Welcome to our Kedron Family 2016!
Parent Information Evening – Tuesday 9th February 2 x sessions 5:15pm – 5:45pm/6:25pm–6:35pm
First 2016 P&C Meeting – Tuesday 9th February 7:00pm in the Professional Learning Hub.

Teachers will provide more specific information relevant to year level events in class newsletters that will be sent home next week.

Until next week,

Susie Susie Randel-Kneipp – Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Welcome back

I would like to welcome everyone back to what I am sure is going to be a fabulous year. It was great to see that all our students had returned safely, how quickly and eagerly they settled in – including all our Preps and new students.

My thanks go to all our wonderful teachers in their organisation and management which allowed this to not only happen, but in how they make it look so easy- which of course it isn’t. A big thank you also goes to you as parents for having them ready to start with such enthusiasm.

Classroom News

Our Parent information night will be held on Tuesday 9th February. We are looking forward to seeing you all at these sessions so please keep the date free. The format will be the same as in previous years and further information will be in next week’s newsletter.

Important dates for Year 3s and Year 5s

NAPLAN TESTING will be in Week 4 of term 2- Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th, Thursday 12th May with catch up day on Friday the 13thof May. If your child is in Year 3 or Year 5 please keep these dates free so they can sit these tests.

Meeting your children of an afternoon – Safety, focus and independence – It is very distracting to both teachers and students if parents come up onto verandas during lesson times.

As a community we want to ensure the best learning and personal growth for our students.

So please assist by meeting your children at 3:00 o’clock near the bottom of the stairs and not on the verandas.

This allows:

* both teachers and students to continue optimum learning and remain free of distraction
* for the maximum amount of space to stay free for the approximately 25 students in each class to exit the room safely .....and
* students to build independence and confidence.

The 2 minute zones on both 9th and 10th Avenue

Student safety is a priority at Kedron State School. We have employed 2 of our teacher aides to monitor both 9th & 10th Avenue ‘Stop Drop and Go Zones’, each afternoon from 3:00 – 3:15pm. This will ensure not only student safety but also the effective use of these zones at the busiest times.

In the interest of our student and parent safety:

1. When using these zones, Please do not park earlier than 3:00pm to collect your child.
2. Remember that the time limit is 2 minutes (maximum) and parents are not to leave their vehicle and come into the school.

We thank our community in advance for adhering to these safety precautions.

That’s all for this week,

Lisa Whitlock – Deputy Principal

OFFICE NOTES

Prep Resource Scheme – payments can now be made at the office.
Payment of $110.00 is required if you would like your child to receive the stationery & reading eggs program for Prep.

Reading Eggs Program - Prep – Yr 3 – payment of $20.00 can now be paid at the office

Mathletics – Prep – Year 6 – payment of $12.00 can now be made at the office.

Headsets – if you have received headsets in your book order and would like them engraved, please label and pop them into the office.

Absentee Line – If your child is going to be absent for the day, please call our absentee line on 3621 3466.

Lou & Dale – Administration Team
CLASSROOM NEWS

PE NEWS

Just a reminder that swimming for Term 1 starts next week on Monday the 1st February. This term we are concentrating on Stroke Development.

The classes are as follows –
Monday – 6F, 6K, 5V, SB, 4W, 3/4R, 1C
Tuesday – 2MG, 2H, 3C, 1J
Wednesday – Prep M, Prep D, Prep H (start week 5), 4/5H, 1/2G, 3H (start week 2)

WHAT YOUR CHILD NEEDS

Swimming bag, togs, towel, brush or comb. It is COMPULSORY for a swimming cap and sun shirt to be worn at every lesson. Girls are encouraged to wear one piece togs (no bikinis)

All ITEMS MUST BE MARKED WITH THE CHILD’S NAME

NOTE: Jewellery is not permitted. Sleepers/studs may be worn.

EXCEPTIONS: If there are any medical or other conditions that do not allow your child to swim on a particular day, a note signed by a parent or guardian is required. Swimming is an essential part of the school Physical Education program and all children are expected to attend.

All lessons will continue even if it is raining so please send the children’s swim gear along on that day. The only reason we would cancel a lesson is if there is a thunderstorm that may develop during the day.

If you are able to help out with supervision in your child’s lesson, please contact your classroom teacher as soon as possible. We especially need a number of parent helpers who are willing to get in the pool for Prep, Year 1 and Year 2. Your help is greatly appreciated and needed for the program to run successfully.

Sharon Walsh – PE Teacher

P&C NEWS

KSS P&C MEETING
TUESDAY, 9th February, 2016
TIME: 7:00pm
WHERE: KSS Hall / Multimedia Room
Everyone Welcome

Happy New Year!
Here we are at the start of the 2016 – we hope you’re well rested and excited to start the new school year.
As always, our groups, initiatives and programmes are the result of many of us working together - contributing a little or a little more as we’re able - to make Kedron State School the best place it can be for our kids.

Co-ordinate School Banking

One of the great initiatives the P&C is involved in is School Banking. Huge thanks to Paula S whose efforts last year greatly increased student participation and via the bank’s programme, rewarded these students for their repeat deposits and improved their money knowledge along the way. Can you help in 2016? So that we keep the momentum, and launch the new year strongly, the programme urgently needs a person (or, with a friend, a team of two?) to pick up and continue co-ordinating School Banking this year. Please reply to pandcsecretary@kedronss.eq.edu.au if you’re keen and able, or would just like to know a little more.

Consider P&C Executive Positions 2016

Every year, the P&C Executive is elected at our Annual General Meeting, in March. Our executive positions are President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Assistant-Treasurer and Secretary. Holding an executive position is about working as a team – with the school, other P&C members and school families - to facilitate initiatives, create community and improve our children’s experience and outcomes at KSS. Not all incumbents will be renominating this year and all positions are open for nominations. Interested? Our AGM is on Tuesday 8th March and you must notify the current Exec if you have a question, in the meantime.

Lend a hand with the Pop up Tuckshop

After the popularity of the pop up sushi tuckshop days at the end of last year, we have decided to bring it back this term on Wednesdays, starting week 3. If you can lend a hand please contact:- pandcsecretary@kedronss.eq.edu.au as soon as possible.

Enjoy our Prep Playground

We’re excited about the revamped Prep playground, created with some of the funds from last year’s fete, the first of the projects delivered of those planned to improve the school’s grounds over time.

Get excited about our Movie Night

26th Feb

And... get your beanbags and picnic blankets ready for our movie night on Friday 26th February. The P&C are organising this as a welcome to the new year and to our KSS community. Keep your eyes out for posters around school and the school newsletter for more details in coming weeks.

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

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop Open
Tuesday afternoon 3:00 – 3:30pm
Friday morning 8:30am – 9:00am
for all your uniform requirements.

We accept payment by EFTPOS, Cash or Cheque for all P&C monies

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped at uniform shop on the holidays and the first week back. Your help is invaluable, and very much appreciated.

The uniform shop will return to normal opening times next week – 8.30 to 9.00 on Friday mornings and 3.00-3.30 on Tuesday afternoons.

If you can’t make it to the shop on those days, there is an order form available on the school website which your child can put in the collection basket on a Tuesday or Friday and the clothes will be sent home with your child.

Senior shirts should arrive by week 4 and will be sent home with your child when they arrive.

Catherine Howell – Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

BOOK CLUB

Welcome to all our new families and welcome back to all our existing families. Kedron State School students are able to participate in both Scholastic and Redgum book club.

Scholastic Book Club

Brochures are distributed to students eight times a school year. Order deadlines and payment due dates will be advertised in the school newsletter. 20% of sales are paid back to the school for library resources. 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.

Check out the scholastic book club web page www.scholastic.com.au/books/bookclub to enter some great competitions.

Redgum Book Club

The Redgum Book Club is an Australian owned book club predominantly supporting Australian authors, illustrators and publishers. Four brochures are distributed to the oldest sibling per family each term. There is a free gift with every order. 25% of all sales return to the school to be used on literacy resources. Order deadlines are posted in the school newsletter and are listed on each brochure.

There are 5 ways to order online, email, fax, phone or post. To find further information on all titles and products as well as to order go to www.redgumbookclub.com.au. You can pay by credit card or cheque. Cheques must be made out to Redgum Book Club and posted to Reply Post 30, PO Box 935, Mona Vale, NSW 1660.

For special occasions, e.g. Christmas, birthdays etc. you may not want your child to know about the book club.

Patience Orford 0438 384 168 - Book Club Co-ordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Before and After School Care
Vacation Care Available

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
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

NORTHS St Joseph’s Junior Rugby League & Netball Club

Clubhouse: 142 Wellington St, Virginia Q 4014
Post: PO Box 238, Banyo Q 4014
Tel: 07 3266 6748, Fax: 07 3266 6749
Email: admin@stjoseys.com.au Website: www.stjoseys.com.au

NORTHS JUNIORS 'DEVILS' RUGBY LEAGUE

2016 SIGN-ON DAY

Sunday 7th February

10am – 2pm

Albert Bishop Park, Cnr Amelia & Franklin Streets, Nundah

PH: 07 3266 6748

U6s – U18s.

New players must present birth certificate or passport.

Please visit www.northsjuniors.com.au for fees and training times.

Norths Juniors accepts ‘Get Started’ vouchers towards fees.

Play Soccer and Have Fun!

Join Nundah Wavell Soccer Club

Sign on Saturday 6 February 9am-1pm &
Wednesday 10 February 6pm-8pm

at the North East Baptist Church, Chapel St. Nundah. Boys and girls both welcome. Mixed teams U6-U14, U15/16 boys & U15/16 girls. Affordable registration fees.

Opportunities for local and state representative teams. Home ground Marchant Park Ellison Road, Chermside.

Pre-enter registration details online before sign on day.

For more information, online registration & FAQ visit

www.playsoccer.org.au

Or email info@nunwavsoccer.org