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From the Executive School Director

Welcome back to Term 4 and the race to the finish line for the 2020 academic year has begun. The Term promises to be a busy one as we unite and extend our students' learning. We have placed a great deal of importance on continuous improvement and raising the wellbeing and academic standards throughout the course of this year. Much of this has involved working with staff in their professional growth and development, looking at ways to utilise student feedback and providing resources for staff to focus on areas of improvement. Staff have engaged with this process wholeheartedly and we are seeing the signs in terms of learning outcomes.

Equally, our language around student expectations has been a focus. Having expectations for our students are the foundations of a successful learning culture. While every student is at a different point on their learning journey and possesses a unique set of gifts, every student can strive to be the best that they can be. Success is not always measured by the number of 'A's' on a report card, but more by whether students are progressing and moving ahead in their learning. This takes self-discipline and resilience. These are the qualities upon which I hope Kutta Mulla Gorinna will continue to build its reputation on.

This takes team work with teachers and students striving for personal best and parents

supporting their children in their learning the best they can. My desire is to make a very good school a great school which is the spotlight to other schools.

Our ancestors are very much heroes. They are who couldn't even have an education and until fairly recently were acknowledged as no longer being classed as 'Flora and Fauna' so moving forward we are just a continuation of what they lived and died for 'The courage to want to learn and do better'. Today we maintain the legacy for the survival of Mackay youth so that they no longer have to fall through the system and remain just 'Another Statistic'. It's time to stand up and be the example our ancestors always wanted.

On the 7th October 2020, Dan from Central Queensland University attended our school site. Dan is committed to help inspire, motivate and start/continue the conversation about further studies for our students at KMG. Whilst we had many conversations during the day, Dan had said something which captured my desire to share with you all – "I was impressed by what I saw today, You and your team are doing some unbelievable work. The vibes were awesome. I really like the way you guys allow a give and take approach to learning and teaching. Can't wait to get back up there and get the kids of school site and onto the CQU Mackay campus. Keep fighting the good fight brother and I'm stoked to be a part of the team".

The next few weeks are an exciting but daunting time for our Year 12 students. Most are working on completing their final pieces of assessments or studying for their upcoming exams. It is obvious that students are nervous (which is very understandable) about their performance but looking forward to finishing their schooling and moving on to university,

From the administration team

We are all so happy to see all of our students back at school and having the school come to life again. Our administration department are going to be extremely busy this term arranging all of our big events for the term, and we are excited to make those experiences as special as we can for our students.

I would like to remind all of our students that any permission slips you are returning need to be returned to your classroom YLC, and the YLC will return them to the office. There are lots of excursions this term so make sure you get those permission slips back in time.

From the life skills programs

This term we have some really exciting life skills program that we are undertaking and we will be showcasing what the students are learning in these programs over the term.

Fishing

Students have been busy learning how to repair their fishing rods and are looking forward to being able to catch a feed with them. This term students will be taking their repaired rods down to try them out and maybe even catch themselves some dinner. Thanks to Peter for his expertise!



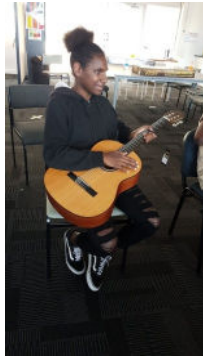
Boys Gym

On Thursdays our boys head out to the gym to help them focus on their health and fitness. When they are done for the day they do end up hot and sweaty, but happy to have done their workout.



Deadly Strings

Selwyn has been teaching our students how to play the acoustic guitar. The students are loving being a part of this program and are excited to learn more songs to play!



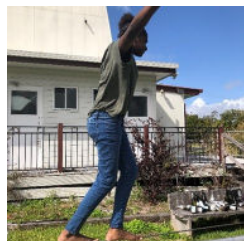
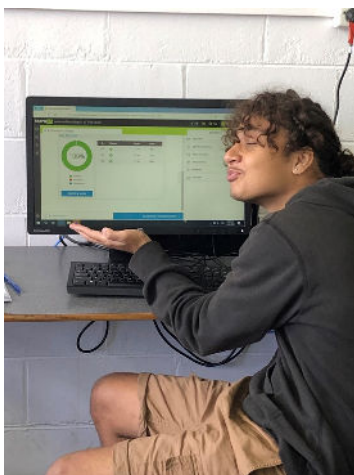
Water Safety Program

Students started the water safety program this term and have finally been able to get into the pool this week. Student will learn valuable skills in this program about being safe in and around the water.



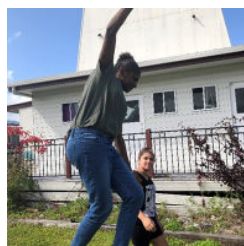
From the Juniors

The year 7 and 8 class has been busy learning Algebra and trialed learning in the computer suite rather than on their iPads. Let's just say Jakken got a pretty good score and wanted to share his Joy with the rest of the school. Well done Jakken!



If at first you don't succeed, dust yourself off and try again (Aaliyah)

You may experience times in your life where you may be too scared to try something new. Ernestine Hankin tried everything at Sensory Circus and even though there were times where she had trouble, she always got back on and gave it 100% with a smile.



Sensory Circus – Turning up the heat.

This week our Year 7 & 8's visited Tammy for the last HPE class excursion. This week they did some aerial work before heading out to have a go at walking the tightrope and fire sticks. Here are a few pics of the students doing their thing. Thank you to Mel for



giving the students something different to experience for HPE and thank you to Tammy and Denni for the great sessions over the term.

From the English Department



For the year 9 English assessment last term student were required to complete and oral presentation. The unit that the student were studying was 'Representing Ideas' and students had to choose from a selection of inspirational people who influenced or represented an idea. Anjelina Bero

chose to do hers on local athlete Cathy Freeman. Anjelina's presentation was excellent and had a really good PowerPoint with lots of photos, images and information. Anjelina also added in a short video of Cathy's gold medal race from the 2000 Olympics. Well done Jelly!

Important dates for Term 4

October

- 16th Return permission forms for fishing
- 21st Fishing excursion

November

- 4th Science excursion
- 11th Mock NAPLAN writing exam
- 12th School awards day and 1st birthday
- 20th Last day for year 12
- 20th Year 12 formal dinner
- 27th Last day for year 10 and 11

December

- 3rd Student Free Day
- 4th Student Free Day
- 4th Last day of school for 2020!



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