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Principal's Message



Keebra Park provides a dynamic and rigorous learning environment within and beyond the classroom where individuals reflect on their own learning while respecting the learning opportunities of others. Keebra Park continues to provide an academically high quality education. This is achieved by providing a balanced and enthusiastic learning environment for teaching and learning. We are committed and focused on achieving the best outcomes for our students by closely monitoring student progress and performance. We work also to maximise the number of students leaving with a QCE or qualification at every opportunity.

Keebra Park promotes, celebrates and maintains a diverse multicultural community within our staff, students and families. We value this highly and recognise the opportunity and benefits of working together towards a common goal. The school has an explicit value approach. This approach has influenced the attitudes, behaviours and communications of staff, students and parents as it becomes an integral part of the Keebra language. Through our range of programs offered, Keebra continues to nurture a culture of warmth and acceptance of diversity.

Bridge Award

Congratulations to Caelan Pascoe, Jacques Goodman, Max Humble and Olivia McNab, our first group of Duke of Edinburgh students to complete the Outdoor Adventure component for the Bridge Award. This component consisted of a four hour hike from Currumbin to Burleigh Heads National Park. The Bridge Award is a positive youth development program. It is based on The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award and offers young people the opportunity to gain new skills, improve their physical fitness, participate in community service and develop a spirit of adventure

Leadership Day

Thursday 3rd March was an exciting day for Keebra Park's Junior Secondary Leadership Team who went to Runway Bay Sports and Leadership Excellence Centre. The excitement kicked in as they jumped on their stand up paddleboards and cruised down the Broadwater, soon to be joined by a pod of dolphins. After an entertaining hour on the water, the students headed back to the beach for a team building challenge, but it wasn't all fun and games. The serious side to this day was building team spirit and leadership skills. The afternoon began with a talk to inspire, encourage and develop the leaders. Thanks to Miss Taylor and to the staff at Runway Bay for hosting the leadership day.



CSI Keebra

Friday, 11th March, saw students from the Year 8 and 9 Academic Excellence Program host over 100 students in an investigation targeting academic excellence at Keebra Park. Students from Ashmore State School worked in conjunction with our students to undertake a crime scene investigation.

CSI Keebra is a mock crime scenario designed so that students can become a Forensic Scientist for the day and try to solve the case of: "Who done in the Deputy". The police had taken six suspects into custody and collected evidence from the crime scene. The clues found at the crime scene revealed the murderer of the school Deputy Principal Mr Cameron Murray.

During the course of the day, competing teams conducted a variety of science experiments and interpreted the data to solve each of the evidentiary clues. These clues ranged from Footprints, DNA, blood typing, ink chromatography, soil testing, blood spatter, to fabric analysis and substantiating alibis. Each team, ably guided by their leaders, then used the Coroner's report to expose the real criminal before presenting their Murder Casebook to the Keebra Chief Prosecutor.



2016 Gold Coast Junior Councillors

Congratulations to these students who will represent Keebra Park at meetings at the Gold Coast Council Chambers with Gold Coast Councillors and students from other schools to discuss issues relevant to young people.

Miles Little, Kara Roberts, Anella Holliday & Billy Mozer.



Year 7 and 8 Camp

Year 7 and 8's adventure to Moreton Island began with an early morning bus trip and MiCat Ferryride to the Tangalooma Wrecks where we were met by our camp coordinators and their fleet of 4WD's which ferried us to our campsite at Comboyuro Point. Team building and inclusion was the aim of our many beach activities and the students rose to the occasion proving that they could communicate clearly and appropriately with each. Formula one racing cars were built, friendships developed, puzzles solved, and students supported each other to complete "The Amazing Race". The 4WD tour to see the bubbling waters at the Champagne Pools and a visit to the light house was followed by a swim in the fresh water Blue Lagoon. Sand board tobogganing was a highlight as students plummeted down the slopes of Moreton Island's inland desert. Year 7 students visited Tangalooma Island Resort where they were able to watch the dolphin feeding from the resort jetty. The Year 8's were privileged to see a Dugong swimming in the bay on the way to Tangalooma wrecks for their snorkelling adventure.



Basketball

Excellence

2016 saw the inclusion of a Basketball Excellence program in the curriculum. Boys and girls from years 7-12 have participated in the program and have really enjoyed all aspects of the game including, skill development, court play and fitness. The program hosting a full junior class and two senior classes has been well received within the school and amongst the students. Keebra's basketball talent is sure to shine in the future!



Building Skills for the Workplace



Senior students have been involved in a range of vocational courses this year, developing skills for the workplace.

Students of Retail Make Up and Skincare are developing their customer communication skills and knowledge of cosmetic product knowledge.



Students in Construction have gained their White Card to work on building sites and developing introductory industry skills. The Certificate II in Health Support Services is training future employees for the expanding health sector on the Gold Coast. As well as completing a workplace certificate, graduates of these courses also earn valuable credits towards their Queensland Certificate of Education.



International Ice Skating Excursion

Our International Exchange students beat the summer heat by going to the ice skating rink for a mid-term social excursion. They invited friends they have met at Keebra this term. The German, Swiss and Austrian students were able to demonstrate their outstanding winter sports skills while making closer friendships with the local students.



CREST

Keebra Park SHS Science department is proud to announce that three of our Year 11 and 12 students received a Silver Award for their efforts in scientific experimentation. Congratulations on this outstanding achievement.

Elise Katrkazos : Effectiveness of Cleaning Products on Staphylococcus Epidermidis

Hannah Pinnell : Escherichia Coli Growth Rates

Natalie Morris : Do different human drinks affect the breeding of fruit flies?



Congratulations Keebra 13 yrs League Tonie Carroll Cup Winners 2016



Swimming Carnival

Champion House : Gundaroo
Age Champions : Cara Torti,
Diamond De Labertauche,
Linzi Aitken, Dart Wilson, Jack Poidevin,
Hunter Phelps, Dylan Palmer

Music Excellence

Many exciting things are already happening in music at Keebra Park this year. Three of our top Year 12 music students, Tinaysha Hau, Bronston Kennach and Bronson Whitiara-Ola, have enrolled in the Bachelor of Popular Music degree at Griffith University as part of the Guest Program. They will be studying Song Writing and Sound Production. This is an amazing opportunity for our students, who, if successful, will be eligible for guaranteed entry into the course next year.



Our Performing Ensembles have all made a great start to the year. The Concert Band, Stage Band and String Ensemble have many new members and are busy preparing repertoire for the State Fanfare Band and Orchestral Festival which will be held in May. Our annual Showcase will also be held in May, which will feature not only our Performing Ensembles, but many solo items, particularly from Year 12 Music Extension and OP Music, the Vocal Group and student compositions.

Our term finished on a high note with three of our talented Year 12 Music Studies students, Kelepi Lui, Oscar Tui and Bronston Kennach, representing Keebra at a special performance at Southport Library for Harmony Day. The boys gave an outstanding performance of a cultural song as well as some of their favourite popular songs. The Concert Band also hosted an open rehearsal and afternoon tea for parents and friends to finish off an excellent term of work.



International Women's Day Youth Leadership Awards

Two Year 12 girls were nominated for the International Women's Day Youth Leadership Awards from Keebra Park State High School. Jade Rau was nominated for the Performing Arts award and Chantelle Holloway was nominated for the Sports award. They submitted an application and undertook an interview process against other state and private school girls. In the end, Chantelle Holloway came away with the win in her category for her leadership in touch football. Nikki Hudson, an Australian Gold Medalist, presented her the prestigious award at the Gold Coast Arts Centre breakfast. Well done ladies for demonstrating such leadership in the community and representing Keebra Park.



IEC Art

Students from the IEC (Intensive English Centre) took a pause from their English studies this term to spend time participating in a variety of electives. A group ventured into the Art block - some for the first time - where they had the opportunity to experiment with a range of art media including collage, clay and paint. It was clear from the first week when the creative juices began flowing that a number of class members showed a real passion for Art and a hidden talent. Each lesson the group was kept busy creating individual artworks while developing their skills in drawing, sculpting and painting. The IEC HOD, Mrs Johnson, was so impressed that she insisted that a number of pieces be kept on display in the Keebra conference centre. The final week of term culminated in the students working in small groups to collaboratively produce a poster to celebrate Harmony Day, which seemed like a very appropriate way to end the term with this multicultural group of talented, young artists.

"The activity of Art is..... as important as the activity of language itself and just as universal"



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- * Basketball Excellence
- * Girls Sport Excellence
- * Instrumental Music
- * Intensive English Centre
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