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## Principal's Report

As this is my first newsletter as Acting Principal of Keebra Park State High School, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Keebra community for the welcome that I have received. I have had the absolute pleasure of meeting an enthusiastic student body. The teaching team have the student's wellbeing and academic progress as their priority.

My first impression of the school could not be more positive. There have been many wonderful improvements made by the previous Principal Catherine Pfingst and I will endeavour to carry on the momentum that is evident throughout the school. I encourage you all to be involved in the school activities and support our exceptional students in their journey.

Our school's explicit improvement agenda for 2017 focusses on Reading, Student Wellbeing and Attendance. There will be further detail around targets in future editions. I look forward to meeting you throughout the semester at the many extra-curricular activities that our staff and students are involved in.

Peter Hughes



Peter Hughes with our School Captains Jae and Billy celebrating the anniversary of Keebra Park's first enrolments in 1973 but also Mr Hughes' Birthday!

## Every day counts and every minute counts

How much learning time is your child getting?

Just a little bit late doesn't seem like much but...

He/She is only missing just...	This equals...	which is...	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly <u>half a year</u>
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 year</u>
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 and a half years</u>
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over <u>2 and a half years</u>

Just a few days doesn't seem like much but...

He/She is only missing just...	This equals...	which is...	and over 13 years of schooling that's...	Which means the best your child can perform is...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly <u>1.5 years</u>	Equal to finishing in grade 11
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over <u>2.5 years</u>	Equal to finishing in grade 10
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over <u>5 years</u>	Equal to finishing in grade 7
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly <u>8 years</u>	Equal to finishing in grade 4

School starts at 8:50am!

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## Keebra Park P & C Association

On behalf of the Keebra Park P&C Association I would like to welcome Parents and Guardians of all new students to the school. The Keebra Park P&C Executive would like to strongly encourage all Parents and Guardians to join the P&C Association this year and actively engage in the many proposed projects and events to raise much needed funds for the school in 2017. Joining the P&C does not need to be a big commitment of your time, with sufficient members it will make light work of the projects and events we would like to hold.

In 2016 the P&C ran several successful fundraising events including our Mega Raffle, School Sausage Sizzle and Garage Sale. The commencement of these events last year we hope will be the beginning of a new era for the P&C in re-engaging with Parents and the wider Community.

I would like to personally thank everyone on the 2016 P&C for their enormous contribution of time, expertise and passion to assist our school and students. A big thank you also to the parents, students and community members who helped us with donations and purchases at our various fundraisers.

The P&C have spent time over the past 12 months planning our future fundraising events and ensuring that any funds raised will be spent wisely. We are now in a position to carefully consider a number of ways to utilise these funds in and around the school including planning potential student scholarships and other projects.

On an important note after the success of last year's Mega Raffle we are now seeking donations for this year's Mega Raffle. We would be extremely grateful to all parents and local businesses for prizes to include in the Raffle. All donors will receive full acknowledgement on our social media forums and promotional material when we launch the sale of this year's tickets.

We are currently proposing our next Annual General Meeting be held on Thursday 16th February 2017 at 4.15pm in the Resource Centre, and the P&C Association General Meeting to be held on Monday 13th March 2017 at 4.00pm in the Administration building.

Please keep an eye out for further updates and events from your P&C via the School Newsletter, in meantime if you have any questions or feedback please do not hesitate to contact the P&C Executive at [pandcmeeting@keebraparkshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandcmeeting@keebraparkshs.eq.edu.au) or myself directly Terri McCall, [termccall@bigpond.net.au](mailto:termccall@bigpond.net.au).  
[Follow this link to access the P & C Membership Form](#)

Kind regards, Terri McCall  
President, Keebra Park P & C Association

## Deputy Principal – Senior School

Welcome back to 2017

The year is already a very busy one, and all staff have been busy getting to know their new classes. We have welcomed many new students and a considerable number of new staff. We Deputies and Heads of Department have been working hard on finalising the timetable - we have many exciting new subjects and areas of learning to equip our students for the future.

We are very pleased to be able to announce that, once again in 2016, every single member of our Year 12 Graduating Class received a QCE! This 100% QCE rate is above both the State rate and the South East Region! This is thanks to the huge amount of work all the staff put in to supporting our students to achieve to their very best, and attending to all the details that lead to this important qualification!

I am keen to ensure that everyone, but most importantly the Year 11 students are in the correct program - if you are unsure about the suitability of the subjects you have chosen, or about the destinations you thought you wanted last year, come and see myself, Mr Hart, Mr O'Brien, Mr Bennett, or Mr Siddle about those choices. Your classroom teacher is also a great source of information about their subject and what the future holds for students enrolled in it. Ask them! We are all excited to continue the journey of Keebra Park into the future - we are achieving great things and growing as a school in every way!

Have a great 2017.  
Cameron Murray

## NAPLAN

Count Down to NAPLAN  
12 School Weeks to go!  
So let's get ready...

What's the Purpose of NAPLAN?

When your child sits the NAPLAN test, the results will give you, your child and their teacher information that can identify the gaps in their knowledge.



**NAPLAN** is an annual national assessment in which **all Australian students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate**. This year the tests are on the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> of May. The tests are designed to assess the Literacy and Numeracy skills of students and collect data for systematic reporting to parents/carers and schools. It is primarily an assessment of learning of students against national minimum standards, but can be used as a diagnostic tool that gives teachers information about specific aspects of student performance to inform future teaching and learning.

### What is tested?

A series of tests will assess areas of Literacy and Numeracy. The following areas of **Literacy** are assessed:

- **Language Conventions** - spelling, grammar and punctuation
- **Writing** - knowledge and control of written language
- **Reading** - comprehension

### In Numeracy, the areas assessed are:

- **Number, Measurement, Chance and data, Space, Algebra, function and pattern** (formal algebra for Year 9 only).



**What happens to the results?** Results from the tests provide important information about students' progress in Literacy and Numeracy. Following the tests, schools and students receive a statement of performance in relation to the national minimum standards. Teachers are able to access this valuable information to target your child's educational needs. Student reports are then sent home to parents.

### Does my child have to sit NAPLAN?

Whilst we encourage every student to sit the tests, we understand that this range and style of testing is not suitable for all children, for example some students have language barriers whilst others have special educational needs that may prevent them from being able to access the test. More information will follow to all those concerned. However, if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

### What can I do to help my child?

NAPLAN is not a test that children can prepare for in the same way they might prepare for an end of term test. NAPLAN tests skills that develop and improve over time. These are skills that should be continuously developed throughout the year and not just in the lead-up to NAPLAN.

### Good attendance is one of the most important keys to success.

The best way to get your child ready for NAPLAN is to ensure that they attend school every day so that they can have continuous uninterrupted time to develop literacy and numeracy skills. Students are taught education courses and concepts in sequence, so it's really important that they are in school and do not miss out on important information causing them to lose the thread and fall behind. Your child's teacher will be able to give you advice on how to help encourage development of literacy and numeracy skills at home. Please contact me if you would like the email address of your child's teacher.

**Encourage your child to read a little every day. Reading is an important key to success.**

Whilst there are varying views on the merits of NAPLAN I thought I'd share this quote with you...

*'There is nothing wrong with NAPLAN as an assessment of educational achievement. Probably there is no better standardised, large-scale assessment of educational achievement in Australia.'*

Dr James Athanasou is a psychologist. He retired from the University of Technology, Sydney, where he is an adjunct professor.

Thank you for taking the time to read this article and for supporting the process as we endeavour to do the very best we can to meet the needs of your child.

## NAPLAN Information Session

For all parents and carers of students in grade 7 & 9

- When – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February
- Time - 3:30-4:30
- Venue – The Junior Secondary Block

During the session you will be given information regarding the 3 days of testing, you will also be able to look at past papers across all areas of NAPLAN testing. Furthermore you will also be able to collect free NAPLAN style practice papers (with the answers) to support your child to prepare for the test.

**Furthermore you will also be able to discuss any concerns that you may have regarding your child's ability to sit the tests.**

For some students this opportunity is fully embraced, because it's a wonderful chance to shine, students are measured across their cohort, across the state and across the country. Our Academic Excellence students are gearing up for the challenge, who will rise to the top! For students who are not currently on the program this can be an

opportunity to demonstrate why they should be considered for a place in the Academic Excellence Program.

For some students from our brightest to our lower performing students NAPLAN can be a source of anxiety and concern, rest assured that we are working hard with all of our students to best prepare them for these National Tests. We hope to alleviate any concerns that you might have during the information session. Our students have a lot to gain from sitting the tests because teachers are able to access the results to target the gaps in your child's education. That said, we appreciate that there are some circumstances when this range of testing is not suitable, we look forward to discussing your concerns during the session on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Tracey Robb  
Acting Master Teacher  
5509 2528/ [trob18@eq.edu.au](mailto:trob18@eq.edu.au)

## Junior Secondary

*Junior Secondary– 'Preparing for Success'*

### Welcome back

Hello again to our year 8's and 9's and welcome to Keebra for our Year 7's and new to Keebra Park students. It's going to be an amazing year.



Tiffany Thexton

### Year 7, 8 & 9

This year I will be taking on the role of Acting Head of Department for the Junior School as well as their Year Co-ordinator. If students are struggling with school life, friendships or fitting in around the school, my door is always open and I will help them in any way I can. I always love to know about things sooner rather than later, so if you have any concerns or questions, I'm only an email or a phone call away.



*(New art in the JS block created by the Junior Secondary Students and Mrs Schulz)*

### Getting Involved

There are many programs and extra-curricular activities to get involved with around Keebra. Dance Club, Drama Club, sporting events, band, vocal group, will all be starting soon for students to build confidence and friendships. Students are told about these activities with student notices and they will also be posted on the Junior Secondary notice board.

### Class Captains

Over the next couple weeks, we will be voting for our Keebra Class Captains to represent each Home Group. This is a great leadership opportunity for students and a great way to get involved.



(2016 Class Captains pictured)

### Junior Girls

Thankful Thursdays – On Thursday mornings, starting at 8:15am, junior girls can come up to the Drama room for some guided meditation and mindfulness activities. This is something that we are trialling this year, as it can give students some good coping skills to deal with all the trials and tribulations of being a teenager.

Also, the junior girls will be celebrating International Women's Day on Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be a strong focus on 'healthy lifestyles' and mums, aunties, and grandmothers are all welcome to come and celebrate with us. (There will be more information soon once we finalise more details).

### Year 7's

#### Immunisations:

On Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, Year 7 students will have their immunisations. The paperwork has been sent home and need to be back by February 10<sup>th</sup>. Please look at the finer details in the envelope. It is completely free when you get it done with the school and also convenient during school time.

#### Meet and Greet Parent Night

On Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-4:30 Year 7 parents can come and meet the teacher who teach this grade. It's a great opportunity to see the school and where your student learn, while developing a connection with our wonderful and supportive staff. If you cannot make that time, you can send me an email and I can get some feedback from your child's teachers.

There will also be some information about NAPLAN for Year 7 and 9's.

#### Upcoming Dates:

Year 7 Parent Meet and Greet – Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>  
 School Photo Day – Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

International Women's Day Celebration – Friday March 10<sup>th</sup>

Round 1 of Interschool Sport – Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

Year 7 Immunisations - Friday March 24<sup>th</sup>

Tiffany Thexton - [tthex1@eq.edu.au](mailto:tthex1@eq.edu.au)



Congratulations to Jessie, Krystian, Lachlan and Kacey who are this weeks winners of our Keebra Capture and Keebra Star Awards. Well done !



Thankful Thursday - Tania M, Dakota T, Laila C and Shaleil N.



Welcome Year 7

## Senior Secondary

We were pleased that all of Keebra Park's Year 12 students of 2016 graduated with a Queensland Certificate of Education, continuing our 100% success rate of every student gaining a leaving qualification.

In 2017, we are offering increased opportunities for students to gain skills and qualifications in a range of areas.

We have strengthened our links with nearby Griffith University, with students able to enrol in university subjects while studying Biology, Physical Education, Health or Business at school. Successful completion of this subject will guarantee them a university offer into a number of tertiary courses.

An increased number of students are studying a Diploma of Business while at school, which is an excellent pathway into tertiary studies.

In the vocational area, we are offering a range of courses, free of charge under the Vet in Schools program in areas as diverse as Engineering, Logistics, Fitness, Health Support and Cosmetics and Skincare.

Our school based apprenticeship and traineeship program continues to attract many students, who combine school studies with paid work in a workplace one day each week.

We are now also offering a Certificate III program in Spoken and Written English, aimed at those students from a non-English speaking background. This course will strengthen their academic achievement and allow them to obtain valuable QCE credits.

Please contact the staff within the Senior Secondary department if you would like to discuss any of these curriculum programs.

We look forward to a year of expanded options for the senior students of 2017.

Geoff Howe

Head of Department – Senior Secondary/International

## Academic Excellence

The Keebra Park Academic Excellence program is designed, not only to develop academic talent, but also leadership, resilience and persistence to enhance each student's ability to achieve success at school and beyond.

This year we have introduced an Academic Excellence Agreement to ensure the high expectations of students are clear. Students are expected to maintain a minimum academic standard of 'B' for all four core subjects and a minimum "B" standard for effort and behaviour in all subjects. Another key focus is 95% attendance.

We are looking forward to the year ahead which includes a range of special projects, competitions and participation in various leadership camps. If any parents have any questions regarding the program please contact Cherry Hill [chill258@eq.edu.au](mailto:chill258@eq.edu.au).

Cherry Hill  
Academic Excellence Coordinator

## English

From the English Desk

Welcome to the wonderful world of English 2017. It is going to be an exciting and challenging year for the students of Keebra Park SHS as the department continues to drive both the reading and writing improvement agenda of the school.

Junior Secondary English students will be explicitly taught imaginative writing skills through the digital platform of Pobble 365. Here students will create and explore their own imagination through a synthetic image. They will also improve their impromptu writing skills by performing 'Quick Write' at the beginning of each lesson.

Studies have shown that adolescent reading can be improved by allowing students to read for pleasure, out loud and with their peers. All JS students will be exposed to the above but they will also be explicitly taught reading comprehension strategies such as Q.A.R. (Question, Answer, Relationship), decoding skills and the vocabulary program - S.T.R.I.V.E.

In the senior school, the teachers will build on these already established literacy skills and steer students towards a love of literature. Students will study classical texts such as 'The Great Gatsby', 'To Kill a Mockingbird' and 'Saving Private Ryan'.

Reading Tips for Parents

*The ultimate goal of guided reading is to help children learn how to use independent reading strategies successfully*

(Fountas and Pinnell, 1996)

Be a positive role model for reading

Let your child see you reading for pleasure and during routine activities such as reviewing letters, recipes, instructions, newspapers, magazines, and e-mail.

**Make sure you have lots of reading materials at home for your child**

Reading materials don't have to be new or expensive. You often can find good books and magazines at garage sales or library sales. Ask family members and friends to consider giving your child books and magazine subscriptions as gifts for birthdays or other special occasions.

Help him/her get his/her own library card. Ask librarians to tell him/her about different resources, such as books, magazines, reference materials, computers, homework programs, and the "Young Adult"

section of the library, which has fiction and non-fiction books for children.

**Allow your child to choose his/ her books**

Children are more likely to read books or magazines that interest them. Help your child find books on a topic or hobby that interests him/her, or give her some time on her/his own to explore the library and bookstore.

**Look for reading materials related to your family history or culture**

As children get older and begin to think about their own identities, they often become more interested in their backgrounds. This interest can contribute to a healthy sense of pride in their heritage and culture, and reading is a great way for your child to explore those interests.

**If your child is bilingual, encourage reading in both languages**

The important thing is for your child to read. It's ok if your child reads in his/her first language, second language, or both languages! If your child prefers reading in Arabic, for example, look for Arabic books and magazines at the library.

**Talk to your child's teacher** if you have any concerns about their reading. We are more than happy to help and it is important that we all work together to ensure your child can achieve reading success.

Yours in English,  
Monique Johnson  
Head of English

## Home Economics

Welcome back to our continuing students and a warm welcome to those students who are new to the school, new to the subjects of Home Economics, Food Studies, Hospitality Practices or Early Childhood Studies or for some students, new to the country!

Year 8 and 9 Home Economics provides students with an opportunity to learn about the food we eat and how it is used by the body. Students are also given the opportunity to prepare foods and develop their practical cookery skills. Basic knife skills will be the focus in the first few weeks as students learn how to safely chop a variety of fruits and vegetables.

Food Studies and Hospitality Practices allows students to develop their food and cookery knowledge and widen their skill set to a much higher level. Techniques will be practiced and cookery workshops provide an opportunity for further refinement of these skills.

Early Childhood Studies is a vocational subject based around working with and caring for children in a work setting. Students will focus on the areas of early childhood development and at the same time develop their own skills in creating suitable play based activities.



Knife Skills – Year 8 and 9 Home Economics



Developing skills in creating play based activities - Early Childhood Studies

**The more that you read,  
the more things you will know.  
The more that you learn,  
the more places you'll go.**  
— Dr. Seuss

## Health & Physical Education

Welcome to the subject of Health and Physical Education (HPE) for 2017. It promises to be another exciting and challenging year for the students of Keebra Park SHS as they learn and hopefully apply their new found knowledge on the benefits of a healthy lifestyle. Students will examine a wide range of topics including human development, healthy eating, risky behaviours, motor learning and of course physical movement.

In our junior years the students will learn the game of volleyball whilst also examining the changes experienced by adolescents and the factors that inform our eating choices. Years 9 and 10 are outdoors this term taking on cricket and tee/softball and are covering the topics of respectful relationships and risky behaviours.

Our senior PE students will be furthering their skills in Table Tennis and learning about skill acquisition and Figueroa's Framework, whilst our Health students will take on road trauma and obesity.

In an exciting advancement for the department we are happy to announce that our senior Health and PE OP eligible students will be offered a place in the Griffith University GUEST program. This program will involve field trips to the university to undertake subject specific laboratories to give the students a firsthand insight into the offered university courses. If our Keebra Park students can then satisfy the criteria they will be offered direct entry into Griffith University for any of the Health and Exercise Science courses. This is an exciting and excellent opportunity for our students to further their skill sets and to gain a substantial leg up into tertiary education. Find out more at [griffith.edu.au/go-health-go-griffith](http://griffith.edu.au/go-health-go-griffith).

With Term 1 being in summer it is important to remain hydrated and well nourished. It is recommended that teenagers drink two litres of water a day and even more if they are exercising! The following table (over the page) is from the Australian Guide to Healthy Eating regarding the recommended servings for adolescents for your perusal.

## Recommended servings for adolescents

Recommended average daily number of serves from each of the five food groups						Additional serves for more active, taller or older children and adolescents
	Vegetables & legumes/beans	Fruit	Grain (cereal) foods, mostly wholegrain	Lean meat and poultry, fish, eggs, nuts and seeds, and legumes/beans	Milk, yoghurt, cheese and/or alternatives (mostly reduced fat)	Approx. number of additional serves from the five food groups or discretionary choices
<b>Boys</b>						
9-11	5	2	5	2½	2½	0-3
12-13	5½	2	6	2½	3½	0-3
14-18	5½	2	7	2½	3½	0-5
<b>Girls</b>						
9-11	5	2	4	2½	3	0-3
12-13	5	2	5	2½	3½	0-2½
14-18	5	2	7	2½	3½	0-2½

## Humanities

The Humanities Department includes History, Geography, Social Community Studies and Tourism. In 2017 the Humanities Department has expanded and relocated into the building previously occupied by English. The new teaching team are very excited to be delivering updated units designed to challenge and excel our students.

In the junior years students undertake a History course for Semester 1 which focuses on skill building and source analysis. In Term 1 Year 7's are focusing on the Ancient World, Year 8's are taking a journey through the Medieval Times, Year 9's are exploring Australia's History and the Making of a Nation, Year 10's are discovering the Modern World and learning the causes of WWII and how it affected Australia. Through these units students should be well versed in key aspects of history and historical skills used for investigating and in the words of Theodore Roosevelt, *"the more you know about the past, the better prepared you are for the future."*

Senior students have a choice of four different subjects from Humanities. There are two authority subjects offered Modern History and Geography and two non-authority subjects Tourism and Social Community Studies.

We welcome new staff Joey Dixon and Nikole Sleight to Keebra Park and are very excited to have them on our 2017 Humanities teaching team.

We encourage all parents to contact your child's teacher throughout the year for updates on progress or to discuss what they are learning in class.

## Intensive English Centre

Welcome to 2017. In the IEC we have been very pleased to see all of our students return after the summer holidays. We are also very pleased to welcome many new students into our Keebra Park Community.

As always the IEC welcomes students from all corners of the world, and we are looking forward to an exciting and productive 2017.

There will be a Meet and Greet evening for all families- both old and new- in the IEC on Wednesday 15th February from 3 pm until 4 pm. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers, and get to know the IEC staff and facilities.

We are excited to announce an excursion on the 23rd February for all students of the IEC to the beach to take part in a "Stay safe at the beach" workshop run by Surf Lifesaving Australia. Students will learn how to stay safe on the beach, as well as taking part in fun activities.

This year we will once again play an important part in the school's Multicultural day celebrations, and there are many more great events being planned in 2017; look out for details in future newsletters!

All staff in the IEC are looking forward working with your child this year.

Christina Murray  
IEC Co-ordinator



## International Students

From Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, Norway, Brazil, Papua New Guinea, Saudi Arabia, Vietnam, China, Japan and Korea.

This Term we have 17 new international students, making 32 in total!



International Students at the beach for their surf safety program

## Science

The science department would like to welcome back parents and students to the new school year. The science department has some exciting things happening this year and we look forward to sharing this with the school community.

Unfortunately we lost two long standing members of the Science Team. Janet Rayner who has retired after 35 years as a teacher and Brendan Shearer who transferred to Weipa and we wish them both the best.

We would like to welcome the new member of the science team Ellen Simpson. Ellen has come from Ravenshoe SHS and will be teaching Senior Chemistry and Jnr Science.

We have a jam packed year starting with 'Melting Memories' Day. This is a science experience day where Keebra Park SHS invites all of the Year 6 students at Ashmore SS to be a scientist for the day. This will be held on Friday 3rd of March. Southport SS will have an opportunity in term 2.

We will also be inviting some of our local year 5 students to attend our Masterclass again this year. This is a great opportunity for these bright students to work with some of the teachers from Keebra Park SHS and the Queensland Academy of Health Sciences. This will be held in term 3.

We will also be continuing to do some fun activities during Science Week and encourage students to attend and be involved in the science. This will be held 12th to 20th August.

As you can see the science team will be busy again this year and we look forward to involving you in all the fun and excitement.

Peta Cusack  
Head of Science Department.



Ellen Simpson



Science Teachers

## Sports

### SPORTS CAPTAINS FOR 2017

BAHALAKA .....Diamond De Labertauche & Geordie Brand  
GUNDAROO.....Chazimin Holloway-Samuels & Tyson O'Dea

YANDALAH....Ocean Pue, Nikyla Te Rangi-Gentles & Ben Ward

We are proud to announce our Sporting Captains for 2017.

These students have been selected for their leadership and sporting qualities.

I wish them ever success this year starting with our swimming trials, which these leaders will be running as their first project together.

Mr Claverie, Director of Sport

### [2017 Sports Calendar](#)



2017 Sports Captains



## Sports Specialisation Program Rugby League

It hardly seems five minutes since the siren went after Cronulla's historic victory in the 2016 NRL Final and yet here we are back at school with the countdown well and truly on for the kick-off of the 2017 schoolboy football season.

With school back in full swing, the boys have been working hard on the training field, shifting the remnants of an off season where mince pies and sausage rolls seem to have taken precedence over lean chicken and vegetables and it is good to see a high level of commitment and discipline alongside the physical effort.

Just a reminder that all fees must be paid in full before your student takes to the playing field and a B grade in effort and behaviour are an absolute minimum to ensure your student is eligible for selection. There are plenty of trial opportunities on the horizon with trips as far afield as the Mid North Coast of NSW and the Sunshine Coast planned for Term One.

Please ensure that your student gives himself the best opportunity to take advantage of the knowledge and skill development from what is undoubtedly the premier Sports Specialisation program in the country by turning up on time, with the right attitude and the correct equipment to get the job done. The correct shoes for training, a hat and a water bottle are all part of that preparation.

In other football news it is fantastic to see ten ex-students gain selection for the Auckland Nines competition with likes of 2003 graduate and newly appointed Bronco, Benji Marshall set to go head to head with the Titans AJ Brimson and Tyrone Roberts-Davis who graduated in 2015.

Well done boys and keep up the hard work.

Darren Hart: Sports Specialisation Rugby League

## Technology

Technology @Keebra Park welcomes you in 2017

Engineering at both Tertiary and Vocational level, Coding via the Raspberry Pie Console and additional Junior Electives are just some of the exciting new offerings in the Technology Department in 2017.

2016 saw the first successful BlueDog Engineering Certificate II graduates and this popular grade 11 and 12 course is filling fast with students able to offset the cost of this course through the government's VETIS funding Initiative.

New staff in the department include Brett Hillman and Matt Graham who bring a wealth of knowledge in the fields of Business and I.T. respectively and the Business department continues to bridge the gap between OP and Vocational pathways with it's Business Diploma.

The strategic direction that guides and informs the technology department at Keebra Park continues to evolve and with it come improved student outcomes and more individualised pathways.

For more information regarding any of our courses please contact Keebra Park State High School on 55 092555.

Yours in Technology  
Darren Hart, Technology Teacher

## The Arts

Well it's 2017 and the Performing Arts team have hit the ground running. This year we welcome two new staff to our department, Drama teacher Joey Dixon and Dance teacher Nikole Sleight. We welcome them to Keebra and they are both extremely excited to share their passion of the Arts with our students. We also welcome a new strings teacher, Mr Alan Hall and a new percussion specialist, Mr Randall Scheerle to the instrumental team. Any students interested in taking up an instrument or joining the drum line can go and register their interest with our Music teacher, Ms Carolyn Bourn in the Performing Arts staffroom.

This year will be another big year for The Arts with the introduction of Music Excellence in Yr 7 & 8. If you have a student that would be interested in being a part of this program, please get in contact with our Music teacher, Ms Carolyn Bourn as there are a few spaces still available. We also held our Dance Crew auditions Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> February and will announce the successful applicants of this program next week. The dance crew look forward in performing at events such as Beenleigh and Gold Coast Eisteddfod, Danc'ed In The Spotlight and many school events.

Our first calendar item for The Arts is our Instrumental Music Soiree on the 27<sup>th</sup> March this term. This will be held in the Drama room at the top of the Performing Arts block and will begin at 3.30pm. We invite all of our instrumental student's parents to come along and meet their teachers and watch a small performance of the items that the students have been working on so far.

Well that's it for now from the Performing Arts team. We look forward to seeing you all at the many events we have scheduled for 2017.

Kind regards  
Hayley McFarlane  
HOD The Arts

## Uniform/Bookshop

**Term 1 is starting off on such a positive high and it's so nice to see students in the correct uniform.**

Black skirts are available for purchase for all year levels.

**NOTE: New Uniform Items:**



BUCKET HATS  
\$18.00  
**Be Sun Smart**



GIRLS BIKE PANTS  
\$30.00



The singlets, shirts and shorts have new designs available for purchase

Football Training Shorts \$40.00 (*The price has increased on footy shorts due to new supplier.*)

**Old football uniform: Only \$5.00 each.** We have singlets available in the old football range. Sizes are from size 6(kids) up to size 12(kids). Footy training shorts in the old football range from size 26 (12) up to size 44. Singlets and shorts can be purchased for students to wear at home or for family members in support of our Keebra football stars.

Lost Property: **Remind students to check for lost property at the uniform shop.**

**Stationery:** We have an array of stationery, including Go Cards (\$20.00) available for students to purchase.

**OPEN MONDAYS, TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS 8.30-12.00PM.**  
**ANY QUERIES DON'T HESITATE TO PHONE ME ON 07 55092502.**  
**STACEY FISHER ☺**

## Finance News

**2017 Student Resource Scheme fees payable to Keebra Park State High School**

2017 Student Resource Scheme						
YEAR 7/8/9 – 2017 Student Resource Scheme – per student	\$390.00					
YEAR 10/11/12 – 2017 Student Resource Scheme – per student	\$440.00					
Voluntary P & C Donation	\$20.00					
Subjects Contributions – User Pays Fees						
Subject Name	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
Cert II Community Activities & Outdoor Recreation	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$40	\$100
Sports Specialisation – Rugby League, Girls Sport Excellence and Basketball Excellence	\$80	\$80	\$80	\$130	\$130	\$130
Instrumental Music	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40

### Payment Method

- **OPTION 1:** Payment of Student Resource Scheme fee in full by **25<sup>th</sup> November 2016**
- **OPTION 2:** Payment of Student Resource Scheme contributions in instalments
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Instalment: 1/3 of Student Resource Scheme due by **25<sup>th</sup> November 2016**.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Instalment: 1/3 of Student Resource Scheme due by **24<sup>th</sup> February 2017**.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Instalment: Balance of Student Resource Scheme by **24<sup>th</sup> March 2017**.
- **OPTION 3:** If you are receiving an allowance from Centrelink you have the option for the participation fees to be deducted from the allowance. This is voluntary and will not cost you anything to join. Payment amounts and payment periods are negotiated between yourself and KPSHS. **Parents and carers choosing this option are asked to contact our Finance Office to complete the required authorisation form.**
- **OPTION 4:** I am already paying my 2016 school fees via Centrelink and wish to continue my automatic payments until the 2017 fees are paid.
- **OPTION 5:** I will make an appointment with the Finance Office to negotiate a payment plan of regular payments.

#### Payment Method

- **School finance office – payments can be paid Monday- Friday 8.00am – 1:30pm**
- ✓ **EFTPOS (Credit/Debit Card)**
- ✓ **Cash**
- ✓ **Cheque**
- **Internet Banking – school banking details:**  
Account Name: Keebra Park State High School  
BSB Number: 064450  
Account Number: 10064245
- **Centrepay Deduction - Payment by Centrepay** deduction can be arranged through the school finance office.
- **QParent/BPOINT - Online** through **QParents/BPOINT** or see your school's website - When paying by **BPOINT**, please use the Customer Reference Number (**CRN**) and invoice number printed on the invoice received from the school. If unsure of your CRN, please contact the school.

Angela Zavros  
Business Services Manager

## Events Calendar

6 <sup>th</sup> February	Rugby League Information Evening
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Intensive English Centre Information Evening
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 7 Meet and Greet 3:30-4:30pm
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Naplan Information Evening
16 <sup>th</sup> February	P & C AGM 4:15pm Resource Centre
16 <sup>th</sup> February	Broadwater Swimming
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Netball U15's and Opens 4.15pm – 5.45pm Venue TBA
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	IEC Beach Life Saving
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Round 1 Girls Rugby league
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Melting Memories Day
8 <sup>th</sup> March	School Photo Day
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Netball U15's and Opens 4.15pm – 5.45pm Venue TBA
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Round 2 Girls Rugby League
10 <sup>th</sup> March	International Women's Day