Well the 2016 school year has finally drawn to a close. As a school there is nothing more rewarding than seeing students exceed their own expectations and always strive to be the best they can be. I look forward to the many new adventures that I am sure will come our way in 2017.

**Independent Public School**

It is my pleasure to inform you all that Musgrave Hill State School has been successful in our application to become an Independent Public School in 2017.

As an Independent Public School we are the catalyst for positive system-wide change that leads to improved services and learning outcomes for all of our students.

We will continue to partner with our school community to create and pursue a shared strategic direction that focuses on student well-being and improved student outcomes.

Becoming an IPS is a real credit to the school and its community. IPS does allow for some operational flexibility to test new ways of working, but we are still expected to be fully accountable to the Department and our community.

**Year 6 Graduation**

On Wednesday night we farewelled our Year 6 students in a very special graduation ceremony. They had a fantastic evening and they all looked amazing. We wish them all the best and we are confident that Musgrave Hill State School has provided a solid foundation from which they can build their dreams on.

**20 Merit Morning Tea**

Each year the number of students who join me for the 20 Merit Morning Tea continues to grow, this year we had 58 students. It is truly a great achievement to reach that milestone of 20 merits and we had the best time celebrating the success of those students. Congratulations must also go to the many other students who received 5, 10 or 15 Merit Awards this year. I look forward to seeing how many students I get at the 2017 Morning Tea.
**Black Shoes- Dress Code Reminder**

Musgrave Hill State School current Dress Code has been endorsed by the MHSS P & C Association. The Dress Code is in accordance with Section 362 of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006.

As we have continually been reminding parents and students, in 2017 it is an expectation that every student will comply with the Black shoes policy: leather, leather looking or vinyl shoes with black laces or Velcro are to be worn at all times. Ankle boots or any style of boot is not acceptable.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our teachers here at MHSS for their un-wavering commitment and devotion to the students of Musgrave Hill. They do a remarkable job not only upholding the values of our school but by ensuring every student has the most up to date and initiative learning opportunities available to them.

As with every year we do have some staff we unfortunately have to farewell. Ellen Smallhorn Year 1, Yolanda Simpson Learning Support, Emma White our Guidance Officer and Andrew Stewart our Master Teacher are heading off on new adventures. Carolyn Swan is also taking 12 months leave. On behalf of myself and Musgrave Hill State School we thank you all for everything you have done for the students of Musgrave and we wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

To our amazing Parents/Carers, I cannot thank you enough for your ongoing support. You are a significant part of the success of our school and I look forward to continuing to work with you all in 2017.

Students, staff and parents working together is a key ingredient to enhancing student outcomes and creating a great place in which to learn. Thank you for your support in making this a reality at Musgrave Hill State School.

I wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday and I look forward to what 2017 has to offer. All the best

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**STUDENT COMMENCEMENT DATE 2017**

The school year will start on the Monday 23rd of January

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**Julie-Anne McGuinness – Principal**

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**MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

**Mathletics**

Congratulations to all students who have worked so hard to achieve certificates this year. The Mathletics program switches kids on to maths.

It is highly engaging and supportive with activities targeted to the Australian Mathematics Curriculum.

Ben was presented with his Gold Certificate this week with 1464 points earned.

**A wonderful effort Ben!**
School Leaders 2017

Congratulations to all students who were successful in achieving roles for their senior year. Well done!!

Merry Christmas to all our students and families. We hope that you all have a safe and relaxing holiday.

We look forward to seeing you all in 2017.

Bridget Bartolo and Mel Newman
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our students and families. Have a safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you next year.

Season's Greetings

Candice Ledwidge and Tamara Hall – Head of Curriculum
On behalf of Sally and myself we would like to thank our Musgrave Hill families for supporting us throughout the year.

Have a wonderful, safe Christmas and New Year.

See you in 2017

Uniform Shop Opening Hours for January 2017
Thursday 19th January 2pm - 5pm
Friday 20th January 10am - 2pm

Angela Anderson/Sally McWilliams/Lucy Syme – Tuckshop Convenors

Yet another year has gone by quickly. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our families for your support with the tuckshop and fundraising events. Special thanks go to Ange, Sally & Kelsey for their tireless effort, Kaye & Liz (our little elves who help in the background with fundraising), as well as Larissa Ferguson, Carolyn Swan & Rachel White who have given their time.

I wish all our graduating Year 6 students all the best for their high school years and look forward to welcoming our new families joining us next year.

On behalf of myself, Melissa Holland - Vice President, Michelle Cook – Secretary and Kelsey Davies - Treasurer, we wish you a happy and safe holiday.

Tina Quirke - P&C President

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

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### CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

I’d like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who contributed to our first ever Christmas Shoebox Appeal! It’s because of your generosity that we were able to fill over 60 shoeboxes to the brim with small toys, games and other gifts that are sure to brighten the Christmas for many children this year! Our wonderful Chaplin, Rusty, delivered all the boxes to the Salvation Army and said she was met with great appreciation for our donation. I hope as a school, we can continue to grow our community spirit and build on this fantastic result next year! I wish you all a merry Christmas and a safe, fun filled holiday!

**Lucy Newton**
Holidays are a great time to have fun with Maths over Christmas. If you would like some great activities to do with your children over the holidays start here.

**eLearning at MHSS**

Last newsletter we talked about the exciting directions that eLearning will continue to take in 2017, particularly with our Bring Your Own X Program (BYOx) in Years 3 to 6.

We listed some of the specifications for devices that we will expect students to have for optimised learning next year. The specifications haven’t changed for 2017 and are available on our website. The new Core app list, a requirement of bringing an iPad to school, will be on the [website](#) from early in 2017. Please do not hesitate to contact the school for more information.

We look forward to maximising the learning opportunities that eLearning provides for your students.

Have a lovely Christmas break

**Annette Vlaanderen - avlaa2@eq.edu.au**

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**ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR FINANCIAL HELP?**

**Financial Help with Back to School Costs**
This Semester, the children in 4 Ruby had the opportunity to design and create a bag made out of specific materials and a game using specific forces.

Most of the children were all happy to attempt sewing their bags using a needle and thread. Those who couldn't manage sewing or gave up after a while, stapled, glued or just taped their bags together. In the end the children produced a fabulous variety of bags ranging in colours, shapes and size. They were so proud of their designs that they wanted them displayed in the library for all to see.

The games that the children designed and created, that used particular forces, were again magnificent. From pegs in the bucket, magnetic racing cars, push and pull balls, toss, flip and catch games, blowing balls through mazes, throwing balls into hoops, we had it all. 4 Ruby again put all their effort into this activity and thoroughly enjoyed making and playing each other’s games.

Well Done 4 Ruby!

Mrs Douglas – Classroom Teacher

A MESSAGE FROM OUR GUIDANCE OFFICER

Sometimes it is at this time of year, support may feel like it is unavailable. Even though the usual staff members may not be fully contactable or easily accessed, there are so many places waiting to provide help.
Free Dental Check-ups for Musgrave Hill SS Students

This service will be provided at Labrador State School by Mobile Dental Van 128.

To arrange an appointment for your child telephone:

The Oral Health Client Service Centre
☎1300 300 850
Monday – Friday 8.00 am – 4.30 pm
Excluding Public Holidays

Child Dental Benefit Schedule Vouchers are accepted. When your child’s $1000 cap is reached, there will be no out-of-pocket expenses provided your child meets *eligibility criteria.

* Eligibility – All Queensland resident children aged four years or older who have not completed year 10 of secondary school.

Further information on public funded oral health services can be accessed via URL: http://www.health.qld.gov.au/goldcoasthealth/html/services/oralhealth.asp
IT TRULY IS BETTER TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE:

It was a pleasure delivering the over 60 shoeboxes filled to the rim with goodies for boys and girls that otherwise may not have something under the Christmas tree!!

We are so grateful to the Salvation Army - GC Temple for their support to MHSS throughout the year!

**Chaplaincy Dinner**

Thanks to all who attended the SU Frontline Chaplaincy Dinner. MHSS had such a presence at the event and I was so proud and honoured to have all of you who could attend there on the night.

$2462.50 was raised on the night toward MHSS Chaplaincy. WOW, what an awesome result... Again, thank you from the bottom of my heart!

**Kids Hope**

We are very blessed to have 8 Kids Hope Mentors from the Salvation Army that come and spend time at our school every week of the year. One of the children and their mentor made Christmas ornaments for the whole class!
Christmas Hampers

Thank you to Jen and her team at Hillsong Citycare who graciously and generously support us in blessing some of the community at Christmas time. Thank you!

It has been a great year getting to know and work with the MHSS students and staff. I hope all of you have a safe and happy Christmas! I look forward to seeing you next year. All the best!

Rusanne (Rusty) Jourdan – Chaplain

COMMUNITY NEWS

“This is a service provided when space permits. The school acts solely as a messenger and is not actually recommending any activities advertised”

School Holiday Fun!

If you’re aged 6-10 years old, then come and join us at AWLQ for a fun day full of animal related activities. Get a ‘behind-the-scenes’ tour of the animal refuge and vet clinics, cuddle some of our special dogs and cats and learn about how to care responsibly for your best furry friends and more!

BOOK NOW FOR DEC HOLIDAYS
HURRY! PLACES STRICTLY LIMITED!

For more information call 55099034 or email: education@awlqld.com.au