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## Principals Update – Tai

It has been another action-packed term here at Caldera School. Our NAIDOC celebration was a huge success, thank you to everyone on staff for their contributions and the students for engaging in the activities on offer. The second term of our employment program has seen success, with three students taking on the structured work placements and two others taking up work placements of their choosing. The students involved have all represented the school well and done us proud. There were several staff engage in high quality professional learning this term bringing back new ideas and systems on how we can further assist our students.

2024 will be the start of our new School Improvement Plan (SIP) cycle, this means that there will be 3 new or continuing Strategic Directions. In term 4 we will be asking parents, students and staff for their input on areas of focus for in order to enhance student outcomes. The 2020-2023 SIP included the following Strategic Directions; 1: Vocational Education and Training, 2. Wellbeing with a focus on Attendance, 3. Quality Teaching with a focus on Curriculum delivery. We look forward to getting your input on how we can continue to improve what the school can offer for your child.

## Construction - Greg



After what felt like a painfully steady start, our new purpose-built Kitchen/ Café is now rapidly taking shape! It's very exciting to see the progress each week. We can't wait to be able to get in and begin using this amazing learning space for our Certified VET courses, Cooking and Café programs! In other exciting construction news, our school has two new undercover table chill-out areas. One is between Classroom 1 and the Woodwork shed and the other is between the Art shed and Classroom 6. These fantastic spaces are already being well utilised by students needing short breaks from frustrations or as outdoor learning spaces for small group activities.



## Office - Sue



School Bytes

Hooray, we have a new finance system called 'School Bytes'. In this system we have a module called 'Event Management' which allows us to send out permission notes to parents/carers via email.

In these emails there will be a link for parents/carers to tap on and open permission letters. Parents/carers will be able to answer the questions asked and sign the permission form electronically on their phones.

## SASS Appreciation

In week seven we appreciated our SASS staff (School Administration and Support Staff). SASS staff in all schools are unsung heroes and we could not provide students the education they deserve without the daily support from these superstars. Here are Caldera's SASS staff (missing a couple) getting their gift whilst enjoying some afternoon fun and games.



## NAIDOC Week



Our amazing Aboriginal Students have out done themselves again, successfully planning our Caldera school NAIDOC week celebrations. Students in our Aboriginal group thoughtfully selected activities to ensure the week was meaningful to them, while also being a fun and inclusive celebration of our wonderful culture. They collaborated to plan every detail right down to the delicious bush foods infused menu.



It was fantastic to see Caldera school full of smiles as Students, Teachers and our community Elders connected over food and games. Some of our Aboriginal Students also opted to showcase some of their many talents, running workshops for Students and Staff here at Caldera. As always, our Aboriginal Students did a fantastic job and should be very proud!





## Cooking Program - Claudia

This semester we have been making and delivering food to Fred's Place (a homeless shelter in Tweed). It is a compassionate community project that teaches empathy, teamwork, and life skills. It involves planning, cooking, and the safe delivery of meals to those in need. This initiative fosters a sense of responsibility, builds community bonds, and provides valuable educational opportunities.

Our diverse and delicious menu includes lasagne, butter chicken, fried rice, sweet potato soup (made from our garden's produce), beef stir fry, pasta bake, and a variety of delightful slices and cookies. The students have enjoyed this program and Fred's Place has been very grateful for our contributions.



## Gardens - George

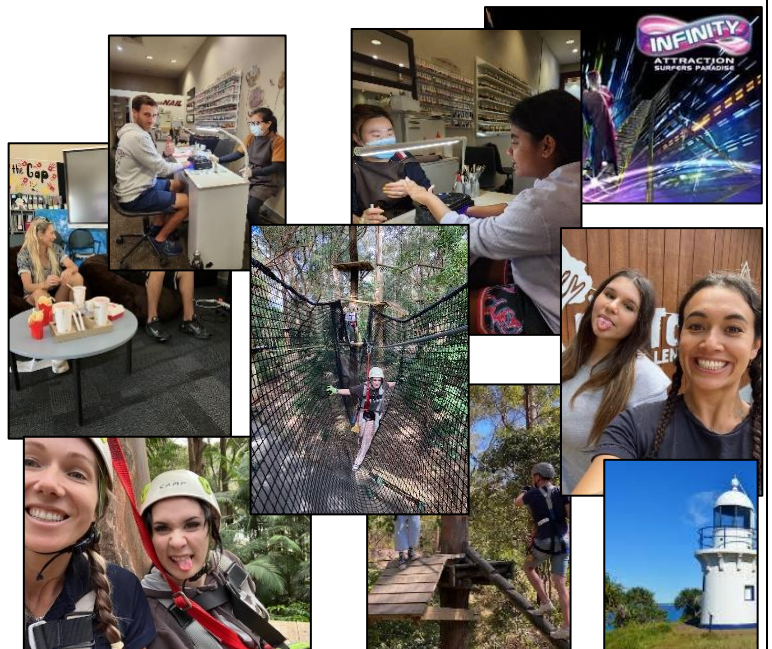


This term we decided to breathe new life into our many garden beds. This began with removing the old plants and weeds, churning the old dirt, and adding new soil and fertilizer. Many of our students chipped in to help prepare for our new crops. Multiple trips to Bunnings followed, with students selecting the fruit and veggies of their choice to replant. This offers our students the unique chance to design and nurture their own garden spaces, work outdoors, and hone their retail skills. This program also supports our Happy Belly Café with fresh produce. We are thrilled to witness the transformation and growth of these gardens in the upcoming months.

## Upcoming Events

- Term 4 dates:  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December
- Weekly Programs:
  - Caldera Art Program: Monday and Tuesday
  - Caldera Woodwork Program: Friday
  - Caldera Indigenous Mentoring Program: Wednesday and Thursday
  - Breakfast Club: Tuesdays 9:00 – 9:30am
  - Happy Belly Café Program – Thursday and Friday

## Fun Days





# STUDENTS ARTWORK

