Middle Eastern Quinoa Salad



This weeks recipe of the week was inspired by the coming change of the season. A wholesome salad with the flavours of a middle eastern spring. Enjoy!

Ingredients:

1 cup of uncooked organic white quinoa

2 cups of water

15 Saffron threads

Salt & Pepper to taste

1/2 cup grated carrot

1/4 cup finely chopped shallots

2 dried figs, finely chopped

1/4 cup toasted sunflower seeds and pine nuts

1/3 cup chopped fresh parsley

Zest of one lemon

1 tablespoon of olive oil

Method:

- 1. Pour the quinoa into a small saucepan. Add the water, saffron and a pinch of salt and pepper. Stir to combine.
- 2. Bring to the boil, cover and reduce to simmer for 10-15 minutes until the water has been absorbed and the quinoa is fluffy. Allow the quinoa to cool completely.
- 3. Transfer the cooled quinoa to a large mixing bowl. Add the carrot, shallots, fig, seeds, parsley and lemon zest.
- 4. Stir to combine, drizzling the olive oil and tossing again.
- 5. Season with salt and pepper if needed. Enjoy.