

Recipe of the Week

QUINOA FRUIT AND NUT BREAKFAST SALAD

Serves 4-6

Ingredients

- 1 cup quinoa
- 2 teasp olive oil
- 2 cups water
- 1 cinnamon quill
- 1 strip orange peel
- 2 teasp coconut sugar or brown sugar
- ½ cup natural almonds, lightly roasted and coarsely chopped
- 1/4 cup coconut thread, lightly toasted
- 1 tab cacao nibs
- ½ cup dried fruit, such as raisin, chopped apricots or goji berries Natural yoghurt and liquid honey to serve

Method

- 1. Place quinoa in a sieve and rinse under cold water for several minutes (this removes the bitter coating naturally found on quinoa). Drain well.
- 2. Heat olive oil in a medium saucepan over moderate heat. Add quinoa and sauté for about a minute.
- 3. Add water, cinnamon stick, orange peel and sugar. Cover and bring to the boil.
- 4. Reduce heat and simmer until the liquid has been absorbed, about 15 minutes.
- 5. Remove the pan from heat and leave to stand 5 minutes. Remove lid and allow grains to cool.
- 6. Heat oven to 100 degrees.
- 7. Remove cinnamon stick and peel from quinoa and loosen the grains with a fork.
- 8. Spread quinoa on a lined baking tray and put in the oven to dry for 15 minutes, tossing three times during this time.
- 9. Allow to cool before folding through the nuts, coconut thread, cacao nibs and dried fruit.
- 10. Serve with natural yoghurt and a drizzle of honey. Serves 4 6.