PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE:

A New Term Begins: Welcome back to our final term of the year. After a refreshing break with our families, I know everyone will be reenergised for the new term. A special welcome goes to all new students and their families who have moved into the local area. Enjoy the term everyone.

Class Placements for 2016: We’ll begin to look at possible class models for next year during this term. The policy of the school is to maintain a very strong focus on our current year to maximise learning potential, while taking initial steps to ensure that classes are prepared carefully for the next year.

Parents can advise teachers about social issues relating to their child (clashes with peers) or specific support for learning. Teachers will take this into account when helping to design balanced classes across the school. Teachers will record key information so it can be used. However, where major concerns exist these should be raised with the Deputy Principal supervising the year level.

Exceptional circumstances will be reviewed by the Principal, Deputy Principal or Head of Special Education. At these face to face interviews a report will be kept for reference. Exceptional circumstances are those which require a student to be placed in a particular class or setting due to major issues such as disability, anxiety or a concern that would impact on placement. It is the policy of the school not to consider requests for specific teachers as we are a school that values teamwork and the input of all our staff. Should you need to meet with administrative staff, appointment times are available from Week 2 (Wednesday, 14 October 2015) until the end of Week 4 (Friday, 30 October 2015). It is important that we use these timelines as later weeks of the term will be busy with assessment and reporting. When you ring the office with details, an appointment will be made as required.

2016 Prep Enrolments: Future Prep students for 2016 will participate in activities at the school on the Pupil Free Day in Week 3 of Term 4 (Monday, 19 October 2015 from 9.00am to 10.30am). It is vital that all future students have completed their enrolment forms (and exemption forms if from outside our zone) prior to this event. Forms are available at

IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

Friday 9 October is HAT DAY

Encourage your child to wear a fun hat to raise awareness of mental health issues. ‘Shining a Light on Mental health’.

What is Hat Day?

• Hat Day is a national awareness day to shine a light on mental health research in Australia.
• Hat Day occurs each year on World Mental Health Day - the second Friday in October (October 9, 2015).
• Hat Day is an initiative of Australian Rotary Health, one of the largest non-government funders of mental illness research in Australia.

See further information in KidsMatter section.
ULTIMATE KIDS PARTY (FETE): With so many things happening at the end of last term, I wanted to reflect and acknowledge the amazing success of this year’s twilight fete event. Even the rain stayed away long enough for our community to celebrate together and raise approximately $25000 for projects at the school.

Our stage performers including students and community members helped Coruno Production’s laser light show add unique character to the celebration. We’d like to thank all local businesses who supported the event. These have been recognised previously, but we’ve included them again in this newsletter. Our Fete Face Book site shows many of our sponsors and key supporters.

I’d personally acknowledge Brad Moldenhauer from Apro Electrix who has helped organise, setup and ensure that generators, lights and electrical needs worked perfectly. Power was always a huge challenge with the night time event so we’re very appreciative to Apro Electrix for donating their services for free.

Whole school events always need great leaders. We extend a huge thanks to our fete committee including Gwen Farrelly, Sharon Price and Jo Jones. Teresa Paterson has complemented this with her leadership of the P and C Association. Also Ross Helmore and Jamie Blanch (ICT/AVT) lead our staff to solve the logistics of a night-time event. Great work everyone. The Ultimate Kids Party lived up to its name. Congratulations to all who made this such a special event.

Rob Van den Heuvel
Principal

CARING, SHARING LEARNING TOGETHER

Mental health and wellbeing is vital for learning and life. Children who are mentally healthy learn better, benefit from life experiences and have stronger relationships with family members, school staff and peers. Good mental health in childhood also provides a solid foundation for:
- managing the transition to adolescence and adulthood
- engaging successfully in education
- making a meaningful contribution to society.

School is the most significant developmental context, after family, for primary school-aged children. Schools play a crucial role in building children's self-esteem and sense of competence. They can also act as a safety net and assist in protecting children from circumstances that affect their learning, development and wellbeing.

SWPBS
Swimming and the Surf Skills Program start in Week 2. To ensure our students are successful at these activities outside school our focus for the next fortnight is Be Respectful in all settings.

- Respect others’ personal space and property
- Respect and value the differences in others
- Use polite language and tone
The 2015 Mountain Creek Year 6 Young Achievers students have the Australian CO2 Dragster Title in their sights. Mountain Creek achieved 3rd-6th places at the Queensland titles held in Maryborough from 12-14 September 2015. After regaining the Australian Titles last year, making it 5 wins from 6 years, our team are keen to retain the National honours in 2015. We hope to change the order achieved at the Queensland titles, defeat the other states and bring home gold. The 4 Mountain Creek students who have been selected in the Queensland team to compete at the National Titles on the 8th of October 2015 in Bundaberg are listed below.

The state team are:-

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The Mountain Creek team of 15 cars took out 3rd-12th place and 14th-18th from a total of 24 competitors. The children we competed against in our division this year at the Queensland titles were all high school children.

The dragsters, which start with a pre-drilled block of balsa wood, are shaped and finished by students from a design they have created. The design and resulting dragster must meet a list of specifications with the aim of producing an aerodynamic car. They need to be as close as possible to the minimum weight of 45grams with wheels attached and ensure that friction and drag are minimalized. The dragsters are powered by a CO2 cylinder, (soda stream bulb) which is punctured by a needle attached to an electronic starter.

After a rigorous inspection to ensure that the dragster meets specifications, the cars and technical drawings are judged on design prior to racing. Racing makes up 60% of the points awarded, and consists of a knock out series with dragsters in a best of 3 head to head race series. The cars were rated on Design (6 points), Construction (24 points) and Design Drawings (10 points) by judges at the titles before being involved in a knock-out racing tournament, where race points were awarded. (60 points).

The dragsters times are measured electronically to 1000ths of a second. It is possible that a dragsters performance will vary on different tracks in different weather conditions. The dragsters are powered by a CO2 cylinder (soda stream bulb) and can reach speeds of 70km/hr over a track length of 20 metres.

Craig Wockner
CO2 Dragster Program Coordinator
PREP L - STRONG KINGS

Prep L have had a visit from the strong kings of 'ing'. Did you notice the pink rings on their fingers? You should hear them sing. It's amazing!

Pictured with Ms Leiza are Ivy, Zaylee, Huntar and Taj

YEAR 1 VISIT FROM THE FIREFIGHTERS

At the end of last term Year 1s were lucky enough to have a visit from the local Firefighters. They talked to the children about good fires and bad fires, ringing 000 and how children need to know their address as well as a safe meeting point for their family. They also talked about ‘Stop, drop and roll’, ‘Get down low and go, go, go’ and ‘Get out and stay out’. The children were mesmerised by the presentation.

SAVER PLUS

Saver Plus has re-opened on the Sunshine Coast!

Would you like your savings matched $for$ up to $500 for school needs, uniforms, laptops, camps, sport costs and more? Conditions: 18 yrs+, Centrelink Card, some income from work - you or your partner, child at school. Sms your first name and YES to 0488 291563 or phone Linda on 54511069.

COMMONWEALTH BANK SCHOOL BANKING UPDATE - Please Read

Following the decision last month to recall the Cosmic Light Beam Torch due to a potential safety issue, a decision has been made to also withdraw the upcoming Lunar Light Band reward from the School Banking Rewards Program.

To avoid disappointment there is a new reward item available for redemption in Term 4 while stocks last. Students can now test their skills with a game of Frisbee with the new Galaxy Glider! Once students have collected 10 tokens, they can simply include a note, along with their 10 tokens in their deposit wallet on banking day to advise that they would like to redeem their tokens for the Galaxy Glider reward item.

Don’t forget the Outer Space Savers Money Box is also available in Term 4.
CHAPLAINCY

I hope you all had a very special holiday with your children. I must say, it is good to be back and see everyone smiling and ready to tackle the last term of 2015. The Chaplaincy Service had such a busy end to Term 3. The Shine girls enjoyed two sessions in the last week. One of them included watching “The Princess Movie” while eating popcorn and lollies, which I know they really enjoyed. The movie has lots of wonderful messages throughout which tie in nicely with what the girls are being taught in Shine. Shine is starting up again this week and they are focusing on the value of STRENGTH.

Chappy Week was held at the Goodlife Community Centre during the last week of school. The week began on a Sunday at Goodlife where some of us local Chappy’s attended all 3 Church Services which were held throughout the day. They showed a promotional video of the work we do in our schools and prayed for us. We also put together our own display tables promoting our Chaplaincy Services within our respective schools. After each service, we put on a sausage sizzle for the folk at the church and raised around $1,700. During the week I served at the café and watched many people purchase that delicious Chappy Chicken Burger and large Chappy McMuffin (including myself). I also found myself sitting on a dunking machine and getting dunked by a number of people from the local community. Speaking about dunking, the school fete was another opportunity for people to have a go at me. What a great day it was. It was a pleasure to help out at the toy store and on the dunking machine.

This term we have Sporting Schools Soccer program starting up in week 3 on 22nd October 2015. This will run for 7 weeks every Thursday from 2.45-3.45 for Years 5 and 6 only. The program is free and we obtain the services of a professional coach for its duration. Please contact me if you would like any further details.

Have an enjoyable weekend.
Cheers, Chappy

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY - TERM 3

Once again, our Whole School Assembly highlighted many student achievements over the term while also being lots of fun. The Wiggles theme was run throughout the event with our student leaders comparing the event dressed in the ‘Wiggles’ colours. The latest technology is now being used in the hall incorporating 2 new data projectors and two new screens. This certainly added to the excitement of the event.
Hi All,

Thanks to our amazing community who braved the weather and came out in force to join in the fun. We saw lots of smiling kids, lots of volunteer parent helpers, lots of donations from trash and treasure to books, toys, lollies and didn’t the cake stall look yum!

The event raised close to $25,000 in profit and we’ll share all the details with the class teachers and parents reps to tell each class – a massive thanks to everyone who was able to volunteer on the night, or for the set-up and pack-down. So many hands made the WORLD of difference.

Some highlights were – Chappy in the Dunk Tank, Crossfit Constessa’s tug of war, Laser Zone Challenge on the back deck, Coruna Productions Laser Light Show, DJ Russel at the Sunco Sound Stage, Rhee Taekwondo tile breaking, and thanks to Metro for Nickleby the Magician and did you see the Central Ora indoor dance event. There was just so much happening we sometimes didn’t know where to look!

The auction was a massive hit raising nearly $4,000 and it couldn’t have been done without all the fantastic donations of local businesses – so please make sure you pass on our thanks next time you shop with them and consider doing your Xmas shopping with these businesses!

Springfree Trampolines Paula Brennan Photography Crossfit Contessa
Casper Jumping Castles Zenko Yoga Ashmore Palms Gold Coast Accommodation
Laser Zone Warana 7D Cinema Mooloolaba Skate Connection Alex Headland
Montville Treehouses Accommodation Joanne Riddle - Mary Kay Beauty Products Teija Jensen - Norwex Cleaning Products
The Creek Tavern Telstra Shop - Sunshine Plaza The Cats Whiskers - Mountain Creek
Mountain Creek Meats Mountain Creek Woolworths Fruit Factory Mountain Creek
Mountain Creek Brumbys Underwater World Esha Skin and Body - Sunshine Plaza
Bellissimo Restaurant - Mooloolaba Scentsy Scented Candles Lice Doctors
Aussie World Inflatable World O’Malley’s Irish Pub - Mooloolaba
Mooloolaba Music - Nicklin Way Mini Muso’s - Kids and Adults Music classes Paintbox Kids Art Classes - Currimundi
Mocka.com.au - Balance Bikes Seafood Cruise - Mooloolaba Mooloolaba Tennis Club
Headlands Golf Club TRB Designs Wen’ells Therapeutic Massage
Clair Niven - Turnaround Tutoring for kids Team Ferrari - Amber Werchon Real Estate Dermabrasion Clinic
All Seasons Carpet Cleaning

Bricks4Kids Lego Classes

Sunhaze Clothing

Ben and Jerry’s Ice cream - Mooloolaba

Solas Fishing Shop - Minyama

4 Ingredients

Helen Shadforth’s new book - Once a Wommie Wombat

Cute as a Bowtique Tutus

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary - Gold Coast

The Colour Run

Top Shots Family Fun Park

Gayle’s Goodies - handmade hairbands etc

Heather Hermann - Tupperware

Australia Zoo

Super AMart - Nicklin Way

Jacques Fayolle - ANZ Mobile Lending

Commonwealth Bank School Banking and P and C Banking

Sunshine Coast Recreation Club Currumundi

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Learning goals, rating scales and student feedback using the ASoT framework.

Building numeracy skills and the teaching of reading.

Social and Emotional Well-being through Kids Matter.

2015 PRIORITIES

A UNIQUE CHILDREN’S HEALTH & WELL-BEING EVENT PROMOTING CONSCIOUS PARENTING.

**Kids Culture**

Exhibitors, FREE parent seminars, FREE workshops, activities for kids, healthy foods & refreshments.

Lake Kawana Events Centre
114 Sportsman Parade
Bokarina Sunshine Coast, QLD

**Conscious Life Festival**

www.consciouslifefestival.com.au  info@consciouslifefestival.com.au

Register before 8 October for your Free Lantern

Leukaemia Foundation

Light The Night
Sunshine Coast

Please join us for our annual Light the Night walk at sunrise Friday, 9th October at Cotton Tree Park.

Registrations are now open at www.lightthenight.org.au

We gather our friends, family and workmates and form a team for this fun community event, supporting blood cancer patients.

You can help create a beautiful sea of lights by lighting your own coloured lantern and taking a community walk with patients, their families and supporters carrying special coloured lanterns.

Little Geckos Playgroup

Meets: MCSS After School Care Building
Day: Every Tuesday
Time: 9am - 11am
For more information contact Tania Brown 0404 870895 All welcome!

It’s a date!