This Week At Kedron ..

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Principal's News

Thank goodness for a much cooler week. It has been great to see the students back under the shady trees at lunchtime. This week Kedron State School opened the doors of our classrooms to share with parents the teaching, learning and events that are scheduled to make 2016 an exciting year of learning for our students. It was wonderful to see so many of our families committed to the partnership of education.

In my Principal Address on Tuesday evening, I spoke about the strategic direction of our school this year, the value statement and improvement agenda that will focus our course of action. Many of you will now have heard both the teachers and the children articulate what ‘connecting every learner, everyday in every way for success’ means. The class of 3C did a magnificent job of sharing with us their understanding as their celebration of learning on assembly this week.

Our Improvement Agenda is defined by the priorities that we will concentrate on for the 2016 school year.

- Improve teaching practice and consistency through implementation of the Kedron State School Pedagogical Framework, including High Impact Teaching and delivering balanced subject specific programs inclusive of agreed school programs (Reading, Writing, Spelling and Number).
- Focus on improving student achievement in Literacy.
- Focus on improving student achievement in Numeracy.
- Sharpen the focus on differentiation and Student Wellbeing to cater for the diverse learning needs of students.

The Kedron State School Pedagogical Framework

You may have already, and certainly will hear this document referred to many times throughout the school year. All classrooms have copies that are easily accessible to teachers, children and parents. This guideline frames the work of teaching and learning that occurs throughout our school. It is shared and owned by the school community – teachers, para professionals, students and parents. The 5 dimensions articulate how Kedron State School delivers high quality curriculum and teaching that ensures each child has the very best opportunity for success. This term I will unpack each dimension as a brief deconstruction of how they relate to what occurs in classrooms and what it is that parents need to know.

The first dimension articulates the Intended Curriculum. As many parents already know, Kedron State School delivers the accountable Learning Areas of the Australian Curriculum these include English, Maths, Science, History and Geography. In time, the Learning Areas of the Arts, HPE and Civics and Citizenship and Economics and Business will also be part of the suite of learning described by the Australian Curriculum. Underpinning this curriculum is a series of programs that we have designed as a school to maximise the literacy and numeracy opportunities for students. Parents are officially informed as to their child’s progress against these mandated
curriculum outcomes at end of semester reporting. The curriculum and achievement standards are all described in year level junctures making it easy and transparent for parents to access exactly what it is that their children need to know and do. For additional information parents can access the Australian Curriculum website.

Until next week,

*Susie*

**Deputy Principal News**

**Safety In and Around our School**

To keep our students safe in and around our school, we request that no students play on the adventure playgrounds before school. This limits the possibility of falls, keeps the children calm and clean so they are ready for learning and also allows our staff the time to do that all important preparation before school lessons can start promptly at 8:45am.

When leaving of an afternoon, please ensure your children enter the car from the footpath side of the vehicle. With the high traffic flow around our school at 3:00pm, it is incredibly dangerous loading students into cars from the driver’s side of the vehicle. We also request that students do not go on the playgrounds after school as there is no teacher supervision at this time and our staff are often in meetings, attending professional development or doing preparation for the following day.

**My Parade Awards**

My parade awards this year will focus on our school expectations of Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Be a Learner.

Each week I will have a reminder message for the students about one of these expectations and an award where the recipient will be based on the behaviours I see when students exhibit these expected behaviours.

The recipient of the first of my awards was 3C for ‘Be a Learner’ and they certainly reinforced my choice with their “Connected Learners” assembly presentation.

That’s all for this week,

*Lisa Whitlock*

*Deputy Principal*

**From The Desk - Head Of Teaching And Learning**

**Homework**

**Background**

Homework provides students with opportunities to consolidate their classroom learning, pattern behaviour for lifelong learning beyond the classroom and involve family members in their learning. The setting of homework takes into account the need for students to have a balanced lifestyle. This includes sufficient time for family, recreation and cultural pursuits.

Homework that enhances student learning:

- is purposeful and relevant to students needs
- is appropriate to the phase of learning
- is appropriate to the capability of the student
- develops the student’s independence as a learner
- is varied, challenging and clearly related to class work
- allows for student commitment to recreational, employment, family and cultural activities

Homework can engage students in independent learning to complement work undertaken in class through:

- revision and critical reflection to consolidate learning (practising for mastery)
- applying knowledge and skills in new contexts (a topic of interest, an authentic local issue)
- pursuing knowledge individually and imaginatively (investigating, researching, writing, designing, making)
- preparing for forthcoming classroom learning (collecting relevant materials, items, information).

**Homework Expectations at Kedron State School**

Each sector of the school has expectations that align with their capabilities and time allocations that are developmental appropriate.

**Prep**

In Prep, many activities at home or in play can assist children to develop literacy, numeracy and problem-solving skills.

**Homework tasks may include:**
• Daily reading to, with, and by parents/caregivers or other family members. A take home reading folder will be sent home from Week 4. The expectation when engaging with the books and nursery rhymes is a shared experience between child and adult. As children become more competent with some known words and gain a mastery of the concepts of print the balance of reading responsibility will shift and your children will become more confident to take control of appropriate texts themselves. This reading focus with some sight words to practice as the year progresses should be no more than 10 mins per evening.

• Linking concepts with familiar activities such as shopping, preparation of food, local environment and family outings.

• Conversations about what is happening at school.

• Opportunities to write for meaningful purpose.

Year 1 – 2
The early years is about exposure to and mastery of foundational skills, hence homework in years 1 & 2 will be centred on building reading mileage and acquiring mastery regarding differentiated sight words and number facts. A Mathletics component may be introduced to consolidate learning at the student’s instructional level. Homework for this phase should be approximately 10-15min per evening.

Year 3 - 5
As students move away from the early reading phase and into independent reading, time should be allocated each night for reading enjoyment and text choice. Monitoring your child’s reading engagement is important as it provides a valuable opportunity for parents to discuss what is being read. Reading mileage and a range and balance of text selection is important.

A review of new maths concepts that requires consolidation is of merit. A Mathletics component may be introduced to consolidate learning at the student’s instructional match. Homework for this phase should be no longer than 15-20 min per evening.

Year 6
In year 6 homework can be completed daily or set over a weekly or fortnightly period and may:

• Include daily independent reading.
• Be coordinated across different subject areas.
• Include extension of class work, projects and research.

The use of a diary system encourages scheduling habits important in Junior Secondary. Homework should be no longer than 20-30 minutes on average several evenings a week.

At Kedron State School we appreciate that every family has commitments that may affect the completion of your child’s homework. We encourage parents to discuss any challenges in relation to homework with your child’s teacher.

Mathletics

In 2016 students at Kedron State School will engage with Mathletics which is Australia’s most used educational website. Mathletics switches children onto Maths, is fun, supportive and effective for students of all ages and abilities. This extensive resource will be used in each classroom to support and differentiate the learning for students and may also be integrated as a component for homework.

Mathletics logon details will be provided to students who have made the licensing payment of $12 to the Office. It is easily accessible on both PCs and Ipads (by simply downloading the free Mathletics app from iTunes). We look forward to all our students engaging with this contemporary form of learning.

Enjoy a great week.
Hayley Bloxham

Office Notes

Payments

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

Mathletics – Prep – Year 6
Payment of $12.00

Voluntary Contribution Scheme
Payment of $50.00 per child

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.

Documents and Forms
School documents and forms can be found on our school website.

Lou & Dale – Administration Team

Student Of The Week

Chloe C  Prep D  Wonderful start to your school journey
Georgia M  Prep M  Confident manner and thoughtful ways in making a great start to the year
Alfred A  Prep T  Being a respectful and friendly member of our classroom
Edward P  1C  Being a positive and engaged learner everyday
Charlize A  1J  Being an organised and responsible learner
Arshia D  1/2G  Being organised and ready to learn

Ursula C  2H  Being organised for each activity, listening and being involved and doing your best
Jack B  2MG  Displaying confidence, a positive attitude and super star listening
Brianna F  3C  Always modeling the Kedron behaviour expectations
Hannah B  3H  Setting an outstanding example to all students both inside and outside the classroom
Otis E  3/4R  Being organised, on task and responsible in the classroom
William H  4W  Being a wonderful helper
Helen K  4/5H  Wonderful work with your plot summaries about our class novel
Pippa D  5B  Super organised in English when reading the class book
Wah Moo H  5V  A great start to the year,
**City District Swimming Carnival**

Good luck to all the swimmers competing at the City District Swimming Carnival at the Valley Pool tomorrow. Swim hard and swim fast but most of all enjoy the day.

Gates open 7:45am. Warm up 8:00am. Carnival starts 8:30am

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**City District AFL Trials**

IMPORTANT TIME CHANGE – please note all students who are wishing to trial for the AFL - trials are on Friday 26th February. The time of the trials has been changed to 12:00 – 3:00pm.

AFL forms are due on Friday. Basketball forms were due last Friday.

Just a reminder that all forms need to be handed in and signed by the Principal for you to be eligible to go.

**CROSS COUNTRY**

Cross Country training will be starting Week 5. Everyone from Prep – 6 are welcome to attend. Keep Monday and Wednesday mornings free between 8:10am – 8:40am. More details about the training in next weeks newsletter.

Sharon Walsh - PE Teacher

**Music News**

**Choir**

Choir enrolment forms have been sent home this week. Please return the signed forms to the Music Room. Junior Choir rehearses each Tuesday at 1st break. Senior Choir rehearses each Wednesday at 1st break. Choir students will need to bring a display folder to each rehearsal. A choir sticker chart and lyrics are kept in this display folder.

**Recorder**

All classes began recorder lessons in Week 2 and a “Practice Chart” was sent home. Students are asked to play their recorder for 5 minutes each day or a total of 35 minutes per week. Students work through the songs in their textbook, using the accompanying CD. Parents are requested to sign their child’s practice sheets each week. Recorder “Blackbelt” testing occurs each Monday at 2nd break in the Music Room. The “test” song is the song featured before each coloured test page in the textbook.

**Tools for Learning**

Students in Years 3 to 6 are required to bring “5 TOOLS FOR LEARNING” to each Music Lesson. These tools are:

1. Yamaha Recorder
3. Display Folder
4. Manuscript Music Exercise Book
5. Pencil Case (glue, scissors, lead pencil, rubber, colours)

Kedron Idol
Kedron Idol auditions will begin shortly with the P & C kindly donating some wonderful prizes! If you have a talent (singing, dancing, acting, instrumental, magic…...), please start rehearsing. Entry forms will be handed out in Week 5. Prep to Year 6 students are welcome to enter.

Michelle Lupton

P&C News

February meeting wrap up
Tuesday night was our first meeting for the year and it was wonderful to see some new (and returning) faces! Some of the key items discussed were the prep playground working bee, school facilities masterplan, Kedron Idol continuing sponsorship, Yr 6 yearbook process and fundraising events for 2016. We also received updates from the Principal and various programs operated by the P&C such as strings, tuckshop, book club, banking and uniform shop. If you would like to receive meeting agendas and minutes please email pandcsecretary@kedronss.edu.eq.au

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 – in the meantime, just ask any of the current Exec if you have a question.

Sushi Pop Up Tuckshop

After the popularity of the pop up sushi tuckshop days at the end of last year, we are running it again this term in weeks 3-8. This week was very popular and the kids loved receiving their fresh sushi. Thank you everyone for your support.

A link to the order form for the first three weeks is attached below and can also be obtained from the office. You can order three weeks in advance to make it even easier. Please provide exact money as no change can be given. Place your envelopes in collection boxes in the classrooms on Wednesday and Friday mornings only please. Please do not hand in orders at the office. Deadline is Friday before. For families with more than one child, please use one form per child so we can get the orders correct.

Movie Night- Friday, 26 February
Get your beanbags and picnic blankets ready for our movie night on Friday, 26 February, featuring the fun family movie "Up". 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 the school and you can also download a copy below.

Movie Night Sponsor
They say it takes a village to raise a child and Kedron is a village with a big heart! Over the years we have had many generous sponsors for our P&C run events. Our community values this support and, in turn, our families think of these businesses first when looking for local suppliers.

Do you have a family business or work for a local business that might like to sponsor our movie night?

For a donation of $50 your business could really assist with this worthwhile event and would be promoted on the big screen on movie night, as well as in the school newsletter.

For further information please contact Melanie Cooke - melanie@cookeitup.com

Movie Night Volunteers
A drinks and pop corn stall has been organised to make the most of this family night. We need your help to make it a fun and enjoyable evening for all. Please help us by volunteering from 5:30-7.30 pm in either stall, aiming for half hour shifts. Our former Kedron students now at high school are very welcome to help out - it's a great way to catch up with old friends. If drinks and pop corn aren't your
thing, we also need help with setting up from 3:30pm and selling tickets at the gate from 6:00pm.

Please contact Stine on 0481 276 252 or stineowood@gmail.com ASAP so we can ensure a great Kedron Movie Night.

Prep Garden Working Bee
The P&C are thrilled to be able to provide the new and improved Prep playground space, but as you may have noticed, it is not 100% complete yet! A garden is required! So, we are holding a working bee and asking for volunteers.....

When: Saturday 20 February, 8:00am onwards
Where: Prep playground
What to bring: gardening gloves, hat and energy! No gardening experience required. Refreshments will be provided. Children are welcome but will need to be supervised by a parent or carer.

If you would like to be part of this fun morning please let your class rep know.

Fundraising 2016
This year, we are returning to the approach taken in previous years for fundraising event organising - for new parents, this means that every year level is responsible for one main fundraising event during the year. Years 2 and 4 have already nabbed the Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls (thank you ladies) but there are plenty of choices left. If you are keen to take on one of these events or have questions, please contact Kerry on pandcpresident@kedronss.eq.edu.au

Next P&C Meeting (AGM): TUESDAY, 8 March, 7pm
KSS Hall Multimedia Room. Everyone Welcome

P&C Executive Team
pandcsecretary@kedronss.eq.edu.au

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Uniform Shop

If you can’t make it to the uniform shop during our opening times, 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.

There has been a slight delay with the senior shirts and I have been advised that they will now arrive a week later, in the week beginning 22/2/16.

Catherine Howell
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

School Banking

Banking Day is now WEDNESDAY
This year school banking has moved to Wednesday. Students please have your deposit books ready in the collection basket by second bell. Banking has already got off to a terrific start this year with lots of eager savers....well done!

Sign on DAY for SCHOOL BANKING
Don't worry if your child doesn't already have an account - we're lucky to have Tina Eisenmenger from the Commonwealth Bank holding TWO sign on sessions at school to enable students to open accounts easily and start school banking. Tina and a colleague from the Lutwyche branch will be available at school next week. If you are interested in opening an account, please bring along photographic identification. Alternatively you can open your child an account at your local branch - you will need to take along your
child's birth certificate as well as your identification.

WHEN: Tuesday 16/2/16  
WHERE: Outside the Parent Room (near the uniform shop)  
TIME/S: 8:30am and 2:30pm

**Why participate in SCHOOL BANKING?**

Did you know that Kedron State School STUDENT COUNCIL receives $5.00 when a student makes their first ever school banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school? The school banking program provides students with an opportunity to make deposits into their personal Youth Saver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes a deposit, not how much they deposit. To encourage regular saving, the program offers an exciting rewards program. Stay tuned for future updates about this years fantastic rewards ...

**Calling all PARENT and CARER Volunteers**

We are seeking parent and carer volunteers to help with school banking on a Wednesday morning. Helpers would need to be available for about an hour from 8:45am. Even if you can't help every week, please feel free to pop down to the parent room on a Wednesday morning or email for further details.

kssbanking@kedronss.eq.edu.au

Nikki Beaumont - School Banking Co-ordinator

**Book Club**

**Scholastic Book Club – Reminder** All orders must be completed by **Wednesday 17 February**. Date has changed due to new collection days.

If you order through LOOP, the Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform this will allow you to order and pay for your child’s Book Club order online in one simple process. You will not need to return the order form and receipt.

You can also continue to order by returning the order form located in the brochure and payment in a named envelope, via the classroom collection containers on Wednesday and Friday. This allows you to continue to pay by cash, cheque (payable to Scholastic Australia).

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 will be available to all the school community.

Remember, there is a 30 Day Money Back Scholastic Book Club Guarantee on all your purchases.

**Redgum Book Club – Term 1 2016 catalogue has been distributed.**

The last date for book orders is on Monday 7th March. The Redgum Book Club is an Australian owned book club predominantly supporting Australian authors, illustrators and publishers. There is a free scratch art paper packet with every order. 25% of all sales return to the school to be used on literacy resources.

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](http://www.redgumbookclub.com.au). You can pay by credit card or check. Cheques must be made out to Redgum Book Club and posted to Reply Post 30, PO Box 935, Mona Vale, NSW 1660. Please do not return the form or any money to the school. Sales are Firm Sale only and refunds/exchanges will only be made for faulty goods.

All orders will be sent to the school and will be distributed to the students.

For “special” occasions, e.g. Christmas, birthdays etc., you may not want your child to know you’ve ordered, you can contact me and I can arrange to have your order delivered to the uniform shop or make alternative arrangements.

If you have any queries you can contact Redgum Book club directly at 1800 803 443 or you can contact me.

**Book Club Co-ordinator – Patience Orford, 0438 384 168**

**Strings News**

A reminder that ensembles have started. All children attend except those in their first year of learning.
Spirito ensemble is Tuesday (7.25 am for 7.30am start) and Vivo ensemble is Friday (7.40 for 7.45 am start). Please check your timetable to see which ensemble your child attends.

Any questions please email annegrimes23@icloud.com

Anne Grimes
KSS P&C Strings Coordinator

YMCA News

YMCA has seen some exciting changes over the last week. Kirsten Lee and Zac McLean are now the Coordinators of the KedronYMCAOSHC. They are working very hard as co-coordinators and are very excited about their new positions! We also welcome Jonty and Tori to the team, both Jonty and Tori bring valuable experience to the OSHC Team.

Regretfully we say good bye to Casey, Kirsten McAlister and Kirsty Roberts who have moved onto new career pathways. YMCAKedron cannot thank these staff members enough for their contribution to our community.

This week we have employed a SPORTING theme for our weekly program. Starting the week with some American style Grid Iron in accordance with Monday’s Super Bowl! Our week will consist of outside team play and sporting related craft and cooking activities with an emphasis on the importance of being active, healthy individuals. With so many new students to welcome to our YMCA family what better way to include everyone and demonstrate our team spirit than with a week of fun and group games.

Local Advertising

Kedron State School does not endorse any of the advertisements appearing in our newsletter.

Tennis Gear conducts ANZ Hot Shots lessons before and after school on your school’s tennis courts. Hot Shots is designed specifically for children aged 4 to 12 year old, uses modified courts, balls and equipment to help learn skills quicker, and gain more enjoyment. At Tennis Gear, we are committed to providing Brisbane’s budding stars of tomorrow with a fun, social and safe environment to learn and enjoy this great game.

If you would like your child to learn tennis, please complete an online enrolment form at: www.shawparktennis.com.au