Dear Parents/Carers & Students,

I read that... ‘We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.’ As I write my last newsletter for Mutarnee State School I’d like to thank everyone for their generosity, patience, support and friendship throughout my four years. I’ve had the honour and pleasure of meeting many people, and while there are big ships and small ships, the best ship of all is friendship. I have experienced and seen the smallest acts of kindness daily and have come to realise that we receive a great more than we give, and that it is only with gratitude that life becomes rich.

The six most important words: I admit I made a mistake.
The five most important words: You did a good job.
The four most important words: What is YOUR opinion?
The three most important words: If you please.
The two most important words: Thank You.
The one most important word: We.
The least important word: I

On **Sunday the 8th of December** students are invited to join in Christmas celebrations being held at the Rollingstone Community Hall. The Rollingstone Lions are providing a BBQ at 6pm for those families who wish to buy something to eat, with school performances commencing at 6:30pm. A carols book has been printed for families to bring, and sing along to, on the night.

**Monday 9th of December** Lydia Jamieson will be visiting Mutarnee SS from 9am for a principal handover. Parents, carers, students and staff are invited to morning tea at 10am to meet Lydia before the commencement of the 2014 school year.

**Thursday 12th of December** parents, carers, students and staff are invited to attend the 2013 Student Awards being held at Mutarnee State School, starting at 12pm in the main classroom. Also, the P&C will present each student with their Christmas gift and students will have the opportunity to guess who their Secret Santa is. Each family is asked to bring a plate of food along to share at the afternoon tea, which will be held after the awards ceremony.
Year 7 Graduation

People attending Rory Barry’s Year 7 graduation are asked to be at the Ingham RSL by 7pm on Thursday the 12th of December. Meals will be ordered from the menu.

Friday 13th of December students will be involved in water activities, so it’s important that they wear suitable clothing for a ‘wet-and-wild day’, as well as a dry set of clothes to change into afterwards. The P&C will be putting on free hot dogs for lunch and any food left over from Thursday’s afternoon tea will be shared.

Secret Santa

Students and staff have now received their Secret Santa. Each person spends $5 on their Secret Santa, wraps the gift up before sneaking it under the school Christmas tree by Thursday the 12th of December. On the day each person then has a chance to guess who they think their Secret Santa is before unwrapping their present.