Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Welcome back to term 3. I am very proud of our achievements in Semester 1. An important measure of our overall progress is our A - C reporting data. A snapshot of Semester 1 College data is as follows:

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Just as important as improving our collective results, is our focus on each individual student. Our hard working staff have been working in teams to improve how we identify the point of need for each child, collaboratively and skilfully plan our units to make real-world meaning of learning and ensure each individual is experiencing improvement. Thank you to the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data, Support for Student Learning and Positive Behaviour for Learning Teams who are leading and driving our professional improvement.

Welcome back from maternity leave to Katherine Macfarlane. Katherine will step back into her Head of Senior School role and continue to lead and monitor programs that ensure our seniors successfully transition to productive pathways after schooling. Congratulations to Ruth Moxon who is nominated for a Queensland College of Teachers, Excellence in Teaching Award. Ruth is a great example of the difference our college staff can make in preparing our children for a positive future.

Hope to see many of you on 14th August for our NAIDOC celebrations and thank you to parents who have given me valuable feedback on the work we are doing in 2015.

Regards
Sharon Jones            College Principal

NAIDOC Celebrations Friday 14th August

- NAIDOC Banner Painting
- Bama Dayal Dance Workshop
- Indigenous Art
- Screen printing
- Indigenous Games
- Band and Music Workshop
- Sustainability Workshop

Bibi Yungan Activities for Pre-Prep Student Art Gallery

All parents and community members are invited to attend the NAIDOC Celebrations on Friday 14th August from 12.30 to 2.50pm

- Official NAIDOC Opening
- Kup Muri
- Face painting and Craft Activities
- Entertainment, including College and Community Performers

Prizes for Best Dressed, NAIDOC’s Got Talent, Attendance

A free shuttle bus will be available from all communities from 11.00am to 12.00 for the NAIDOC Celebrations. Return bus will be departing the school at 2.00pm to all communities.

Date Claimers
- 14 August - NAIDOC celebration
- 26 & 27 August - Miharamura School Visit
- 7 Sept - School Immunisation program Yrs 8-10
- 11 Sept - P-6 Disco
- 11 Sept - Junior Sec Info session 6.30 - 7.30 pm
- 12 Sept - Photographic workshop

Achievements

TCN SPORTS

Hunter Richardson
3rd in Javelin 38.56m

Priya Deshong
3rd in Javelin 18m

P & C Meeting
Monday 6pm
7th September
Secondary Common Room

Term 3 Week 4
2015
Issue 3.1
Junior Primary Prep — 2

The delightful sounds of new life has been filling our classroom in 2A this week. We have over the last 3 weeks been patiently awaiting and anxiously watching for the signs of the arrival of chickens. We currently have 9 chicks in a brooder box and we are watching the remaining 18 eggs for signs of pipping, which is the beginning of the hatch process. Our science unit this term is “How does it grow” and we have been very lucky that Miss Fleur has an incubator. We have also been watching the metamorphosis of our meal worms into darkling beetles, which has also been happening this week. We have watched the meal worms change from larvae to pupa to beetle and we are hoping to get some eggs from the beetles to watch the cycle all over again. As part of our Science unit we have also planted dwarf beans, floss flowers, egg heads and sunflowers. We have been industriously watering and observing the changes as these plants grow and we learn to care for them. If you would like to visit us in our amazing learning environment please feel free to come and say hello in the mornings before school starts.

Years 3 — 6

It has been fantastic to walk through the Year 3 – 6 classrooms and see so much great teaching and learning happening. Students are reminded to make sure that they are prepared for learning by being on time and having all equipment necessary. If your child is absent from school please contact the office.

I would like to say thank you to all parents/carers who attended our Parent/Teacher interviews in week 2. If you were unable to make an interview please contact your classroom teacher to arrange a time to sit down and have a chat about your child’s learning. Information regarding our school camps (Year 4/5 and Year 6/7) has been distributed over the last couple of weeks. A deposit is needed to confirm numbers and make final preparations for our camps. We are hoping to raise funds to reduce the cost of camp. Any parents or carers who would like to be involved in other fundraising activities please contact your child’s teacher.

It was a very busy Friday 31st of July with most students attending the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair or representing our school at the Barron River District Athletics Carnival. All students represented our school with pride and were very respectful while on the excursions.

Junior Secondary Years 7 – 9

You are invited to attend our Junior Secondary Information Session to be held Tuesday 11 August, 6.30pm – 7.30pm in the Secondary Science & Language Hall.

The purpose of this information session is to provide an overview of the benefits of enrolling your child/children at Kuranda District State College including:

- A Curriculum overview
- College Achievements
- Supporting students transitioning into Junior Secondary
- Leadership opportunities for students
- Support for student learning
- Parent & community involvement

Prior to the information session you are welcome to join us in a tour of our school commencing 6pm (meet at the Secondary Administration building)

If you are unable to attend but would like further information please contact Julia Brant on 40855333 or email jbran28@eq.edu.au
Chaplain’s Chat

I had a fantastic holiday on Winter Fusion Girls Camp at Tinaroo with 10 lovely Kuranda DSC students. We had a week being encouraged of our true identity and to live lives of meaning and purpose and to fulfill our potential to be all we were created to be! Highlights were our campfire, cafe outing, dance night, bowling and Awards Night with Martin!! I hope to be running some Lifeskill sessions in HPE with Grade 7 and 8s during this term. Can encourage you all to not forget our message delivered by the TAGYI Project to our students across Grades 3-12 last term of being thankful and being generous. On this thought, Sharon Linwood, Tablelands Regional Councillor for Division 2, has asked schools to consider donating to support those affected by the Ravenshoe explosion. To do so please donate online at www.givit.org.au - follow the link for Ravenshoe. Finally a reminder that our Prep-6 Disco this term will be on Friday 11th September. Pop the date in your diary now and don’t miss another fantastic evening for kids and their carers of games, prizes, grooves and pizza!! See you there!! If you would like support, pastoral care or a friendly chat contact me anytime via the school office or at debbieb@chappy.org.au

Be Blessed,

Chappy Deb

Senior School Years 10 — 12

Term 3 is a critical term for our seniors. Year 12s are preparing for their QCS test, which is held on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd of September. At the end of the term Year 12 student folios are sent away for verification, which means they are analysed by a panel of experts to verify the student’s Levels of Achievement. We have reviewed the Semester 1 data, and are very happy with the progress of all students towards achieving their individual goals and targets. We are committed to 100% of senior students gaining a Queensland Certificate of Education or Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement, and our Year 12 OP students achieving their desired OP score, allowing them to be accepted into their preferred University course. The students can only achieve their goals with the support of parents. Students need to be at school every day, and in the event of illness ensure they catch up on work missed. Parents should familiarise themselves with the topics their child is studying at school, as well as the assessment type and due dates. In partnership we can assist our students to reach their dreams!
P&C News

Please note that effective IMMEDIATELY, the uniform shop will NO LONGER be open on WEDNESDAY mornings. It WILL be open on MONDAY mornings instead, at the usual time from 8.30 - 9am.

Payment methods remain the same – we accept cash or cheque only, NO EFTPOS.

Centrepay forms are available for those receiving eligible payments from Centrelink – if you are unsure, please contact Centrelink directly.

Due to popular demand, we are now in stock of two new sizes in our short-sleeve polo shirts – XL and XXL. Prices remain unchanged – an updated price / size list will be made available early into the term.

We thank you for your patience and consideration, as all P&C events and services are run solely by volunteers.

New faces are always welcomed and needed, and there is no better time than the start of a new term to join the P&C if you have not already done so – different memberships types are available, from those with time to lend helping hands, or if you would just like to be on the email list and stay up-to-date with all our happenings! For membership forms please contact either the junior or senior office.

To keep up to date with the P&C online, and to be notified of updates as they occur, please ‘like’ us on Facebook – www.facebook.com/kdscpandc

The P&C will be running the Tuckshop Prize Raffle again this term. Tickets will be sent home with students soon.

$1.00 per ticket
1st Prize - $50 Tuckshop Voucher
2nd Prize - $20 Tuckshop Voucher
3rd Prize - $10 Tuckshop Voucher

Drawn 14th September

SWD - Team have been extremely busy over the past weeks. Students have been building their skills in using money, making purchases, waiting for change and a docket, banking and filling in a deposit slip, and ordering food in a café. On top of all that great learning, the physio program continues with walking, and building balance on uneven ground. We have walked Jum Rum Creek – Jungle Walk – River Walk, walked along the Barron River from the Railway station, negotiating many stairs and even battled walking around the pond with very hungry ducks and geese. All of this has provided some great experiences, opportunities for our students to share and look after each other and model great like skills. Well done to everyone involved and taking the time for this program.

What is a Scholastic Book Fair? A Scholastic Book Fair is a lively and fun event that enables children, parents, teachers and community members to purchase quality books and classroom resources to suit every reading level and interest. This is an opportunity for children to see, touch and connect with books they want to read and an exciting event that engages children and promotes literacy.

Term Dates

Term 2
Monday 20th April to Friday 26th June.

Term 3
Monday 13th July to Friday 18th September

Term 4
Monday 6th October to Friday 11th December

Student Free Day
Monday 22nd October

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