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## From the Executive School Director

Welcome to term 3 at Kutta Mulla Gorinna Special Assistance School!

After a very complicated term 2, the school team and students were able to use the break to reset, refocus and refresh for the upcoming semester.

At the start of each term, it is good practice to refamiliarise yourself with our school routine. You will find full details of the school timetable below. Please remind all students to be at school prior to 9:00am. Please encourage students to stay at school until 2:30pm, Monday to Friday.

### **COVID Update**

In accordance with Stage 3 of Queensland's roadmap to easing restrictions, we are excited to return to some form of normally in term 3. Term 3 will see a return school-based learning for all students, except those who are medically vulnerable or living with someone who is.

At KMG, we still expect all students to wipe down their chair and desk every 90mins. We congratulate our school community for your dedication and commitment to your child's learning journey.

### **Farewells**

It is with regret that we say goodbye to two of our KMG family members. Kristy-Lee and Shannon have both formally resigned from their positions. I am excited to welcome two new staff members in term 3. We know our community will make them feel welcome as they settle in to KMG.

### **Learning Support Unit**

We are also excited to announce the exciting new 'Learning Support Unit'. The Learning Support Unit assists our young people faced with learning barriers to achieve their educational and developmental potential. This unit will provide strategies and specialised support at individual, group, school levels. In addition, the unit will provide support, in conjunction with the classroom teachers, to allow the students to more successfully access the core curriculum so they can continue to progress in their learning. Learning Support Officers as a part of a team, will support the students with small group activities within the unit as well as within the classroom where that is considered the more effective strategy to enhance the learning outcomes of the individual students.

We welcome Diane, Kamiah and Quincee to our Learning Support Unit, and we welcome back Whaea, we have missed you at school.

### **Parent Advisory Group**

Over the coming weeks, we will be establishing our Parent Advisory Group. This group will consist of the Executive School Director and parents and friends interested in promoting the interest of the school by bringing into close cooperation.

## From the Executive School Director cont...

### **School Report Update**

Due to the current COVID situation, there is a delay in the publishing of the school annual report. We aim to have this report published by 30th July 2020.

### **School Surveys**

By week 2, our school parents and students would have been provided with our school survey. I encourage each and everyone of you to complete the survey and have it returned to the school by week 3. The school surveys are designed to obtain the views of parent/s caregivers, students and school staff on what KMG does well and how we can improve.

### **Bus Cards**

If any student has lost their bus card, please do not be shame or frightened to speak about it to administration. Once we know, we will work with you to get another bus card.

## From the Business Services Manager

The beginning of a new term is always exciting, particularly after the crazy term that we had last term. A quick reminder to students that our front doors will be locked during class times. If you come to school and the doors are locked, then please make sure that you knock really loudly.

I would also like to remind students and parents that students need to take good care of their student identification cards and any bus passes that they need to get to and from school. If there are any issues with students caring for these things please speak to administration and we will assist in finding a solution.

I would also like to remind parents and students that because mobile phones are not accessible during class times, please call the office if you need to contact your student on 4829 4302.

## From our Senior Room

Wow, can you believe it... Term 3 already!

I hope that everyone has had a well deserved break from school, especially after the curve ball COVID-19 threw at us, and are ready to get back into our learning programs.

It has been great to see several of our Year 11 and 12 students already this week and I hope that next week that number will increase. To assist with this, over the next two weeks, our focus will be on ATTENDANCE as by week 3 we are hoping to reach a goal of 90% attendance in the Senior classroom.

Two strategies to help achieve this are;

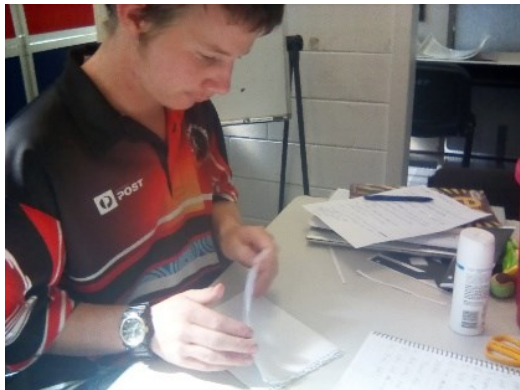
- Please remember that regular attendance is best for your student's education. Students who miss a day of school not only miss instruction but must make up work and catch up with the new work at the same time.
- Try to arrange any appointments in the beginning or end of the school day so that you will only miss 1/2 of a day of school or talk with us at school and we can arrange supports to take your student to appointment/s and bring them back to school.

Even though procedures regarding COVID-19 have eased, we will, in the Senior classroom still be practicing good personal hygiene around washing our hands on a regular basis and using the hand sanitizer. We will also be wiping down our desks several times throughout the school day.

### **DON'T FORGET:**

**Upcoming excursion for year 7/8 paperwork needs to be returned to school.**

### From our Senior Room cont...



To end with I would like to send a **BIG Shout Out** to our Year 12 student—Matty Martin.



Matty has started the term with an awesome work ethic and has applied himself to each and every task that has been handed to him—truly an inspiration to us all—Well done Matty

Lisa Johnston

### From our Middle Rooms

Kristy-Lee and Shannon would like to say thank you so much to the students and their school community for all of their support while working as the Year Level Coordinators for Year 9/10.

They have enjoyed working with all of the students and are grateful for all of the well wishes as they move on to new career pathways.

Shannon and Kristy-Lee want their students to know that you are capable of being anything you want to be and would like to wish all of our students to very best for their futures.

### From our Juniors

Welcome back to Term 3!

We have been so happy to see your Year 7/8 class back at school, well rested, ready to learn... and feeling a bit cold.

This is what we up to this term...

English—We have started the term by reading a novel by Australian Aboriginal sister and brother team Ambelin and Ezekiel Kwaymullina called “Catching Teller Crow”.

This story is told by the two main characters, Beth Teller and Isobel Catching and involves a wandering, lost girl; a mystery; a fire; and a hidden story behind a small, country town. We can't wait to find out “what happens next”!!

HASS—This term we are studying ancient civilizations of the Mediterranean and China. The students have been looking at Egypt this week, investigating Pharaohs, pyramids and the way of life in Ancient Egypt. This leads us into Technology....

Technology—We are building a pyramid! What more can I say! The challenge is to see which student can build the tallest pyramid out of toothpicks and blue tac in an hour and a half. Students have to predict, design, build and record their effort.

The Arts—Our class task this term is to design a movie poster! We will be linking this task to English by imagining that our book has been turned into a movie. We have begun investigating how pictures can tell a story depending on the focus of the picture and the experience of the audience.

## From our Juniors cont...

HPE—7/8's have been off to an action packed term in HPE. Our health unit is on safety awareness including cyberbullying. For our fitness component, we will be joining the Circus.... Well, learning circus skills. Thankyou to Tammy Stone from Sensory Circus Mackay for being our circus teacher for the term. This week we learnt juggling, hoop tricks and worked with devil sticks. A great time was had by all .



## From our Youth Support Coordinator

We are still busy working on our cast net program with the Mackay Regional Council. We have enjoyed learning how to make cast nets with Uncle Doug and Uncle Huey. Once we are finished with these we are going to head to the beach and learn to use them to catch our dinner. Better than Woolworths!

We have also been working on our STRENGTH Program with Norm, and finally finished the planter box, and bonus points it's straight. This term we are working on building laptop dock, and platforms for the teachers to be able to reach the board and hopefully an lounge chair.

## Job Search

### **Komatsu 2021 Apprenticeship intake**

Komatsu are currently recruiting for the following apprentices for 2021

- Plant mechanics
- Auto and High Voltage electrical
- Boilermakers

You must have

- A genuine interest in pursuing a careers in your chosen trade
- A willingness to commit to structured classroom based. On the job and field training
- An aptitude for technical/ mechanical work
- Well-developed written and verbal communication skills
- Someone with a strong, ongoing commitment to workplace health and safety
- Ability to work collaboratively in a team environment

### **2021 Mackay Sugar Apprentice Intake**

Apprenticeship opportunities offered

- Boilermaker
- Fitter and Turner
- Electrical fitter/ mechanic

To be eligible you must:

- Have completed year 12 as of the 1st of January 2021, with passes in both English and Math
- Hold a driver's licence or have reliable transport
- Be willing to work at any one of our three mills (Marian, Racecourse and Farleigh)
- Have successfully completed mathematical methods/ Maths B if applying for electrical trade apprenticeships

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