



From the Executive School Director

Parents and Carers

Here at Kutta Mulla Gorinna Special Assistance School we are committed to providing the best possible, engaging education for your child. That commitment includes being open to feedback and ideas for improvement. I'm asking our parents and carers about their experiences of our school. As partners in your child's education, what you think matters.

Parent Surveys were sent in the mail and are now needing to be returned. The survey is short and has asked you about different aspects of Kutta Mulla Gorinna Special Assistance School. Your responses are anonymous, and they will truly be valued in helping us continually improve. We will ensure we provide our community with a summary of the survey findings later in the year as we will also be asking our students and staff what they think.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club has kicked off and is beginning to be a new #KMGWAY. At our school we believe genuinely caring for and providing opportunities for our students is making a real and

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lasting difference. In particular, we want every student to have a good start to their day. Please encourage your student to actively participate in the program throughout the week. Breakfast club is run on a Monday to Friday from 7:30am.



COVID-19

As COVID-19 remains around, at Kutta Mulla Gorinna we are still maintaining appropriate health and hygiene measures. Those measures are:

- Regular handwashing and hand sanitising, particularly before and after eating, and after going to the toilet
- Increased cleaning of the school classrooms, particularly high frequency touch points including desks and chairs
- Regular cleaning of our multipurpose area
- Physical distancing of adults



We may at times also consider using alternative spaces for learning and adjusting our school day to decrease contact between classes and year levels, to minimise gathering points and maximise airflow (with due respect to weather conditions and other safety factors) in teaching and learning spaces.

2021 Enrolment Intake

As the year rolls on, we are keen to ensure that all of our current families have their students enrolled for 2021. These enrolments allow us to plan for next year which includes to keep all class sizes as small as possible. Therefore it is highly important for us to have an idea as to how many students may be enrolling at our school for next year.

On 12th August 2020 we will be taking enrolment applications for years 9, 10, 11 and 12. If you know of a relative who has a child that is between the ages of 12 and 17, and meets the definitions of being disengaged or at-risk of disengaging from school, please ask them to come into the office for an enrolments pack. Alternatively they can email office@kmg.qld.edu.au requesting an enrolment pack.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of the staff. The school's responses to the current and emerging challenges associated with KMG and also COVID-19 has very much been a team effort and I would like to thank every single member of staff for their efforts to maintain a sense of calm and consistency for our students and their families. It needs to be acknowledged that for teachers and support staff, this has been a stressful time. This stress has been eased somewhat by the strong appreciation and support from within our KMG community.

From the Business Services Manager

As we all settle back into our school term, there are few things from the office.

Please remember that students are not allowed to have their mobile phones with them in class. If you need to get a message to a student please call the office on 4829 4302 and the administration team will make sure that your student receives the message, otherwise your student will not be able to respond until their break time.

Accounts will also come out again soon. As always if there are any issues with getting your account paid, please feel free to call the school and discuss this with me so that we can arrange an alternative.

Also, we are always looking for parent volunteers in our school. If you think that this is something you may like to do, please give me a call and we can discuss some of our volunteering opportunities with you.

Last of all, please make sure that you are following our Facebook page to stay up to date with all of our news and updates.

Introducing Kahmia...

Kahmia Raikaki recently joined our team as a youth support officer. Kahmia's working background is in residential care for young people and working with young people who have complex behaviour needs. She joined the KMG family because she loves working with young people and because she wants to be able to help our students to achieve the dreams.

For Kahmia, the best part about working at KMG is that everyday is not the same, and being able to help our students feel valued and important here at school. Her hope for KMG is that we are just as successful as any mainstream school, and she wants our KMG young people to know that they are just as worthy as anyone else. In her spare time Kamiah likes to work some more..... But she also loves a game of footy.

Year 7/8 Science Excursion to the Goose ponds

On Wednesday 5th August the year 7/8's visited the Goose ponds. The students had been studying hard for the past couple of weeks with Peter, so it was nice to put the knowledge they had learned in class into practice. Once the initial excitement over



the turtles and other wildlife subsided, the students got straight into water testing and collecting samples.

It was a great morning, and it was great to be out and about in nature. Here are few snaps from the day.



RACI Crystal Growing competition



The year seven students are doing the RACI Crystal Growing Competition. The crystals need to have clarity, strength and sharp edges. They also need to have a smooth face, regular shape, and the need to be colourless. We were able to get a head start from Mel our history and English teacher. Mel showed the students how to make the crystals. Last Wednesday we made the crystals and when Jakken and I checked on Thursday, the crystals had not grown. In the past weeks they have grown and it has been interesting to watch them. It is incredible that mankind knows how to grow crystals, because I thought crystals only grew in nature. It has also been interesting to watch how to grow the crystals.

BY: Ernestine Hankin Bero



Fishing Rod Repairs

Peter is currently teaching the students how to repair their fishing rods. This program starts next Wednesday the 12th August 2020, for our year 9/10 students. If we have any families that have any broken fishing rods at home that you would like to donate to the students, please bring them into school so that the students are able to repair them.

Parent Thank You!!

A massive thank you to one of our parents, Janice Langlands. Janice made some beautiful cupcakes for our school (which everyone was too scared to eat because they were so beautiful) and lovely canvas painting that now has pride of place in our office. It's very easy to see why our students are so talented, when they have such talented parents.



Year 7
ENROLMENT
APPLICATIONS
NOW
AVAILABLE

8 seats
ONLY

We are now accepting enrolment applications for 2021. please collect an enrolment pack from our administration office or email office@kmg.qld.edu.au

Applications close Friday 28 August, 2020.

Rewards Day

IF YOU MAINTAIN 90% ATTENDANCE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO COME ON OUR SCHOOL REWARDS DAY



Cultural Excellence Program

Our cultural excellence program began at the end of Term 2, 2020. Students nominate their interest in participating in the program, which is open to all of our students, regardless of their cultural background. Students learn about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and all aspects of the culture including music, art, dance, language, food and protocols.

This term students will have guest speakers from community come and talk to them and the students will also be heading out into the community on mini excursions to learn in a more hands on environment. This program is an additional learning opportunity for the students and the expectation is that they attend, participate 100% and also keep up to date with their other subjects and assessment.

Bianca Fewquandie



2020 RMHC Charlie Bell Scholarship

Program

Have you been impacted by a serious illness during your years at school? Are you leaving school to go to university, or do an apprenticeship/ vocational training next year? Then this scholarship could be for you.

Serious illness makes it very difficult for young people to continue their education and achieve their life goals. Our Charlie Bell Educational Scholarship will award a grant of \$5,000 to a deserving young person to help them follow their career dreams. Ronald McDonald House North Australia is here to help recipients to succeed in their chosen career, so the money can go towards university or VET fees, apprenticeship tools, books or supplies, etc.

Applications are now open for eligible young people:

- Between 15 and 20 years old;
- Who have suffered with a serious illness at some point during their schooling years;
- And who are enrolling in a university or VET course for 2021

The online application form requires you to supply:

- Educational information/ history
- Relevant medical history
- An outline of your study aims, career pursuits, personal achievements, community involvement and goals for the future
- A personal reference
- Education/ employer reference
- Signature of parent/ guardian (if under 18 years)

Apply online at: <https://www.rmhc.org.au/charlie-bell-scholarships>

Applications close 30th September