



Tiwi College Farm

Hi ! It's my pleasure to be the new custodian of the farm.

Kamelli and I (Brendan) would love to see more friendly faces visit the farm for a chat. You are welcome any time.

Thankyou also everyone for your contributions to the farm 'Carbon Bank'.

Cardboard and shredded paper shouldn't be wasted. They are important composting and bedding materials.

The Carbon enriches the soil and ultimately the garden plants.

We were sad to see Floyd go but are enjoying his legacy and I send a big thankyou to him and wish him well in his new job at the Botanic Gardens in Noosa. In addition to growing fruit and veg he has worked hard to set up the farm's tool kit. We have just 'ploughed' the market garden beds for the coming season with the our new 'Walking Tractor', a very valuable tool that saves time money, and muscle. We are now sowing and planting the crops for the wet season, including Eggplants, Cassava, Chilis, Cucumbers, Moringa, Sweet Potato, Snake Beans and Corn.

We are sowing about half the market garden under 'Green Manures'. These are pea, bean and grass crops that enrich the soil and protect it from the rains. They will be dug back in towards the end of the rains to make way for more veg crops in early 2021. Hopefully Term 1 and 2 will then see us delivering bountiful fresh food to your doors.

We also hope you'll join us in 2021 to learn more about how we do what we do.





FGH1 Term 4 HIGHLIGHTS

FGH1 is sad to say goodbye to 'Ms Vi' as she's known to the kids. Vi has been part of FGH1 for such a long time and the kids love her. She instilled knowledge, discipline and positive behaviour in the kids. She was a Mother away from home for the kids. A shoulder the kids were able to lean on for warmth, kindness and care. As new FGH1 parents—Fred & Dawn with the boys, we have much love and respect for Ms Vi. We'll miss her. We wish her God's guidance and blessings for a bright future on her new journey outside of Tiwi College. Lukim yu wantok. Mana !



VI & DAWN



FGH1 BOYS



BOYS READY FOR SCHOOL



THANKS LEGS FOR HOMEWORK VISITATION



BOYS INDOOR RECREATION ACTIVITY



RAYMOND'S BIRTHDAY

**THANK YOU COORDY PAUL.
WE WISH YOU A BRIGHT
FUTURE & MUCH LOVE**

**THANK YOU
2020**

**BRING ON
2021**

Term 4 has thrown us a lot of challenges. Wet weather, funerals, illness and the like affected our boys' attendance. Despite all that we had a lot of fun celebrating boys birthdays and developing that one-on-one connection with each one. To see them grow at home - confident, cheerful and happy gives us FGH1 parents a lot of joy and hope for our boys. Go Japuja Yati !

FGH TWO



We have had a great time in our house this term, however we are still wondering where it has gone... The term has flown by so fast, but as usual, was filled with fun, games, learning, laughter and all round good times! It was great that the attendance of the Senior Young Men picked up this term, which we always love to see! We are so proud of all the students in our house and their achievements this year. They are a great bunch of young men and we are so blessed to have the opportunity to help them, guide them and be here for them during their time with us.

A massive congratulations to our Graduates this year! They have been great role models to all their peers and will be extremely missed in our house next year. We wish them all the very best for their future endeavours. We hope to see all students remaining with us to complete their schooling and continue to set a high standard and raise the bar for younger students to follow and we will continue to do our best to see this happen.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank our students' teacher Matt for all the hard work he has put in to help achieve the wonderful results in class. He will be missed next year, but we wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

We hope and pray you all have a wonderful break and a blessed Christmas with Family and Friends.

With love and prayers,

Pisa, Meaghan, Talei, Maikeli and Lomani



Japuja yirrajirrima (FGH3)

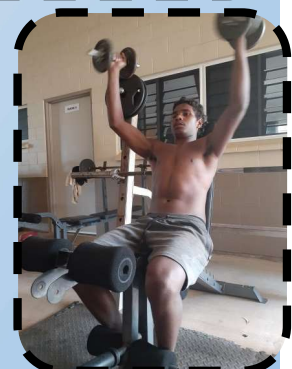
AWANA MAMANTA! BULA! HELLO!

As the dust settles and we wrap things up for the year, we are but thankful for His Mercy and Care. The COVID 19 pandemic, has been ominous and the ripple effects have impacted so many lives. Some are ignorant to the fact, whilst others endure a more traumatic and tragic experience. We have also been though our fair share of crisis and challenges. In spite of the setbacks, our resilience and resolve has brought us through.

Highlights: Staff evening dinner has been sporadic. **Homework** is gaining momentum and thoroughly enjoyed by all. **Life skills** has been centred primarily on our Core Values, of "MRTC", pressing issues on the day, with walks and physical fitness (Strong Body! Strong Mind! Strong Culture!). Over the years I have incorporated programs more, relevant, inspirational, practical and life changing. God willing as we look forward to a favourable 2021. Thank you all for a fantastic year. Our very best wishes to you and your families .

Merry Christmas and a **Happy New Year.** Mana.

Our love: *Malakai and Kelora Waga*





2020 has been a year marked with many defining moments on both a global and local scale. This year has provided all of us with opportunities to grow in areas of strength, resilience, courage and hope. We want to take this time to acknowledge our students, who despite facing many obstacles have been able to thrive in the Picka community where trust, respect, mercy and care abound. This school exists because of and for you!

We are grateful for all the girls who make our house their home throughout the year and look forward to seeing you return after the holidays. In the meantime, we will enjoy a short break from watching High School Musical on repeat. However I will leave you with the words of the song from the first High School Musical movie; *“Everyone is special in their way, we make each other strong, we’re not the same, we’re different in a good way, together’s where we belong, we’re all in this together”*.

To all the families, we thank you for entrusting your daughters into our care for another year. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and New Year, know that Anaiah and Eva will miss you very much, no matter what next year brings, we know that we can get through it together.

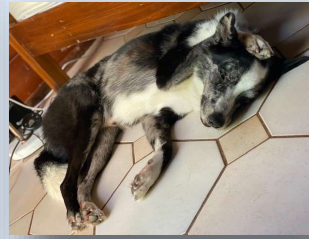
Dunstan, Nadine, Anaiah & Eva Maetoloa



Life skills: HANDS

This term we focused on giving back to our community both here at Tiwi College and to people in the students home communities. It’s great to see the girls grow in areas of community service and responsible citizenship. The girls chose to use their hands to write encouraging notes, bake cakes and cookies and cook meals to thank staff and their family members for all they do for them throughout the year.





Awana mantana!

Greetings friends and family of Pickertaramoor from the FGH 5 crew

We are grateful to the Traditional Owners who allow us to be on Muntiupula country. We deeply respect the culture of the Tiwi people, and love working with all of the Tiwi College students and staff. Thank you especially to the Tiwi staff and students and wider community for making us feel welcome!

Thank you to the previous FGH parents Kameli and Titilia for looking after the FGH 5 Junior and Middle Young Women for terms 1, 2 and 3.

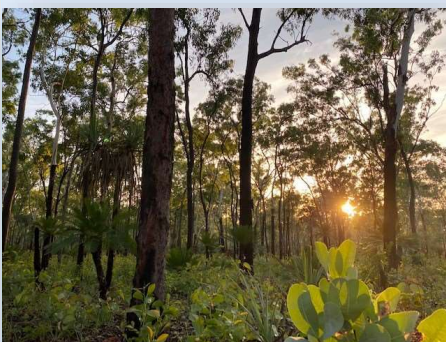
We have so much fun getting to know the girls more each time they come to stay with us. We enjoy movie nights, arts and crafts, the girls are amazing artists! We enjoy cooking and trying new foods together and laughing on the way to and from school. Our dog Greg loves having a big extended family. The girls have also been great at participating in Girls Academy this term! We have also been using the skipping ropes for Jump Rope for Heart. We have been fortunate this term to have had such friendly and supportive Tiwi staff come to visit us for dinner on Wednesdays.

We are excited for 2021. We talked to the girls about what they wanted to see in their Family Group Home next year and have some enhancements to add to the environment to make it extra comfortable and funky.

We are an active home and love getting out and about. Nadine and Brodie joined in the students for the Outdoor Classroom Day. We love going to Tiwi Fridays where we learn about Tiwi culture and history with the students. We are proactive in supporting the girls at home and with school, and love seeing the girls doing so well.

Brodie has joined the Imalu Tigers and we have both enjoyed getting to know the wider Tiwi communities. If you see us hanging around at the store or at the oval, please come and say hi to us!

We will miss all the girls when they are on holiday... We look forward to seeing the girls next year and meeting new students that will be coming to stay at FGH 5.



Mana, have a safe holiday season!

Lots of love, Nadine, Brodie + Greg (the dog)



FAMILY GROUP HOME 6



Semester 2 has had its challenges and a great many lessons to learn but we're grateful for the support and guidance we've received as a Family Group from all stakeholders. Many thanks to our parents and guardians who send us to school weekly, our teachers for teaching us and loving on us and the Operations Staff for ensuring that we live in well maintained houses, our classrooms and school are kept clean daily, we get good clean water, good vehicles to travel in, and that we get fresh farm eggs and fruits and vegetables. We'd also like to thank our Executive Team and the Tiwi Education Board for seeing that we get the best education on country and good people to take care of us. We appreciate and are grateful to our ancestors for their dream and vision for us as young Tiwi.

We say thank you and farewell also to our much loved JYW teacher Miss Kate Sunderland, our father-figure and FGH Coordinator-Mr. Paul Laginikoro, GYW Coordinator-Ms Courtney Higlett and our Arts Teacher, Ms. Adelle Booth. Thank you for coming on country and teaching us so many valuable lessons and sharing your lives with us. We wish you all the best for the future.

May the Joy of Christmas and the Hope of Christ be ours this coming season as we return home to family and friends!

Manasa and Cilia





RESPECT TRUST MERCY CARE



**WISHING YOU
A VERY
MERRY
CHRISTMAS
FROM
FGH 7**

As always, it has been a privilege and honour to be entrusted with the care of the young Tiwi for another year and we acknowledge, respect and thank the elders, past and present, for the opportunity to reside on country to serve the Tiwi people. The end of this year sees us saying goodbye and congratulations to Demaga, Ruby, Bella and Mickey who have all completed their studies and leave us as graduates of Tiwi College. Bella and Mickey have been with us for the past 2 years and we are incredibly proud of the hard work they have put into their studies, making their education a priority. We have been fortunate enough to have had Ruby and Demaga share our home for their entire schooling at Tiwi College. We have witnessed both these girls overcome their struggles and grow into confident young women. We are going to miss them greatly from our home next year. We are so very proud of all that you have accomplished and our only hope is that we have served you all well during your time with us and that you now go on and achieve success and happiness in your lives ahead of you.

We would like to thank all of our girls for trusting us as your house parents for another year. It has been a challenging year but we made it and now looking forward to see what next year has in store!

From the Vetekina family to yours, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holidays. Looking forward to seeing new and old faces back next year.

Love Moh, Sheree, Mele, Henry & Ana.



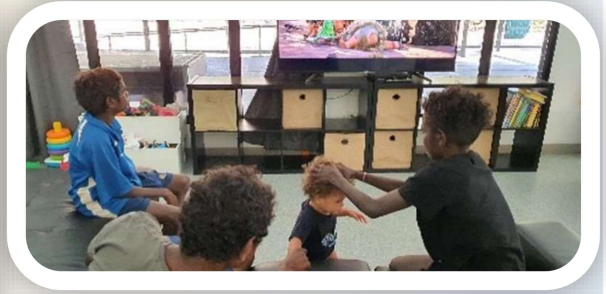
LIFE SKILLS

Although it has been a very interrupted term, for life skills the girls wanted to give a helping hand to those staff that are leaving us this year.

They were fortunate enough to be able to help out Miss Adele and do some cleaning in her home.



Family Group Home 8



Despite all the challenges 2020 has thrown at us, we have managed to make it to the end of the year and we are finishing strong. We are so proud that all our regular boys have achieved the reward trip to Darwin. It has been an honour to witness the growth of these young men over the course of the year. Term 4 has seen involvement in the Darwin athletics carnival, red dust music video and yard work for our beloved FGH co-ordinator Paul. We hope and pray that these coming six weeks give everyone a chance to relax, recharge and spend time with loved ones. We look forward to seeing everyone back in 2021.

Alova, Sarah, Manasa and Levi



**Congratulations and all the best to
our graduates and school leavers of 2020!**



**Tiwi College
wishes everyone
happy &
safe holidays!**

See you next year family!

