



Term 2 Week 8
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Newsletter

The Department of Education and Training acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the lands from across Queensland. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across the state.

Date Claimers ▾

- ◆ **Breaky Boost**
Tuesday & Thursday
8:15am – 8:45am
- ◆ **Superhero Disco** Prep– Yr 7
Friday 9 June 4:30pm
- ◆ **P&C Meeting**
Monday 12 June 5:30pm
Secondary Campus
Common Room
- ◆ **Under 8s Day**
Thursday 15 June 9:00am
- ◆ **Athletics Carnival**
Thursday 22 June 9:05am
- ◆ **NAIDOC Day celebrations**
Friday 23 June 12:00pm
- ◆ Last day of Term 2
Friday 23 June



Dear Parents and Families,

Thank you to those families who have updated their email contacts in preparation for the upcoming

delivery of the Semester one reports. This mode of delivery is just one of the changes we have made in an effort to communicate in a more sustainable, cost effective way. Look out for our next newsletter which will also be sent via email. Paper copies will still be made available upon request through the office.

The State Schooling School Improvement Unit has recently asked to share our school's headline indicators in upcoming

presentations being delivered for the School Improvement Unit. The team leader would like to talk about the school improvement journey of a small number of schools that he knows well and believes are doing some great work – ours is one of those schools. Well done to our school community for their dedication and persistence.

Congratulations to Elaina, Timmarlah, Lilian, Sophie, Emily, Taylor and Adrienne for proudly representing KDSC at the 2017 Indigenous Leaders of the Future Program.

I look forward to seeing you on Thursday and Friday the 22nd and 23rd of June (last 2 days of term) for our Track and Field Carnival and NAIDOC celebration.

Stay safe and well.

Sharon Jones

College Principal

Tuckshop

Weekly Specials

Monday - Mac & Cheese \$3

Tuesday - Nuggets, potato gems & Salad \$5.00

Wednesday - Lasagne & salad \$5.50

Thursday - Crumbed fish, potato gems & salad \$5.50

Friday - Baked potato with salad \$5.50

(stuffed with baked beans & cheese, coleslaw & beetroot or ham & cheese topped with sour cream)



2016 Premier's Sustainability Awards

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Building Personal

Primary



Julia Brant
Deputy Principal

I would like to acknowledge the volunteers and family members of students who support teaching and learning, your partnership with teachers is a valuable contribution. If you would like to support classes, particularly with guided reading, please let your child's class teacher know.

We are fortunate to work in partnership with James Cook University to regularly support pre-service teachers. KDSC teachers are very supportive and willing to share their expertise to build the knowledge, capability and confidence of pre-service teachers as they work towards attaining their teaching degree.

A rewarding aspect of my role is observing the positive daily interactions between staff and students whether it be staff greeting students as they arrive, observing students in class or witnessing the sense of pride shown by students as they share their achievements. Positive interactions and relationships with students are crucial to ensuring continuous improvement in their learning outcomes. This is evident with regards to quality partnerships between parents/carers and staff. Below is an example of the feedback we are receiving; "What a great job Deb, Danielle, Wendy and Maureen are doing with my kids, everything was positive yesterday at our meeting. I can't believe how much * has learnt since being in Prep. It's mind blowing."

A reminder to parents and carers, that you are always welcome to make a time to discuss your child's progress.

Primary



Michele Neubecker
Head of Curriculum

Our P-6 teachers have reviewed individual student reading data and set student goals for improvement using the Australian Curriculum Literacy Continuum. Over the next fortnight, every P-6 student will be given a certificate of reading acknowledgement to take home. This certificate will provide feedback on improved reading behaviours and levels and outline strategies for families to support their child's reading progress at home.

Under 8s Day will be held Thursday June 15th from 9.00am-11.00am. Families and children 8 years and under are invited to attend this fun filled community event.



Happy Holidays KDSC Families! Well done everyone for a productive and successful first half of 2017. As your Chaplaincy Team we have enjoyed running lunch groups, A2B Lifeskill groups, Boost Breakies and our monthly Community Breakies for the school and Kuranda Community.. Our next Community Breaky will be Friday 28th July. ALL FAMILIES, PARENTS, CARERS WELCOME – COME AND ENJOY A SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND YUMMY BREAKFAST TREATS FROM 8-9AM.

Saturday 27th May saw \$ 12,000 raised for Chaplaincy in our region through the cycle For Hope charity bike ride, Cycle for Hope. A special thanks to Katie Wilson (Molly's sister) who rode the 145km and our Chaplaincy Committee who helped us put on breaky at Speewah for the riders.

Our first Chappy Fundraiser Disco for the year is Friday 9th June - come along as your favourite book or movie character and enjoy the fun between 4.30-6.30pm.

Blessings Friends, Chappy Deb and Chappy Molly



Chappy Deb



Chappy Molly

Success – Together!

Senior Assessment and Tertiary Entrance System (SATE)

As mentioned in the last newsletter, a new senior assessment and tertiary entrance system will begin in Queensland with students entering Year 11 in 2019. It was mentioned that the new system will use school-based assessment and external assessment.

School-based assessments will contribute 75% towards a student's final result in most subjects. In maths and science subjects, it will generally contribute 50%. All of the school-based assessment instruments will be endorsed by the Queensland Curriculum Assessment Authority before they are used with students. A confirmation process will occur where trained assessors will review the grades teachers have assigned to student assessments.

The external assessment will be scheduled in Term 4 of Year 12. Students will complete an external assessment for all of the subjects they study. Teachers will teach the content of the unit, to prepare students for the external assessment.

With the new system there are a range of subjects which will provide summative assessment in Year 11 and Year 12, to allow for composite class structures for smaller secondary schools.

Last month I had the pleasure of formally meeting the Year 6 students and discussing their exciting journey ahead as they transition to Junior Secondary. They had so many questions and expressed that they felt excited but nervous also. In Semester Two we will be welcoming the year 6 students to the Secondary campus for various events as part of their transition program. Students will learn the routines of Junior Secondary including; how to read a timetable, how to find their way around the campus and who's who in the zoo whilst experiencing a variety of subjects. Parents are being invited for tours of the Secondary Campus to see what is on offer. Please contact me if you require more information.

I am pleased to share we have recently bought new computers for the Secondary Library and Prep. We also have two new i-Mac computers for the Media lab. Just a reminder that secure laptop storage is available in the library for students who bring their own devices.

Lastly, I would like to thank the parents with whom I have worked with closely this term. Parents, school leaders and teachers have been working together to build a safe and respectful learning environment and together I know we can continue to improve this.

We are working through our annual data collection for the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability. This is a joint initiative of all Australian Government and Non-government Education Authorities. The data is collected annually to identify the number of school students with a disability and the level of reasonable adjustment provided for them. Over time, the data collection aims to provide nationally consistent, high quality data on students enrolled in Australian schools who receive an adjustment to participate in education because of disability, where these students are located, the level of reasonable adjustment provided to assist them to participate in schooling on the same basis as other students and each student's broad category of disability. Schools are at the centre of the educational experience for Australian students, and every student is entitled to a quality learning experience. Participation in the national data collection process helps schools meet their obligations under the [Disability Discrimination Act 1992](#) and the [Disability Standards for Education 2005](#).

Secondary



Michelle Howe

Deputy Principal
Secondary

Secondary



Dale Archibald

Interim Head of
Department

SEP News



Nicola Clode

Head of Special Education
Services



NAIDOC

FRIDAY 23rd JUNE

12:00pm

Come and join us in celebrating this exciting event!



DENTAL VAN COMES TO KURANDA SCHOOL



The dental van is at KDSC to offer Free dental examinations to all students from Prep to 17 years old. An invitation has been sent home. Every student has access to this free service. We have very dedicated staff in the van with many years experience in the school system working with children and adolescents. Parents need to attend with their children. Appointments can be made by calling 1300 300 850 or visit the van on a Thursday as we may have some available appointments. The van will only stay at the school if it is being used. At this stage the van will stay until the end of the term. See you all soon, Tania and

Athletics Carnival

THURSDAY 22nd JUNE
9:05am

Sports House patches available at \$5.00 each



Under 8s Day Thursday June 15th

All families and children 8 years and under, are invited to join Kuranda College and community at 9:00am on Thursday June 15th to celebrate Under 8s Day. 'Learning through play from country to coast.'



Electronic distribution of newsletter coming soon!

Are your email contact details up to date? Please notify the office of any changes.