**Principal’s Message**

Welcome to the final newsletter for 2016 and welcome back to Deborah who has been on Long Service Leave. It has been a great privilege to act as Principal for the last 6 weeks particularly at a time when we have so much going on and we have had the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our great school.

Congratulations to all award recipients recognised at our annual Presentation Night. The evening was once again a great demonstration of the strength of our school community where students, staff, parents and members of the wider community come together to celebrate the opportunities Mossman State High School offers the students so that we reach great heights academically, culturally and in the sporting area. Particular thanks must go to the many sponsors who make the evening possible. Please see a list of all the award winners, Junior and Senior Leaders and sponsors inside the newsletter.

The Mossman Seven’s Netball and Rugby League Carnival was once again a great success. In this the 13th year we have hosted such an event saw students compete from across the Far North region. Congratulations to the Under 13 Netball team who won on the day and to Lachlan Buzza who was named Under 15s Player of the Rugby League Carnival. Again much gratitude must be paid to the tremendous support we get from the community to make this carnival possible.

As a staff we had the opportunity to celebrate World Teachers’ Day. We began the occasion with an address by a past student and Senior Leader, Billy Quaid, who reminded us, through recollection of stories of when he was at our school, the significant and long lasting impact that teachers make on students’ lives. The P & C then generously provided our morning tea and staff were presented with certificates acknowledging years of service. It was a very enjoyable and humbling experience. Many thanks to the P & C and Bill.

Our students who were members of Club 95 for term 3, were acknowledged for this achievement on parade recently. Each student was presented with a certificate and a tuckshop voucher in recognition of their attendance. Thank you to the P & C for donating these prizes.

Our ILT (Indigenous Leaders of Tomorrow) students recently attended an ILT Success Day and Awards Night where Mossman was held up as an example for the region from 17 schools participating. Our school received 2 of the 3 awards presented on the evening. Congratulations to Saisha Schonenberger and Aaleyah Shedrick-Port for being recipients of these awards.

Many film enthusiasts recently attended the Port Shorts Young Film Makers’ Awards (PSYFA). Out of the 24 films that were screened at PSYFA, 14 were submitted by our students in this international festival. Congratulations to Fynnian Lawson for winning the Music Video category and Bill Mason for achieving Runner up. Vasco Gonsalves won the People’s Choice award on Friday night and Emily Hamill was awarded the Port Shorts Jury Prize. This award is significant in that all filmmakers, from open category filmmakers to young filmmakers are eligible; put another way, Emily was chosen from 140 entrants and more than 40 finalists to receive an all-expenses paid one month course with the New York Film Academy, Gold Coast Campus at Warner Bros Studios.

Congratulations to our Concert Band who recently undertook a tour of 7 of the primary schools in our cluster. The primary schools enjoy watching our talented musicians perform and members of the wider community have remarked about pleasant interactions with our students during these visits. Thank you to Jenny Guyatt for facilitating this tour with the support of Teacher, Scott Young.

It was Queensland Tuckshop Day on Friday the 4th of November. This was an opportunity for us as a school to say thanks for the tireless work of Mavis Pitcher (Tuckshop Convenor) and other tuckshop staff employed by the P & C, Liz Mant, Leanne Coulthard and Lesley Hatfield.
Last Thursday the Junior School held their final Movie Night for the year. This time students were invited to bring along their younger siblings to enjoy the evening. There were approximately 80 students in attendance and after some unforeseen technical difficulties, the movie started a little later than originally anticipated, but nobody seemed to mind. Thankfully the popcorn and chocolates were available all night and proved to be very popular. Thank you to all the staff for their attendance and assistance on the night.

On the same night, the P & C held its final meeting for 2016. We would like to recognise the long standing executive who are leaving the school this year as their students graduate. Sharon Case as the President, Sylvia Goodwin as the Treasurer and Kim Fabiani as the QCPCA Representative. They will pass over their duties at the AGM early next year. We encourage all parents to attend.

On Friday we attended a Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Council Chambers. It was an honour to attend to represent the school. The band played, and the 2016 Junior Leaders and the 2017 Senior Executive also attended. Congratulations to our two RSL Remembrance Day Award winners Jazlyn Ketteringham and Fletcher Beitzel. It was a privilege to announce these award winners on behalf of the RSL.

This week marks the final week for our year 12 students. They will finish their Block Exams early in the week and will then commence a 3-day program which includes a presentation by Emergency Services and Red Frogs. There will be an assembly on Friday morning allowing the rest of the school a chance to bid the students farewell with the culmination of the week being the Farewell Dinner at the Sheraton.

The year 11 students will then commence their Exam Block next week, with the year 11 and year 10 students finishing their school year on Friday the 25th of November. Report cards will be mailed home the following Friday, December the 2nd.

As the final part of our Transition Program, we look forward to welcoming the year 6 students to our school for their Transition Day in week 9. On Tuesday the 29th of November, all the year 6 students from across the cluster are coming to school for a chance to experience a day at high school. Here they will be put into their classes for 2017 and be given the chance to meet their teachers for next year. The day will be finished with a Junior School disco at the Shire Hall for all year 7, 8 and 9 students and the year 6 students.

As you can see, there is a great deal still happening in our school and it is important that students continue to attend until their school year is over. Next year we look forward to welcoming a number of new staff members. We have secured a Japanese teacher to reignite the teaching of languages in our school. We are also gaining new Maths and Science teachers to our staff. We are also sadly farewelling our long serving Head of Department for Industrial Technology and Design Jim Murdoch, who after 39 years of service is retiring. We wish Jim all the very best for his well-deserved retirement.

I’d like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy holiday season, and we all look forward to seeing you back at school for a fresh new start to 2017.

Kind regards,

Stephen Guthrie
Principal (Acting)

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**PRESENTATION NIGHT AWARD RECIPIENTS**

Congratulations to the following students for receiving these awards:

- **Joshua Goodall** Ambassador for Inclusion Award - Thomas Pougeard-Dulimbert
  - Junior Cultural Award - Kaela Trewick
  - Senior Cultural Award - Michael Ives
- **Gold Award for Instrumentalist of the Year** - Simone Scouller
  - Junior Indigenous Ambassador Award - Samuel Savage
  - Senior Indigenous Ambassador Award - Saisha Schonenberger
    - Junior Sportsmanship Award - Kate Padovan
    - Junior Sports Person Award - Unity Beitzel
    - Senior Sportsmanship Award - Josh Bellero
    - Senior Sports Person Award - Josh Plumbe
- **Skill 360 Pathways Student of the Year** - Saisha Schonenberger
  - Junior Australian Defence Force Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award - Jye Hauser
  - Senior Australian Defence Force Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award - Caleb Winspear
  - **JCU Academic Encouragement Award** - Kaleesha Savage
    - Junior Citizenship Award - Sophee Watson
    - Senior Citizenship Award - Jasmine Faichney
    - Academic Excellence Award - Rachel Goodwin
      - Dux - Simone Scouller
      - Caltex Best All Rounder - Simone Scouller
The Senior Student Council has been re-established for 2017 and into the future. Their major project is the establishment and running of a coffee shop. Coffee sales will be restricted to staff and senior students. Student council has secured a loan from the school to build their senior lounge which will also function as the coffee shop. Profit from coffee sales will go toward servicing their loan to the school as well as other student council projects. This initiative will provide students with opportunities to develop barista skills, develop financial literacy and liaise with their peers on worthy projects for their profits. These life skills will serve students well as they prepare to enter the world beyond high school. Student council projects may include improvements to the senior lounge, prizes for lunch time sporting competitions run by our Sports Leaders and other projects that will benefit the entire school. The Senior Student Council would like to thank the Parents and Citizens Association for their pledge of $3000.00 to assist with initial equipment costs.

“A new Student Council initiative”

A Senior Home Room or Lounge will be built during the school holidays, ready for use at the start of 2017. The home room will serve as the seniors’ own little piece of Mossman State High School; a place where senior students are free to use the kitchen to keep lunches cold or heat them up, a place to meet in the mornings and relax at lunch time, as well as a place of business. This project is designed to enrich the school’s environment and enhance student’s experiences by improving students’ sense of belonging in the school and developing a senior identity, where senior students are admired and respected for their contribution to the school community. Clearly, its success hinges on the financial viability of the coffee shop and seniors’ commitment. It will therefore be a condition of using the lounge that students make an in kind contribution to the school community. It is anticipated that as each successive year 12 group takes up tenancy in the lounge that they contribute in a similar way. Student Council would like to thank the school and Cindy the Business Services Manager for having the faith in the incoming year 12 group to make this a success.

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“Junior Leaders leading from the front”

The Junior Leader nomination process has seen 10 students nominate for Junior Leader positions. All students were interviewed by Mrs Belinda Guthrie, Mrs Teena Seidenkranz and myself. Although most of the students were nervous, the responses given displayed maturity and a good sense of belonging to the school. Staff and Year 8 students were then asked to vote on their preferences. Our Junior Leaders and captains were announced at Presentation night however, a big congratulations to our Junior School Captains for 2017, Chloe Erdos and Melissa Callander. These 2 ladies will be supported by our other 3 Junior Leaders Jazlyn Kettemingham, Jay Heidke and Sophie Kirk. Congratulations to the 5 young ladies and I look forward to working with them next year. Written by Tracy Butland
Year 7 Drama

It’s been a busy term in the Drama department. Year 7s have been working on a unit called ‘No Fear, Shakespeare’! We’re Mad about the Bard in the Drama department! Year 7 have been learning about some of Shakespeare’s most famous plays: Macbeth, Hamlet, Romeo and Juliet and the Tempest. We’ve had a lot of fun playing games, doing some physical theatre, staging fight scenes, creating soundscapes with leaves, branches and owl hoots and all students have learnt some Shakespearean lines off by heart.

Mia Madgwick, 7F, says ‘Drama has been good fun. We’ve learnt that Shakespeare is the King of insults. My top 5 favourite ones are’: “You’re like a candle, the better burnt out”, “Thou art as loathsome as a toad”, “Thou art as fat as butter”, “You warped, half faced pignut!”, “I was seeking for a fool when I found you!”

Sophie Knight, 7F wrote this about the Shakespeare unit we have been studying: “In Drama this term, we’ve learnt about Shakespeare and the Globe theatre. Shakespeare made up so many words and phrases in the English language, like ‘break a leg!’ We’ve had to make up lots of plays based on Shakespeare’s plays and we had to show tension. We played lots of fun games to get tension, like wink murder and going around the classroom with our eyes shut. I enjoyed everything about Drama this term!”

Year 8 Drama

Year 8 students created scenes from Macbeth, showing exceptional talent by learning some Shakespearean lines and mixing them in with their own scripts. Their performances were highly polished, tense pieces. All the students wore carefully chosen costumes. They also used props, lighting, sounds and in some cases pre-recorded videos very effectively. Well done, Year 8. Another successful assessment!

Shake and Stir Theatre Company in Mossman State High School

We were lucky enough to have the famous and engaging theatre company ‘Shake and Stir’ come and perform at our school. The Brisbane based theatre company performed ‘Statespeare’ to all of Year 7, 8 and 9 students. The performance lasted for 60 minutes, but it seemed like 10! All the students were enthralled throughout and very well behaved. After this performance some pupils from Year 8 and Year 10 were lucky enough to have a workshop on physical theatre and improvisation with these acclaimed actors. What an experience!

For more information about this fantastic company, please go to: http://shakeandstir.com.au/

Year 10 trip to The Clink Theatre in Port Douglas

On Friday 4th November, Mr Patterson and Ms Kapadia took 9 Year 10 Gifted and Talented pupils to The Clink theatre in Port Douglas for a workshop on script writing with director David Fenton and poet, Helen Ramoutsaki. Students received some coaching on how to perform and had time to practise the skills they learnt. All students benefitted hugely from this experience. Helen Ramoutsaki commented: “I really enjoyed (the students’) insightful comments and creative interpretations of the texts. They participated really well and both David and I were impressed.”

Written by Sonia Kapadia
A Gargoyle originated in ancient times as a sculpture of a creature, sometimes realistic, and other times quite fantastical and often winged, that were used by large public structures such as Churches, Cathedrals and Government buildings to redirect rainwater away from the eves and walls. They gradually developed over time and gained popularity in European cities and towns in the Middle Ages, becoming quite interesting and decorative sculptures, which have today become somewhat of a collectors’ item. These fierce and often comical creatures also became known as protective creatures that looked after the building and its inhabitants at night, some taking flight to defend their home.

Two of our year 10 art classes last term took on the task of creating their own “Gargoyle Within” — a fierce and funny creature representing themselves as a protective and nurturing person and showing some aspect of their own personality. They were directed to use personal traits and a sense of humour in the creation of a substantial ceramic sculpture. The final appearance ranged from painted stone effects, to a rust or verdigris patina finish, which have resulted in stunning sculptures. Students also produced a research task that covered varied aspects of ceramic techniques, processes and materials which will soon be produced as a school text book — keep your eyes posted for the publication once it has been assembled and edited.

We think the results have been amazing and a lot of fun too!

Enjoy our Gargoyles as much as we have done!
The talented and creative students in year 9 have experimented with drawing, painting, mixed media, pop art portraiture, fabric printing and dyeing techniques. The breadth and quality of the students' work is worthy of a gallery exhibition. Here is just a tiny taste of what the students have achieved in 2016.

Written by Melanie Goodman

Budding Artists at MSHS

Dental Van News

Please be advised that this is a Reminder for all parents and care givers to book your FREE dental check-up for your children aged 4 - 17.

Dental examinations can be completed in the dental van based at the Mossman Hospital. Parents MUST be in attendance at this visit. Students will receive a FREE dental show bag to take home.

Call 1300 300 850 or pop into the van and see Sue to arrange your appointment time.

Only limited school holiday appointments are available this year, including holiday appointments from 16th January, so if your child has not had their annual check-up, particularly if they are in Grade 12, please call the above number as soon as possible.
Get Microsoft Office 2016 free of charge

Did you know your child can get Microsoft Office 2016 free of charge, just for being a student at Mossman State High School? All you need is your child’s school email address to sign in.

To help prepare your child for success this academic year, the Department of Education and Training has teamed up with Microsoft to provide free Office 2016 to every Queensland state school student. With Office 2016, your child will have access to the latest version of Word for writing, Excel for spreadsheets, PowerPoint for presentations, OneNote for organisation and notetaking, and much more.

You can install a complete version of the latest Microsoft Office on up to five compatible PCs and Macs, five tablets and five smart phones. Your Office subscription lasts for as long as your child is a state school student.

Ask your child to follow these simple steps to get Office:
For PC and Mac, visit portal.office.com, login using your school email address, click through to install and follow the onscreen process.
For tablets and smartphones, download from your app store and sign in with your school email address.

Visit www.education.qld.gov.au/office2016 for instructions on how to

7C has had the opportunity to work closely with Ms Sharon Patterson (Support Teacher Literacy and Numeracy) this semester as we explore the many worlds presented through reading fiction. Our weekly reading session has gone one step further than the reading journal activities we started with, as Ms Patterson selected and trained group leaders to facilitate a range of activities for students to complete. Initially we investigated the themes, genres, messages and authors we were reading before finding connections amongst group members, and later across the whole class. What appeared to be a random assortment of sticky labels stuck to a wall were actually a web of connections, often changing as new connections were established. As well as allowing students to closely examine their own choice of fiction, it has generated a lot of useful book talk as students recommend titles to each other and learn about their peers’ interests and reading preferences.

Mrs Lucy Hamilton
English Teacher.
Year 7 students have been learning various methods of separation. Here they are evaporating a solution of Copper sulfate while our Science Operations Officer Julie demonstrates the distillation process of the same chemical.

Year 8 science students are investigating Forensic Science this term. Here they are looking at blood spatter.

As the year draws to a close and we say goodbye to our year 12s, the Pathways department would like to highlight the following year 12 achievements:

- **Saisha Burchill-Schonenberger** – Pathways student of the year who successfully completed her school-based traineeship (SAT) with Skill360 & ANZ Mossman and has been awarded a Certificate II in Business.
- **Daniel Cherpillod**– transitioning from his SAT (G.R. Dale Pty Ltd) into a full-time carpentry apprenticeship.
- **Samaria Denman** - completed SAT (Queensland Health) and earned Certificate III Allied Health.
- **Darren Dempsey** – completed SAT (Reece Plumbing) and earned Certificate II Warehousing.
- **Tyler Mous** – completed SAT (Wildlife Habitat) and earned Certificate III Hospitality Operations.
- **Ashen-Lee Childs**- completed SAT (Wildlife Habitat) and earned Certificate III Hospitality Operations.
- **Felicity Nicholls** – completed SAT (Far North Training & Consultancy) and earned both a Cert II and Cert III in Business.
- **Nikia Vitulskis** – completed SAT (Wildlife Habitat) in 2015 and earned Certificate III Hospitality Operations.
- **Tom Allen** – completed Certificate II Light Automotive through Tafe North in Cairns each Thursday.
- **Jake Newham** – completed Certificate II Engineering Pathways through Tafe North in Cairns each Thursday.
- The **55 year 12 students** that have completed their Certificate II in Tourism (15 in 2016 & 40 in 2015).

Year 11 students **Josh Mealing** (Certificate II Engineering Pathways) & **Kaylee Marsh** (Certificate II Hairdressing) have also been rewarded for their commitment to skilling themselves for the workforce by completing their respective qualifications at Tafe North in Cairns during 2016.

Congratulations and hopefully the work and commitment you have shown enhance your employment opportunities both locally and further afield. I think it is important to also make note of the local businesses that have provided these opportunities to develop the skills within young people from our school/community.

**What now?**

Year 12 leavers have a number of further training options available to them post year 12 and all students have been provided with a brochure – “OMG – what now?!” prepared by the Department of Education and Training. This brochure contains a range of links and information to further training opportunities and employment agencies.

**Job Opportunities for school leavers** are currently available at Mareeba Gymnastics (Coaching Traineeship) and Nautical Marine Sales. Please contact the Pathways Office for more information.

**Year 10 & 11** should consider applying for one of the school-based traineeships currently available. Reece Plumbing are looking to employ 2 of our students to work one day per week at their warehouse in Craiglie. Cornets IGA are also very keen to appoint some Mossman SHS students as trainees. Please contact Pathways on 4084 1313 immediately if you want more information or would like your student to apply.

**Year 10** – Has your student returned a “Funded Vocational Education and Training Opportunities?” letter listing their preferences for using VETfS funding while in year 11 and 12. Please contact the Pathways Office if you require a new letter.

*The Pathways Team.*
Mossman 7’s Carnival

What a successful day the Mossman 7’s ended up being. The support from the community in regards to sponsorship and personnel support was tremendous.

The HPE department would like to thank:

**Sponsors:**
- Mossman Bowls Club
- Mossman Port Douglas Tree lopping
- Mossman State High School P & C
- Douglas Shire Council
- Marano’s Fuels
- Intersport (formerly Billy & Stubbo’s)

**Community Support:**
- Netball Umpire Co-ordinator - Dani Bellerro
- Members of the Douglas Netball Association
- Local Mossman NRL Referees
- Denise McHugh
- Alby Anderson (NRL) and referees

All students participated with great sportsmanship and teamwork allowing all 5 teams to be competitive both on the netball courts and rugby league fields. For the first time in the history of the carnival, our Under 13 Netball Girls were victorious in winning the Grand Final against St Stephens by 1 point.

Our Under 13 Netball team consisted of: Ebony Schonenberger, Lani Dickson, Mia Schreiber, Mia Madgwick, Abbi White, Jorja Harvey, Sophee Watson, Taliesha Caswell, Myah Lowenstein-Jones and Ella Cairns. A massive congratulations to all the players who played their hearts out.

Another congratulations should go to Lachlan Buzza who was a member of our Under 15 Rugby League team who was voted by the officials as Under 15 Player of the carnival.

A big thank you to the Hospitality students for providing lunch and to all the other Mossman State High School students who volunteered as touch judges, timers, scorers or gofers for the day. Without your help, the day would not have been so successful.

CISSA Swim Carnival

On Friday 14th October, Mrs Sharon Paterson, along with Journey Castro-Clarke, Amy Davidson, Oscar Droop, Heath Duncan, Billy Foster and Jazlyn Ketteringham all attended the Cairns Interschool Swimming Carnival (CISSA).

The students were all competitive in their events and should be congratulated on committing to attending this interschool competition.

Representative Sport

We have had a large number of successful students being selected into Peninsula sporting teams this year, along with nearly 3 times as many students attending and being selected into either TCN or Douglas District Teams.

All Peninsula Representatives were presented a medallion and certificates from the school on Presentation evening however, I would like to congratulate our students again on being selected.

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Written by Tracy Butland - H.O.D. H.P.E., Dance and Junior Secondary Student Services
Dear Parents/Carers,

Due to the cessation of the Federal Government Laptop Scheme (NSSCF) last year, the Education Queensland preferred model for further integration of Information & Communication Technology (ICT) into the curriculum is Bring Your Own Device (BYOX).

This means that parents will be responsible for the provision of personal laptops for their student to use. We have purchased a bridge point connection portal to facilitate the connection of these personal devices to the school network.

This will be in operation early Term 4 this year for trial student testing and fully functional in 2017.

Should you wish your student to participate in this program, we would strongly recommend the following minimum specifications for general school use.

- Minimum battery life of 6 hours to cover a school day. NB There will be no charging facilities at school.
- Computer with a minimum of 4GB RAM
- Protective case
- Pointing device (mouse or stylus), touchpad on laptops is ok.
- Onsite warranty [Next Business Day (NBD) Onsite warranty is strongly recommended if possible].
- Accidental Damage Protection Insurance (ADP) preferably from the manufacturer, if done through a third party, check the repair timeframe, next business day if possible is recommended. - From our experience with NSSCF devices, we consider this essential.

Enrolment in subjects such as Photography, Film, TV & New Media and Graphics would require a higher specification machine as below to run the higher end software.

- i5 processor (i7 preferred)
- 8GB RAM or more
- Dedicated graphics card
- 500GB Hard drive

In addition, connection to the network will only be possible for machines with a functioning antivirus program installed, a signed BYOX Agreement Charter and connection fee of approximately $30.

To assist parents to purchase appropriate student devices, both Dell and Acer have set up purchasing portals.

Dell  

Username: mossmanshs
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Acer  

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The school is in no way promoting either vendor; we are merely providing access to this information.

If you require any further information about this program, please feel free to contact Jim Murdoch at the school on 4084 1333 or email jmurd11@eq.edu.au.