedron High – Yr 3 – 6
15 June

ICAS Spelling
16 June

Kedron SS Athletics Carnival – Prep – 6* All Day
17 June

ICAS Mathematics
19 June

Gold Pass Day Raw Art Incursion – Preps & 1GC
22 June

Gold Pass Day Raw Art Incursion – 1A, 2/3H, 3D & 32M
23 June

School Group Photos
24 June

Naidoc Celebration of Learning
25 June

School Holidays
29 June – 10 July

School Resumes
13 July

African Beat Incursion – whole school
P&C Meeting
14 July

2016 Enrolment Day
8:00am

KEDRON SS FÊTE
25 July

ICAS – Maths
11 Aug

Ekka Holiday
12 Aug

Literacy Olympics Yr 5 & 6
17 Aug

Yr 5 Bunyaville Excursion
Singfest
26 June

LOTÉ – Assembly Item*
18 Aug

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

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ACTING PRINCIPAL’S DESK

This week the Kedron State School Music Department and students have, quite literally, taken centre stage. On Monday and Tuesday the Kedron State School quadrangle was transformed into a ’hot spot’ of young talent. Some of our musicians and budding Arts students entertained us in the great artistic tradition of busking. Tuesday evening saw our talented String students provide twilight entertainment to a large crowd of music enthusiasts with a range of individual and ensemble pieces that they had been studying under the instruction of our Strings teacher, Mr David Galbraith.

Weeks such as this give us great cause to celebrate the Arts component of the curriculum and the opportunities our students are offered to engage in a range of pursuits that assist in developing the whole child. Research tells us there is a great relationship between music instruction, academic capability and general wellbeing. Encouraging a love of the Arts stimulates the whole school and general wellbeing. Encouraging a love of the Arts stimulates

Academic Reporting Semester 1

With report cards due to be sent home during the last week of Term 2, we will be committing a section of the next few newsletters to provide information about how to navigate the comments and the values that appear on end of semester report cards. When reflecting on your child’s achievement and learning this semester it is important to consider their attitude to learning and the learning behaviours that are demonstrated in the classroom. This, in conjunction with subject grades, forms the big picture of learning progress.

As well as considering your child’s A-E mark for Achievement in each Learning Area, we encourage you to also look at their grade for Effort, which is related to their attitude and application towards learning.

The scale on which Effort is marked is:

A = Excellent (independently and consistently displayed)
B = Very Good (consistently displayed)
C = Satisfactory (usually displayed)
D = Needs attention / Still Developing (sometimes displayed)
E = Unacceptable (rarely displayed). Teachers consider the learning behaviour of the student as they engage with each individual subject in order to determine an effort grade. This mark can provide valuable information to parents about student’s preferences for particular subjects and also their inclination for types of learning activities such as working in a group. This information delivers a great opportunity for discussion about the importance of developing positive learning behaviours that will support content knowledge.

Learning to listen and follow increasingly complex instructions, choosing a positive attitude and staying focused on the job to be done, starting and finishing a task within a set timeframe, being organized, being an active participant in discussions and group activities, asking for help or feedback and reflecting on one’s work are all skills that we encourage in students to enable them to achieve their best.

The behaviour comment at the end of the report card provides parents with a summary of the learning behaviours they observe both in the classroom and beyond. Teachers consider a child’s developing personal skills related to their attitude and application towards learning. Demonstrating effort and behaviour to a ‘C’ standard is satisfactory, an ‘A’ or ‘B’ is what we would hope to see, especially by the end of Year 6. If your child receives a ‘D’ or an ‘E’ for effort or behaviour this indicates that conversations need to be had – if they haven’t already – with the student and their teacher to ensure that a plan is in place to support a child to develop the positive attributes of a successful and engaged learner.

All children succeed best when there is a partnership between home and school and they feel that there is a commitment and belief in their ability to be a successful and engaged learner. Until next week,

Lisa Whitlock – Deputy Principal

CLASSROOM NEWS

MUSIC NOTES

African Beat
When? Tuesday 14th July

Who? ALL KEDRON STATE SCHOOL CHILDREN – PREP TO YEAR 6!

What? Interactive drumming performance - each student with the opportunity to learn and play an authentic African rhythm, learn a traditional African song, experience African dancing and culture.

Cost- $5.50 – please complete the attached permission form and return to the school office with payment in a clearly marked envelope.
BUSKING DAYS continue on Tuesday 9th June!

Busking Days have been going very well. We have seen a variety of performances, including comedy, singing, jazz dancing, gymnastics, tap dancing, artists and instrumentalists. All KSS students are provided with 5 x $1 tokens to vote for their favourite buskers on each busking day. If you have yet to apply, please complete the attached Busking Form and return it to Mrs Lupton ASAP (or email mjlynt2@eq.edu.au) – and bring all of your busking items on TUESDAY 9TH JUNE ready to busk at 1st break! This day may be your last opportunity!
The TOP TEN BUSKERS from all Busking Days will battle it out at “BATTLE OF THE BUSKERS” to receive these great prizes:
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.

Sponsor of KEDRON STATE SCHOOL’s “BATTLE OF THE BUSKERS”

revolution music store
403a Homezone - 142 Newmarket Road
Windsor QLD 4030
Phone 07 3357 1777

Please note: 2nd JUNE: change to JUNIOR CHOIR rehearsal time due to Busking Day – 2nd break TUESDAY – Prep to Year 2

SENIOR CHOIR – 1st break WEDNESDAY – Year 3 to Year 6

SINGFEST: TUESDAY 18TH AUGUST “THE OLD MUSEUM”

Singfest “Expression of Interest” forms have been sent home with students from Yr 3 to Yr 6 (attached). Please return ASAP to assist with planning this event. All Yr 3 to Yr 6 students are welcome to join the SENIOR CHOIR to learn the repertoire for this exciting event!

RECODER LESSONS!!!

ALL STUDENTS from Prep to Yr 6 are welcome to attend recorder tutoring each Monday at 2nd break if they wish to learn to play the recorder. Having trouble with your recorder tests? Come to tutoring!

BYO: recorder, display folder and smile!

RECODER “BLACKBELT” TESTING

Blackbelt recorder testing is held each Monday at 2nd break for all students from Yr 2/3 to Yr 6 who are ready to complete their coloured belts. The test songs are the song before each coloured belt “test” page in the textbooks.

CONGRATULATIONS TO HELEN K – 3D:

FOR ACHIEVING HER “BLACK BELT” IN THE BLACKBELT RECORDER TESTING! HELEN HAS NOW COMPLETED ALL COLOURED BELTS.

HOMEWORK

If your child is unable to complete homework for a particular week, please send a letter with your child. If your child is experiencing difficulty with recorder homework, they are welcome to attend recorder tutoring every Monday at 2nd break. Assistance with theory homework is also available at this time. It is requested that parents initial the homework sheet after listening to the recorder songs. It is expected that homework tasks take less than 5 minutes to complete each week.

Michelle Lupton – Classroom Music Teacher

Just a reminder that on Monday 15th June, children from Yrs 3-6 (ages 9-12yrs) will be walking back to Kedron High School to compete in the 100m, 200m, 800m events for the Athletics Carnival. The children will be supervised by their classroom teachers during the walk to Kedron High School. Those children in Yr 3 who are turning 8 will be supervised for the day back at school.

We will be leaving the school at 8:45am and returning at around 12:30 – 1:00pm. When we return to school, the children will be having a short break from 1:00-1:15pm and then they will be competing in the championship events for long jump, shot put and high jump. Those children not in the championship events will be cheering their team mates on. Children will find out next week if they have made those championship events.

All students must wear their house colours and suitable running shoes. It is important that children have a drink bottle, food for the day and wear a hat and sunscreen.

All children in Prep-6 will be involved in the Athletics Carnival on Wednesday, 17th June which will be held at the school. This will run from 9:00am – 3:00pm

If there are any parents who could help out on the Monday both in the morning with timekeeping or in the afternoon with helping the teachers with measuring, could you please contact Mrs Walsh on swals10@eq.edu.au

PARENT RELAY TEAM - start getting your team ready for the Teachers VS Students VS Parent relay race. You need 6 runners and you can register your team on the day of the carnival with Mrs Walsh.

Sharon Walsh – PE Teacher

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on receiving their ‘You Can Do It’ Awards last week

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<td>Maggie B</td>
<td>Writing a fantastic character description using interesting adjectives and verbs</td>
<td>Prep 1/1</td>
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<td>Jemima S</td>
<td>Doing a fantastic job learning more letters and sounds</td>
<td>Prep M</td>
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<td>Ethan W</td>
<td>Contributing enthusiastically to class discussions. You are a creative thinker</td>
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<td>Sam D</td>
<td>Persistence with writing tasks</td>
<td>1GC</td>
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<td>Lucinda O</td>
<td>Writing fantastic narratives and an interesting alternative ending for a book</td>
<td>2/3H</td>
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<td>Grace N</td>
<td>Being a focused and hardworking student during independent learning activities</td>
<td>2J</td>
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<td>Tyler L</td>
<td>Excellent persistence when completing all writing tasks</td>
<td>2MG</td>
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<td>Jerome M</td>
<td>Creative thinking and adding details to your work</td>
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<td>Oscar M</td>
<td>Always being ready to work and participate in class discussions</td>
<td>3ZM</td>
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<td>John H</td>
<td>Great focused work with planning and writing</td>
<td>5B</td>
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<td>Joshua K</td>
<td>Communicating with the future and doing it well through your writing tasks</td>
<td>6F</td>
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<td>Mikayla F</td>
<td>Willingness to have a go in maths problem solving and having a positive attitude towards learning</td>
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<td>Solomone K</td>
<td>Always being ready to learn and helpful around the Japanese classroom</td>
<td>Japanese Student</td>
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<td>Jake W</td>
<td>Excellent theory work in your music lesson this week</td>
<td>Music Student</td>
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<td>PE Class</td>
<td>Participating so well in your Perceptual Motor skill rotations this week</td>
<td>Prep M</td>
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THANKS goes out to the entire Kedron Community – the student council raised a whopping $554.70 which will be given to the McGrath foundation. Thank you.

Hero Day

On Friday, 26th June the student Council is raising money for the Vanuatu Cyclone Pam Appeal. Dress up as your favourite hero and bring along a $1 or $2 coin to raise money and have fun dressing up! Your hero can also be anyone who is your special hero.

By Ava (Student Council Rep)

P&C NEWS

KSS P&C MEETING
TUESDAY, 9 June, 2015
TIME: 7:00pm
WHERE: KSS Hall / Multimedia Room
Everyone Welcome

School Principal

The P&C are working closely with the Metropolitan Regional Office to appoint a permanent Principal as quickly as possible. The position has been advertised with interviews commencing next week. Our new permanent Principal will begin their employment with our school first day of Term 3.

Fundraising – Athletics Day

A co-ordinator and volunteers are still needed for the ‘Athletics Carnival for 50c’ stall – 17th June and it’s only 2 weeks away! To make the job easier, the P&C has booked a coffee van with 50c from every drink sold on the day going towards the P&C. Hopefully the caffeine and hot drinks will keep parents and teachers energised throughout the day! Guidelines on how to organise the event are available. Please email pandsecretary@kedrons.eq.edu.au if you can help.

Fancy helping us out with fundraising? The P&C would love to have a Fundraising Co-ordinator on board. Please email if you can see yourself in this rewarding role.

Tuckshop Convenor

Our lovely school is still searching for a new tuckshop convenor. This is a rewarding role, central to the school and its activities and it enjoys the full support of the P&C, school and other parents. If you are keen or just have a question or two, email pandcsecretary@kedrons.eq.edu.au

Trevanna Lang – P&C President
pandcsecretary@kedrons.eq.edu.au
Thank you:
Thank you to all of the families who have donated items or made a monetary donation so far. You are helping us to collect the items that we need for our class stalls. We really appreciate your support in helping to make this event a success.

Ways that you can help:
There are still many ways that you can help and we want everyone to have an opportunity to be involved. Over the next few weeks we will be asking for donations and/or volunteers to set up and work on the day. If you are not able to attend the carnival, contact your Class Stall Convener to find out how you can help before the day, or email ksscarnival@gmail.com to add your name to a list of volunteers at the ready.

Supplies needed:
Donations can be left at Carnival Headquarters a.k.a., the Parent Room (located under Block C near the uniform shop) on Tuesday and Friday mornings. We are currently looking for:
- craft items
- piñata style or larger carnival game prizes
- wrapped lolliés and bite size chocolates
- coloured hair spray and gel, glitter, hair clips, bun pins, hair bands, etc.

- 375mL canned branded soft drinks (see list at Carnival HQ) and 600ml bottled water
- empty glass jars with screw top lids (labels of and clean)
- herb or flower seedlings and mint or succulent cuttings
- 400g tin cans (labels off, no sharp edges, empty and clean) and plastic pots.

How do you take the sharp edges of tin cans? Open the can using a safety opener. This opener actually cuts the沿 the side of the can and allows you to lift the lid off the can and leaves a smooth, safe edge that won’t cut little fingers. Feel around the edges of the top of a can opened with a traditional can opener. If they feel sharp, sand the edges to blunt them with a heavy grit sandpaper or a steel file. Work your way around the sides of the top of the can until the entire cut edge is smooth. Carefully feel the inside of the can for any sharp portions that you may have missed. It doesn’t have to look beautiful — it just has to protect the child while they work. Wash out the can with dish soap and sponge. Wipe away any soap residue or oil.

Find us on Facebook:
‘Like’ us on Facebook if you want to keep up with the latest news or go to the Special Events page under the Calendar and events tab at www.kedronss.eq.edu.au.

Email Paula, our Fete Secretary on ksscarnival@gmail.com or contact me on 0438 384 168 or patienceorford@optusnet.com.au if you have any questions or if you would like to know more.

Patience Orford – Fete Convener

STRINGS NEWS

It was a beautiful concert on Tuesday night! Thank you all strings students for giving us such lovely performances. I forgot to take photos but here is one of a Yr 4 quartet.

Next performance is the fete on July 25th. Strings photos are on 24th June (formal uniform please). This is just for Vivo and Spirto ensembles.

Please contact Anne for any strings enquiries – annegrimes23@icloud.com

Anne Grimes – Strings Coordinator

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop Open
Tuesday afternoon 2:50pm – 3:20pm
Friday morning 8:15am – 9:00am
for all your uniform requirements.
We accept payment by EFTPOS,
Cash or Cheque for all P&C monies

Catherine Howell – Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

BOOK CLUB

Patience Orford 0438 384 168 - Book Club Co-ordinator

Community News

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Emotional Resilience Skills to thrive! Book now for our School Holiday Program!
Confident Kids ® + teens is an innovative coaching program for kids 5-14yrs that aims to boost confidence, emotional resilience, social skills and brain power. Students discover their strengths, and build resilient thinking skills to reduce stress, anxiety, worry, or negative thinking. Essential tools to navigate the teen years!
Our team of experienced Psychologists will coach, encourage and support your child to be all they can be!
Medicare and Private health fund rebates apply.
Register and Book online today at confidentkidsandteens.com.au Or contact us at info@positivefamilies.com.au for more details.

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

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