Red Day:
Day for Daniel is a significant event for our school. Students were reminded of personal safety through the key words of RECOGNISE, REACT AND REPORT. The Morcombe Foundation continues to convey this important message to all students. Families are encouraged to remind their children about avoiding potential situations that make them feel awkward or unsafe. Fast and decisive actions, coupled with a report to an authority are crucial. Congratulations to our students who raised over $900.00 to donate to the Morcombe Foundation. Students looked magnificent wearing red and the school is extremely grateful for the community’s support of such a worthy cause.

Count Us In:
Last week our school participated in the ‘Count Us In’ event, which saw over 2000 schools singing the song, ‘Gold’, at exactly 11:30am on Thursday, 29th October 2015. The national event saw students and schools across Australia united in song via a live link. Marcia Hines was this year’s ambassador. The event is designed to promote the enjoyment of music. We had over 1000 students singing in the hall. With improved audio – visual facilities and the senior choir leading the way, it was a first rate performance. Congratulations Creekers!

World Teachers Day:
Friday was a day of celebration for all our staff at Mountain Creek. A special breakfast was provided for our staff to get together and acknowledge the importance of teaching and learning. Jo Kliese and Theresa Faye were presented with 30 year service certificates to recognise their ongoing contribution to education. Fantastic work teachers!

Enrolments for 2016:
Presently we are working diligently to organise staffing for next year. Thanks to all those families who have notified the school of their movements for next year. This has helped us get a clear picture of student numbers for next year.

Our 2016 Prep enrolments have mostly been completed. It is important that families have enrolled future Preps for 2016 as we want to ensure stability for our new students. If you have not completed your enrolment please contact us immediately as we are a zoned school. We are supportive of non – zoned enrolment requests, but once classes are finalised this is very limited due to being at full capacity.
Student Recognition:
Congratulations to all students for their high standards of dress. Uniforms continue to be a highlight with black shoes worn throughout the school. So please remember to read the 2016 uniform information that comes with the School Resource Scheme. To avoid disappointment, shoes must be all black and have black laces. Your support of Mountain Creek’s quality standards is greatly appreciated. Congratulations, as this contributes towards Mountain Creek being the wonderful school it is!

Rob Van den Heuvel
Principal

SWPBS AND KIDSMATTER UPDATE

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CONFLICT RESOLUTION

To support our Positive Behaviour for Learning focus this week, here are some tips for managing conflict with children.

Step 1 - Help children see conflict as a problem they can sort out fairly, with help, for example: “It looks like there’s a problem here. I’m sure if we talk about it we can sort it out.”
Step 2 - Get each child to explain how they see the conflict. Get them to focus on what they want or need, and what their concerns or worries are, rather than blaming the other person.
Step 3 - It is often helpful for the coach to then re-state the concerns of both parties, for instance: “So, Eli, you’re worried that you won’t get a turn; and Van, you’re trying to make it to the next level of the game and you’re worried that if you stop now you won’t get to it.”
Step 4 - Get children to suggest at least three different solutions, such as: “What are some ways to solve this so you can all feel okay about it?” If they can’t think of any, offer some ideas for them to think about.
Step 5 - Help children agree on a solution that will work and put it into action.

THE UNSW TESTS - MATHEMATICS

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 Mathematics test. We had 65 children from year 2-6 who entered the competition this year and achieved 1 High Distinction, 4 distinctions, 10 credits, 13 merits and 37 participation certificates. Congratulations to all the children who participated in the event and especially to those who were recognised for their academic performance.

A special mention is to be made of Lachlan from 4W. Lachlan achieved a score of 38/40 for the Year 4 test to be awarded the only high distinction for the school. To cap this achievement, Lachlan achieved the highest result in Queensland for his age, and will be awarded a medallion to recognise his result. Congratulations Lachlan, this is an exceptional achievement.
The following is a full list of the results.

Craig Wockner  
School Co-Ordinator

### HIGH DISTINCTION
- Lachlan 4W
- Charlie J 2A  
- Hannah 32S  
- Oliver 5S  
- Bailey 6N

### DISTINCTION
- Cloe 2A  
- Ella 43G(3)  
- Charlie L 4C  
- Ella 4W  
- Caleb 4W
- Madison 5W  
- Rayan 65D  
- Maia 6B  
- Samuel 6N  
- Samuel 5M

### CREDIT
- Jesse 2K  
- Stephanie 4C  
- Connor 4W  
- Zoe 5M  
- Isaac 5K
- Rylee 5S  
- Melita 5Mc  
- Kiera 65D  
- Milana 6B  
- Sienna 6B

### MERIT
- Tehan 6F  
- Charlotte 6B  
- Tehan 6F  
- Helaena 6H
- Alix 3BC  
- Finlay 2K  
- Rhys 2K  
- Sam 3LQ  
- Nathan 3T  
- Matthew T 6A
- Jordan 3H  
- Tom 3HY  
- Juliet 3HY  
- Emily 3HY  
- Mackenzie 43G  
- Thomas 6T
- Jack 4T  
- Max 4W  
- Naharni 4W  
- Maia 4W  
- Jack 4W
- James 5kJ  
- Sebastian 5M  
- Jasmine 5Mc  
- Lara 5S  
- Madison 5S
- Alicia 5W  
- Isaac 5W  
- Jemma 65D  
- Sachin 65D  
- Alysia 6A
- Matthew Mc 6A  
- Jasmin 6A  
- Olivia 6A  
- Brianna 6A  
- Jude 6A
- Elliot 6T  
- Emma 3H  
- Taisha 4C  
- Bill 5kJ  
- Lohna 5W

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It was with great honour that our Student Leaders, Brooke, Matthew, Sienna and Sam welcomed Denise and Bruce Morcombe to our school on Thursday October 29 2015. During their visit Denise and Bruce presented a very special trophy to the student leaders who accepted it on behalf of the Mountain Creek State School Community. The trophy was awarded to our school community for the amazing support we have provided to not only the Morcombe family but to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

Denise and Bruce also presented some fantastic teacher and student resources to our school that can be used by our teachers in their classrooms to continue to educate the students about the important safety message – Recognise (recognise your body clues), React (run to a safe place) and Report (tell an adult why you felt unsafe). During her visit Denise very proudly said “It is wonderful as Mountain Creek always turns red on the annual day for Daniel”. Our students and teachers certainly did not disappoint when they arrived at school on Friday October 30 2015 wearing their red gear. Wearing red gave a very clear message that crimes against children have no place in Australia and that we want to empower the children in our community to Recognise, React and Report if something is not right. It was also encouraging to see that our school community raised $918.85 which will be donated to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation to support the important work they do in the community.
PREP INFORMATION NIGHT

Children in Prep are active learners who investigate, talk and participate in hands on activities to build on what they already know. At our recent Parent Information Night our 2016 Prep parents were also active learners when they went on a scavenger hunt to find out about Prep at our school. Our Prep teachers, Support staff including our Guidance Officer Louise, Speech Language Pathologist Sue and Business Services Manager Dot set up displays and shared important information. Families also received an information package to take home. If you were unable to attend please call in at the office to collect your information package.

2015 Pre Prep Play Dates

- 10th November 2015 9 - 11am
- 18th November 2015 9 - 11am
- 25th November 2015 9 - 11am
- 2nd December 2015 9 - 11am

School Banking Volunteers 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
Last term the year 5’s and 6’s participated in the 8 hour famine to raise money for starving kids in the World. Our target was set high at $6000. The students did an amazing job and recently I received the final total raised by Mountain Creek State which is an incredible $6170.50, the highest by any school (primary or high) on the Sunshine Coast. That figure brings our total raised over the last 6 years to over $40000 which is fantastic. Well done students and parents.

Carols by candlelight is coming up soon and it promises to be a special, fun-filled evening. This year, as part of Carols by Candlelight, we will again be collecting donations (as non-perishable food items, toys and toiletries) for Care Outreach. Care Outreach is a Non-Profit organisation that supports drought stricken farmers and their families in rural Australia. Please bring your donations to the Music room at any time between now and the Carols Night. Thank you.

I really enjoyed being part of the breakfast celebrating World Teachers Day. It was an honour to welcome and serve our wonderful teachers that morning. They do an amazing job and deserve to be spoilt. I must admit, I did enjoy the hugs and kisses I received on the day too. It was also great to have our brekkie crew there to help serve food.

We have had so much fun in Shine this term, especially the past couple of weeks. Last week we had an ex-model from Sydney teach the girls about walking, sitting, and standing with confidence. The girls all got dressed up and practiced modelling their beautiful dresses and high heels. Even I brought out my feminine side and had a go at modelling much to the amusement of the girls.

This week we had a panel of successful ladies in the local community (a psychotherapist, vet and professional surfer) speak to the girls about following their dreams. At the end of the session, the professional surfer, donated one of her surfboards and one lucky girl was presented with this special gift.

This week we received news that one of our students at Mountain Creek State School was diagnosed with a tumour. She is currently receiving treatment in Brisbane. Please keep her and her family in your thoughts and prayers as they face difficult times ahead. If you would like to make a financial contribution to this family or assist in any other way, please contact me on 54 523467. Thanks for your support.

Have a good weekend
Chappy

We’re all still having fun at our Chappy Breakfasts on Wednesday mornings! All welcome
Hi All,

Well we are nearly at the half way mark of Term 4. The focus of the P and C at the moment is getting organised for the Mountain Creek State School Community Carols which will held on the oval on Friday 27th November 2015. The Carols start at 6.00pm with food being sold from 5.00pm (Hot Chips, sausage on bread and hamburgers.) Candles will be available for purchase. Volunteers will be needed so if you are able to help let me know.

This event is about bringing families and friends together, celebrating all aspects of Christmas, sitting on a blanket, having an easy dinner and singing Christmas Carols. It is a great relaxing way to end the year.

The last P and C meeting for the year will be held on Thursday 19th November 2015 at 1.00pm. At this meeting we will be discussing and finalising our fundraising events for 2016. It is where we will put in place a plan for the direction of the P and C Association for 2016. If you are interested in being a part of these discussions, or interested in taking on an active role on the P and C for next year feel free to come and join us.

Teresa Paterson
P and C President

THE VERY BIG PRESENT

A Play presented by the Japanese

Program of Excellence

On Tuesday 27 October 2015 the Year 6 Japanese Program of Excellence class performed their play called “The Very Big Present – ooki na purezento”. It was a play all about teamwork and showed how we can achieve results by working together here at Mountain Creek State School. It was pleasing to see so many classes come and enjoy the performance. It was wonderful to see the audience listening so carefully as most of the play was in Japanese! Thank you to our wonderful audience and congratulations to the Year 6 Japanese Program of Excellence class on a fabulous performance.

BEING RESPONSIBLE

Congratulations to two of our recent award recipients Jack and Halle from 2M for Being Responsible. They were presented their certificates at a recent Assembly. Keep up the good work Jack and Halle!
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 Gooney 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 0427554886
or email mountaincreek@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au

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

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Mountain Creek State School
Community Carols

FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2015
6.00pm to 8.30pm
Mountain Creek State School
Lady Musgrave Drive, Mountain Creek

FOOD AVAILABLE FROM 5.00PM
Sausage sizzle, hamburgers, hot chips and drinks,
Cafe Connect will be open for coffee and cake only

CAROLS PROGRAM STARTS AT 6.00PM
Performances by students with backing by a live band

Special guest appearance by Santa

It’s a date! See you