PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE:

**School Leadership:** In this week’s newsletter there is a short extract from Deb Lawrence (Year 3 and 4 Deputy Principal) and Sandra Chaplin (Year 5 and 6 Deputy Principal). Both Deputy Principals are relatively new to the school. They have both settled in well and are doing a fantastic job in complementing the work already occurring through Deputy Principal Helen Denning (Prep – Year 2). I’m really excited to see stability and high levels of achievement being maintained for all our students and families.

**Music Concert:** Congratulations go to everyone involved in the music concert this week. There were amazing performances by our ensembles, bands, choirs and other music groups. Exceptional talent was displayed and students are to be commended for their ongoing practice and commitment. Our music staff have certainly heightened the profile of the Arts with many outstanding performances and achievements.

**Safe Play:** With the weather warming up, many students are keen to arrive early to school for games together. Please remember that classrooms will provide balls for touch football and soccer during breaks and play time. This avoids non-compliant sports equipment, arguments over ownership and concerns for cost of equipment. Equipment is not used before school. Home sports equipment and toys are best used at home as they can create problems for students and staff at school.

Please remember that students should not arrive at school before 8:00am unless going to before school care. Staff are setting up classrooms, meeting with parents and organising resources before school so roving supervision is organised after 8:00am.

**Class Placements:** Many thanks go to those families who have contacted teachers about class placement. Interviews will conclude at the end of Week 4 so it’s important to share information over the next week. We never like to say farewell, but do acknowledge families may move to new towns for work or personal commitments. If you will be moving, please let the office or teacher know so we can assist with transfers and ensure accurate class lists. Your help is greatly appreciated.

**Day for Daniel (Red shirt day):** Next week on Friday, 30 October 2015 regular uniform shorts, skirts or skorts are to be worn, but students may select their favourite red shirt to wear. Our school will remember the importance of child safety by allowing students to wear red shirts on Day for Daniel. Daniel Morcombe was a former student of the school and each year we support his family by honouring Daniel’s memory. A gold coin donation can be provided and this will be given directly to the Daniel Morcombe foundation. While the gold coin is not compulsory, it will certainly help a most worthy cause.
**Responsible Behaviour Plan (RBP):** All schools are currently reviewing their Responsible Behaviour Plan for students. This document provides an overview of school expectations, support processes and key school directions. Our draft RBP is located on our website (click here). School staff are providing feedback and parents may also contact the office to do the same. We’ll formally review and confirm this document at our next P and C Association meeting in November.

**Maths and English ICAS Competition:** ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) tests are skill-based annual assessments. Recently we received our Maths and English results. English results are in this newsletter and Maths results will be covered at assemblies next week and in the next newsletter. To gain a High Distinction, students must be in the top 1% of all students. Distinctions are awarded to the next 10% of all students. It’s a remarkable achievement.

Congratulations to all students. Lachlan B (Year 4) attained a High Distinction for Mathematics and a Distinction for English. That’s fantastic work, Lachlan! Other Distinction Awards for Mathematics include Hanna K (32S), Bailey K (6N), Charlie J (2A), and Oliver T (5S). A full list of results for Mathematics will also be acknowledged at assembly. Congratulations to all students for taking on the challenge.

Rob Van den Heuvel
Principal

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW SCHOOL LEADERS**

**Deb Lawrence - Deputy Principal Year 3 and 4**
What a pleasure it is for me to say that I work at MCSS. The opportunity to work for and with a great school has not disappointed. Thank you for making me feel welcome and I am looking forward to a long partnership of successful working relationships between myself and the staff, students and you, the parents. First and foremost, I am a teacher and I see my main role here at MCSS as working collaboratively with teaching and learning teams to inspire and motivate every student to reach their full potential. My passion is the teaching of reading. In every school I work in I share my love and enjoyment of books and tips for being a successful reader. I look forward to continuing my reading journey here at MCSS. My personal motto – work together. Please say ‘hi’ if you see me around the school.

**Sandra Chaplin - Deputy Principal Year 5 and 6**
Having arrived recently at Mountain Creek State School I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and to thank the Mountain Creek School community for helping me to feel so welcome. I am Sandra Chaplin, Deputy Principal for Years 5 and 6 Sector. As sector leader most of the work I do here at the school is focused specifically around teaching and learning and also the management of key events and activities specific to these students and the year levels. As the Deputy Principal for these students I see the importance of building a team of people around our students who work together to ensure that all students achieve to their highest potential. I look forward to working with the teachers, specialist and support staff, students, parents/carers and the wider Mountain Creek Community to create an environment where every student has the opportunity to be successful.
THE UNIVERSITY OF NSW TESTS

The University of NSW tests are an optional extension activity for students who are achieving at a high level. At Mountain Creek we offer the children the opportunity to enter the English, Mathematics, or Science tests. These tests are held before school and are an extension activity for children wishing to apply themselves.

Results are in for the 2015 English test. We had 53 children from year 2 - 6 who entered the competition this year and achieved 6 distinctions, 11 credits, 4 merits and 32 participation certificates. Congratulations to all the children who participated in the event and especially to those who were recognised for their academic performance. A full list of results is below.

Craig Wockner
School Co-Ordinator

Pictured are our Distinction recipients Charlie, Hanna, Lachlan, Ella and Jenna.

Congratulations also to Zoe who was sick when this photo was taken.

UNSW GLOBAL - EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT - ENGLISH

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Our KidsMatter and SWPBS team will be meeting next Wednesday from 8.00am – 11.45am. If you’re interested in being a parent representative on our committee, please contact Paula Tweedie before Wednesday. It is great to have input from parents in the future of our well-being frameworks.

Our focus for the next fortnight is being safe in all settings. This will be reinforced in classrooms, assembly and ties in with the Day for Daniel on Friday 30 October 2015. Please discuss these important points with your children. Using these skills well will set your children up for success in all facets of their lives.

All settings – Be Safe
- Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself
- Solve problems with words
- Care for yourself and others

TERM 4 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Music Concert: Our Music Concert this week on 20 October 2015 was a fantastic night. Over 150 students performed. It was great to see so many students performing proudly in the many programs that we have on offer at the schools. We had students perform in 3 choirs, Concert Band, Strings Orchestra, Rock Band, Guitar Groups and a number of piano, guitar and vocal solos. We had a student Stage Crew who helped to run things backstage.

Thank you to all staff who worked on the night and contributed to making the night a success. In particular, thank you to our fantastic Music Teachers - Mrs Proellocks, Mrs Bradford-Jones, Mr Schultz, Mr Lehmann, Mr Mutze and Ms Giesen. Thank you also to the P and C and Administration Team for supporting the concert which raised funds to purchase music equipment.

Music Count Us In (MCUI) is Australia’s biggest school initiative, with more than 500,000 participating students from over 2,100 schools nationwide. Growing in reach and impact since 2007, MCUI exists to support teachers to deliver music in the classroom, addressing a lack of training and experience in this specialist area. Music education has been proven to improve students’ literacy, numeracy, school attendance and confidence. Music: Count Us In brings teachers, parents, students and the music industry together in celebration, as more than half a million people unite to sing the same song at the same time, right across the country. The whole school will sing this year’s song ‘Gold’ on Thursday 29 October 2015 at around 11am in the school hall. Given this time is during morning tea we’ll work with teachers to have a plan.

Community Carols: All students are learning a class Christmas Carol which will be performed at our Community Carols Concert on Friday 27 November 2015 from 5pm. This is an exciting event for all students to participate in and we are all practising our carols ready for this fun night.

Care Outreach Charity: Again this year, in conjunction with the MCSS Community Christmas Carols Night we are also asking all families for donations of non-perishable food items, toys and toiletries. We will then deliver these items to Care Outreach, which is a Non-Profit organisation who has a vision to care for the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of farm families and people in the outback, rural and remote areas of Australia.

Instrumental Music Programs and Choirs: For 2016 we will have:-

- Strings- violin, viola, cello, double bass
- Multi-Brass, woodwind, percussion
- Guitar-acoustic and electric
- Bass Guitar, drum kit, keyboard

If you would like your child to continue in their current instrumental program, please ensure that you let the teacher concerned in writing ASAP that you would like this. If you would like your child to be considered as a new student please ensure that you have returned the note to the relevant teacher. All places will be confirmed by the end of 2015. PLEASE NOTE – ALL PROGRAMS expect a full year's commitment to the program which means – regular attendance at lessons, rehearsals and performances.
HPE NEWS

Billy Moore Shield

Congratulations to all the boys that represented Mountain Creek State School at this year’s Billy Moore Shield.

All the students learnt a lot about team work and further developed their Rugby League skills and knowledge. All teams displayed great sportsmanship throughout the tournament.

Sunshine Coast Athletics: Congratulations to Ethan M (5W) who was part of the strong Sunshine Coast athletics team who competed in Townsville last weekend. Ethan performed well in his 200m event which is always keenly contested.

Mission Cup Netball: Also a great effort from the pink team in the Mission Cup netball carnival held at Maroochydore over the weekend. Going into the elimination rounds the girls had not lost a game. They were defeated in the quarters in extra time. Although they were disappointed in the result they should be proud of their achievement. Over 90 teams were entered in the tournament.

T20 Teams: Good luck the boys and girls T20 teams who play in the regional finals next Friday at Caboolture. T20 is a fast moving modified game of cricket where everyone bats and bowls allowing big scores to be made.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Student Council has many events coming up this term. Ice-cream week is in Week 5 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. As usual Ice-creams will cost $1. All days are available for all year levels. All money raised from the four ice cream weeks will go to rejuvenating old hand ball courts and marking new ones for children to enjoy during their breaks.

On the Friday of Week 5 and the Monday/Tuesday of Week 6 poppies will be sold in the Prep, B Block and Undercover areas at lunch time. Poppies will be 50cents each and all money raised will go to the ‘Dogs for Diggers’. These are dogs that are trained to help our returning soldiers who suffer from post traumatic stress syndrome. Children can then wear their poppy for Remembrance Day on the 11th November 2015.

On the 12th November we will have ‘Double it Up’ for Chappy. All money raised will go to aiding the Chaplaincy at our school. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over the year.
Along with approximately 1800 other schools across Australia, Mountain Creek State School will be supporting the Daniel Morcombe Foundation and the Day for Daniel day on Friday, 30 October 2015. Bruce and Denise will visit our school briefly the day before. Staff and students are encouraged to wear a red shirt to school on Friday, 30th October 2015 and a gold coin donation would be appreciated. All the money collected will go directly to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. Thank you for your support for this very worthy cause. Daniel Morcombe was a former student of our school.

National Day of Action - Keeping children safe

School Banking Volunteers needed for 2016

School banking requires a new School Banking Coordinator for 2016. The role includes coordinating the team to process and balance the deposits each Wednesday, taking the deposits to the bank, ordering admin and reward items, being in contact with the Commonwealth Bank School Banking specialist for updates, competitions etc. The role takes up only a few hours per week, mostly on Wednesday morning (the day can be changed to suit).

Also volunteers are needed for school banking to help process the deposits on Wednesday mornings. Usually it is finished by 10am and you can alternate weeks or even stay for half an hour or an hour……it all helps.

If you are interested or even want to try for a while to see if it suits you, either call into the staffroom Wednesday mornings from 8.30 or ring Kerri on 0407 127 283.

We always have a few laughs too ☺

Kerri Barr
Banking Co-ordinator
2015 PRIORITIES

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.

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Mad Scientist

**Become a whacky scientist!**

**Date:** Starting on Tuesday 3 November then 5 consecutive Tuesdays

**Time:** 3.30pm to 4.45pm

If you’re looking for some fun science experiments for kids then you’re in the right place. This program is full of fascinating hands-on experiments that are a great way to enjoy the world of science. This fantastic program is available to all the children.

On this extraordinary 5 week science journey all children will:
- have a Funky Goopy Mess
- be lost in Space
- go crazy with Balloon Madness
- be mystified by Illusions
- witness extraordinary Explosions

Whilst participating in experiments such as the making of elephant toothpaste, slime, egg drop and balloon powered cars, the program will look at chemistry, physics, energy and movement in the world around us.

Over a 5 week program, they will be guided by our Mad Scientist to learn fun and exciting experiments!

For more information or to book this exciting 5 week program please contact:
- Helping Hands Mountain Creek 0427654866
- or email
  mountaincreek@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au

Booking forms will also be available from the school office and Helping Hands service.

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