Filling our Buckets
In class we have been decorating our personal buckets. We have been making the buckets so that once they’re hung up, people can put in compliments about each other in them. We are doing this in Health because we are learning about positive self-talk and this is a way of encouraging us to be happy for who we are!

Pippa & Liana

Photostory 4H
In Term 3 we read a Quest novel called’ Rowan of Rin.’ It is about a weak little boy called Rowan. He has to go on a dangerous journey up a deadly mountain to solve the mystery of why the water isn’t running down to their village. After we finished the book we drew pictures of our favourite chapters. Then we got them photographed and downloaded on to the computer. Now we are creating photo stories with our pictures. Jake and Jack

We headed to the Community Garden on Wednesday and helped pull the nutgrass out of the garden beds. Watering the plants is also a favourite on a hot day!
Thursday, 12 November 2015
SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS – 8:15am to 3:15pm
STUDENT ABSENT LINE - 3621 5466
P&C MEETINGS HELD 2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH @ 7pm
NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

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PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Leadership 2016

The Student Leadership process is now well under way. The response from students applying for 2016 positions has been very positive which is a wonderful reflection on the class that will be the School Leaders in 2016. School Captain’s speeches from the 8 students shortlisted will occur next week on school assembly (17 November). The Yr 2-5 students and teaching staff will then vote through a secret ballot process. Candidates will be informed of positions prior to the assembly in week 9 where School Captains will be announced to the school. House and Music Captains will also be informed of successful positions at this time.

2016 Prep Transition

Kedron SS is very much looking forward to having the Preps of 2016 spend their first year at the school and we are looking forward to being able to include them in the full school activities and routines. The Prep Transitions will be held during the week of Wednesday 25th November to Wednesday 2nd December. Please refer to the Prep Transition page in the newsletter for more details.

Semester 2 Assessment and Reporting Procedures

Written reports will accompany students home on – Wednesday 9th December. Teachers are beginning to finalise student portfolios to ensure they have the most current and relevant assessment. This evidence of student learning not only informs this Semester’s reporting but will also provide important data about students and their learning from this year to the next. In order to ensure we focus only on the most current information, teachers are sending home samples of work that are now ‘historical data’. These work samples belong to parents and students to keep for prospective or to discard. These assessments and samples from previous years will begin to come home with other unnecessary/surplus stationary and books in the last few weeks of school.

Kedron SS Twilight Concert

On Tuesday evening the musicians of Kedron SS and the combined Kedron Woodstone Junior and Senior Band and Strings Ensembles treated the community to a beautiful evening of music. The concert was well represented and our students certainly impressed the crowd with their fine sounds. It is timely to recognise the wonderful work of our Instrumental Music Department Mr Paul Johnson and Mr David Galbraith and the supervised instruction they provide our young musicians. It is also important to recognise the contribution of our P&C in supporting the Kedron Strings Program and affording our young musicians these wonderful opportunities.

We are very much looking forward to seeing the end of year concert. I know all our classes have been diligently practicing their repertoire.

End of Year Gifts

As the year celebrations draw closer, many of our generous families have inquired about how best to recognise the effort and commitment of our wonderful teaching team.

To assist in these queries, I draw your attention to departmental advice to Education Queensland employees.

Employees should refuse any offer of cash or items readily convertible to cash. I appreciate the additional effort parents and students have gone to ensuring they are adhering to Departmental protocols.

Until next week,

Susie

Susie Randel-Kneipp - Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S DESK

On Tuesday at our professional development session, we had the pleasure of hosting the teachers from Boondall at our interschool folio moderation.

Class teachers spent time studying and discussing the contents of a variety of samples within each of the student folios being presented. This highly valuable exercise allowed the teachers on the various year levels to confirm their understanding of the standard of work required to achieve the ratings from A-E, reach a consensus about the evidence within each of the folios and then ensure that a consistent rating was assigned for the each of these. This process also quality assures the results that are recorded in your child’s report card.

Active Travel

Last week most classes achieved more than 50% of students actively travelling to school as part of Walking Wheeling Wednesday and I have been giving out a raft of rewards to those students who are steadily filling their passports. Also it was good to see that some students walked with their hat and shades on Friday.

The next activities are the 5 day Active Travel student hands up in class survey which is occurring this week and the parent survey that aims to find out how students travel to school and compare our data with the beginning of the year.

The parent survey has been distributed to the eldest student and we ask that it be returned at the latest by next Friday the 20th November.

A big thank you goes to one of our youngest students whose parent has already completed and returned the form.

Our final event for the year will be our celebratory breakfast which will be at 8.15am on Wednesday 25th November.

Finally our fabulous news is the installation of flashing lights on Leckie Road which will occur in time for the start of the 2016 school year.

Reminders:

2016 Booklists- If you wish to order your child’s 2016 bookpack from EDSCO, the cut-off date for orders to be placed at the office is TOMORROW – Friday 13th November. I have asked all class teachers to send home any unused items from this year in order to minimise unnecessary expenditure.

Be SAFE: Rule reminders for the week-----Parents we would appreciate you reinforcing the messages below with your child/children.

All students are reminded that there is no play before 8:15am. Play after this is to consist of handball or skipping only.

No student at any stage is to hang off any of the pipes or woodwork under the school, in particular A block, as these house important electrical and computer connections.

As a safety precaution, students once they are at school, are to wait in or near the buildings and NOT wait for friends near/or at the gates.

Students are strongly encouraged to use the Stop, Look, Listen and Think strategy as they travel to school.

That’s all for this week,

Lisa Whittlock – Deputy Principal

OFFICE NOTES

Japanese Lunch money due Monday 16th November.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Each year, our graduating Year 6 students are presented with academic awards for their overall achievements. These awards come from a donation of $30.00 from families in our community. If you would like to sponsor one of these awards, could you please contact Lou at the office ASAP. Thanks.

COMMUNITY GARDEN OPEN MORNING

Ever wondered what the students do at the Community Garden? On Saturday 21st November (9-10am), weather permitting; you are welcome to come along and have a look. This is not a working-bee, just a chance for your child to show you what they do and grow in the garden. The garden is located in the grounds of the Brisbane North Church of Christ at Kedron. Parking is available via the Emerald Street entry. Hope you can pop in!

Jo Purcell
**CLASSROOM NEWS**

**MUSIC NOTES**

**DATE CLAIMERS FOR CHOIR STUDENTS:**
- CHRISTMAS CONCERT – North Boilhanke Church of Christ – 12 Emerald Street, Kedron – SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER
- END OF YEAR CONCERT: ALL CLASSES and all CHOIRS perform – Wavell High School – 5:30 p.m. – MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER (Senior students will be asked to wear “All black clothing” and bring a small pocket-sized torch). 1
- PIZZA PARTY – ALL CHOIR STUDENTS (COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE REQUIRED TO ATTEND PARTY) – WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER

Sing, Sing together, merrily, merrily sing…. Don’t forget to bring your CHOIR FOLDER and STICKER CHART to your next rehearsal!

**Junior Choir:** 1st break Tuesday – Prep to Year 2
2nd break Wednesday – Year 3 to Year 6
Senior Choir: 1st break Wednesday – Year 3 to Year 6

**RECORDERS LESSONS!!!** ALL STUDENTS from Prep to Year 6 are welcome to attend tutoring each Monday at 2nd break if they wish to learn to record. Having trouble with your recorder tests? Come to tuto BYO: recorder, display folder and smile! Beginner textbook: Blackbelt Recorder Book 1 – Yellow Textbook is available from 1Jam and Music Stores.

**RECORER “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.

**MUSIC HOMEWORK – That’s all folks! No homework again until 2016!**

Michelle Lupton – Classroom Music Teacher

**PE NEWS**

Just a reminder Friday is the latest you can hand in your Jump Rope for Heart donations so that the prizes can be delivered and handed out by the end of the term. To do them on line go to www.heartfoundation.org.au/jumpropereforheart and find Kedron SS and register. Extra phanophets at the office are available if required.

We have raised in total to date $2547.94 which is just a fantastic effort Kedron State School. You should be proud of what you have achieved!! Jump Off day was on Wednesday this week and the children had a chance to see some of the skipping skills that were taught throughout the Jump Rope for Heart Program over the last 5 weeks. There was a demonstration done by some of the students that attended the program throughout the lunch hours.

A big thank you to the Sports Captains who helped run the program with me and well done to all the children who participated in the program. It was great to see so many children involved and also all the skipping that has been happening in the playground and at lunchtimes. Keep up the skipping!!

**Swimming Carnivals**
The swimming carnivals are fast approaching. Keep the following dates free:
- Tuesday 1st December - Prep - 2 – 9:00am - 10:45am
- Wednesday 2nd December - Years 3–6 – 9:00am – 2:00pm

If there are any parents who can help out with timekeeping on the day of the swimming carnival (for the Yrs 3-6 carnival only), please let me know. We need at least 6 timekeepers and 1 have 3 timekeepers at the moment. Also if you can help out with timekeeping in your child’s swimming lesson time slot over the next couple of weeks, that would be great as well. Let me know on swals10@eq.edu.au

Just a reminder - there is an opportunity on the day of the Yr 3-6 carnival for the parents to enter the Staff VS Student VS Parent relay race. You need 6 swimmers to enter. Start getting those teams ready for action!!

**Sharon Walsh – PE Teacher**

**CHAPLAINCY NEWS**

We certainly are busy beavers in the last few weeks of school. I have three things to tell you about that your children may need help with remembering.
- It’s the Community Breakfast from 8:00am on Wednesday 18th Nov.
- FREE DRESS DAY on WEDNESDAY 25TH November
- Bring a GOLD COIN donation for CHAPLAINCY.

Children can get a bit more adventurous and add an optional
- CRAZY HAIR – designed by some spectacular Yr 6 artists.
- Music Student
- Japanese Student

**P&C NEWS**

**KSS P&C MEETING**

TUESDAY, 8th December 2015
TIME: 7:00pm
WHERE: KSS Hall / Multimedia Room
Everyone Welcome

Thank you to everyone who came along to a full and interesting meeting on Tuesday night. Here are some of the highlights...

**Pop Up Tuckshop**

Busy time of year? Lunches getting harder each day? We hope this helps. We have decided to have a sushi day on each Wednesday for the last three weeks of term. This will be 25 November, 2 December and 9 December. An order form with more details is attached to this email and is also available from the office. Each sushi roll will be $2.50 and drinks $1.50.

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orders get a free piece of fruit. Only one sushi roll is NOT gluten free – teriyaki chicken. The other three are gluten free. Soy sauce is also available but please indicate if you require gluten free. Order all three weeks in advance to make it even easier. Money through collection please. **Deadline is Friday before.** No online orders accepted.

If you are able to help with any of these days please contact pandcpresident@kedronss.eq.edu.au as soon as possible. Please note one of the days is the Yr 3 – 6 swimming carnival so some helpers from the younger years would be greatly appreciated. Sushi will be delivered to the swimming pool on this day.

**Hall Lighting**

The P&C have set aside some money to get some spot lights in the hall to light the stage for concerts and performances. Please contact the P&C if you would be willing to contact some electricians about doing this work for us.

**End of Year Celebrations - Graduation Morning Tea**

We need more Yr 5 families to help with the morning tea on Tuesday, 8 December. Please contact your class representatives for more information. If you are not already on your class email list, please contact Cath Chaffey (cathchaffey@gmail.com) to find out who your class rep is.

**Prep Play in the Park**

To welcome to the school our new and existing families with a prep child starting in 2016, there will be a ‘Play in the Park’ on 19 January (school holidays) at Benelong Park in Eleventh Avenue. Please spread the word. New prep families will receive a flyer with full details on the Prep Orientation Days. Flyers are also available at the Uniform Shop.

**Playground Master Plan**

At this month’s P&C meeting, the budget and contractor was approved to upgrade our existing prep playground. These works will include addressing the existing drainage issues and most importantly it will improve the flexibility and amount of space we offer our young students in their play area. We will ensure that this upgrade happens with the minimum disruption of our prep students. Weather permitting, the playground will be ready to welcome our new preps on the first day of school 2016! This is the first step of many projects we are discussing as we continue to support the school in upgrading the grounds. Each stage will be presented at future P&C Meetings and we will continue to provide updates through this newsletter.

**Free Trees from Council**

You may have recently received a notice from Brisbane City Council about free trees. Further information can be found at the link below:


If you didn’t want to use the trees yourself, maybe you would consider donating the plants to the school? Plants can be left behind Mr Dalton’s shed and after that a home at school will be found for them!

**Trevanna Lang - P&C President**

pandcpresident@kedronss.eq.edu.au

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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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**KEDRON STATE SCHOOL SWIMMING LESSONS**

‘What Price do you put on your child’s Life?’

Queensland enjoys one of the best outdoor lifestyles in the world with easy access to fantastic beaches, water ways and rivers. One of the greatest gifts that we can give our children is the ability to enjoy learning to swim. Belgravia Leisure is recognised as one of the most successful Learn to Swim and coaching providers in Australia teaching children of all ages to all ages to be water safe.

Our program caters for toddlers and progresses through to squad level and adult classes. Our instructors are fully qualified and strongly believe that swimming lessons can make a significant difference to the enjoyment and safety of a child’s life.

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
- Adapted 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.

Learn to Swim Price ONLY

**$16.50**

**PH:** 0421 980 246

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2J taught us all about the history of Kedron on Assembly