We were excited to be back after the holidays for a new term. Although it was chilly in the first week we read a story with a message that warmed our hearts.

The book, "The Two-Hearted Numbat" is about a numbat who had a heart of feather that helped him be kind and gentle and a heart of stone that made him feel brave and powerful. He went on many adventures and in the end the wise numbat helped him realise that he needed both hearts. One of the students in our class shared that the moral of the story is ... You can't always be as soft as a feather or hard as a stone.

The children created some beautiful pictures showing Numbat with his feather and stone heart.

Our class found it challenging to write about one thing they enjoyed at the Athletics Carnival because every activity was so much fun.

On Monday afternoon 1A went to the Community Garden with Mrs Purcell, Mrs Anderson and parent and grandparent helpers. Some of the students watered the plants, which are doing well considering how cold it has been and how little rain we have had. The children picked some of the many tomatoes that are growing in the garden. In Science the Year 1’s are looking at small animals in the garden. Although we didn’t find many, the kids were excited to find worms living in the soil and ants working busily.
The ICAS English test is on next Tuesday 28th July promptly starting at 8am in the Multimedia room. Students will need 2, 2B pencils and an eraser.

Attendance
I would like to remind everyone that our lessons start promptly at 8:45am. So that your child can make the most of their learning, please ensure that they arrive by at least 8:40am so that they can enter the classroom, prepare their equipment and be ready for instruction at 8:45am. Late arrivals are detrimental to both teachers, to the child who is late and to their classmates. The time between 8:30am and 8:40am allows students to socialise and settle ready for the day.

Looking at last term’s absent data there are unexplained absences. If your child is absent please ensure you ring the school on the day of the absence on 3621-3466 or send an email to admin@kedronss.eq.edu.au so we can promptly notify the class teachers.

Enrollments
Parents please note that our 2016 Prep enrolments opened yesterday morning. It would be appreciated if you could come and enrol your child if they will be attending Prep here next year (including those of you who are in catchment) so we can judge the numbers we will have in 2016. Please ensure you bring your child’s birth certificate and proof of residency (rates notice plus utility bill).

That’s all for this week,

Lisa Whitlock – Deputy Principal

OFFICE REMINDERS

Fire & Lockdown Drills - Once per term, Kedron State School conducts either a fire drill or lockdown drill. A lockdown signal is a 30 second, constant ringing of the school bell. In this case, you would stay in the classroom you are helping in (classroom will be locked).

A fire drill is signalled by a short, sharp ringing for 15 seconds of the school bell. You would follow the emergency evacuation procedures displayed in the room you are in. E.g. if in the hall, you would leave via Leckie Road, up 10th Avenue to the back gate and assemble on the oval.

If you have any questions about either of these drills, please do not hesitate to contact the office.”

Woolworths Earn & Learn It’s simple to participate.
Starting on Wednesday 15th July, when anyone from our school community - staff, parents, friends shop at Woolworths, they can collect stickers to place on sticker sheets. They’ll get one sticker for every $10 they spend*. Sticker sheets are available from Woolworths or the office. Once they complete their sticker sheets they can place them in a collection box, at either school or your local Woolworths. All proceeds go into school resources.

Lou & Dale

CLASSROOM NEWS

PV/Onesie Day...(money going to RSPCA)
On Thursday the 20th August we will be holding a PV/Onesie Day. You can come to school in your pyjamas or a onesie. Do not come to school in free dress, you must wear pyjamas or a onesie. It is a gold coin donation, so remember to bring some change. All the money will be donated to the RSPCA to help them care for animals. If you decide to come in school uniform that is okay and you don’t have to bring a gold coin if you choose that option. We will remind you about this event on assembly in case you forget. We all look forward to seeing you in your fantastic PV/onesie’s.

By Jack Benham

MUSIC NOTES

Performance : FETE – Saturday 25th July
• Meet Ms Lupton at the MUSIC ROOM at 12.30 p.m.
• Free Dress
• PSYO: beautiful singing voice and smiles!

Sing, Sing together, merrily, merrily sing...”

“NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME!!!!!!Choir application form is attached!”

UPCOMING EVENTS: FETE PERFORMANCE, GRANDPARENTS CONCERT, RECITAL EVENING, SINGFEST.
SINGFEST: TUESDAY 18TH AUGUST
“THE OLD MUSEUM”
Please see Ms Lupton if you haven’t yet expressed your interest in attending this event.

RECORDER LESSONS!!!
ALL STUDENTS from Prep to Year 6 are welcome to attend recorder tutoring each Monday at 2nd break if they wish to

The countdown at Kedron State School
The excitement around the school is building. Our Carnival Crusaders have done a wonderful job helping the students count down to the big day and sharing carnival messages. We will miss our visits from the 2015 Carnival Crusaders next week!

Our Carnival on Saturday is a wonderful opportunity not only to showcase our school but also celebrate the wider Kedron State School community. From a school perspective, this is the largest community event of the year and is critical to our community profile and the support that generates. Our parent community has done an outstanding job in preparing for the Carnival. The efforts of our P&C and the team of fete organisers, ably lead by Mrs Patience Orford, have done an outstanding job preparing for Saturday. The students and teachers are also looking forward to sharing their own contributions with the community. The Art Auction is our own gallery of artistic excellence.

We will proudly open our gates on Saturday for a day of fun and laughter. I am so looking forward to sharing that with as many of you as possible.

Think and write like an Author....
The art of writing well is a skill we endeavour to instil in all our students. Having the opportunity to hear from an author about how ideas for stories germinate through to the process involved in shaping a story and the choice of words that brings stories alive is very inspirational for our young writers. Today students from Years 3 to 6 worked with renowned children’s author Steven Herrick as he shared with them the decisions authors make in the writing process. I am looking forward to seeing the writing our students produce as result of these inspiring conversations.

Staffing
This week we welcome Mrs Vanessa Parker to Kedron State School in the role of Master Teacher. Mrs Parker will be a great asset to the teaching team helping to develop and refine what balanced teaching programs look like at Kedron State School and building consistency of practice from Prep to Year 6.

Until next week,
Susie

Susie Randel-Kneipp - Principal

Carnival fever at Kedron State School
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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Curriculum News
By the end of this week you should have received your child’s class newsletter, their classroom timetable and the criteria sheet/ Guide to Making Judgement which indicates the key points upon which students are assessed. Please take the time to read these documents carefully as they contain vital information about what is happening in your child’s school life.
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 Year 2/3 to Year 6 who are ready to complete their coloured belts. The test songs are the song before each coloured belt “test” page in the textbooks.

A **HUGE** congratulations to Gabrielle Cooke who has achieved her Black Belt this week. Fantastic effort!

**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 each 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/singing practice (NOT THE THEORY). It is expected that homework tasks take approximately 5 minutes to complete each week.

**Michelle Lupton – Classroom Music Teacher**

**PE NEWS**

Good Luck to all the students who are competing in the City District Athletics Carnival next Thursday and Friday at Bowden Park.

If you have not brought your forms and money in please have it to the Athletics Carnival next Thursday and Friday at Bowden Park.

**Sharon Walsh – PE Teacher**

**P&C NEWS**

KSS P&C MEETING

**TUESDAY, 11 August, 2015**

**TIME:** 7:00pm

**WHERE:** KSS Hall / Multimedia Room

Everyone Welcome

Trevanna Lang – P&C President
pandpresident@kedronss.eq.edu.au

**FETE NEWS**

Baking hats on!

I hear more sweets are needed for the Sweet Shack, and uncut slices, biscuits that can be sold for $1 and small cakes are needed for the Café. Please contact the relevant stall convenor to let them know you are baking something for them:

- Sweet Shack - Erin on 0414 562 613
- Café – Melinda on 0401 305 819

Cake stall – Jane on 0411 188 041

Cake boxes can be collected from Jane at the Parent Room - drop off and pick up times today and tomorrow. Please deliver your baking to the stall on carnival day packaged and ready to be sold with ingredients clearly listed – this will truly help our volunteers.

Cake competition

Enter in the Cake Competition to win a prize! There are two categories: individual and family/group fun. Age prizes are available so **little bakers** can join in on the fun! Why not get together with a couple of friends and enter as a group? More info about the competition is on the KSS Website in Special Events.

**Last day for pre-order armbands!**

Last chance to buy your pre-order armband is from the Uniform Shop on Friday morning. Contact Catherine if you have any questions on 0403 821 190 or catherinehowell@optusnet.com.au

Armbands will be sold for $30 on carnival day so get in now! Single ride tickets will be sold on the oval for $5 and entry to the baby animal farm (for under 8’s only) is $4.

**Volunteer spots still available:**

- **Aussie BBQ needs helpers for the lunchtime rush**
- **Sugar Shack can do with a few extra helpers throughout the day**
- **Café needs one person from 8am until 1am on Friday, 24 July to help organise cakes**
- **Café also needs a couple of extra hands on the day to serve coffee and sell cakes**
- **Craft stall needs volunteers to help with sales and craft activities**
- **Cake stall needs 1 or 2 extra helpers at any time during the day**
- **Carnival games has 3 spots left to fill**
- **Crazy hair could do with an extra helper or 2 too!**

Email Paula at ksscarnival@gmail.com and let her know you can volunteer and we’ll put you in touch with the relevant stall convenor.

**Patience Orford – Fete Convenor – 0438 384 168**

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**SCHOOL BANKING**

**Reward items** touching down to earth in Term 3 are a Cosmic Light Beam Torch and Glow-in-the-Dark Solar System... super cool reward items!

**The Prize Portal has launched!**

The Prize Portal gives students who demonstrate good savings behaviour the chance to win one of hundreds of astronomical prizes. To activate the Prize Portal, students must simple make 3 or more school banking deposits during Term 3. They will then automatically be entered into the competition for a chance to win one of 75 iPad minis, 125 Beats by Dr. Dre headphones or 200 Booktopia gift certificates. Wow! Students can also complete a Money Mission commbank.com.au/prizeportal to double their chance of winning a prize.

**Win a trip to Disneyland**

Don’t forget to keep banking this year because if you make 25 or more school banking deposits during 2015 you will be automatically entered into the competition to win a family trip to Disneyland.

**Volunteers**

Email Paula at kssbanking@kedronss.eq.edu.au if you have an hour or so each Tuesday from 8.45am to help us collect and process the banking. A few extra hands are needed.

**Want to join the program?**

Visit www.cmmbank.com.au to learn more.

Paula Sellin – School Banking


**BOOK CLUB**

Scholastic Book Club – Orders from Issue 5 must be completed by **Friday 31, July**.

Scholastic offers three ways to pay for your child’s book order, credit card, using the Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform (LOOP), cash or cheque. Ordering through LOOP allows you to order and pay for your child’s book club order online in one simple process. You can also 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 pay by cash or cheque (payable to Scholastic Australia) only. 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 contact me and I am happy to make the arrangement.

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 are available to the entire school community.

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.

Book Club Co-ordinator – Patience Orford 0438 384 168 or patienceorford@optusnet.com.au

**Patience Orford – Book Club Co-Ordinator**

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**KEDRON STATE SCHOOL DOES NOT ENDORSE ANY OF THE ADVERTISEMENTS APPEARING IN OUR NEWSLETTER**

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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

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

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Size 6 track pants are out of stock until mid August as our supplier is out of stock. We do have active pants and long cargo pants in that size.

Fete armbands will be sent home on 24th July.

Please ensure you return all raffle ticket books, sold or unsold, by 24th July.

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

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**STRINGS NEWS**

Please contact Anne for any strings enquiries – [annegrimes23@icloud.com](mailto:annegrimes23@icloud.com)

**Anne Grimes – Strings Coordinator**

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**HEAD LICE**

Head lice have ponce again been detected in the school. **It is extremely important for you to check your child’s head for head lice TODAY.** If you do find head lice, commence treatment immediately and be sure to complete the process of treatment. This will help prevent head lice from spreading.

Remember to keep checking your family member’s heads every 2 days until there are no head lice found for 10 consecutive days.

For further information regarding treating head lice, refer to the Department of Health’s [Head Lice fact sheet](#). Your local pharmacist can provide advice regarding head lice treatment options and head lice combs. Because head lice need close head-to-head contact to spread from one person to another, to reduce the spread of head lice, teachers will discourage students from activities which may involve head to head contact.

To reduce your child’s risk of getting head lice, make sure that long hair is tied up and discourage children from sharing their brushes and combs and having head to head contact with others. Remember – anyone can get head lice – they have no preferences for cleanliness, hair colour, hair type, ethnicity or age.

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Mary had a little lamb,
She also had the flu.
And when she left her school,
The others had it too.
So anytime your children are sick
Please keep them home with you.
Then the children in our school
Will be happier and healthier too.

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

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