THE YEAR THAT WAS.......

MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY
SEE YOU IN 2016
Thank You

A fabulous school community such as ours is built on the hard work and commitment of so many people. It really does take a village to raise a child and each day our Kedron village makes a difference to the children that walk through our gates. To our wonderful teachers, your tireless efforts will continue to influence the lives of your students long after they leave the classroom this year. To our administration officers, school officer, teacher aides and cleaning team, thank you for ensuring the teachers and students have the best support.

I would like to send a huge vote of thanks and also congratulations to the National Representative Janine Pavlik and the P&C for your assistance in assuring that the Kedron State School P&C. I have watched in awe this year as you have made ‘magic’ out of sheer hard work and commitment. There is a small $20 fee associated with the programs which includes the cost of the Chinese language textbook. To apply, students need to commit to the full program and would need to be expected to attend every week. The school leaders of Kedron State School 2016 are Chenoa Rogers 3ZM. We wish them all the very best on the next iteration of their teaching journey and sincerely thank them for the wonderful work they have done with our students this year.

2016 School Leaders

The school leaders of Kedron State School 2016 are an exceptional bunch of students. I am so looking forward to working with them as they explore the many facets of leadership. Congratulations again to –

School Captains – Tom O and Leah H

Vice Captains Ethan Z and Ashleigh Y

and the newly announced –

Music Captains – Keisha N and Caitlyn D

Sports Captains –

Phillip House

Luke P and Lucy P

Stuart House

Tariq and Isabella N

Bower House

Tania M and Patrick F

Finally, to all the Kedron families I wish you a safe, happy Christmas and New Year filled with all the important things, family, love and health. I look forward to welcoming everyone back in 2016 after a well-deserved school holiday ready for more fun.

Susie

Susie Randel-Kniepp – Principal

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Curriculum News

Yesterday you should have received your child’s report card. As Mrs R-K said in last week’s newsletter, please take the time to discuss the results and future focus areas with your child. Hours of work and considerable thought have been given to these reports by the class teachers and the specialists and I would like to sincerely thank them, our teacher aides, our fabulous office ladies, as well as my fellow leadership team members for the work they have done to ensure these have been completed within the given timeframes.

Infuse- Extension programs to be run by Kedron High School (KSHS) next year

Next year in Semester One, KSHS will be offering extension programs to students in Yr 3&4 in the areas of STEM (Science Technology, Engineering and Maths), Music and Languages (Chinese and Spanish). These programs will focus on small group project based learning at an introductory level with specialist staff from Kedron High as well as visiting tertiary and industry ambassadors. At the conclusion of the 11 week program in Semester 1, Infuse will culminate in a showcase at Kedron SHS for parents, teachers and members of the community.

The Year 5&6 programs will run in Semester 2 and start in the week beginning the 22nd August for 11 weeks. These programs will run on similar lines to the Year 3&4 programs but are aimed at those students who demonstrate excellence in STEM, Music or Languages.

To apply, students need to have a passion for the subject area chosen, collect a form from the office, fill in the double sided form, attach a copy of the most recent report and hand in to the office for endorsement and once this is done take it to the high school. There is a small $20 fee associated with the programs which will be used towards resources. Students will be expected to commit to the full program which runs across 11 weeks. STEM will run on Tuesdays from the 16th February, Music will be on Wednesdays starting the 17th February and Languages- both Chinese and Spanish will be on Thursday afternoons starting from the 18th February.

Forms and monies for the Year 3&4 program needs to be handed into Kedron High by the 29th January, 2016 (Week 1 of the school year) and forms for the Year 5&6 program need to be at Kedron High by the 21st March, (the last Monday of 1st term). If your child is interested in these programs please collect the forms from our school office.

If you require further information please ring Kedron High on 3630 3333 or visit their website.

In closing- have a great break

I would like to wish all of our students and their families a restful, safe, joyous and happy holiday and New Year. Thank you for all your support over 2015.

For those students who are departing, we will miss you and of course, I wish all the very best to our departing Year 6 students who I am sure will use the skills they have learnt across their primary years to build a bright future for themselves.

To those of you who have students returning, I look forward to seeing you all back here on the first day of school – Tuesday 27th January, 2016.

That’s all for this year,

Liza Whitlock – Deputy Principal
OFFICE NOTES

We would like to wish all of our wonderful Kedron families a magic Christmas and a wonderful restful break. Looking forward to seeing all the happy faces back again in 2016. Stay safe.

Lou & Dale - Administration

CLASSROOM NEWS

MUSIC NOTES

Congratulations to all KEDRON SS students and staff who performed at the Christmas Carols and the End of Year concert. You all performed beautifully and confidently.

Great effort!

MUSIC LEADERS FOR 2016:

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded the position of MUSIC LEADER to begin in 2016:

Lucy P, Ashleigh M, Holly R, Lauryn W, Talee J, Tilly D, Shehzeen H, Takumi O, Isabella N, Saskia T, Sarah P and Jenimia B. I know that you will be wonderful role models and a great support for our music groups.

Thank you for a fabulous year of music learning – Busking Days, Kedron Idol, Choral Honours Camps, Strings, Concert Band and Vocal Music Camps, Singfest, Recitals, Music Extravaganzas, Fete, EOY concert, Christmas Carols...classroom music, concert band, recorder band, strings ensembles... You have achieved so much! Enjoy the holidays, have a magical and merry Christmas, and I’m looking forward to many more musical endeavours with the Kedron SS community in 2016!

MUSIC REQUISITES FOR 2016...

Prep: Display folder
Year 1: Display folder, Music Manuscript exercise book
Year 2: Display folder, Music Manuscript exercise book

Michelle Lupton – Classroom Music Teacher

PE NEWS

Another great year of sport has concluded. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have volunteered over term 4 to help with the swimming program, especially those parents who have got in the pool and taken groups or individual children for lessons.

Without your help and keen participation, rain or shine, the swimming program would not be able to run the way it does.

I appreciate every one of you for helping with the change rooms, swimming lesson or just keeping a close eye on those that participate during a lesson. I look forward to seeing you all again in term 1, 2016 when all the fun and swimming continues!!

Have a safe and happy Christmas break and I look forward to another fantastic year in sport in 2016!!

Sharon Walsh – PE Teacher

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

Today on Parade we had the pleasure of celebrating our very successful efforts for Project Pantry. Kristen, a Burnie Brae representative awarded the Kedron school community with a certificate of appreciation. I was thrilled to learn that our students produced the BIGGEST EVER donation!!!

Burnie Brae were flabbergasted by the Kedron response!! We collected 7 WHEELBARROWS full of food and personal items. We send to you, the Mums and Dads of the Kedron children, a resounding THANK YOU for realising the importance of encouraging the next generation to give from their plenty.

Did we help someone this Christmas time?
YES WE DID - over 400 hamper recipients will receive your help.
Wishing you a blessed Christmas season and a happy and safe holiday.

Chappy Leanne – Chaplain

UNIFORM SHOP

Thank you so much to all my volunteers this year, especially to Karen. The shop could not operate without you!

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 school week of 2016. We still only have 2 volunteers working on the first day back at school. If you are visiting the shop that morning, please be patient and prepared for long lines. Please contact me on 0403 821 190 or catherinehowell@optusnet.com.au if you could work on one of those days.

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.

Catherine Howell – Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS

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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

YMCA KEDRON OSHC

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Before and After School Care
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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 learn to swim lessons in a safe, fun, friendly environment. 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
- Adult 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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Happy Holidays