Principal's Report

2016 is fast coming to a close. This year has been one of great excitement for Somerset Hills SS. We have achieved so much in so many areas.

Academically our students have demonstrated their potential with great school results in NAPLAN. Both Year 3 and Year 5 cohorts exceeded targets - Year 5 in Reading by almost 50%. Our students class results represent growth for each student with some students growing more than a years’ worth of school work.

Our Academic Champions for 2016 as announced on the Awards Assembly:
Prep- Jett Foster & Scarlett Cai
Year 1- Nicholas Patterson
Year 2- Megan Groundwater
Year 3- Elena Belton
Year 4- Rohan Bagshaw
Year 5- Kiana Banks & Thomas Cowlrick
Year 6- Thomas Habermeh

Our Year 6 Subject Awards were deservedly achieved by English- Thomas Habermehl
Maths- Lachlan Bagshaw and Taylor Gunton
Science- Keeley Rice
Geography- Ashlee McNiven
History- Thomas Habermehl
The Arts- Isabella Perez and Charlotte O’Byrne
Technology- Ashlee McNiven

LOTE awards
Year 6- Hazim Rusdi
Year 5- Kiana Banks
Year 4- Bella Hayden

We also announced those students who demonstrated the Somerset Way consistently throughout the year Citizenship Awards
Lachlan Bagshaw and Jorja Pearson

2016 Spirit of Somerset Awards
Prep- Madison Polson
Year 1- Ysabella Candaroma
Year 2- Elijah Joseph
Year 3- Joseph Habermehl, Hannah-Rose walker, Bella Small
Year 4- Aida Rusdi
Year 5- Qila Gall
Year 6- Brody Pyle
We will be keenly waiting in 2017 for the reconstruction work to start on A block (INCLUDING AIR CONDITIONING- Thank you P&C!), RELOCATION OF Admin (No stairs!) and the upgrading of the Library to a modern facility. Our pool underwent a significant face-list this year and thanks to our Swimming Club the surrounds of the pool were re-painted and new blocks added. Our new playground was added for the start of the year and has been played on to within an inch of its’ life.

Instrumental Music
Thanks to the great work by Mrs Van Gaalen and Ms Wollett our Instrumental Music students continue to gain in confidence and ability.

2017 Student Leaders
2017 stands as year of change and excitement our new student leadership team steps up to fill the very big shoes of our departing Year 6’s. Our 2017 student leaders are:

School Captains: Klana Banks, Lita carter, Thomas Cowrick Jacob Shekelton
Arts Captains: Ella Mitchell, Bella Hayden, Qila Gall
Environmental Captains: Kaylee Seydler, Matthew Amos
Technology Captains: Rohan Bagshaw and Jennifer Patterson
Amaroo Captains: Bailey Polson Lucas Lane
Gooraqri Captains: Matthew Amos, Qila Gal
Patonga Captains: Seth Burgess, Kobi Floro

Thank you to the staff, parents and students for a great 2016. Please have a safe and happy holiday and see you when school return on 23 January 2017.

Swimming Club
Swimming Club will be running Holiday Intensive Training sessions after New Year at the swimming club. Monday to Friday and only $50 week/week/child. Contact coach@seals.org.au or visit http://somersethills.swimming.org.au/

Chappy News

Well, it is with a heavy heart that I write this newsletter.

This unfortunately is not only my last newsletter for the year but this will also be the last newsletter I write as the chaplain at Somerset Hills State School. I have an opportunity to return to work as a Social Worker and feel like this is the opportune moment to start a new adventure in my life.

I have loved my time here at Somerset Hills and have so enjoyed getting to know all the staff and students here at this lovely school; I will certainly miss everyone very much.

So in closing I’d like to wish you all a wonderful, restful time over the holidays and please be sure to say “Hi” when we bump into each other again.

- Chappy Bev

Newsletter “Reach for the Stars”
Swimming Carnival

Swimming carnival results; Goorari 1st, Patonga 2nd, Aamaroo 3rd. Excellent sportsmanship was demonstrated by all students. Students who qualified for districts will be notified in the first week back in 2017. Thank you to Mrs North for organising the carnival and to all the volunteers who helped make the day a success.

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Make the holidays a time to read a few good books or visit the Brisbane City Council libraries for free activities.

Christmas Concert

Santa’s’ visit was again a highlight of the annual Christmas Concert and it was lovely that he joined in the singing and dancing with our students. A great night was had by all with each class performing to the delight of the audience. Mrs Stockill and Mrs van Gaalen did a fantastic job in preparing our student performers. Many thanks to the P&C and Mrs Congreve for