



## 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 ▾

- ◆ Tuesdays & Thursdays Breaky Boost 8.15am – 8.45am
- ◆ Community Breaky Friday 25th August 8-9am ALL welcome
- ◆ Book Fair Primary Library 23rd –31st August
- ◆ P&C Meeting Monday 21st August 5:30pm Secondary Campus Common Room



Dear Parents and Families,  
I hope that your mid semester break was time enjoyed time with family and friends.  
Thank you to those families who were able to attend our parent-teacher

Conferences this term.

The invitation is always extended to make an appointment with the College to discuss your child's progress.

Thank you to our families for supporting their children to continue to wear their Kuranda uniform with pride. It is great to see our students in their green or black jackets in line with our college colours.

Our NAPLAN results will be released shortly and while we know this is but one data source, it will provide us with feedback as to

how our students are progressing with their literacy and numeracy skills and direct what further action is needed to ensure every child is succeeding.

Students are being asked to wait inside the school grounds at the end of the day for pick up to ensure their safety. Parents can help us by collecting their children from the pick-up zone inside the carpark and not from Myola Road.

In other news I am excited to announce that the school has been successful in a Banardos grant for \$2500 which will be used to continue our Wellbeing team's Breaky Boost program.

Finally, thank you to the hard work and support of the P & C and School Council who continue to work positively in partnership with myself, leaders and staff. Have a great term!

Sharon Jones School Principal



### Year 12 Formal

Hilton Cairns

◆ Friday 17th

November 2017

◆ Arrivals from 5.30pm

◆ Graduation from 6.30pm

◆ Dinner from 7.30pm

Cost \$ 77 p/p



### 2017 Athletics Age Champions

	BOYS	GIRLS
9 Years	Jack Dunne	Sherral-Lee Riley
10 years	Gadjirraga Hunter	Bianca Powenski
11 years	Seth Bradley	Shyriah Williams
12 years	Porta James	Olivia Brim
13 years	Donald Bulow	Monica Brim
14 years	Jye Johnson	Madi Kotzur
15 years	Jayden Richards	Angelina Brim
16 years	Ty Howell	Lilian Gilkerson
OPEN	Indie Ylstra	Timmarlah Wason



# Building Personal

## Primary



Julia Brant  
Deputy Principal

We have had a wonderful start to Term 3 with students quickly settling back into learning. We very much appreciate the positive feedback from parents, volunteers and community members who experience first-hand the quality teaching and learning that takes place in classrooms every day. Thank you to those who come along to support our teachers and students in class or with lunchtime activities. Congratulations to classes who received awards for displays at the Cairns Show. Prep A received a highly commended for Our Languages Matter, Prep/1 placed 2nd for History of Cairns- Kuranda Railway, Indigenous Arts group placed 3rd and Niko, who entered an individual art display titled Niko's Story. What a great effort from our talented students. I would also like to acknowledge Kay who ensured our displays got to the welcome to attend our Primary Campus Assembly which takes place every Monday morning at 9am led by our school captains. This is also an opportunity to often hear our school choir perform and to celebrate the many student achievements each week.

## Primary



Michele Neubecker  
Head of Curriculum

This term we welcome new Primary teaching staff Lynda Lucas teaching 1A, Lisa Barbuto teaching 4A and Peta Bartley teaching Physical Education. We are looking forward to a productive and successful Term Three. Prep -Year Six parent teacher interviews took place during week four. If you were unable to attend interviews during and would like to meet new staff or discuss your child's progress, please contact the school to make a convenient time to meet with your child's teacher. The first transition to Prep days will take place during Week Six, Monday August 14th and Friday August 18th, 10.30 -11.30 am. All Kuranda community families with children starting Prep in 2018, are invited to come along to interact with students and staff and experience the wonderful facilities at Kuranda District State College. Keep an eye out for Semester Two class newsletters which will be sent home this week. These include class news, timetable and the unit and assessment schedule for each class.



Chappy Deb



Chappy Molly

From Tuesday 8th August to 15th August, Australian Hearing will be testing every indigenous student's hearing in the school. This project is to try out some new ways of picking up students with ear trouble and hearing loss, which makes it harder to learn at school. Schools need ways of working out who may have hearing loss, so they can be helped. Please endeavour to send your child to school every day in this time to ensure they get their hearing tested.

# 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. In the last newsletter, I discussed school-based assessment and external assessment. This article will focus on the difference between the OP and ATAR and the calculation of the ATAR.

The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) will replace the Overall Position (OP) from 2020.

### What is the difference between the ATAR and OP?

The ATAR is a finer grained rank order of students than the OP.

It's a number between 0.00 and 99.95 with increments of 0.05, whereas the OP consists of 25 bands.

The ATAR is commonly used in other states and territories.

### Calculating ATARs

The Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) will be responsible for calculating students' ATARs.

QTAC will calculate ATARs based on either:

Best five QCAA General subjects	Best four QCAA General Subjects +The best result in a: QCAA Applied (currently Authority-registered subject or Subject Area Syllabus subject) Or Certificate III or Certificate IV or Diploma or Advanced diploma
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This is a change from the current OP, where only the best five QCAA OP subjects are calculated.

This term we welcome James Daley to our team. James brings a wealth of skills and resources from a background, that all of our students have been excited to engage with. A key part of James' work is building social skills across the College. Social skills learning improves students' communication with peers and adults, improves cooperative teamwork, and helps them become effective, caring, empathetic members of their communities. Through a range of formal and structured teaching, hands on activities (collaborative games, role-plays, stories, group tasks, and class meetings or 'circle time') and game based learning, students work through and are mapped against the Australian Curriculum Standards for Personal and Social Capabilities. As an Inclusive school it is important that all students have a safe and socially accepting environment where they can grow and develop.

Students show improvements and increased social engagement, as well as a decrease in behaviours related to social responsiveness.

These programs promote lasting gains and we look forward to continuing to implement them.

For further information on the Australian Curriculum Standards for Personal and Social Capabilities visit: <https://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/f-10->

## Secondary



Michelle Howe  
Deputy Principal

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Dale Archibald  
Head of  
Department

## SEP News



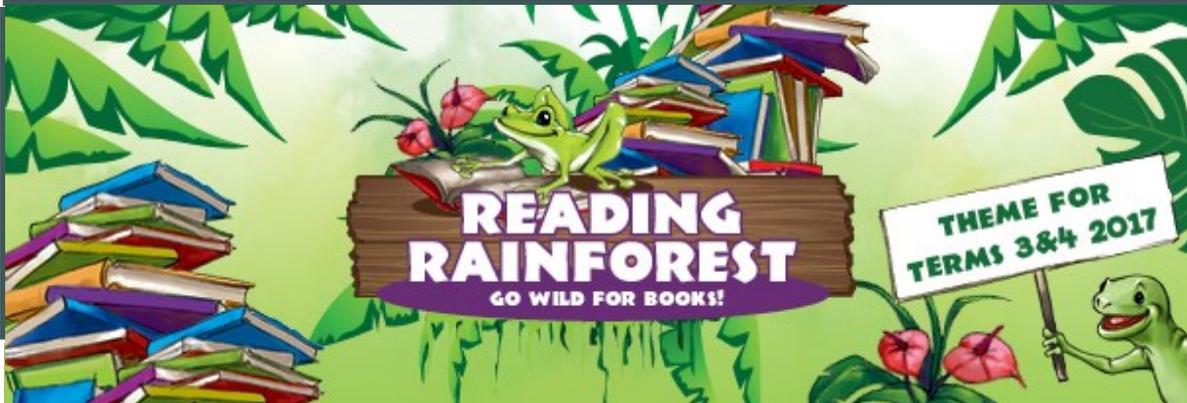
Nicola Clode  
Head of Special Education  
Services



**AUGUST 23rd – SEPTEMBER 1ST**  
**P-6 RESOURCE CENTRE 9am – 3.30pm**



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.



### 2017 Early School Leavers survey

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual state-wide survey of students who left school in Years 10, 11 and prior to completing Year 12 during 2016. The Early School Leavers survey is a short, confidential survey that collects information about what young people are doing the year after leaving school.

Between July and August, students who left school in Years 10, 11 and prior to completing Year 12 last year can expect to receive an invitation to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician's Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part.



Sandra Van Rooyen  
Special Education  
Program Teacher

### Office News

A fond farewell from the school dental team. We have now completed our time here at the school and will be moving the screening van on to Holy Cross .

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those families that made the effort to visit us at the Van over the last few months.

We would like to remind ALL parents and care givers that you can still see us at any time (Mon-Fri 8am -3:30 ) at the Smithfield Community Health Centre , Danbullan Street, Smithfield (Opp Mitre 10)

All children / adolescents 0 years to 17 years are eligible for FREE Dental Care which is no longer means tested.