Chappy's Free Dress and Crazy Hair Day!
Thursday, 26 November 2015

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS - 8:30am to 3:15pm

STUDENT ABSENTE LIST - 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

Schools are always busy places, but what that busy looks like tells where the energy and focus of a school really is. This week Kedron SS has really prioritised the celebration of community, connectedness and learning. On Wednesday and Thursday our Preps of 2016 spent the morning in their new learning environment. With the help of this year’s Preps, they had a perfect introduction to life at ‘big school’. An opportunity to feel like part of the school has been a wonderful introduction to all the fun they are going to have for years to come.

While the Preps made their mark on their new classrooms, the senior leaders treated their parents to a tour of Kedron State School. As they travelled the school they shared with the parents the history and happenings of Kedron. I listened as they spoke so fondly of their primary school and the experiences they have shared. Many of the new Prep parents commented on how much our Year 6’s were and how wonderful it was to see the sense of pride they had in their school. It occurred to me how quickly the next two weeks will pass and our seniors will begin their new learning environment. With the help of this year’s Preps, they had a perfect introduction to life at ‘big school’. An opportunity to feel like part of the school has been a wonderful introduction to all the fun they are going to have for years to come.

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I also remind parents that Kedron State School is a soft drink free school. This is supported by our P&C and end of year celebrations do not exclude this policy.

Susie Rundel-Knellp – Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Active Travel
This week has seen the last of our events for Active Travel and I would like to thank all the parents, students and in particular my fellow committee member, Mrs Della Atkinson for her invaluable support which has been, once again, given unstintingly across the whole of this year.

Our Active Travel end of year celebratory breakfast was the most successful yet and the whole area was abuzz with vibrant energy. The students certainly enjoyed the delicious fruit and the cups of milk which they consumed with vigour.

The winners from last week: 2J, 2MG and 6W who each achieved 74% of active travellers in their classes received their certificates on parade and I have also had the pleasure of handing out many incentive prizes across the last few weeks to those students who have reached the milestones in their passports.

Curriculum and Classroom News
At the moment all teachers are finalising their report cards which will go home on Wednesday 9th December with your child. If you require extra copies to accommodate your care arrangements please send an email to admin@kedronss.eq.edu.au. If you are going on holidays prior to this date please ensure we have your correct address so we can then post it to you.

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Yesterday and today I had the privilege of meeting our 2016 Prep students as they came into the classrooms for the very first time as part of our Open Mornings. Yes, there were one or two who had a few tears however their “big brothers and sisters” from our current Preps did us proud by welcoming them and showing them the ropes now that they are old hands at all these routines.

Next week we begin the last two of our very busy weeks. As we enter the final days of term, and particularly with the hot weather, please ensure your child is getting plenty of sleep so it helps them remain resilient as we hurtle towards the final day of the school year.

Lost property
Parents please check the lost property boxes which are located downstairs near the Reading Room. There are still many school jumpers which need to be collected by the end of next week, as any lost property that remains in Week 10 will be given to charity or discarded.

That’s all for this week,

Lisa Whitlock – Deputy Principal

OFFICE NOTES

Preps – Professor Jellybean money now due

Year 6s – Splash Notes going home today – please pay ASAP

CLASSROOM NEWS

Swimming Carnivals
The swimming carnivals are on next week!! YIPPEE!!

Tuesday 1st December - Prep -2 from 9am - 10:45am
Wednesday 2nd December - Year 3-6 from 9am - 2pm
Thursday 3rd December - Years 3-6 from 9am - 2pm

Children must bring morning tea, lunch, plenty of water, suncream, hat, sunlight and bathing cap on the day of their carnival.

All students are to wear their house coloured shirts.

Children in the Year 3-6 carnival still need to bring a sunhat to wear. When they are competing in a race they can take it off for their race but it needs to be put straight back on after the race.

NO BATHING CAP OR SUNSHIRT THEN NO SWIMMING!!

THERE WILL BE NO CANTOON OR SAGEAU SIZZLE ON THE DAY!! So everyone needs to bring food and water for the whole day.

A copy of the programs are attached.

Just a reminder about the Staff Vs Student Vs Parents relay race on the day of the swimming carnival – Years 3-6 carnival only. You require 6 swimmers in a team.

The Teachers’ team has been in training and are ready for action!!

Sharon Walsh – PE Teacher
Notes have gone home with choir students this week regarding the following events!

**DATE CLAIMERS FOR CHOIR STUDENTS:**
- **CHRISTMAS CONCERT** – North Brisbane Church of Christ – 12 Emerald Street, Kedron – **SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER** 4 p.m. (Students to meet Ms Lupton at 3.45 p.m.) – WEAR CHRISTMAS ATTIRE
- **END OF YEAR CONCERT: ALL CLASSES and all CHOIRS perform** – Wavell High School Hall – 5.30 p.m. – All students please meet your class teacher at 5 p.m. **MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER** (Senior students will need to wear “All black clothing” and bring a small pocket-sized torch).
- **PIZZA PARTY – ALL CHOIR STUDENTS (COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE REQUIRED TO ATTEND PARTY) – WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER** – Please return your permission form and money by **Friday 4TH December**.

**CHOIR**

**JOINT Junior and Senior Choir REHEARSAL: TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER AT FIRST BREAK**

Senior Choir students – For the End of Year Concert –
- Please wear all black (black shirt (no logos), black pants or long skirt, black shoes, black hair accessories).
- Please bring a small torch/flashlight to the rehearsals and for the concert.

**MUSIC REQUISITES FOR 2016...**

**Prep:** Display folder

**Year 1:** Display folder, Music Manuscript exercise book

**Year 2:** Display folder, Music Manuscript exercise book

**Year 3:** Display folder, Music Manuscript exercise book, YAMAHA recorder, (1Jam Blackbelt Recorder Textbook – BOOK 1 – YELLOW from Year 3).

**Year 4:** Display folder, Music Manuscript exercise book, YAMAHA recorder, (1Jam Blackbelt Recorder Textbook – BOOK 1 – YELLOW from Year 3 & 1Jam Blackbelt Recorder Textbook – BOOK 2 – BLUE from Yr 3 & Yr4).

**Year 5:** Display folder, Music Manuscript exercise book, YAMAHA recorder, (1Jam Blackbelt Recorder Textbook – BOOK 1 – YELLOW from Year 3 & 1Jam Blackbelt Recorder Textbook – BOOK 2 – BLUE from Yr 3 & Yr4).

**Year 6:** Display folder, Music Manuscript exercise book, YAMAHA recorder, (1Jam Blackbelt Recorder Textbook – BOOK 1 – YELLOW from Year 3 & 1Jam Blackbelt Recorder Textbook – BOOK 2 – BLUE from Yr 3 & Yr4).

**INSTRUMENTS OF MASS INSTRUCTION**

Congratulations to those students who attended Kedron State High School’s INSTRUMENTS OF MASS INSTRUCTION! music induction on Wednesday. You all worked extremely hard and presented wonderful performances at the afternoon concert!

Michelle Lupton – Classroom Music Teacher

**MUSIC NOTES**

In 2MG we have been focusing our brain power on improving our mental maths. We have been doing this in many different ways. We have ‘Good Morning Fast Facts’ that allow us to practice our addition number sentences. Dice games that give us many opportunities to solve addition and subtraction problems for one and two digit numbers. We play card games and are getting faster and faster at counting cards in addition and subtraction problems. Mrs Bloxham has been into our room to help with maths groups. We have been focusing on improving strategies that each of us need to, in small group work using concrete materials.

In our writing we have been focusing on how to write in first person and retell stories. It is super fun ‘being’ the characters in books we have loved and enjoyed this year and retelling them as different characters.

**P&C NEWS**

Pop Up Tuckshop

Thank you everyone for supporting our Pop Up Tuckshop on Wednesday. The children all looked very happy and it was so nice to have the tuckshop open once again. If you missed this week we have another two days of sushi on 2 December and 9 December. The order form is attached. To help us make these last two days run smoothly please get your order in by the Friday prior through classroom collection. No online orders are accepted. Order forms are also available from office and uniform shop.

Each sushi roll will be $2.50 and drinks $1.50. All orders get a free piece of fruit. Only one sushi roll is NOT gluten free.

We need some parents urgently from the younger year groups to help with the sushi next week. Help will mean that parents of older children can still

**CHAPLAINCY NEWS**

Can YOU do something for someone this Christmas?

**YES YOU CAN!!**

The PROJECT PANTRY FOOD DRIVE for Burnie Brae began last Tuesday. This wonderful organisation makes and distributes food hampers for the elderly in our local community. At Kedron we’d like our children to value giving to others this Christmas.

Mr Dalton’s WHEELBARROW will be parked outside the tuckshop at the collection point on 4 more occasions. Items can be carefully placed within.

We will collect before and after school on **Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd December**.

Please consider sending packets or cans of non-perishable food items or personal products.

‘Thank you everyone for sending golden coins along with the children yesterday. We raised a huge $627.80 from our free dress and crazy hairdos.

Guess how many wheelbarrowfuls of food we have collected for Project Pantry??? THREE. Can we make it to TEN???

Can YOU help someone this Christmas? Yes YOU can.

Chappy Leanne - Chaplain

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS**

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

**STUDENT** | **AWARDED FOR** | **CLASS**
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Abigail W | Being an independent and responsible learner | Prep 1/L
Jackson J | Improvement you have shown in your writing this term and always working hard in class | Prep C
Andrea C | Doing a great job with your writing Outstanding team player | 1A
Tayla M | Demonstrating persistence in all areas of the curriculum Having a “You can do it” attitude at all times | 1GC
Trinity M | Always being happy and enthusiastic about the things you do | 2/3H
Alyssa F | Being a persistent writer | 2MG
Oliver A | Showing great courage and confidence during your media assessment | 3D
Kobi W | Showing persistence with your friends and having a mature attitude | 3ZM
Summer G | Awesome effort and confidence demonstrated when reading analogue times | 4H
Juliette C | Showing exemplary positive behaviour inside and outside the classroom | 4VG
Georgia L | Great attitude to literacy circle week | 5B
Evan Lovassy | Well done for a well-written story about your hungry insect | 6F
4/5V | Well done for working quietly on independent tasks | Japanese Class
1GC | Consistently working well in music lessons | Music Student
2J | Great listening and being very organized and ready for your swimming lessons | PE Class
see them swim at the swimming carnival. Help is really easy with just packing up orders (required). Please email pandcpresident@kedronss.eq.edu.au as soon as possible if you can help.

Sushi will be delivered to the swimming pool on the day of the carnival. If you are a parent and would like to order you are more than welcome to. Please ensure each child’s or parents order is on a separate order sheet and returned by Friday prior.

**Ellaways Music**

Did you know that the school participates in the Ellaways music sponsorship program? The school receives $2.00 for every $100 spent by KSS families at Ellaways, this can be spent by the school to purchase music items including sheet music, instruments and accessories. All you have to do is pick up a student card and then mention our school name every time a purchase is made. Help us support the music programme at Kedron State School and remember to always mention the school when at Ellaways!

**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 us if you would be willing to contact some electricians or know any that would be able to do this work for us.

**Prep Play in the Park**

To welcome our new 2016 prep children to our school, 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 received 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. You will see these changes made over the school holidays (weather permitting). A big thank you to Kerry Reithmuller and the group of parents that spent a lot of time ensuring we got this right!

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**The Christmas Stall is coming!!!**

The Christmas Stall is back this year and the organising committee are working busily to bring you some really exciting things to choose from.

There are items that will appeal to the whole family!

- All items will be $5 and under
- When: Friday 4th December 2015
- All classes will have an opportunity to visit the stall and the children may return at first break (after eating time) to make further purchases...so start saving now!

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**Trevanna Lang - P&C President**

pandcpresident@kedronss.eq.edu.au

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

Uniform Shop Open
Tuesday afternoon 2:50pm– 3:20pm
Friday morning 8:30am – 9:00am
for all your uniform requirements.
We accept payment by EFTPOS, Cash or Cheque for all P&C monies

**Extra Opening Times**

- The uniform shop will be open on the Thursday and Friday of the last week of the holidays, from 9:00–11:00 and on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning in the first week of school of 2016.
- At these times, we will be very busy, we will need some extra volunteers for those days. Please contact me on 0403 821 190 or catherinehowell@optusnet.com.au if you could work on one of those days.

**Senior shirt order forms**

were due back by 20/11/15. If there is anyone who still wishes to order please send your form back immediately, or contact me if you would like to discuss a payment plan on 0403 821 190.

The uniform shop can sell your second-hand uniforms for you. If you are going to bring us a bag at the end of the year, drop in and pick up a form before you bring the clothes, so that we have all your details and can pay you when the clothes sell. Or email me and I will send you one.

**Bunnings**

Bunnings donated a box of rain Ponchos to the school, to be given away for free. If you would like a free poncho, just ask!

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

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**SCHOOL BANKING**

Banking is finished for 2015

This week was the last week that you could make a school banking deposit. Rewards ordered this week will be distributed next week, so if you have received an order slip, but haven’t chosen what you want yet...you’ll have to wait for next year. But that’s ok because there will be some exciting rewards on offer in 2016 as well as some old favourites.

**Want to help next year?**

Join us in 2016! Our banking day is Tuesday. We start at 8.45am and usually finish by 9.30am. You will help to collect deposit books from each classroom, stamp deposit slips, and count and total money collected. It’s that simple! It’s also a great way to be a part of the school, get to know other parents and teachers, and contribute to helping KSS kids develop good savings habits.

**Thank you**

A huge thank you to our 2015 school banking helpers! I couldn’t have done it without you. Thank you for your time, patience and counting prowess!

Also, a huge thank you to the kids that save their money and deposit it into their bank accounts through the school banking program. All of the commission that we earn from your deposits goes straight to the KSS Student Council who decide how best to use this money. They develop valuable decision making, teamwork and leadership skills by working together and it’s been great to see this year’s members focus on some very important socially minded initiatives. Well done Student Council!

Keep saving kids! See you in 2016 J

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**Paula Sellin – School Banking**

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**STRINGS NEWS**

All students who we received an EOI form have been accepted into the program and new enrolment forms were sent home on Tuesday. Please fill out and return or scan and email as soon as you can. If you have not received a form titled “New enrolment form” please let me know.

Re enrolment forms have been collected and we are now in the process of collating all information. If your child is NOT continuing please email Cath so that we can remove your name from the contact list.

All instruments (except cellos) are to be returned after this Friday’s lesson for servicing and reallocation.

Have a great holiday and see you all in 2016.

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

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**Anne Grimes – Strings Coordinator**

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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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**YMCA KEDRON OSHC**

**School Banking**

Wow what a “A nice walk through the jungle” we had with Prep 1/I on assembly this week.

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**Fun, creative and unique school holiday workshops**

The Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts is running DeadlyArts – indigenous culture workshops for primary school aged children this Christmas holidays at its easy to access, Kangaroo Point studios. DeadlyArts brings Aboriginal culture to life and opens children’s minds to a world of holiday dreamtime. Let your child learn first-hand about the inspiring and ago-old culture of Australia’s first people. Contact ACPA on 3392 4420 for further information and bookings, or email admin@acpa.net.au