As many of our families are well aware, this term brings a mixed bag of emotions.

Together, we are preparing to farewell our Year 12’s, transition our year 6’s and Kindy students to Junior Secondary and prep while working hard to ensure that we have all students ready to move up a year level in this important journey of their education.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the awards night to celebrate our achievements. I am excited to announce the commencement of our Outside of School Hours (OSH) program in 2016 as we work in Partnership with Camp Australia to prepare for this service. If you are interested in this new initiative, please refer to the information leaflet in this newsletter.

Thanks to Linda Blue for all of the work she has done to drive this agenda.

This term we have implemented a program called ID Attend to improve our work in tracking and improving the attendance of our students in all classes.

We appreciate the support families give to ensuring their students are at school for every lesson of every day.

The KDSC staff are continuing to work in teams to develop expertise in planning units to cater for individual students’ needs and to improve our teaching of reading.

The newly announced Investment for Success funding (previously Great Results Guarantee) will ensure we can continue with and interventions started in 2015 into 2016.

Finally, congratulations to Gary Toshach and Kylie Jones who have gained permanent positions at their current schools. I would like to thank them for their years of service to the Kuranda Community. The position of Principal has been advertised and will be announced before the end of the year.

Sharon Jones
College Principal
Building Personal

### Junior Primary Prep — 2

Classrooms in the Junior School are all busy with very exciting English units. Walking into Prep A, you will see a giant beanstalk as they explore the characters in stories – with the assessment to be to write what they like about a character they have studied. Prep/1A will have the same assessment for the prep students, while the year 1 students will have to compare two versions of the same story – which one they compare.

1A is enjoying making up and discovering how to write a procedure based on a recipe for a disgusting sandwich – based on the story ‘The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch’. The year 2 students are learning about the plots in stories and then will show their understanding of one of these stories by adding an imagined event to it – writing and illustrating.

Prep enrolment interviews for 2016 will be held from 16th—27th November.

### Years 3 – 6

The first three weeks of term have seen students in years 3-6 settle into their routines of being Safe Respectful Learners. Walking through our classrooms it has been encouraging to see students focused and settled on learning.

As we progress this term, your children will be working towards completing final assessments for the year. To support students during this time, it is important we ensure that they are well rested and organised for each school day.

Students attending are looking forward to this exciting opportunity to develop team building and outdoor activity skills and challenging themselves. Year five students interested in leadership roles in 2016 have been busy writing and preparing themselves for their speeches. The 2016 Primary leaders will be announced during our awards evening on Thursday 12th November.

### Junior Secondary Years 7 – 9

As the end of year fast approaches we have commenced our 2016 Transition Plan for junior secondary including the:

- commencement of Students with Disabilities supported visits to the secondary campus,
- preparing year 6 students for lunch times in secondary setting on art elective days (Wednesday & Friday), planning activities for week 10 transition week where students will spend significant time in the secondary setting working with teachers and subjects they will engage in 2016,
- reviewing achievement data to determine individual needs of students years 7-9 in 2016,
- Determining electives choices to be offered in 2016, students selecting electives for 2016.

**Transition week – week 10**

If you would like further information please contact me on 40855333. Reminders that enrolment for 2016 is now open for students not currently attending Kuranda District State College so if you know of any families wishing to enrol for 2016 please provide my contact number above.

Kind regards Julia Brant
Chaplain's Chat

Last term saw the completion of our Year 7 and 8 Lifeskill Program. We covered topics such as understanding myself, appreciating others, controlling my anger response, being assertive, avoiding stereotyping, role models and mentors, identifying my support network and looking outside myself to the needs of others in my world. Pictured are some of the students with their 'Symbol of Me' sheets where each student got to write something affirming to each other! This term our Senior lunch programs continue - Chicks Talkin' with topics such as Healthy Food Choices and a Zumba session and Hard Yakka for Senior boys focusing on the themes of perseverance, strength, humility, integrity and mateship. Week 2 saw a focus at KDSC on Mental Health Week with initiatives for staff (massages and cakes!) and students - and assembly presentation delivered by our KDSC Support Team (picture below) shows Mr Modini our Guidance Officer, Miss Jane our Wellbeing Officer and Chappy Deb sporting their RUOK? T-shirts. The Support Team, which also includes School Nurse Karin Klein and Mr Beau (Primary campus Wellbeing Officer), delivered the RUOK? message across the secondary campus encouraging staff and students to ‘ask the question’ and make a positive difference by showing care for those around us.

If you would like to know more about how Chaplaincy works at KDSC please come along to our Chaplaincy Committee meeting for Term 4 – 10.30am on Thursday 12th November in the Secondary Common Room.

RU OK at KDSC - During the week of 12th of October KDSC focused on RUOK? A presentation was given to students year 7 – 12 and resources distributed to all students. There was also a competition held and the three lucky winners received an RUOK bag. Mental Health and wellbeing is about all of us and we need to talk about it. Mental illness touches nearly every Australian in some way. Fifty percent of us will experience poor mental health some time in our lives while family, friends and colleagues all share the burden. Mental health issues in young people are responsible for the majority of health problems in this age group and poor mental health causes suffering and disability. RUOK? Challenges us to be even better mates by starting a life saving conversation with anyone doing it tough. We can help each other through difficult times. We want everyone to take the time to start a conversation and really listen to what a mate has to say. Regular and meaningful conversations are good for us all. Strong relationships and a sense of belonging can help enhance our mental health. RU OK - Ask a question – change a life!!

Senior School Years 10 — 12

Year 12 students are finalising their studies and are to be congratulated on the solid results across the cohort. All students need to remember to work hard and diligently right up to the end of school as final assessments still have a significant impact on student results. Yr 12 students also need to be considering their QTAC applications and their future pathways to put plans in place which will help them succeed. Both myself and the guidance officer Mr Modini are available to discuss these plans with students to help find them the best pathway forward. Important dates coming up include the college presentation evenings which will be held at Rainforestation. Primary campus presentations will occur on 12th November and Secondary Campus presentations on 11th November. More information will be forthcoming. Year 10 students will have the opportunity to discuss their future career and study pathways during SET plan interviews which are occurring on Wednesday 28th November. Students should already have brought information home and be discussing their plans with parents and carers. Another significant event will be the Year 12 graduation and formal which will take place on 20th November. Thank you to Mrs Guy who has been working very hard to coordinate this event.

Achievements

Jack has trialled and won a place in the Sea Swift Northern Pride Under 16 Team to compete in the Cyril Conner Cup. This cup is held every year and the Northern Pride won last year. He will have to train 4 days a week as well as attending a gym so it is quite a commitment for him until May 2016.

Outstanding Accounts

All unpaid School Fees and Spelling Mastery payments are now due with payment required immediately. Payment methods are cash, cheque, Eftpos, credit card, direct debit and centrepay. If you require a payment arrangement please contact the office. Jenny & Phillip are always happy to help.

Years 10 - 12

Team leader

Mr Travers Toohey

10 - 12 Head of School

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Would you like to play the:

- Saxophone
- Flute
- Clarinet
- Trumpet

Woodwind and Brass lessons with a qualified teacher are available.

Expression of interest forms available from both offices for 2016.

SWD News—Perceptual Motor Program (PMP)

Many programs the SWD team use and implement develop the whole student. We look at the student's physical capabilities, academic capabilities and the social capabilities. We then build programs to enable the students to access all aspects of their learning environment. One of these programs is PMP. The aim of PMP is to train the nervous system so that a child develops the ability to remember patterns of movement, sequences of sounds and the look and feel of things. When movement tasks are fully integrated, children are able to perform them automatically, allowing freedom to do more than one task at a time. In addition, social and behavioural challenges are presented, words are introduced and reinforced, and behaviours such as waiting in line, taking turns, applauding the efforts of others are encouraged. These programs are very exciting and engaging. They take a lot of preparation time and demonstrate further the amazing efforts and expertise in our SWD team.

Year 10 Enterprise Projects

As a part of their VET course for Work Education, Year 10 must complete an enterprising project. Here are some of the activities:

Week 6 – Awards nights - There will be a Snack Shack operating at the Rainforestation Amphitheatre during Awards night. Coffee, cake and cold drinks will be available for sale.

Week 6 – Primary Oval 2nd Lunch Thursday and Friday

Team events – physical education mentors from Year 10 will be running activities on the oval. A note will come home about the game of “tag”.

Prep Open Days

When: Tuesday and Thursday
17th & 19th November
9.30 - 10.30 am
Where: Prep rooms

Students explore the Prep Environment with activities in the prep classrooms. Our Prep staff will explain the Prep routines and learning programs at KDSC. Pick up an enrolment pack and make an appointment time to meet with the Head of school. Prep Interviews 16th - 27th November

2015 Term Dates

Term 1
Tuesday 27th January to Thursday 2nd April

Term 2
Monday 20th April to Friday 26th June

Term 3
Monday 13th July to Friday 18th September

Term 4
Tuesday 6th October to Friday 11th December

Student Free Day
Monday 19th October

Year 12 Formal

- Hilton Cairns
- Friday 20th November
- Arrivals from 6.00pm
- Graduation from 7.00pm
- Dinner from 8.00pm
- Cost $65.00

Term 4 Swimming Lessons 2015

Prep - Year 6
Commenced Week 5
Monday 2nd November
5 week program till Friday 4th Dec