



NEWSLETTER

TERM: 1 WEEK: 10 YEAR: 2021

Building 005, Central Queensland University, Mackay, QLD 4740

Phone: 07 4829 4302

Email: office@kmg.qld.edu.au

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Staff and Students,

What a fantastic Term 1 we have had at Kutta Mulla Gorinna. I would like to sincerely thank all students and staff for their hard work in making the start of our year so successful.

As I spend time in classrooms I continue to be amazed by the different choices and learning options our students are exposed to everyday. I encourage you at night to try and discuss the day with your child and explore the learning and challenges that have taken place in their subjects and or experiences.

We have welcomed new students to our school after the year had commenced.

A highlight of Term 1 is also the introduction of our School Captains. The School Captains have already been invited to the 2021 Closing the Gap forum where they will be the MC's for the day. This event is the 2021 Mackay Base Hospital's first steps into closing the gap for health with 'Equity'.

School Values Knowledge - Culture - Respect.

Our school values can be demonstrated by students in a range of ways. Respect for both self and others is a value that we encourage and model daily. Students can show respect for others in a number of ways, but showing respect for themselves is imperative. Knowing that they can get to the end of this term and be proud of their achievements and the efforts they have put into their own growth and learning is key.

One of the key focus areas at Kutta Mulla Gorinna over the last few years has been 'seeing through our students eyes'. Providing opportunities for our students to be involved in a range of activities and experiences, both within and outside the school, has been a key approach within this.

Our purpose is to develop students' personal, social and leadership skills, as well as help students understand that they can influence and make a difference in their community.

Finally I would like to wish you all a happy Easter and that everyone gets the chance to rest, relax and ready themselves for term 2.

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE SCHOOL DIRECTOR—Continued

Welcome to the following students.

Year 7

- Lachlan Bozier
- Ryan Heel
- Akeela Smith-Bennett
- Eloura Rumbel
- Faith Blackman-Ettles

Year 9

- Jalias Campbell – Year 9
- Joel McHughes – Year 9
- Harmony Teava – Year 9

Year 11

- Holly Cooper – Year 11
- Hunter Milikins – Year 11
- Dakota Pearson – Year 11
- Tihara Ellison-Rix – Year 11
- Tawera Sakalia-Waikato – Year 11

Year 8

- Kyleesha Boah – Year 8
- Tyree Durante – Year 8
- Alexander Moore – Year 8
- Jazmyn Rumbel – Year 8

Year 10

- Taylah Toby – Year 10

Year 12

- Takaya Bickey (no longer enrolled)
- Tullah-Maree Boah
- Gracelen Jones
- Diamond Kris
- Joseph Ping

CURRICULUM NEWS

NAPLAN 2021

Last week some of our Year 7 and 9 students completed an online practice test. This was all completed via their computers and these students did an excellent job of navigating tools on the computer to complete tasks in spelling, reading, writing and numeracy/mathematics.

I was very proud of how well they conducted themselves and had a great attempt at practicing for the real tests.

These will take place in Term Two with more information in the newsletter next term.

Have a happy easter to all



ALTERNATIVE LEARNING CENTRE NEWS

Spotlight on the QCIA (Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement) Students.

Despite some challenges in terms of working relationships and determining level of capability within this week especially they have all shown a major improvement in commitment to their own learning.

The KMG QCIA program provides an alternative senior pathway for students to develop job related skills, independent working skills, increased awareness and accessibility to the wider community and understanding the importance of having basic numeracy and literacy skills to ensure they are equipped to navigate the world in which they live.

QCIA Curriculum Organisers				
Communication and technologies	Community, citizenship and the environment	Leisure and recreation	Personal and living dimensions	Vocational and transition activities
				

There has been some great work happening between the ALC and SAS in the Yr 7/8 room in terms of pooling of resources and collaboration of teaching and learning styles to ensure all students are achieving academic success.

YEAR 7/8 NEWS

Harmony Week and Pizza Party

Last Friday, the Year 7/8 class celebrated an awesome week with some art and a pizza party.

We had yarned about Harmony Day throughout the week – particularly in HASS and English.

We learnt about Mel and Selwyn's "Irish" cultural heritage, as well as what place (Country) we belong to.

We celebrated by painting some masks that represented 'us'.

Thankyou to Selwyn for organising our pizza and to the students for an amazing week.



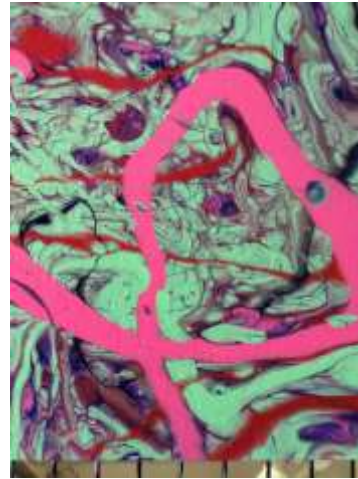
YEAR 7/8 NEWS

Visual Arts

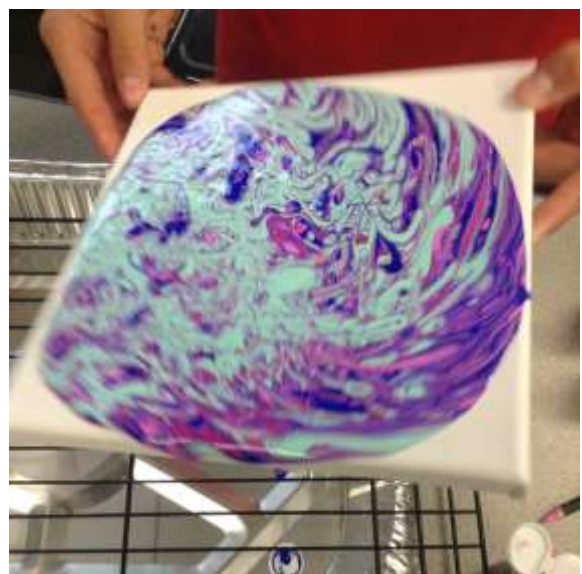
The Year 7/8 students had a bit of fun during our visual arts lesson this week with some 'Liquid Pour' art.

Students got to try different techniques of liquid pour and experimented with their own ideas and colour mixes.

It was a bit messy – but well worth it! Check out our fabulous finished products!!



YEAR 7/8 NEWS



YEAR 7/8 NEWS—Visual Arts continued

The Year 7/8 class experimented with mixed media (oil pastels and acrylic paint) as well as perspective.

The biggest challenges for the students was to work quickly and cleanly, and to understand that the silhouette painting was to give the 'idea' of a shape or outline with not a lot of detail.

It was also the first experience of 'taping' areas as a highlighting effect.

I'm sure you'll agree that the results are pretty spectacular.



YEAR 7/8 NEWS—Visual Arts continued

During the last week of term 1, the year 7/8 cohort participated in a STEM Challenge.

The challenge was to design, build and test a 'floating garden'.

The students had limited supplies and did an amazing job problem-solving the challenge.

They produced a number of different designs, all with success.

We can't wait to see our succulents grow.



YEAR 9/10 NEWS

Firstly I would like to congratulate all of the year 9 & 10 students for such a great term. In 10 weeks the students have worked hard and handed in 4 assessments and 3 exams. Each and everyone of you should be proud of what you achieved in term 1. Enjoy the holidays and have a safe and happy easter. I look forward to seeing you all in term 2. Kristi.



Featured below are Taylah, Shorai, Rizia, Raedan, Melitta, Anjelina, harmony and little bit of Seth. They decided to start making masks for teachers, fellow classmates and people who need them. Thank you to the Soroptimist nannies for teaching the girls some skills last year.



KUTTA MULLA GORINNA

COVID MASK MAKING

YEAR 11 NEWS

Over the past two weeks the students in Year 11 have put in a lot of effort to get their assessments done and submitted on time. For some it was a real struggle, for some it was the first time they submitted work early. This is a great testament to the commitment of the teaching staff who have worked and planned to support these students on their individual educational pathways. Some students were able to receive feedback and re-submit to get a higher grade. Well done to all of the Year 11 students for choosing to invest your time in your studies and realising your academic potential. As your YLC and teachers we have seen real growth and change in the right direction for some of you. We hope you all have a great Easter break and school holidays and look forward to seeing in Term 2.

(Whaea Frances, Bianca, Teresa, Aunty Marg, Di, Katrina, Andrew)

Term 1 Math Exam—they even made their own sign.



A couple of students Jacob Barba and Braden Poli had finished their work and asked to go to the gym. The School supported them by allowing them to utilise their time wisely and balance their study time with health and fitness goals. This was also the first day of wearing masks, so the boys were following safe covid practices.



Well done to Braden, Lukus and Tawera for being in the top spots for the KMG Chess Tournament.



YEAR 12 NEWS

Year 12 have been hard at work getting assessments done, attending VETiS courses and getting through their online courses. There is never any excuse not to get out and do a little bit of fitness. Russel instructed the students to construct the goalposts for Futsal (Fútsal/footsal), the students had a bit of a play and then set up the Badminton nets for a game or two.

Well done for your efforts this term Year 12 Students, I am very happy with your achievements so far.



YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICES NEWS

As the end of term comes to and end I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all of the students who showed up everyday, got stuck into their schoolwork and engaged as best they could. A lot has certainly gone on in the school over the past few weeks and I would be lying to say that it wasn't a bit stressful at times, but with the common goal of keeping the students motivated all term is well worth all of the effort.

I personally would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Easter and school holiday break. Please be safe wherever you are going, please remember to always be covid safe and do the right thing.

I look forward to seeing you all next term. Andrew Malayta



Yawo Mr Hungerford

Week 10 saw the last week for one of our dear staff Mr Peter Hungerford. He has been instrumental in bringing back the joy of math and science for our junior school. He is moving on to enjoy his retirement and spend quality time with his lovely wife and family. We all hope you continue your love of life, golf and fishing.

As you can see from his profile pic he seriously had 'No Idea' Mel and Bianca had planned something for him. Thank you to all of the hands that prepared and brought food to share, there was chicken vermicelli, chicken curry, coconut rice, home made baking, mini cobb loaves to name a few, KMG don't do things by halves! Poor Pete had to have more than his usual coffee hits to stay awake!



Other News

Born October 16 1918 into a monarchy ruled by King George V, Australia was in the midst of being dominated by the campaign that would change history, World War 1. World War 2 had a more profound affect on her life where she was forced to leave her island paradise and move to the Motherland in Cherbourg. Eventually moving to Mackay she met and fell in love with her husband Edward Ramsamy.

On behalf of KMG Staff & Students we would like to pay respect to Mrs Nolear Ramsamy...Aunty Lear, Nana Ramsamy as known to some.

Our school is so fortunate to be surrounded by elders who have taken time out of their lives to come in and share their stories, life experiences and more importantly love and laughter.

Last year KMG had the pleasure of having Nana Ramsamy attend our Community Leaders & Elders Morning Tea where she came along and shared her life story and experiences with the students (with some side conversations as well about students and who their mob was – haha!). She was more than happy to come and sit with the students and yarn and listen to Selwyn play the guitar as he sung Island songs for her, while sipping her cup of tea. Students were absolutely in awe of being able to have the opportunity to meet and be in the presence of such a well-respected Elder in the community, and to also meet someone who was 102 years old at the time.

Family was everything to Nana Ramsamy and this extended to the community she lived in. She took the time to yarn with everyone, and she loved to have a muck-around and joke! Nana Ramsamy kept a strong connection to her Torres Strait Islander culture, and only last year returned to the Torres Strait islands to visit family.

Nana, we will always cherish the time you spent with us, you left us with the feeling of fulfilment that we are enough, we are proud of our heritage and that it is always important to remember our culture and maintain our connection to family no matter what. Thank you for believing in us and helping us believe in ourselves. Thank you for the laughs and memories. We are so happy that you ignited that flame within us to strive for excellence. We hope that you get to rest now with Pop and all of your loved ones who have gone before you. We will keep your memory alive and hopefully you will smile down on us.

We love you very much ...as much as you loved Family, Laughter, Gardening and Fish and Rice!



Other News

Before making his departure, Peter (Mr Hungerford) saw an email circulate about some chess pieces left lying around in the Multi Purpose area (MPA) He spoke to Whaea (Year 11 YLC) about the possibility of taking a positive view from the email and offering to run a in-house tournament so that students could learn to respect the chess pieces, learn how to play and have fun with one another.

After sorting it out Whaea put up a poster promoting the tournament and in the end there were 12 keen students (Grades 7-12) willing to give it a go and participate.

The following students participated in the first KMG Chess Tournament 2021.

7/8 Faith, Ernestine, Tajh, Lachlan, Alex

9/10 Seth, Gavin

11 Tawera, Lukus, Braden,

12 Riley, Courtney

Braden took the top spot, Tawera and Lukus came in not far behind. Regardless of who won, well done to all of the participants who all got yummy prizes for participation.



Other News

Thank you—Shout out

Once again a huge thank you to our friends Karen and staff at North Queensland Primary Health Network (NQPHN) for the lovely gesture of a huge basket of Easter goodness. We were able to round up some students (not an easy feat on the last day of the school term) The students were all very diligent, (some had to be peeled away from the basket) and Lisa was everyone's favourite person as she walked around the school and personally offered each student (and staff member) a chocolate or two. We are very fortunate to have many community members come and join our KMG family. Thank you all for your time and generous donations. Below we took a couple of photos to show our appreciation behind the Table tennis that was also generously donated by NQPHN.



SCHOOL COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD



23rd June Murri Court is hosting the Mr & Miss NAIDOC (Mindera & Mindera Pageant) all paid for at Ocean International. Flyers will be out soon and forwarded to KMG.

This years NAIDOC theme is "Heal Country"



WHICHWAY, BOYS & YOUNG MEN TRADITIONAL DANCE

Boys & young men can learn traditional song & dance

Expression of interest for boys and young men interested in learning traditional dance. I have spoken to traditional owners and elders and have gained permission to teach traditional song and dance to boys and young men. This would be a great opportunity to connect with culture and community and learn storytelling through song and dance. The main objective is to keep a strong connection to culture, pass knowledge on to the boys and young men coming through and building them up to be strong black leaders in our community.



For boys and young men of all ages

Get together and practice once a week

Southside and northside groups to make it easier to get to practice

Both groups will get together once a month

Venues TBA

ANDREW DOYLE
10 Carlyle St
Mackay, 4740
0455 027 504

andrew@atsichs.org.au

office number
4957 9459



COMMUNITY DAY

LIVE MUSIC LUNCH PROVIDED JUMPING CASTLES



MACKAY SHOWGROUNDS

WEDNESDAY, 7 APRIL 2021

10AM - 2PM

For more information contact:

Jardine: 0437 069 112 - jardine@atsichs.org.au

Latoya: 0499 071 386 - latoya@atsichs.org.au

