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#### KDSC Newsletter Term 3 Issue 1

# **Acknowledgement of Country**

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.

# **Coming Events**

Date	Event	
2023 Term 3 & 4		
30 <sup>th</sup> August	Year 6-7 and 8-9 Information Evening	
30 <sup>th</sup> August	Play and Learn together	
4 <sup>th</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup> Sepember	Year 12 Mock Exams	
6 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 8 Art Gallery Excursion	
11 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 11 Block Exams	
11 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 5 Camp Daradgee	

Date	Event
15 <sup>th</sup> September	Last day of Term 3
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	First day of Term 4
13 <sup>th</sup> October	College Carnival

## Principal's Report



Dear parents and caregivers, we are already halfway through Term three! Always a busy time with assessment and excursions, this term has also presented staffing challenges as our community battles the flu and other winter illnesses.

Desley Kirby -Principal

Raymond Donohue, Head of Department, Senior School, is on leave for all of this term as he travels around

Australia. The Senior School position has been backfilled by Matt Williamson, who usually fills the role of Head of Department, Junior School. Mr Williamson and Deputy Principal Mrs Howe, are continuing to support our senior students to remain on track for QCE completion.

Last Friday was inclusion teacher Sandra Van Rooyen's last day at Kuranda District State College. Ms Van Rooyen is taking up a position with Catholic



Education, and as an integral member of our college staff for a number of years, she will be sorely missed. We wish Sandra all the best in her career.

Ms Sue Elias has joined us again this term to backfill staff on leave, including Ray Donahue and English teacher Janice White.

**NAIDOC** week was held last week Term 2, with an opening ceremony, Touch football carnival and a Celebration Day held on the final day of the term. The success of this event is testimony to the way that school staff and community can work together, and was a wonderful celebration of culture.

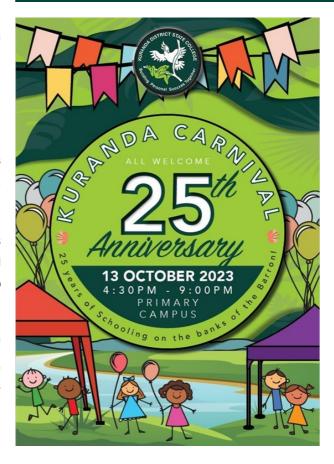
**Work Experience** is being planned currently, with students selecting a range of experiences from trades, hospitality, retail and education. Students are very much looking forward to Week 10 when they undertake this experience.

**Semester 1 results** have shown improvement in a range of areas. Our Explicit Improvement Agenda target for English, Maths and Science is a 10% improvement from the previous year's results, and we have shown improvement in most year levels, particularly English.





# **Primary News**





Rebecca Forgie – Deputy Principal Primary

Only 8 weeks to go until the biggest event this year – Kuranda Carnival!

13<sup>th</sup> October will see the first College Carnival in over a decade. There will be an amazing array of school and community stalls, amusement rides, Pop Up Op Shop, Food and drink stalls, Cup Murri and entertainment. A dedicated organising team is busy putting together the event. If you are a local community member or business

owner who would like to have a stall at the Carnival – we want to hear from you. Please contact the College and ask to speak with Rebecca or Lucy.

As usual these community events are reliant on community support. There are two ways you can support your local College.

- Come along on the night and enjoy the evening with your family and friends. Purchase some dinner, participate in the activities and competition stalls and pick up something special from one of the specialty stalls.
- Donate items which can be used for prizes at the novelty stalls. We need lots of small wrapped chocolates, fidget items, good quality second hand clothing and shoes for the Pop Up Op Shop and small prizes.

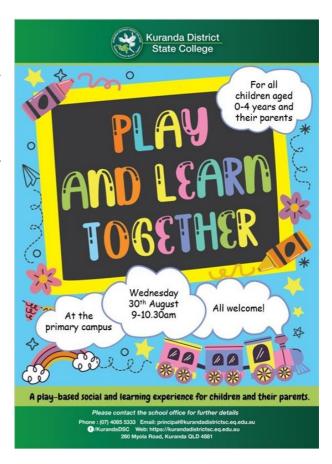


- Food Items chocolates (individual and blocks), discults, cake & brownie mixes, cake decorations, patty papers, icing sugar, choc chips, wrapped lollies
- Toys fidget toys, toy cars, bubbles, skipping ropes, bouncy balls, yoyos, finger puppets
- Art items pencils, textas, decorative easers, glitter, crayons, small notebooks, stickers, stamps, jewellery making items
- Pamper items hair combs, brushes, bands, bows, hand creams, face masks, loofah, nail care, bathsalts or bombs
- Sewing supplies beads, buttons, ribbon, fabric squares
- Random items face paints, plastic ornaments, marbles, wooden pegs, playdough (or materials to make it), cookie cutters, colourful socks, balloons (helium & regular)
- Pet supplies collars, leads, toys
- Second hand items -such as clothes, blocks (small), balls, toys, but please only if in great condition
- · Jars of various sizes

All deliveries to Primary Campus

The more that is donated the more funds are raised for our children and College.

Thankyou



Kuranda College hosted the first Play and Learn Together sessions on 16<sup>th</sup> August. We had a wonderful turnout of local parents and their children. Ms Ally, from Mission Australia, hosted the session in the Out of Hours School Care room. There were so many exciting things to explore, play with and learn from. Thank you to all the parents who arrived to share in the day. We look forward to seeing you all back for the next session Wednesday.





#### **Landcare Grant**

KDSC was proud to welcome a representative from Woolworths Landcare to the College. Mr C aka Captain Compost, accepted a congratulatory certificate and a sizeable donation to go towards improvements in Kookaburra Orchard.

Thank you very much to Woolworths for their ongoing support of our gardening and sustainability efforts at the College.





Another year and another very successful Under 8's Day at Kuranda District State College. This year was the biggest and best yet with so many new and regular organisations supporting the morning. As usual we welcomed Bugsy, Fairy Jenny, local Police and Ambulance and Bunnings. We also welcomed for the first time AFL and Ngoongbi. Our Year 6 Student Council were also involved this year contributing to the stalls, face painting and activities. Massive thanks to all who attended and supported. We'll do it all over again next year.

#### Year 6 Writers' and Illustrators' Camp

Four students from grade 6 went to the Writers Camp in week 5. Ashton, Charlotte, Kelly and Finny, worked for 12 hours a day to write, edit, illustrate and make a picture story book about a historical event from their family tree. Yes, in four days they write a short story based on the research into their family history, meet with the authors to edit, then create all the water colour illustrations for a thirteen-page picture story book. During the four days the students also had to literally make the book. This involved painting two cover pages and two endpapers, gluing the book together and then forming a layout to stick in the text and illustrations. It was a massive week, long days, great food and fabulous friendships. Students began work at 7:30am while the fog was still lifting. Students would eat morning tea with brushes in hand and finally stop for dinner at 6:00pm as the sun set behind the mountains. After dinner, weary, final brush strokes and edits were completed before dragging themselves off to bed. All the students came home with a finished story, which was a fantastic effort. I'm sure all parents and family are proud of the creations representing their family history.

Elizabeth Honey and Craig Smith





#### Science Week

During Science week Primary students mixed and dissolved. designed and blasted off, melted and floated all manor of materials in scientific investigations for Science Week 2023. Every day students explored the world of science to watch raisins dance, eggs bounce, liquids turn into solids and colours magically disappear. There was definitely an over use of the word "WOW". Lots of little faces with mouth open wide in awe of what they saw. A big thankyou to all the teachers for putting on the great pageantry of the wonder of science.





# Secondary News



Michelle Howe -

**Deputy Principal** Secondary

It has been a busy term on the Secondary Campus! Students have had the opportunity to participate in various curriculum and extra-curricular activities.

Students have been involved in science competitions, drama excursions, OP Shop excursions for students in our Enrichment through Design Course, TCN and Peninsula Athletics, JCU presentations, ATOD presentations,

just to name a few.

A special mention to Clancy Nicholson, who achieved a high distinction on the Big Science Competition!

Congratulations to Jordan Maclean, who achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 1500m at Peninsula School Athletics and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 800m. Well done!

Thank you to the parents and students, who attended our recent Senior Secondary Information Session for our Year 10 students. The presentation provided families with information to make informed decisions regarding their child's 2023 school program and pathways beyond.

Information covered included:

- Senior Education Profile My QCE
- QCE (& QCIA) system
- AARA (Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments)
- ATAR
- Pathways: University, VET, Employment, Apprenticeships/Traineeships
- SET Plan Process
- External Exams
- Assessment policy

If you were unable to attend the session, but would like to receive more information, please contact Michelle Howe, Secondary Deputy Principal, who can meet with you and child to share the information.

On Monday the 28th August, we will host an Open Day and two Year 7 Information sessions. Year 6 students and their parents and carers are invited to attend.

Open Day: 1-3pm

1<sup>st</sup> information session: 3pm-3:30pm (library)

2<sup>nd</sup> information session: 6:00pm-6:30pm (This session is for families that cannot attend at 3pm) (Venue-library)

The **Open Day** provides an opportunity for our school to showcase our secondary campus curriculum and the diverse range of subjects undertaken by our students. Parents and students are to meet at the administration block.

The information sessions will be our principle

vehicle for communicating information to parents and students regarding subject selections and the finer points of the junior secondary phase of schooling.

## What you'll find out about:

- the nature of the 2023 Yr 6 into Yr 7 transition program and enrolment timelines.
- how to best achieve success transitioning from Primary School to Secondary School,
- what Yr 7 in the secondary setting will look like,
- the nature of core and elective subjects,
- our BYOx program (student laptops) and
- eLearning opportunities.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school.



Mathew Williamson – Head of Department Junior Secondary

## **Senior Education & Training Plan**

Year 10 is a critical time for students to make informed decisions about the next phase of their learning. The senior phase will present many opportunities in the form of academic study, school-based apprenticeships and traineeships, vocational education and training courses and work experience, just to name a few. Students have begun preparing their SET Plan with assistance of the Deputy Principal, this process will continue till the end of term. This plan is registered with the state government to track students' pathway through the post-compulsory stage of schooling. It will include their selection of subjects and their consideration of the wide range of options available to them in senior schooling. Parents and carers will be a key part of the process, and if you have a student in year 10, you will soon receive an invitation to a SET Plan interview,

at which we will finalise the plan with your student. Attendance at these SET Plan interviews is essential to validate your student's subjects for 2024.

# Road Attitude and Action Planning (RAAP)

This week we had a visit from the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services' Road Attitudes and Action Planning (RAAP) program. The program is designed as a preventative strategy to provide information to young people about road safety so that they can make an informed decision to mitigate risks and consequences by planning ahead. RAAP is run by operational firefighters who have experience with trauma involved with vehicle crashes. Thank you to the Fire and Emergency Services for bringing this very valuable program to KDSC and presenting to our students.

## QCAA portal (year 11 & 12)

Students in Years 11 and 12 should have registered their account with the QCAA to access their personal learning records. The portal is a space where students can track their progress towards achieving their QCE. It is available from the myQCE page on the QCAA website below and provides an up-to-date record of their banked results from internal assessments. https://myqce.qcaa.qld.edu.au/

# Year 12 Mock Exams (Weeks 9 & 10 Term 3)

The Mock Exams, in preparation for the External Exams, will start on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August and run through all of week 9 with the final exams on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Most General subjects will have one assessment paper, however Mathematics and Sciences subjects will have two assessment papers. Mock exams build familiarity with exam formats and expectations, and include multiple choice questions, short response questions, or an extended response task. Students should also be familiar with the External assessment equipment list.

#### **Year 11 Exam Block**

Year 11 Exam block will be during week 10 of term 3 (Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September and finish on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September). Attendance is compulsory for all exams.

#### **Work Experience**

In the final week of this term (Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September and finishing on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September), all our Year 10s will complete work experience at local businesses. This is an opportunity for students to gain experience in their chosen field and possible career choice after graduation. We are grateful to all in our local community who are offering opportunities for our young people. We look forward to hearing their exciting stories about what they learnt out in the workforce and how their new understandings will shape their future plans and career choices.

#### **Secondary Music**

NAIDOC WEEK was a great celebration at Kuranda District State School. William Brim, Zeke Newbury Tearawa and Kiarn Hobbler (band name: Rainforest Rhythm) performed a song by a great local band appropriately paying Respect to the Elders, Mantaka's song Walkabout. They performed fantastically and the Kuranda crowd loved it! Well done boys! Keep up the great showmanship and we are looking forward to more fantastic performances!





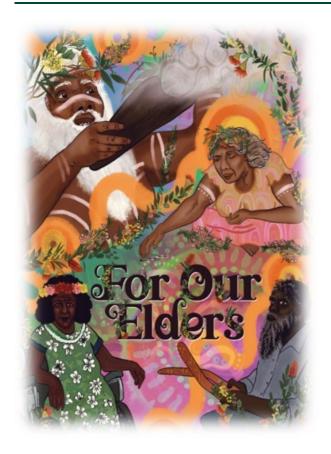
#### **Tourism**

Senior students have started a Certificate II in Tourism under the expertise of Paolo Gambino from Capta group. (See picture below) They have been learning about the industry, cooking in the kitchen (see picture below) and were lucky enough to go to a Tourism Industry Expo at the Cairn Convention Centre





## 2023 NAIDOC Week



NAIDOC week is a wonderful event and time that allows all Australians to celebrate the unique cultures of our First Nations Peoples. It is a time to reflect on our Indigenous history and learn the value and importance Indigenous cultures have in education. We are fortunate to be in an industry that allows us to collaborate with members within the school community, that comprises of both government and non-governmental agencies.

In term 2, week 10, our opening parade welcomed Indigenous elders and families to our school. With inspirational words from Mr Hunter and Mrs Enoch, it is fair to say that the collective proposal to our students was to embrace education and

its value for a prosperous future. For that, we could not agree more and with heartfelt gratitude we appreciate their wisdom and time.

To continue the celebration of NAIDOC by empowering our young future leaders to close the gap in health-related concerns, Mrs Gough coordinated our annual NAIDOC Touch Carnival. Our school welcomed 15 schools to take part in this momentous event. Schools travelled great distances and all had a wonderful time. This was, if not, one of the largest interschool touch carnivals in Far North Queensland. Our year 10 students made the final, unfortunately were defeated. However, it was a wonderful moment and we are incredibly proud of all our students who participated- you did KDSC proud.

On the final day of our NAIDOC celebrations, students engaged in a variety of activities for immersion day. Local organisations and community members ran activities that allowed students to learn and appreciate many aspects of Indigenous culture. A special thankyou to Mr Dennis Hunter (Djubugay Rangers), Mr Aden Brim (Buluwai Rangers), DTAC, Ngoonbi, Mrs Lesllie Tanna, Mrs Georgina Hobbler, Mrs Andrea Brim and Mrs Janita Simon. Thank you once again to Ngoonbi for hosting our Elders Morning Tea and whole school lunch. Without the support from our community and staff our NAIDOC would not have been a success.

The highlight of the celebrations was our closing parade. Our Prep and 3/4 students opened with Taba Naba and Ina Nai. Following this incredible performance, our secondary boys (Rainforest Rhythm) delivered a spectacular performance. The audience erupted in a wild applause. Our final performance was from Djimburu Nyuwil Dancers. Every person was engrossed by the raw talent of song and dance, especially our students.



From everyone at KDSC, we thank you all for your

participation.



### Inclusive Education



Nicola Clode -Head of Inclusion

# The Big Science Competition

Congratulations Clancy on achieving a High Distinction in the National Big Science Competition.

The competition is held Australia-wide and internationally with between 35,000 and 40,000 students take part each year. Clancy sat a 50-minute, multiple

choice competition testing science knowledge, critical-thinking and problem-solving skills. Questions are set in real-life, contemporary contexts, making them relatable (and interesting)!

# Nations Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD)

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD) takes place in August every year, in every school, across Australia. The NCCD is a collection that counts:

- the number of school students receiving an adjustment or 'help' due to disability
- the level of adjustment they are receiving to access education on the same basis as other students.

Students are counted in the NCCD if they receive ongoing adjustments at school due to disability. This 'help' allows them to access education on the same basis as a child without disability. The NCCD uses the definition

of disability in the Disability Discrimination Act 1992.

Schools provide this information to education authorities.

Funding from the Australian Government for students with disability is based on the NCCD through the student with disability loading. The information collected by the NCCD helps teachers, principals, education authorities and governments to better support students with disability at school.

Click here to View the NCCD Fact Sheet

#### **Certificate Courses and Traineeships**

Education looks different for everyone. Books and laptops fit traditional education programs and learners. But for some of our learners this system doesn't meet their needs. Some of our students this year have been working on Certificate courses and in Traineeships. Rosetta this year has been working with our Primary students developing lunch time programs and helping with sport lessons as part of her Certificate II in Sport and Recreation. She has also been working on a Certificate III in Business management with Ngoonbi. A flexible timetable and individual support has enabled the flexibility needed for Rosetta to work on these certificates. Well done, Rosetta on your commitment and effort in working towards a future pathway that will lead to the best outcomes for 2024.





## Art

Term 3 is already well under way with the Year 7s now embracing a semester of visual art, the VME 9/10 artists producing a 'Teen Zine', the VAP artists creating 'To Wonder' conceptual designs on skatedecks and the senior Visual Artists completing their FIA3 and IA3s before

embarking on extensive exam practice. We CELEBRATE the success of Oceane Mulholland Year 11 who has won one of the prestigious Cairns Show Billboard Competition prizes for original 2D artwork. Congratulations Oceane!

Visual Art Yr 7

These Junior artists are quickly moving through their Foundation unit with a range of deep learning tasks involving problem solving and critical thinking. They have completed a logo design based on their own name initials and a well into their Mixed Media artworks on a marsupial theme, including our monotremes.





# VISUAL ART & MEDIA Year 9 and 10 [VME]

These talented visual artists produced a fantastic collection of paintings based on the theme of 'Scaramouche.' A number of our emerging artists elected to produce traditional paintings using the concept with excellent outcomes. These artists are now returning to Media Arts for the first half of this term and have begun their design process for their own themed zines, either digitally or traditionally produced.





#### **VISUAL ART General Course**

Year 11 artists are completing their FIA3 which is due at the end of Week 5 this term. Artists need to

present their final work, experimentations, artist statements and reflection statement in a final slideshow for submission and assessment.

Year 12 artists are on track to submitting their IA3s by the end of Week 5, too. Artists have worked in oils, acrylic, performance, sculpture and artist books. Many artists have really pushed themselves into a whirlwind of creativity and the results for ART as CODE and ART as ALTERNATE should be quite captivating.





## **VISUAL ARTS IN PRACTICE [VAP]**

VAP senior artists are finishing Digitazia artworks which are 4D or time based with a number already moving on to the 'To Wonder' theme using skatedecks as their surface. Artist statements are a key component of the VAP units.





#### **COMPETITIONS**

There are a number of opportunities for students of all secondary year levels to register for workshops, residencies and competitions on the Art Room windows. Artists can reach out for guidance and support in applying for these fantastic offerings.

## **Sport**





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Click here to download the QParents benefits flyer

#### Office News

#### **Administration of Medications**

The following information is regarding the administration of medications in Queensland State schools.

Click here to download the Medications flyer

#### **Accounts**

A special thank you to those families who have either paid their school fees or have a payment plan in place.

School fees contribute to your child's education, providing supplementary resources to support teaching and learning programs.

Debtor Statements are now being emailed to assist with easy payment via **BPOINT**. Simply click on this link on your Statement –

#### Click here to visit the BPoint webpage http://www.bpoint.com.au/

It will auto populate your CRN number. Please insert the invoice number you wish to pay, student name and amount.

#### P & C

Click here to visit the P&C Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/kdscpandc/

Thank you to all the parents and carers that took the time to participate in the Parent Survey that was sent out last term. We had a great response with some really positive feedback, which has helped us think of ideas on how better to engage with our community.

Our big project this year is a community Fete, to celebrate 25 years since the new campus was built (can you believe its been 25 years???) We have a small steering committee established, but would love to get some more people involved to take on some set tasks, like advertising, community engagement for market stalls, helping with food and drinks etc. Or if you have your own ideas that you would like to bring to the table, we would love to hear them! Please email us at PandC@kurandadistrictsc.eq.edu.au and we can talk more.

We have lockers available for rent for the secondary students, so if your child needs a place to lock up their books or laptop, please tell them to speak to Lucy at the tuckshop.

If you think you may like to be part of the P&C in any small way at all, to attend meetings and be a voice, or just cook a sausage sizzle occasionally, we encourage you to come and chat with us. Any help, ideas and interest is truly appreciated and ultimately any involvement you have directly benefits

your kids. Please email us a t PandC@kurandadistrictsc.eq.edu.au for more info about meetings and times. We look forward to meeting you all and having your help, however big or small, to make our community school the best it can be for our kids.

#### **Uniform Shop**

With winter upon us, please remember the kids need to be wearing the green school jumper, plain black jumper (no logo), plain black tracksuit pants (not jeans), or black leggings under their shorts. The uniform shop, located on the Primary Campus, is open every Friday between 8.30 – 9.00am, so please come and see us to ensure the kids are all in their correct uniforms. Email us a t PandC@kurandadistrictsc.eq.edu.au if you are unable to make it, and we will do our best to come up with a solution.

Click here to View the Uniform Price List

Click here to View the Uniform Order Form

Click here to View the Centre Pay Deduction form

#### **Changes to Centrepay arrangements**

There have been ongoing discussions around Centrepay arrangements for the uniform

shop. Centrepay is a great help to many of our families, however it is also a huge amount of

work for our volunteers, as well as a lot of extra work for our bookkeeper, which is a paid role.

We have looked at lots of different options, including cancelling it all together, however, with

the current cost of living crisis, we do not want to make it harder for our KDSC community.

We do need to make some changes though, to ensure we are recouping costs and not

creating unnecessary work for our volunteers. The changes are as follows:

- Orders capped at \$200 each time
- Orders must be paid off over 4 payments
- \$5 administration fee to cover bookkeeping costs

If a parent cancels or changes their payment

without prior approval, then they will no longerbe allowed to use Centrepay. We have too many parents that are changing their direct

debits to lesser amount, or cancelling them all together, and then it's up to volunteers to

play a debt collector role. This is frustrating and unfair pressure to put on parents who just

want to help sell some uniforms! We are currently owed over \$3000, and that's money that could be directly benefiting our students!

We hope you can understand where we are coming from and will support this change

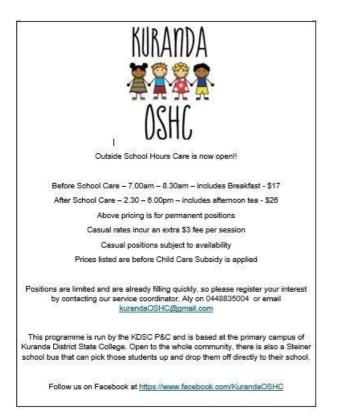
positively. As I stated, there was discussion around getting rid of it all together, but we feel

this is a good compromise we would like to try before taking that drastic option.

Please feel free to email us if you have questions or need any clarification around this.

# OSHC Program (Outside School Hours Care)

We run a before and after school care program, that is open from 7am and closes at 6pm every school day. We started this program 3 years ago as we know we have many parents that work or study and needed that option. Breakfast is provided, as is afternoon tea, with a full program of fun games and activities, run by the popular Miss Ally, mother to our own Miss Kiara and Miss Shephard. Please reach out to us if you would like more information about it.



#### **Tuckshop**

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the school tuckshop. Below is a pic of our current menu. You will note it is much smaller than previous years. This is due to the constant supply shortages we are faced with each week. For this reason, we have reduced the printed menu to items we know are always in stock, to ensure when you order something, you dont miss out or have items substituted.



However, our online store will have many more options and will be updated daily depending on what's in stock! Here you will find all the usual favourites (when available!) as well as daily specials, new items that get trialled, special treats occasionally, as well as the red food menus' that we hold twice

a term.

Feedback from the recent Parent Survey had someone asking questions about the "junk" that is being sold in the tuckshop. The KDSC Tuckshop follows the Qld Education Smart Choices guidelines. It follows a traffic light system of food being classified as Green (healthy options), Amber (sometimes food) and Red (not allowed, only on special Red Food Days that can only be held twice a term). Our menu is a mix of Green and Amber items, and when we do hold a Red Food Day, it is usually alongside a school event, such as Swimming or Athletics Carnival, Book Week or the Naidoc Touch Football Competition. Red Food Days are obviously not the healthy choice, but it's just a fun day for the kids to get a treat. More information available at this link Smart Choices—Quick Guide (education.qld.gov.au)

Please visit the link below to register. Orders must be placed before 8.30am and will be delivered to the primary campus for first lunch (secondary can collect direct from the tuckshop).

#### Click here to Register online

http://www.schoolshoponline.net.au

Please contact Lucy on 0448 939 699, or email <a href="mailto:lucemac1201@gmail.com">lucemac1201@gmail.com</a>, if you have any further questions. Thank you for your ongoing support as we go into our 5th year of running the KDSC Tuckshop!!!

Click here to download the Tuckshop menu

## **Community Connections**

Click here to download the Enrol Now flyer

#### **SES volunteers**

WE NEED YOU!

My name is Caitlin and I am proud to say I am a part of the Kuranda community and a former student of the Kuranda District College. I believe being part of a community also means giving back to it. That's why I joined our local SES when I was 17. The State Emergency Service (SES) is a volunteer-based organisation empowering people to help themselves and others in times of emergency and disaster. Volunteering with the SES is a challenging and rewarding way to give back to your community.

During my time at the SES I have learnt many skills including First aid, map reading and navigation, how to operate a two-way radio, basic rescue, storm damage response, land search techniques, leadership and team-building, chainsaw use and much more. At no cost to yourself, you are provided with equipment and training. We encourage people to undertake any training that interests them.

We train every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday night, and it's a great way to get to know people in your community. We know people live busy lives and can't always be available. I myself am a university student and I am often away for university or placement, but the flexibility allows me to still be a member.

After such a busy season already, we need people to join our local SES. Anyone from 16 years of age and over is welcome.

We are located on Fallon Road next door to the Ambulance Station.

Or call John at 40937246 or 0407 144 213 for more information.





Mareeba Hospital – Thursday 14th September 2023 Ph: 4092 9311 Service includes Cervical Screening Tests (Pap Smears), Sexual Health Screening, Breast Awareness, also info on Contraception, Continence, Menopause, Lifestyle Issues, Bowel Health, etc. All services are provided by a specially trained Women's Health Nurse.