Welcome back to what I am sure will be another very exciting year. To our existing families it is great to see you back ready to go in 2016. To our new families - a big Musgrave Hill welcome to you. You have chosen an amazing school and community to be a part of.

Those parents new to the area I encourage you not only to meet with your child’s teacher and the Administration team but also to consider joining our Parents and Citizens’ Association. Getting to know other parents and staff helps maintain good friendly relationships all round. I would also encourage our existing parents to do the same.

2016 is shaping up to be another big year in enrolment growth and as things currently stand we have just over 510 students starting the year which is approximately 40 more students than this time last year. It is important to note that at this stage there will be no class changes but unfortunately this may not last if our numbers continue to grow throughout the year. This growth is not only attributed to the many parents who proudly support our school but also the exceptional teaching staff and ancillary staff who always have the best interests of the students embedded in their practice and planning.

Apart from our regular teaching team, 2016 introduces some new faces to Musgrave Hill State School- Genevieve Aitchison and Sheena Stokes join our Prep Team, Ellen Smallhorn Year 1, Lauren Wagg Year 2, Alex Collis Year 3 and Anthony Clark Year 4/5/6. Welcome aboard to our newest staff members, I am very confident you will enjoy your time here. We also welcome back Susan Damro who will be Deputy Principal of the Prep to Year 2 and Candiece Ledwidge - Head of Curriculum who is returning from maternity leave.

Drop off and Pick Up Zone
Our new families may not be aware of the rules and regulations regarding our “Drop off and Pick up” area and also this comes as a friendly reminder to our existing families:-

Parking in Nakina Street in front of the school is prohibited between 2.30pm and 3.30pm and 8am to 9am in the morning. This side of the street is a pick up and drop off zone only. You are not permitted to park your car and get out as you stop the flow of traffic. The effectiveness of our Pick up and Drop off Zone depends on parents doing the right thing. So please remember for the safety of our students do not park and get out of your cars in the Pick-up and Drop off Zone.
We also ask that parents have a **clearly written surname on a sheet of paper that can be attached to the sun visor** in the car. When you approach the pick up zone you simply flip down your visor so that your family name can be read by the teacher and they then call your student to the front of the gate ready to go down to the car. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

**HOW TO USE THE PICK UP ZONE**
The passenger pickup zone/2 minute zone allows for quick pick up of children during congested peak school 'let out' times.

**THE CONCEPT**
Vehicles move slowly along the loading zone towards the front of the queue
Children see the vehicle and are ready to get in
Motorists ‘give each other a fair go’
If your child is not there then you move to the front of the line and can stay there in your vehicle for a maximum of two minutes before you are required to move off and park or go around the block and re-enter the line.

**RESPECT THE TIMING**
Do not stop for more than two minutes
Do not park in the zone and walk away from the car.

**PICK UP AND LOADING BAGS**
You can get out of the vehicle only to assist the children to load bags
Never double park to pick up children – it is illegal and dangerous.

**THE TEACHER CARPARK**
Please do not use the car park for a pick up and drop off for your child. This is an unsupervised area and we have already had a couple of near misses last year. It is a narrow area. All foot traffic through the car park should be on the footpaths provided – not between the cars.

**Parent Information Sessions**
Parents/Guardians of Musgrave Hill students are invited to attend the upcoming parent information afternoon sessions on Wednesday 10th February 2016. These afternoons are a great opportunity to meet your child’s teacher, hear all about the great things your child will experience this year as well as an opportunity to ask any questions you may have in relation to the teaching and learning planned for your child. Details for the Parent Information Sessions are

- **Prep and Year 1** - 3pm to 3.30pm
- **Year 2 and Year 3** - 3.30pm to 4pm
- **Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6** - 4pm to 4.30pm.

**Every Day Counts – New Attendance Initiative**
To continue our strong commitment of ensuring all students have the best opportunities to succeed and every day they are at school counts we are continuing our fortnightly rewards system for all students who have 100% attendance in that 2 week period. Children who arrive after the scheduled start time for school will be excluded from receiving an award in that fortnight as every minute counts - every day in every classroom important learning is taking place; not attending or being late for class may mean your child may miss out on the all-important introduction of new concepts or the consolidation of past work.

Therefore any student who falls under the above mentioned category will receive a “BASE” (Be At School Every Day) certificate and attendance voucher. Every voucher a student receives will go into draw and at the end of every term one lucky student and family from Prep to Year 2 and Year 3 to year 6 will receive a $30 dollar gift card that can be spent either at the Uniform Shop, excursions or can be used to contribute to your child’s Student Resource Scheme. There will also be 3 additional draws each term for a $5 Tuckshop voucher.
LOTE (Language other than English) Program
This year our LOTE program for the Year 5 and Year 6 students will involve the learning of a new language. We work very closely with our local primary schools and even closer with Southport High School to ensure our students are well equipped when they head off to high school, all primary schools in our local area are introducing the Chinese language to students as this is the language taught when they enter high school. We hope this will be an exciting new language for our students and will be of great assistance to them when they transition into high school and continue the same language and program they studied here at Musgrave.

Parents Outside Classrooms
Can I please ask that if you are collecting your child from their classrooms after school that you do not congregate on the verandas directly outside the classrooms as it can be very distracting for the students that are working inside? I appreciate your understanding and support in this matter.

I am looking forward to a great 2016.

Julie-Anne McGuinness

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Welcome to all our new families including our new Prep parents/caregivers and welcome back to everyone else.

Thank you all for contributing to such a smooth transition into 2016. The pride we all have in being a part of the Musgrave Hill S.S. community is very apparent with full school uniforms, black shoes and bright welcoming faces.

Thank you also to our ECDP, Prep – Year 6 teaching teams (which includes our industrious Teacher Aides) for their positive and energetic start to the year.

I am sure you would all agree that the Musgrave Hill SS community spirit starts at the front administration desk with our friendly and efficient ladies and continues throughout the school with our cleaners, tuckshop treasures and our grounds staff. We really are a Boutique ‘one of a kind’ school that does ‘whatever it takes’ ensuring every child succeeds.
In order to meet your precious children’s needs and promote a positive learning environment the Musgrave team believe in working proactively with our families and local community. Therefore, if we can be of assistance to you or your family in any way (social, emotional, financial etc.) please do not hesitate to make a request to speak to one of the team and we will happily and confidentially work with you to resolve the concern.

**Junior Assembly** commenced yesterday and will continue week 4, 6 and 8 with Preppies having a short assembly prior to the junior assembly at 2:00 – 2:15pm. I was very impressed with the manner in which our prep classes entered, participated and left the assembly……they certainly raised the bar! Congratulations preppies 😊 We hope to see more.

**Senior Assembly** will commence in week 3 (8th Feb) and will also occur in week 5, 7 and 9. The senior assembly begins at 2:00pm and parents and community members are also invited to attend. Next week we will be presenting the newly elected Year 3-6 Class Captains with their badges.

**Sun Smart**
Please ensure your child has sunscreen applied in the morning, a hat and water bottle in their bag as this is essential with the extreme heat we have been experiencing.

**Before School Supervision**
Prep parents are reminded that we are happy to have students utilise the gross motor equipment set up in the mornings, as we believe this is a great start to the day and an important part of the early years curriculum, however, could parents please supervise during this period and we will ensure adequate supervision during both breaks.

All other year levels are to remain in the undercover area in front of the hall with parents if applicable.

Thank you all for your assistance with keeping your children safe 😊 Kindest regards

Susan Damro
What to bring: A packed morning tea and lunch. It is also a requirement that students wear enclosed footwear, bring a hat and water bottle and apply plenty of sunscreen before school. The centre will supply all of the bikes and helmets for the students to use.

Cost: $4.50

**Year 4 Hunting History**

**When:** Tuesday, 9th February 2016  
**Where:** Musgrave Hill’s School Hall  
**Cost:** $6.50  
**Last day for payment:** Thursday, 4th February (Internet Banking must be made 2 days prior)

**Start Smart Primary Program**

It’s never too early to teach children the value of money. Research indicates that it is crucial to develop financial literacy skills from an early age. The Start Smart Primary Program teaches these skills in a way that students can understand and enjoy. It was developed with a panel of leading specialists in primary education, cognitive development, instructional design and financial literacy.

This week all classes at Musgrave Hill attended a Start Smart workshop. These workshops were engaging and the students were highly motivated participating in the lessons.

**Stage One (Years 1 & 2) Covered:**

In this workshop, students learnt about money as a concept, what it is, what it’s worth, and how to keep it safe. Guided by Captain Cash, students were excited about becoming superheroes with their money. By challenging them to ‘Speed to Their Needs’ and ‘Wait for Their Wants’, students were able to distinguish between their needs and wants and prioritise spending accordingly. Using fun rhymes, hands-on activities and colourful characters, this workshop puts students on a lifelong path of practising solid financial habits.

Several concepts are covered, including:

- introduction to notes and coins
- recognition of Australian currency
- keeping money safe
- the difference between needs and wants
- using money in exchange for goods and services

**Stage Two (Year 3 & 4) Covered:**

Coach Cash – the students’ very own personal money trainer – inspired students to become ‘cashletes’ that exercise their money muscles by making savvy spending decisions. By encouraging students to understand the factors that influence their spending, through a practical comparative shopping exercise, this workshop equipped students with the skills and knowledge they need to maximise saving and spend smarter, now and in the future.

Several concepts are covered, including:

- credit cards and key cards
- earning money
- spending habits
- comparative shopping
- maximising savings

**Stage Three (Years 5 & 6) Covered:**

This highly applicable workshop gave students a practical framework for realistic, financial goal setting, by encouraging them to ‘See It, Earn It, Save It’. Using engaging activities, students learnt about opportunities to earn money now, and are excited about making their savings goals a reality. By encouraging creativity and smart saving, students are empowered to start looking after their money immediately as well as for the future.

Several concepts are covered, including:

- goal setting
- earning money
- saving strategies
- interest
- banks
If your child/ren are not participating in religious instruction and you would now like them to attend please notify the office by letter, email or phone on 5531 3919.
Run Club News
Run Club is returning for 2016! Please be aware that the times have changed slightly. I look forward to seeing you all back with your runners on and ready to roll starting Week 3!

Times
Wednesday mornings before school starting at 8am
Thursday second break at the play bell 1:15pm.

PLEASE NOTE - Run Club in Term 1 will only be for students in Years 1 - 6. Preppies will be invited to join in starting Term 2. If Preppies have older siblings that are involved in Run Club, I ask that you please appreciate that this is a very busy time of year and their involvement will be more than welcome come Term 2.

All individual tallies will be brought forward from last year. I look forward to seeing all your faces next week, ready to make some new running goals for 2016.

Upcoming Broadwater District Trials
Any student that plays competitive sport at club level in the following sports should see Mrs Halsall ASAP if you are interested in trialling for the Broadwater District.

Swimming - 10yrs, 11yrs, 12yrs
Netball - 11yrs, 12yrs
Rugby League - 11yrs, 12yrs

Katie Halsall – Physical Education Teacher

A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

Student Resource Payments are due to be paid in full by the end of February, thank you to those parents who have already paid.

Cash payments can be made at the office on a Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8am to 10am ONLY, however we can take credit card/EFTPOS at any time during office hours. You can also pay over the internet. Our bank details are as follows:

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Please enter your child’s name and reason for payment eg. SRS 2016

Please note that it will be necessary to complete our Student Resource Scheme form in order for us to invoice you.

If you send your child to school with cash to pay for something, would you kindly place the money in an envelope clearly marked with a name and a class and what the money is for.
9th February is Safer Internet Day!
In our digitally rich society it is important our children understand the risks associated with online environments and have strategies to web surf safely. Cyber bullying, illegal or offensive content, online grooming, violence, gaming addiction, trolling, unwanted contact...the list of concerns is huge.

Trolling and cyberbullying are sometimes used to mean the same thing, but they’re actually a little different. Cyberbullies target someone and repeatedly attack them, while trolls set out to annoy whoever they can. Trolls want to provoke a reaction or response and it’s often not a personal attack because they don’t really care who they upset.

How can I protect myself from trolls?

- Ignoring the troll. Don’t respond to nasty, immature or offensive comments — giving trolls the attention they want only gives them more power.
- Blocking the troll. Take away their power by blocking them and if they pop up under a different name, block them again.
- Reporting trolls to website administrators and if they appear again under a different name, report them again.

What can I do to deal with cyberbullying?

- Watch for warning signs. Cyberbullying can be quite embarrassing and often our children are reluctant to talk about it when it happens: Dropping grades, avoiding going to school or social activities, lower self-esteem, stress-related health issues.
- Open the communication channels.
- Show empathy. At this stage, it is important to let your child know that you feel bad about the situation, but that it was not his/her fault.
- Generate ideas for your child to address the issue. It is important to work with your child to develop strategies that he/she can accept and implement.
- Block the bully. If the bully has been sending harassing text messages, block him or her from your child’s phone list. Block the bully’s access to your child’s email or social networking pages. Children are notorious at sharing their passwords with friends, so change all of your child’s passwords for email, social networking, instant messaging and more. Taking some of these precautions will help prevent further attacks.

What can I do to deal with content that’s offensive?

- close the page straight away, hit control-alt-delete if the site does not allow you to exit
- use a filter or other tool to block adult content, and use safe search settings in your browser
- report offensive content to the site administrator
- talk to someone you trust if you have seen something that has shocked or upset you.

Below is a site that contains some great resources to assist us to educate our children on safe internet practices.

https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/parent-resources

Joy Wheeler – Guidance Officer
Welcome back to all our current families and new families. We hope you have all had a fabulous and relaxing holiday and all ready for the new school term.

Vacation Care was very busy with Incursions and Excursions during the holiday period. We were lucky to visit SeaWorld, we had a visit from the Scooter Safety Team, had pizza and movie day, and topped the last week off with Professor Jellybean whom is a scientific favourite.

2016 Enrolment forms have been sent out, but if you are requiring a copy please stop in and pick one up. We are here every day in between 6.30 and 9.00am and 2pm till 6.00pm.

We are preparing for a new year ahead of fun learning and engaging in a play based program. We will commence the year off with a focus on Health and wellbeing working on projects to visually teach the children about healthy eating and sun safety.

Here's to a new year and happy days.

Our contact details are

Phone    07 55283490
Mobile    0439752168
Email     amh@ymca.com.org.au

Looking forward to seeing you soon ….

Triscina James
YMCA Musgrave Hill Team

Letting all new parents and current parents know our P & C meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month (with the exception of school holidays) and start at 5.30pm in our Staff Room located near the Administration Block.

I look forward to a very productive and exciting year ahead with many new faces to help fundraise for our students.

Keep an eye on this space for further fundraising opportunities.

Tina Quirke
P&C President
Please remember all tuckshop orders must be placed on Flexi-Schools online service. If you have any queries regarding this please come and see Ange or Sally in the Tuckshop.

For all the new parents, just a reminder that all our food must abide by the Education Queensland Standard Traffic Light System meaning a majority of our foods must be ‘green food’ which are everyday food to be in accordance with healthy eating. We can only have a few ‘amber food’ items which are our occasional foods such as our ice blocks and ‘red food’ which we can only have a few times a year, which will be our Disco foods or the occasional pizza day.

Unfortunately we are still having delays with our Polo shirts but are currently looking into some other options, so please bear with us. Thank you

Musgrave Hill Guide to Flexi-Schools

1. Go to www.Flexi-Schools.com.au
2. You will need to register first, if you have already registered you can simply skip down to step 5
3. This will take you to another screen where you can enter your email address
4. Flexi-Schools will then send a confirmation/activation email to your account, simply open this email and follow the instructions
5. Now you are ready to logon to Flexi-Schools
6. Once you have logged on, you will need to add a student
7. Choose your school MUSGRAVE HILL STATE SCHOOL (For Southport Special School, you will also need to choose Musgrave Hill State School
8. Then enter your child’s name and select your child’s class
9. Now you are ready to place your orders, remember all orders must be placed before 9am on the day you require the order. Weekly meal deals need to be placed by 3pm the Sunday prior to that week’s order
10. Little lunches and big lunches must be placed separately, so remember to finalise your order for each lunch before continuing
11. Now you have finalised your order for the selected lunch period it is time for payment. There are a few options for payment with direct debit or credit card. If you don’t wish to put your credit on this site then you can also use an Australia Post Load and Go Card. You can purchase this card at any post office for $6.95 where you can load your cash money on to use
12. Now you have placed your order and paid it is time to move on to your next order
13. Please remember you can order in advance at any time, if you have any trouble with this process please feel free to come and see Ange or Sally in the tuckshop and we can help you out. You can also contact Flexi-schools direct on 1300 361 760
14. We also have an iPad and Laptop located at the tuckshop that you can use in the mornings to place your orders.

HAPPY ORDERING AND REMEMBER THIS IS A MUCH SAFER WAY TO ORDER FOR YOUR KIDS. THROUGHOUT THE YEAR WE WILL HAVE FLEXI-SCHOOLS ONLY SPECIALS SO DON'T MISS OUT REGISTER ON LINE TODAY.

Ange and Sally - Tuckshop Convenors
Welcome to 2016.
What an exciting year we have planned in eLearning this year.

It has been great to see so many students bringing iPads to school already. Teachers have been busily planning some great introductory activities to showcase what will be happening in our school that they will be sharing at the Parent Information Afternoon in Week 3.

Next Tuesday is Internet Safety Day. Please take the time to discuss internet safety with your children. If you are looking for some useful information on internet safety, both of these sites are useful:
https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/parent-resources

To support Internet Safety, the School’s Acceptable Use of ICT Policy and Personally Owned Device Policy have both been uploaded to the School website. Please take the time to read these policies and discuss them with your child/ren. The Agreement part of the policies will be sent of home for parent and student signatures but in effort to reduce paper use, the actual policies are available online. If you would like a paper copy of the policies please contact the office.

Please note that not signing or returning the agreements may mean that your child/ren may not be able to access the school network or use school devices. Both notes must be signed, regardless of whether they have their own iPads/ devices or not.

Please do not hesitate to contact class teachers or myself if you have any questions.

Annette Vlaanderen – eLearning Coordinator and Netts Teacher - (email) avlaa2@eq.edu.au

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

My name is Rusanne Jourdan, but most people call me “Rusty” or “Chappy”.

I begin my 3rd year at Musgrave Hill State School and I look forward to an awesome year ahead!

The role of a School Chaplain is to provide social, emotional and spiritual support to students, parents and staff, taking into account the specific needs of the school.

I absolutely love being part of the MHSS community and welcome you to contact me if I can be of support to you and your family.

Some programs/events for the beginning of the year include:

1. Supporting Children after Separation Program
2. Drumming for Parents (and students!)
3. Scrapbooking/Cooking

I am available at the school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, I can be contacted by phone on 5531 3919 extension 253, or feel free to email me on rjour3@eq.edu.au.

Look forward to connecting and getting to know you….

Rusanne (Rusty) Jourdan – Chaplain
“This is a service provided when space permits. The school acts solely as a messenger and is not actually recommending any activities advertised”

Sand Safari

**SAND SAFARI**

**Presented by Streets Ice Cream**

Enter the enchanted wonderland of Sand Safari presented by Streets Ice Cream as Surfers Paradise over 3 weeks transforms into a precinct of art inspired by sand and sea.

Sand Safari will feature DreamWorks heroes from Kung Fu Panda, Madagascar, Shrek and more, carved in large sand sculptures at the Australian Sand Sculpting Championships along the foreshore and 22 mini sculptures in the Sand Trail from Tweed Heads to Loganholme, plus some exciting brand new elements including Sand and Sea themed sculptures, art murals and photography exhibitions.

**Sand Safari includes:**

- Sand & Sea Sculptures (5 to 28 February)
- Pop-up Photographic Galleries & Photography Competition (5 to 28 February)
- DreamWorks mini Sand Trail across the Gold Coast (5 to 28 February)
- Mural Art (5 to 7 February)
- DreamWorks 2016 Australian Sand Sculpting Championships (12 to 14 February)
- Sand Art Activities and Workshops (12 to 28 February)
- DreamWorks Heroes Exhibition (17 to 28 February)

**Price:** Free

**Address:** Throughout Surfers Paradise

**Phone:** (07) 5584 3700

**Website:** [http://www.surfersparadise.com/whats-on/free-events/sand-safari](http://www.surfersparadise.com/whats-on/free-events/sand-safari)
EAGLES RUGBY UNION JUNIOR SIGN ON

James Overell Park on Brighton Parade, Southport
Friday (19th of February) 5 to 7pm
Saturday (20th of February) 2 to 5pm

Registrations for U6 to U17 teams
Volunteers will be on hand to assist with Registration
We accept Get Started Vouchers

For further information, please contact our Junior Coordinator, Tracey Nixon, via:

juniors@eaglesrugbyclub.com