Dear Parents and Families,

As we move toward the close of the semester, I would like to thank you for your work and support toward getting the best results for your Student/s. This can be a stressful time for our Senior Students in particular, with a large emphasis placed on their results and consequently Year 12 Attainment. Thank you for your patience as we work towards a tuck shop model for our College. A panel with Parent representation conducted an interview process on Monday the 1st June and I am pleased to announce that Zacheri Richardson-Leitman will commence in the tuck shop term 3.

I must congratulate the Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students who were outstanding in their approach to doing their very best in the recent NAPLAN tests. The staff and I were so impressed with their attitude and effort. Further Congratulations to Taylor Coleman, Jeffrey Hunter, Xavier Oui, Cheralee Duffin, Timmarlah Wason and Mary Scotford who with Zami Coleman’s support represented the College at the recent Indigenous Leaders of the Future Conference. They have developed an action plan and will be working as Student Leaders throughout the year.

On the last two days of term (23/24th June) we will be holding our Athletics and NAIDOC events. I look forward to seeing you in our College to celebrate these school community events.

Warm regards,

Sharon Jones
Principal

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**NAIDOC Celebrations Friday 24th June**

The 2016 theme, Songlines - The living narrative of our nation - will highlight the importance of Songlines to the existence of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. We encourage all Australians to explore and celebrate how, through Songlines, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people remain connected to Country and have been able to maintain and share sacred stories and ceremonies for tens of thousands of years.

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**P & C Meeting**

Wednesday
6pm
8 June
Secondary
Common Room

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**SCHOOL DISCO**

June 17th
5pm - 7.30pm

Secondary Campus Hall
Prep—Yr 7 students only

FEATURING • Games • Dance Competitions • Prizes • Refreshments (pizza slices, drinks and ice blocks for sale)
Fun for all the family!!
Don’t miss out!

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**Date Claimers**

♦ Every Day
Breaky Boost 8.15am - 8.45am
♦ 7th June Performance Night 5.30-7pm
Refreshments available
♦ 17th June - Prep—Yr 7 Disco
♦ 23rd June Athletics Carnival
♦ 24th June NAIDOC Day/ Track events
As I walk through class rooms it a pleasure observing students fully engaged in learning. The commitment of Class teachers, Specialist Teachers and Teacher Aides in ensuring students are achieving their potential is very evident. I often ask students about what they are learning and I am impressed by the confident and detailed response given. Positive feedback from parents and visiting members of the community is valued.....thank you.

Under 8’s day was a great success. Thanks to our early year’s teachers, Head of Curriculum, student leaders, students years prep to 2, teachers, parents, carers, Chappy Deb, P&C, Bunnings, Kuranda Police, Fire Brigade, Steiner School, and Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.

It is apparent when having conversations with students during class and playtime that teachers are working towards students setting goals particularly reading level attainment. The Head of Curriculum has also been is working with teachers to implement a literacy block planner to ensure a constant and quality approach to teaching of handwriting, spelling, writing, reading, teaching oral language and vocabulary.

Well done to our year three and five students who completed their NAPLAN testing during week five. Students applied themselves and worked hard to do their best. Thank you to teachers and our wellbeing team who provided a supportive environment and breakfast each morning to these students.

Many students have demonstrated improvement in learning this term. Rueban Herd and William Brim have demonstrated commitment to learning to read improving their reading by three levels. Kysten Lawson and Phoenix Howell in 3A, have improved reading by two levels. Rosetta Bulow in 4/5B has improved her reading by three levels. P-6 students are currently writing narrative stories for assessment.

This term Year 10s went to the BLA careers and employment expo. This one day event provided students with an opportunity to explore career, employment and education pathways from 40 plus exhibitors. Senior chemistry students attended the Titration competition at JCU this term. The aim of this national competition is to encourage students who enjoy practical Chemistry and to recognise those who are becoming proficient. The Competition has been held annually since 1980. Leading teams in the Regional Competitions are eligible to enter the Finals of the National Competition. Home Economics students have been fundraising this term demonstrating their hospitality skills and showing initiative. Congratulations to Ms. Mitchell and these students.

Students have been reminded this week that with the semester’s end drawing near they need to be mindful of due dates for assessments and to talk with their teachers if they require further support to complete tasks.
In Junior Secondary news...
I am proud to report students in years 7 and 9 put in a high level of effort in NAPLAN this year and we had full attendance by our year 7s for all of their tests. We can expect the reports in Term 3.

In late May years 7 and 8 students participated in a JCU partnership visit. Students modelled excellent behaviour and showed much interest in the activities about university. Thanks to Ms. Moxon for organising the event.

Also this term, we are looking forward to upcoming events including Performance Night, Athletics carnival and NAIDOC. Hope to see you all there.

Community Access
Community Access is a program designed to meet the Personal and Social Capabilities in the Australian Curriculum. It allows students to build capabilities in real life situations accessing everyday facilities that students need for everyday living. The programs helps implement practical applications of classroom learning, such as the authentic use of money in purchasing and change in shopping, counting out items for purchase and various reading opportunities; including- reading dockets, ingredients, signs, timetables. In addition to the curriculum outcomes, the program helps support the physio programs implemented by visiting agencies such as the Cerebral Palsy League and Departmental staff (Advisory Visiting Teachers). Students participate in activities that help build fine and gross motor skills, balance and midline.

Term 2 has seen the celebration of Chaplaincy Week - the Kuranda DSC Chaplaincy Committee manned a tasty and energising breakfast stall at Speewah for over 50 cyclists on Saturday 21st May, who were riding in ‘Cycle for Hope’ – raising funds for Chaplaincy across our region. Thanks to those who helped and the Windmill Café in Kuranda for their delicious doughnuts! Radiance, Men’s Business and Drumbeat programs continue and our A2B Plus boys group are bonding well (pictured) and are excited about an excursion next week, focusing on teamwork and self-worth, as we participate in some adventure-based activities in the bush!

Finally – get your dance moves and pyjamas on for our Pyjama Themed Disco on Friday 17th June for Prep-Yr 7 students, 5-7.30pm – Funds raised will contribute to Chaplaincy and Primary Student Council initiatives at KDSC. Entry is $5 (includes a slice of pizza), with discounts for siblings.

Chappy Deb – debbieb@chappy.org.au
Our Primary students are currently engaged in collaborative language sessions with Michael Quinn. Every Thursday afternoon Michael facilitates a story telling session with classes listening to and acting out stories from around the world. This is followed by classroom learning activities where students are supported in retelling the stories using text, images and drama. We are fortunate and excited to have collaborative language learning with Michael continue for 2016.

Our dedicated teachers and teacher aides are currently participating in professional development every Tuesday afternoon 3.15 - 4.30. The primary team are working through online reading modules facilitated by Debra Taylor and Michele Neubecker. These learning modules support the planning, implementation and learning of reading within our classrooms. Kuranda staff are committed to professional capability development through continual updated learning and subsequent coaching and feedback opportunities.

**Athletics Carnival**

- Days: Thursday 23rd June and Friday 24th June (morning only)
- Field Events: Thursday 9am—3pm: Field Events including 100m and 200m (9years—Open)
- Track Events: Friday 9am—11am: 9 Years—Open including the Prep—Year 3 novelty events and races
- All students, families, carers are encouraged to wear house colours and participate in the days.
- BBQ provided by the P and C on Thursday.