Sports Day
On Friday 22 July Musgrave Hill had their Athletics Carnival. I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Katie Halsall (PE teacher) and all the staff involved in what I would have to say was one of our most successful sports day. The weather was perfect and the children all conducted themselves brilliantly. What was even more rewarding was that the teachers were able to reign supreme over the Year 6 students in the Teacher V Student Tug-a-war challenge. We came up against each house and we were triumphant over all 3. It was great to see so many parents and extended family members supporting and cheering on not only their own children but all the students who competed on the day.

Meet and Greet
One of the most important roles we will ever play here at Musgrave Hill is ensuring the safety and well-being of your child/ren. We take this responsibility extremely seriously so I want to take this opportunity to thank our parents and carers for entrusting our school with their care and for the faith you show in our teachers to deliver the best learning opportunities possible for your child.

With this in mind we are trialling a new initiative in the mornings. As per our normal procedures when children arrive at school they are all to go to the covered area outside the hall where they are supervised by staff. When the first bell goes, all students whether they are with their parents or not, are to go to the covered area for our morning “Meet and Greet”.

This gives Admin and staff the opportunity to welcome all students for the day, recognise important events, and pass on any messages but more importantly for every student to start the day in a safe and positive manner.

I thank the parents who have embraced this concept so quickly and who have expressed their gratitude that the safety of their child is paramount at our school but for also starting the day where every child knows they matter and are important.
It is disappointing that a small number of parents are choosing to keep their children with them instead of bringing them to the hall to be a part of our whole school morning “Meet and Greet”. I do respectfully ask those parents that if that is your position then you should wait until 8.50am to drop your child off at school as it sends mixed messages to the other families and the students.

**Uniforms**

In any school when you talk about uniforms, you are guaranteed that there are always varying opinions and suggestions. Our school has a very proud history regarding our uniform and the P & C are always looking for alternatives to ensure the costs and availability of uniforms are in line with policy but also support our family's needs.

Many years ago when the Jade Green colour was introduced into the school, the colour was available in many retail stores so this provided another alternative for parents to purchase shorts, skirts and tracksuit pants, while they were not the same durable quality as the ones sold at the school, it still allowed parents the option. Unfortunately that colour is no longer available in retail stores.

The School Shirt is something as a P & C and School we are not prepared to compromise on as it is very distinctive and unique. We are and will continue to investigate different approved companies to see if we can maintain the quality and look of our shirts but at a reduced price.

What we are looking at is perhaps changing the colour of the bottom part of our uniform to again allow parents to source different retail options. A survey will be sent home in the next fortnight to ascertain the opinions of our families.

Your feedback will help drive our next step. Please continue to support our current Dress Code Policy by ensuring your child/ren are in full uniform each and every day. This includes black shoes and the right jumper.

**Amazing Musgrave Hill Students**

A big congratulations to the following children for making the Gold Coast Under 11's Hockey Team.

- Bronte Ferguson 6 Onyx
- Kirra Wall 4 Ruby
- Anabell McWilliams 4 Ruby
- Owen Finucane 4/5 Aqua

They are competing in Brisbane this weekend at Downey Park. All of Musgrave Hill State School wish you the best of luck and we look forward to hearing how you all went. I am sure you will do us proud.

**Drop off and Pick up**

As you are aware we have ensured we have staff on duty before and after school to assist make the morning drop off and the afternoon pick up run more efficiently. Unfortunately they cannot do it on their own as the true effectiveness of our Pick up and Drop off zone also depends on parents doing the right thing. To support our staff on duty, those parents who regularly access the pick-up zone in the afternoon will receive a laminated sign of your child’s last name so you can place it on your dash or visor. This will help speed up the process and continue to keep the traffic moving. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

*Julie-Anne McGuinness – Principal*
Speech Choir Countdown

Save the Date: 30th August – Week 8

Musgrave Hill State School is excited to be involved in the 35th Gold Coast Eisteddfod. We have several classes who have been learning their poetry group performance. We hope that all competitors have an enjoyable experience performing. I encourage parents, family and friends to come along and support this event.

Location: The Arts Centre, Gold Coast – 135 Bundall Road, Surfers Paradise.

There is a small cost at the Arts Centre if you are going to watch your child’s performance.

Ticket prices – $8 per adult and $4 for children.

Tickets can be pre-ordered online at: www.theartscentregc.com.au

Notes for permission will be sent home this week detailing bus departure times, if you could complete these forms and return to your child’s teacher. Buses will depart from school.

NB - There is no cost for students.

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Only parents of the last group starting at 4:00pm will need to pick up their children at the venue. Pick up time will be approximately 5:00pm - your child can be collected in the GCAC foyer.

All other classes will arrive back at school by bus and continue lessons.

Mrs Melissa Newman – Deputy Principal/H.O.S.E.S
Learning Tip
Moving with maths
These ideas use movement of the body, hearing sounds, using eyes and feeling with hands to experience counting.

- How many throws can we do without dropping the ball?
- How many jumps does it take to get to…?
- How many times can you tap the balloon before it touches the ground?
- How long does it take you to skip to…?

Asking questions to investigate
Ask your child questions to encourage them to investigate maths:

- What shapes can you see?
- How could we measure the…?
- How will we find half?
- What is the best way to share…?

Parenting Tip
Health Tip

Strawberry Banana Smoothie
Makes one serving

Ingredients:
1/2 banana
1/2 cup plain yogurt
1 cup frozen strawberries
1/4 cup orange juice
Drizzle of honey

Directions:
Combine all ingredients in a blender and blend until combined and frothy. Serve immediately.


Candiece Ledwidge and Tamara Hall – Head of Curriculum

P & C NEWS

Fete
Friday 7th October (1st week back in term 4) from 3 - 7pm

We are asking for donations of small chocolate bars, lollies, novelty toys, 1.25lt soft drink-water-juice bottles and preloved books.

Ride tickets are now available online through flexischools or otherwise an order form will be sent home soon.

We will be holding a major raffle for the fete, tickets will be $2 each and the prizes are

- Air conditioning unit valued at $2500
- Set of uniforms worth $148
- Southport Sharks $100 voucher

We are also looking for any knitters, crocheters or any crafty people to hold a stall.

Rydges Raffle

Congratulations to our winners of the RYDGES RAFFLE

1st prize...........Tri Minh Le - 4 night’s accommodation at a Rydges Raffle Hotel
2nd prize.......... Katie Heidenber (sold by Jettah Eliason) iPod shuffle
3rd prize..........Jordan McNamara (most books sold - 7) iPod shuffle

Thank you to everyone who brought tickets.

Tina Quirke - P&C President
I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents, guardians, grandparents and supporters that came to cheer on and encourage their child/children at our Athletics Carnival for 2016. I was extremely proud of the way in which all of the students displayed not only some outstanding talent, but also wonderful sportsmanship and house spirit. Each year, the comradery between students and the rivalry between houses grows and it is simply great to watch. No doubt you will all agree that Pelican certainly stole the show with a certain bright yellow Hyundai Getz that made an appearance!

A wrap up of the days results …

House Spirit Award = Pelican

Overall Champion House = Koala

Age Champions as are follows –

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Thanks again for your support and I look forward to seeing you all again bigger and louder in 2017!

Mrs Halsall – P.E. Teacher
Regular School Attendance

Thank you to the El-Debel family for their generous donation of delicious CRUST pizzas to the winning class of our 5 cent Chappie challenge.

And the winner was …………… 2 Violet

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!
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On Tuesday 18th July, our Year One classes had some special visitors to talk about fire safety. The four firefighters are from our local Southport Station.

They spoke about fire alarms, how they work and what they do. If there is a fire- GET DOWN LOW AND GO, GO, GO! The message of GET OUT AND STAY OUT was very clear. Once you are out safely, you do not go back inside for anything, not even your favourite toy.

The firemen asked to work out with my family a safe meeting place for if there is ever a fire. Where will we meet? We learnt the phone number to ring for emergencies is 000. They also spoke to us and showed us pictures of safe and unsafe fires. Our homework was to learn our address and have a family member test the smoke alarm.

We were also shown what to do if our clothes catch on fire. STOP, DROP (cover our face) and ROLL.

We were really lucky that on Tuesday 26th July, for Fire Safety Week, the firemen came back to show us the truck. We saw the equipment they use, heard the siren and had a go at holding the hose.

Thank you for visiting firefighters!
Mr Waugh – Classroom Teacher

This term in Science 6 Onyx has been learning about the environments in which things live and how conditions can affect the growth and survival of living things in their environment. So, we focused on the area behind our school oval to do a field study to find out exactly what was living there. In our field study we made observations of the natural environment and collected various data, for example the height and number of trees and bushes, the depth of leaf litter on the ground and the presence and evidence of animal life. We also played with sticks and were told not to.

A scientific technique of a pitfall trap was used to collect samples of small creatures that may have been hiding or not visible during the day. We set out to set our traps and although the plastic shovels had little effect on the hard ground, our teacher remembered to bring the class butter knife to dig in the traps with surprising success. Anticipation of catching a ten-foot carpet python was high; however all we managed to catch in our traps on the first night was rain. The next night was more fruitful. All creatures were treated humanely, thanked for their participation and released back into the bush.

Mr Waugh – Classroom Teacher

It has definitely been a busy start to the term for 1Blue.
We have been working very hard on writing our information reports on animals which live in the bush, beach and backyard. A lot of interesting facts have been learnt in the process!

In maths we have been busy little bees learning about addition, subtraction and fractions at this stage, with a lot more to cover.

Sports day was a fun and exciting day had by all. The novelty events seemed to be a real winner with lots of happy and smiling faces.

The year one classes were also very lucky to have a visit from our local firefighters to discuss the importance of fire safety.

1Blue Teachers - Sarah Johnston and Amanda Lees
Let’s face it, the internet is an integral part of young people’s lives. Used responsibly, the online environment is a great place for our children to socialise and maintain friendships, be entertained, download and watch music and movies, play games, to search for information and to learn.

The ever changing nature of the internet can pose challenges for parents who wish to keep on top of their children’s technology use. While children might seem to be tech savvy, they still need a parent’s guiding hand to help make sure their online experience is positive and safe.

There is now a fully equipped government website to support parents with navigating and understanding this ever changing creature in our children’s lives (and not to mention ours too!)

There is an endless list of short videos, pictures, games and informative pages to check out. This is a great place to learn more about cyber-safety and to become a little more cyber-savvy!


Information adapted from: Office of Children’s eSafety Commissioner (2016)
We have had a great start to the new term. Our numbers are increasing so please come in for a new enrolment form if you are looking for before or afterschool care and secure a position. We are looking into relicensing so we are able to take on 105 children to ensure we have available positions for bookings.

We have currently employed 2 new staff members, Gloria and Wade, who are about to do their Orientation with YMCA and complete their Safeguarding children certificate and training prior to commencement. Hopefully they will be on board next week ready to bring their strengths into our service.

This term, we will be looking into learning about the importance of community involvement and respect for our differences. We are hoping that our children are able to adjust to changes and resilience to any situation they may come across in their daily lives.

We look forward to seeing you all soon and provide any feedback you may wish to provide.

Triscina James  -  YMCA Musgrave Hill Team
Phone 07 55283490    Mobile 0439752168    Email amh@ymca.com.org.au

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RSPCA Fundraiser

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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RSPCA Fundraiser
Nipper Sign On Days

Nippers is a great way to learn new skills, make friends, get fit and have fun in the process. We believe we have one of the best junior programs available. Our Sunday nipper days provide our members valuable surf awareness and skills in a safe, fun and enjoyable environment. Mid-week training sessions also available.

SUNDAY
7th & 28th
AUGUST

8.30 - 10am
TSS, The Southport School
Winchester St, Southport

Free Sausage sizzle
Nipper Memberships start from $50
U6 - U14 members - Nippers need to be 5 years old on 30th Sept

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