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Principal's Message

Our school prides itself in developing young people who will make a difference in their own and others' lives. An education at Keebra Park seeks to create a community context in which learning can occur, to establish partnerships that will create a rich and vibrant school life for our students. Setting high expectations and achieving the highest performance possible is our philosophy. Nurturing a strong community with a sense of belonging for students, parents and staff is the key to achieving our best results for all students. Know, Perform, Achieve is evident in today's learning pathways through academic, cultural, sporting life and in each student's personal growth and development. We take our responsibility to nurture and guide our students through their school development very seriously as we reveal and enhance their strengths and interests and support them through challenges as they arise. We look forward to making our young people part of the academic success that has enabled Keebra to achieve results that reflect our school's excellence within the public and private educational spheres of the Gold Coast.



The Roadshow

Congratulations and thank you to the Academic Excellence troupe of public speakers who performed in the Keebra Roadshow which visited our three feeder primary schools spreading the message that Keebra is the place to be! Public Speaking is a difficult talent to master and yet these students performed with distinction. Thanks again to our Road Show team of Nemika Newbery, Brooke Bright, Kara Roberts, Jacob Cole, Nathaniel Rapley and Ryan McNeilly.

Netball Festival

Congratulations to the Senior Girls Netball Squad on winning the 2016 International Netball Festival over the ANZAC long weekend. Keebra went up against teams from New Zealand, Northern Territory, Western Australia and Queensland to secure first place in their U18s pool, sending them to the finals in which they fought hard against Marion College, securing the victory by one point in the last few seconds. The team represented the school with pride and gained a well-deserved victory.



Hilton Hotel Experience

The Smith Family Work Inspiration Program at the Hilton Hotel, Surfers Paradise provided eighteen of our year 11 and 12 students with an amazing three day experience. The students were given the opportunity to be part of the Hilton team. Sponsored by Lowes Workwear, the students were dressed in Hilton uniforms and made to feel extremely welcome. Work shadowing in the various departments gave them an insight into the many and varied jobs that are involved in running an International Hotel including Reception, Concierge, Food and Beverage, Security and Human Resources.

The Hilton staff were truly inspirational. Their dedication, commitment and positive outlook was contagious and the warmth, good humour and friendly acceptance of the Keebra students made for an overall fantastic experience. Sincere thanks must go to the Smith Family, Lowes and the Hilton Surfers Paradise for this wonderful opportunity.



GOMA Art Excursion

At GOMA our senses were heightened with Anish Kapoor's intriguing exhibition displaying a colossal sized, red sculpture. The artwork had a magnetic effect. It seemed to draw the viewer into its centre. Students remarked when gazing into the dark core "it seems like it sucks you in!" Almost as if the sculpture inverted itself inwards beyond the gallery walls to some dark, spatial void. Another successful gallery visit which proves yet again that art has the ability to compel our students. Whether you love it or hate it, art exists to challenge, to stimulate, to amuse, to disgust or to inspire.



Leadership Summit

On May 16 and 17, five of our Junior Secondary Leaders went on a two day overnight Leadership camp to Runaway Bay Sports Centre. At the camp they were challenged with many leadership opportunities which developed their skills in critical and creative thinking, successful habits, empowerment, motivation and influence. Well done Robyn, Sahenai, Olivia, Caelan and Paige for representing Keebra Park SHS so well.



ANZAC Day Memorial

After a two year planning and fundraising project, KPSHS's ANZAC and War Memorial was completed in time for our 2016 ANZAC Commemoration. The memorial gives students and staff the opportunity to commemorate and respect the efforts of our Australian and New Zealand servicemen. The construction of the memorial has been a joint effort between the School and the Student Council. The memorial gives Keebra Park SHS the opportunity to respect and commemorate ANZAC and Remembrance Day and the various wars and battles fought to bring peace to the world, while also reminding our community that the peace we have in Australia is something to be treasured.



Multicultural Day



X Country Champions

	Girls	Boys
12 yrs	Elsie Wright	Afeworki Gebermarim
13 yrs	Wendy Lohia	Syris Schmidt
14 yrs	Nikkita Holloway	James Pere
15 yrs	Priya Barnes	Jacob Coles
16 yrs	Diamond Da Lebertauche	Daejarn Asi
17 +	Chantelle Holloway	Dylan Palmer



The Physics of Fun

Congratulations to the Year 11 Physics class for participating in the excursion to Dreamworld as part of their Year 11 Physics of Fun assignment. These students are designing a practical theme park ride and producing a scientific report. They experienced the various physics in the rides and also collected important data such as height and acceleration. They distinguished the key features of each ride at the park. They also recorded what made a ride great with respect to convenience, time of wait and g-force. They are now in the process of applying their scientific skills to analyse the data which will form the basis of the design of their ride.



Music Excellence

Keebra Park State High School has established an outstanding record of achievement and reputation in Music, over many years. We have again seen success with three students being accepted into the Griffith Guest program for Popular Music in 2016, won Sea FM's Pitch Perfect in 2015, received numerous Gold/Silver and Bronze awards at Fanfare and accepted commended certificates for Concert and Stage Band at the Gold Coast Eisteddfod. We have provided our Music students with life changing opportunities such as working with industry professionals to write and compose their own songs as well as visited the Griffith University's recording studio for students to experience firsthand the many technologies involved with creating music in this day and age. Due to the increasing level of popularity and outstanding achievements our school has gained within music we will begin a new Music Excellence program for Year 7 students in 2017.

Songmakers

On Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 April 2016, 16 of our top music students collaborated with Award-winning mentors Robert Conley, (Kiss, Beyonce, Ricky Martin, Santana, Thelma Plum, Celine Dion, Destiny's Child) and Tom Busby (Busby Marou) to create and record " 'market ready' music, against the clock, from scratch". This was an amazing opportunity for our students, and may lead to a \$16,000 scholarship in the Diploma of Music (Songwriting) course at the JMC Academy, with the option to extend the scholarship to a Bachelor Degree (a further \$32,000 value) on successful completion of the Diploma. The results from this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity were amazing! The students had an awesome experience and loved working with Robert and Tom, who turned the music room into a recording studio and created magic. Fingers crossed that someone will buy their songs and we'll hear them on the radio soon!



Marriot Performance

Three of our talented Year 12 students were recently invited to entertain two hundred and fifty delegates from around the world at the Global Welfare Summit 2016: Striking the Balance: Responsibility and Innovation in Care for the Ageing, a prestigious international conference held at the Marriott Hotel in Surfers Paradise. Bronston Kennach, Kelepi Lui, and Oscar Tui gave a fabulous performance, demonstrating the wonderful musical talent we have at Keebra.



Dr Quinton Morris Workshop

On Friday 6th May, it was a great pleasure for Keebra to welcome Dr Quinton Morris – Director of Chamber and Instrumental Music and Associate Professor of Violin at Seattle University, USA. Dr Morris visited Keebra to hold a string music workshop as part of his 'BREAKTHROUGH' world tour. Some of our talented strings students performed in the workshop as part of a master class, whilst a number of other music students observed. Dr Morris offered valuable advice to our strings students to motivate them for their upcoming performance opportunities, Fanfare and Showcase. Dr Morris' workshop was an amazing, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our students and delegates from other schools to experience.

Master Teacher

Tracey Robb is proud to be the Master Teacher at Keebra Park SHS. She has been at the school for over ten years, being a well-respected and popular year co-ordinator for five of those. A very experienced teacher, she is qualified and approved to teach primary, secondary and special needs students across a range of national curriculum areas. A down to earth multi-skilled operator she understands the needs of diverse students and the importance of getting to know students beyond the data.

In her role as the Master Teacher, Tracey works diligently to build the capacity of other teachers. She provides curriculum support and guidance and is able to model best practice. She works alongside school leaders and classroom teachers to prioritise the teaching of literacy and numeracy within the school's curriculum and teaching framework. Furthermore, she can support all staff in the analysis of, and response to, systematic student data. Another area of particular interest to our Master Teacher is classroom behaviour management.



ABCN

In Term 2 ABCN (Australian Business And Community Network) hosted 13 Year 11 Keebra Park students to their Interview to Impress Program. The program was hosted by Heather Smith and the Commonwealth Bank who provided mentors for our students. It is a one day program designed to equip students with the necessary skills to engage in employment opportunities beyond school. The students had an amazing day filled with fun activities to help improve their confidence and body language when they are in a situation where the spotlight is on them. They were allowed to experience realistic interview scenarios in a corporate environment by working with a mentor who was able to provide them with direct feedback and advice from their own experiences. The day was as much to do with team building and challenges as an individual whilst meeting and making new friends and colleagues...“life within a workforce”(Khan Savage) Thank you to ABCN and CBA for the experience .



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