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Yura. Welcome to the first Mob Newsletter for 2023. We are in for a huge year if the start is any indication. So far, we have attended a QATSIF Round 14 Certificate Ceremony, danced at the Round 14 QATSIF Ceremony, attended a Ministerial Lunch, a Redlands Futures Forum, danced for the Izumi International School Tour, raised money on Spirit Day, attended STEM Camps, Broncos Dance Camp, submitted boot designs for consideration for the Broncos, Indigenous All Star Round and are planning a First Nations garden. We are also in full dance rehearsals for NAIDOC and will soon be designing some DEADLY artwork.

Our MOB have grown!

Currently we have 126 Mob at school. This year our year levels consist of:

Year 7—28—Girls 14—Boys 14

Year 8—21—Girls 8—Boys 13

Year 9—27—Girls 11—Boys 16

Year 10—21—Girls 7—Boys 14

Year 11—15—Girls 7—Boys 8

Year 12—14—Girls 14—Boys 14

The Year 7's are settling in well, however I would like to see them engage more with the Yanggabara (Safe space—Jandai language) Room—C1A and all of the cultural activities on offer.



Congratulations, Thomas!

Thomas has been chosen to participate in an upcoming Griffith University Gold Coast, STEM Camp. He was one of 32 students across Queensland to be selected. Thomas will be staying at Tallebudgera for the first week of the Easter holidays.



Sorry Business

We acknowledge and send our love to all of those families within community that have experienced Sorry Business. Our hearts are with you and we respectfully honour your loved ones.

As a respectful acknowledgement, we fly our First Nations Flags at half mast when we are aware of Sorry Business in our school community and wider community.



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THANK YOU

This page appeared in # 8, however its importance is not lost on us and we respectfully acknowledge our Elders and wish to have the theme reissued.

Our Elders are held in high regard at our school by our Mob and are always in our hearts and never far from our thoughts.

We thank them for their wisdom, guidance and love. Thank you.

For Our Elders, National NAIDOC Week 2023

We're proud to announce that the 2023 National NAIDOC Week theme is For Our Elders.

Across every generation, our Elders have played, and continue to play, an important role and hold a prominent place in our communities and families.

They are cultural knowledge holders, trailblazers, nurturers, advocates, teachers, survivors, leaders, hard workers and our loved ones.

Our loved ones who pick us up in our low moments and celebrate us in our high ones. Who cook us a feed to comfort us and pull us into line, when we need them too.

They guide our generations and pave the way for us to take the paths we can take today. Guidance, not only through generations of advocacy and activism, but in everyday life and how to place ourselves in the world.

We draw strength from their knowledge and experience, in everything from land management, cultural knowledge to justice and human rights. Across multiple sectors like health, education, the arts, politics and everything in between, they have set the many courses we follow.

The struggles of our Elders help to move us forward today. The equality we continue to fight for is found in their fight. Their tenacity and strength has carried the survival of our people.

It is their influence and through their learnings that we must ensure that when it comes to future decision making for our people, there is nothing about us - without us. (<https://www.naidoc.org.au/awards/current>)

Our school's NAIDOC ceremonies are due to be held on the
21st of August, 2023

Junior Ceremony - 9:00 am—10:10 am

Senior Ceremony— 10:10 am—11:20am

A morning tea will be held directly after the Junior Ceremony





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QATSIF NEWS

This term we have been very involved with QATSIF. On the 28th of February our Round 14 Scholarship recipients received their certificate. The ceremony was held at Griffith University, Logan Campus.



Congratulations,
Ann-Belle, Jazy,
Eilleenna, Lucinda and
Tanielu

Three of our leaders were also recognised and were awarded QATSIF Leadership badges.

Congratulations to Gwen, Miah and Oliver.

We also danced four Quandamooka dances— Yura, Kabul, Merriginpah and Yuwai. It was such a proud moment to see our Mob represent themselves and culture with respect and pride.

DEADLY work, Thomas, Alyssa,
Larissa and Christian.





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TREATY LUNCH

On the 15th February, four of our First Nation students, Jack - Junior First Nations Leader and three emerging leaders - Larissa, Briella and Alyssa attended a lunch hosted by The Honourable Anastacia Palaszczuk MP, Premier of Queensland and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games and The Honourable Craig Crawford MP, Minister for Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships.

The Treaty Lunch was held to inform Queenslanders from across the State about Queensland's Path to Treaty and how community members and business can participate in a significant program for reform.

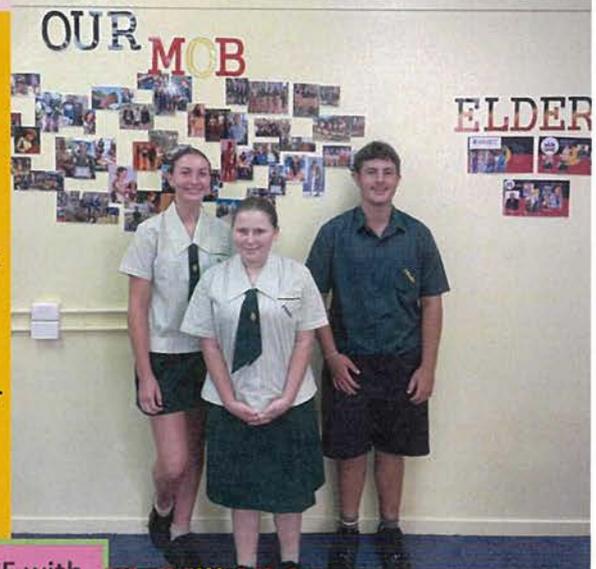
A special thanks to Jenny Bourk, Guidance Officer for supervising the students and allowing them to shine in a very formal setting.



Kari Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to Kaitlyn, Eloise and Thomas, three Year 10 students who have secured a Kari Foundation Scholarship of \$500.

The KARI Scholarship program is an education-based initiative for First Nations Senior High School students that provides assistance to purchase school-related items and also provides career advice and support opportunities to complete their Higher School Certificate.



Congratulations to Gwen for graduating TAFE with a Cert II in Retail Cosmetics. Gwen has also been recognised for her Lycoon Fashion Jewellery product knowledge.
DEADLY work, Gwen.





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One of our students - January was gifted a new Lenovo IdeaPad laptop from Ralda and Mitch from the Soroptimist International Bayside Inc.

The Soroptimist International is a global volunteer service organization for women with nearly 72,000 members in 121 countries worldwide. Both Ralda and Mitch have also offered ongoing mentoring and support for January as she undertakes her studies.



Congratulations to Nicci-Maree who graduated last year for being awarded the Maris King Scholarship presented to her by Bayside Soroptimist International. Nicci-Maree was awarded a \$1000 Scholarship to help her with her tertiary studies.

The scholarship honours Maris King MBE, an eminent Soroptimist and past member of the Bayside club. Maris had a distinguished and ice-breaking career in the Australian Diplomatic Service and was the first woman to serve as an Australian High Commissioner.

A special thanks also to Bayside Soroptimist for providing such a wonderful opportunity.

DEADLY work, Nicci-Maree

Welcome Back!

Nanette has re-joined us as our First Nations Student Support TA. Nanette will be working with our Mob from Wednesday to Friday.





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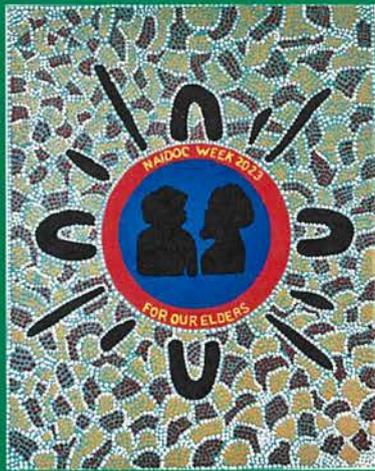
A Redlands Coast Futures Forum – Connecting Schools to Industry was hosted by the Redlands Regional Jobs Committee on the 27th of February at the Alexandra Hills Hotel. Two of our Mob attended and gained a valuable insight into what the future holds for the Redlands. A highlight of the day was the bus tour where they got to visit Redlands local business leaders -Transdev, Hub 68 and SS Signs to see their facilities, learn what they do and have an opportunity to talk to industry about possible school-to-work transition pathways that are available.



DEADLY Art Work!

A fantastic effort by Anna-Belle who has produced two DEADLY artworks. The, For Our Elders work has been submitted to the SER Art Competition and Anna-Belle is currently producing another for the QATSIF Art Competition.

She has also produced another work incorporating the school logo, that is equally impressive.



Izumi International School Tour

Our international students enjoyed learning about First Nations culture, the Quandamooka Nation and decorating a boomerang using some traditional First Nation symbols.



They were also very appreciative of the four Quandamooka dances performed by four dancers from the Biram Yarrabin Dance Troupe.



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Spirit Day—Last day of Term One.



DEADLY work by the students, staff and Bronco's SSO who volunteered.



"We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this country; We pay respect to the care takers of the land, wind and waterways. We pay respect to the Nunukul Goenpul and Nughi, people of the Quandamooka Nation, and pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging for they are the keepers of memories, traditions and lore of First Nations People of Australia."

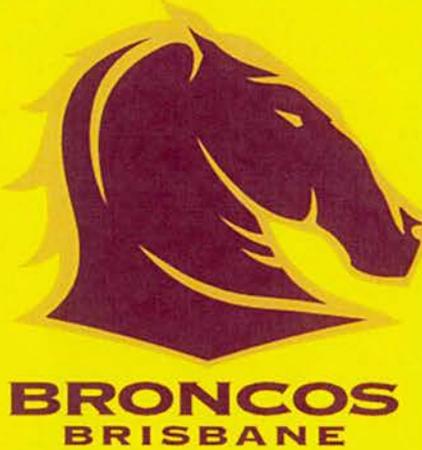




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Broncos News



Term 1 Workshop



The Deadly Leadership workshop was attended by Aunty Margie—COOEE Cultural Elder, Regional Broncos Manager—Samara William and ambassadors, Darius Boyd and Kitara Whap-Farrar. It

was also extremely pleasing to see over 50 students attend.

The next workshop is on Wednesday—19th April at 10.10am in the hall with ambassadors Scott Prince and Ryan James. The topic is 'For the Elders'.

Congratulations !

Zahara for being selected to attend the upcoming Broncos Leadership Camp.

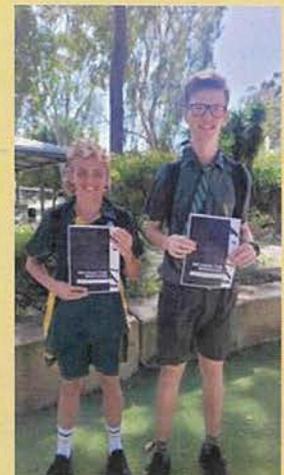


Broncos Spirit Day Raffle



CONGRATULATIONS!

Kalini and Oliver for being selected to attend the Bangarra Dance Camp.



Breakfast Club

Held every Wednesday from 8.15am at the Broncos Office.



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