PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE:

Parents, Staff and Caregivers,

Camps and Excursions: Last week Year 6 attended their annual leadership camp on the Gold Coast. I was fortunate to attend two days. It was pleasing to observe the students’ great teamwork. The Tallebudgera camp program has evolved to become an integrated set of sequential activities that help students identify their personal quest through working as part of a team.

During the week many students developed their confidence by being away from home. It was a chance for them to be independent and resilient while having lots of fun with their friends. As we all know, school camps are important in helping students develop their social skills and building confidence for the future.

A huge thanks to all the staff involved as they happily gave up time with their families. Also, we appreciate the continued support of local families who make big sacrifices to fund the event for their children. The smiles on the Year 6 students show it is well worth the effort.

Also, we recently had excursions for Prep (Chambers Island), Year 1 (Sea Life) and 5 (Australia Zoo). These excursions have been linked to our students units of work and provided practical learning to complement class work. I’ve had pleasing feedback from parents and staff about the excursions. Our students are to be congratulated on their excellent behaviour and manners. There has been plenty of caring, sharing and learning together. Well done Creekers.

Mandatory Department of Education and Training Conference: Last week I attended the biennial conference for Principals with over 1000 other school leaders. Fortunately, it was on the Gold Coast so I was able to attend this forum while also making time to spend with our Year 6 students at Tallebudgera.

Director General Jim Watterson provided clear messages to schools about the importance of quality internal teamwork and strong community relationships to produce successful outcomes for families and students.

International speakers including Dr Ben Jensen and Professor John Hattie highlighted the importance of high yield teaching strategies for learning. They acknowledged that school leaders and the broader community need to have strong focus upon valuing learning growth. Focusing only on overall school achievement scores can often miss the amazing growth that students can make in highly effective schools.

Rob Van den Heuvel
Principal
AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

RESOURCE CENTRE

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Your child should’ve now received their Scholastic Book Club Issue 2 catalogue. Inside you’ll find award-winning books, as well as old and new favourites. All books ordered will be delivered to your child’s classroom approximately 3 weeks after the order has been placed.

To order books you will need to log on to the scholastic website and go to LOOP for Parents (Linked Online Ordering & Payment). This will take you to the online ordering and credit card payment page. If your child is in prep you must use their class name, eg PG, PH etc. (Do not enter the word Prep).

THE SCHOOL DOES NOT TAKE ANY PAYMENT FOR BOOKS—ONLINE ONLY

NO MORE TEARS

Parents and caregivers, we love that children have many interest areas and from time to time want to show items or bring in equipment and games that they love for us and their friends to see and use at school. Unfortunately, this can end in tears as the item gets broken, damaged or lost. Sometimes the item can cause arguments. This can detract from learning time as we try to solve the problem. At Mountain Creek, we have stocked our school with loads of activities and equipment. Please discuss with your children about leaving their precious items, games or equipment at home. A nice alternative is to bring in a photo of the item or if it’s for a class presentation, leave it with the teacher. We appreciate your support.
ASSEMBLY LEADERS AND ‘BEE AWARDS’

Last week saw our Year 4 and 5 students run school assembly, due to the Year 6 students having a great time away on camp. And what a fantastic job they did! For some it was a nerve wracking experience as they had never used a microphone or spoken in front of an audience before. We even had one of our teachers, Ms McGuinn, overcome her stage fright to help run assembly due to the absence of the Deputy. Congratulations to Makybe and Mason from 5S, Thomas (4T) and Sara (4EH) and Cloe and Aryan (4W) who did an amazing job.

Lots of ‘Bee Awards’ were handed out including one to the whole of 21R for working so well as a Team. Congratulations 21R on your teamwork and congratulations to all the other students who received ‘Bee Awards’ this week.

1K CELEBRATE DR SEUSS

This week 1K have been celebrating Dr Seuss Day. They made Cat in the Hat hats and decorated them with rhyming words. They coloured in green eggs and made a number memory game using their eggs. To fit in with the foot book 1k have made paint foot print and measured the length of their foot using cubes.

2017 TERM 1 DATE CLAIMER

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YEAR 6 FIND THEIR INNER HERO

What a spectacular week at Tallebudgera Camp School! Our year 6 students found their inner heroes and conquered some personal dragons as they encountered exhausting and exhilarating activities. There was kayaking, bodyboarding, hiking around Burleigh, high ropes, pirate days and so much more. Congratulations to all students for their excellent behaviour. The students were commended by the camp school staff who wished they could have Mountain Creek there all year. We never stopped for long and the weather was perfect. What a way to spend a week away from school.
YEAR 5 TO WILD AT AUSTRALIA ZOO

Last week Year 5 had an exciting adventure to Australia Zoo. They packed their sunscreen, hats, repellent and lunch and hopped on the bus. The kids had an awesome day enjoying many different experiences which the zoo has to offer. They had close encounters with tigers and Rhinos, fed the animals and got close and personal with some Birds of Prey at the Wildlife Show. Crikey! What a day.

PREP HEAD TO CHAMBERS ISLAND

Our little preppies enjoyed their very first school excursion this week. How exciting for them to go for a ride on a big bus to Chambers Island. Their excursion was all about the habitat and how humans have an effect on the environment. They helped pick up rubbish to help take care of the environment before heading to the waters edge where they held and learnt about Hairy Crabs and Hermit Crabs. Dan, the Environmental Officer, taught the kids all about the land based animals which live there and the Mangroves and how they survive in saltwater. Everyone came back to school full of their days adventures and totally worn out.
COASTAL DISTRICT SPORTS RESULTS

We have had a number of students trial for District teams so far this term and we will acknowledge the students who’ve been selected in these teams when official notification has been received by the school. Congratulations to all those who competed, watch this space for your results.

QSS AQUATHLON STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations and well done to Ella 5S and Isabel 6A who recently represented School Sport Sunshine Coast at the QSS Aquathlon State Championships in Hervey Bay. Both girls competed in the combined age group (11yrs and 12yrs) event which consisted of a 1 km run, 200m swim, 1 km run.

Ella finished 20th overall and 5th in her age group (11yrs), while Isabel finished 55th overall and 39th in her age group (12Yrs). The girls raced really well and are to be proud of their efforts.

SUNSHINE COAST LIGHTNING

Last week Sunshine Coast Lightning chose our school to unveil its mascot ‘Lucy Lightning’. Lightening Captain, Erena Mikaere and team mate Madeline McAuliffe made the announcement in front of students and media crews. It was a great opportunity for some of our students to meet these amazing players and for Creeker to meet Lucy Lightening and Hot Dog from Hot 91.1.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 6.30PM - THURSDAY 16, MARCH 2017

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is a time for the P and C to review the operations and financial accounts for the previous year, set the direction for the year to come and elect Executive Positions. If you have ever thought about becoming involved in the P and C, come and join our next meeting at 6.30pm - Thursday 16, March 2017.

The statistics:
- We are a school of 980 students and around 650 families.
- The P and C has only
  4 on the executive committee
  3 on the Fundraising Team
  3 general members
- That’s only 10 people to run all the activities of the P and C ! New members are most welcome!

We’d value your help in 2017.

WHERE HELP IS DESPERATELY NEEDED:

- **P and C Facebook page manager and co-ordinators** – we need 2 or 3 people to work together to build and manage a P and C facebook page. The idea would be to promote P and C businesses (ie. Cafe, Hall Hire) as well keep in contact with our community. Estimated workload is 30 minutes per day.

- **Aussie World Fun Day Co-ordinators** (instead of a school fete) – we need a team of about 5 to run, manage and come up with ideas to run a Aussie World Fun Day in Term 3. This will be instead of a school fete. We have experienced P and C members happy to provide guidance and support, but need a team to “own” this event. If you want air-con in our school, this event could be used to generate money for that project – the bigger you make it, the more money you can invest in air-con. Jump in today !

- **Air-conditioning project team** – we need 2 or 3 people to start the process of becoming subject matter experts - getting quotes, developing a rollout strategy, understanding costs and other impacts (ie. Increase electricity) and solar. This team would inform P and C and school council in terms of long decision making and planning.

- **Fundraising Team** – we need 5 to 10 fun loving people to join our amazing Fundraising Team (Sarah, Talia and Katrina) to plan events (disco, movie night and pie drive), help set-up, learn the processes and volunteer on the day at our planned events, and, act as a knowledge point for future years.

- **School banking** – every Wednesday the team need help counting money. Can you pitch in?

- **Tuckshop** – we run this as a service to students and try and keep costs low. We need volunteers to help make sandwiches/wraps in the morning, or, pack boxes at lunch times, in order to keep our staffing costs down we need volunteers. If you are able to help – even 1 hour a fortnight, we need you.

- **Garden to Tuckshop Project** – we need 5 to 10 minutes a day to weed the gardens and keep the place looking neat. We will also be looking for volunteers during planting season to help us kick off with the benefits of fresh produce going towards our kids tuckshop lunches.

Please register on the volunteer website is you can assist ([insert link to volunteer website])
NEW TUCKSHOP MENU

Thanks to Nakita (P and C Executive) and our Tuckshop convener, Anita, on their hard work in updating our Tuckshop menu. It looks fun and inviting, so check it out. Click here access the menu.

REMINDER

Please support our café as it is operated by our P and C Association
If you are looking for a healthy ‘take-away’ at the end of a busy day Café Connect can offer you

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Next weeks specials
Steak Sandwich on toasted bread $10.00

KIDS Specials
Small Shake and cupcake $5.00

Café Connect now has more Gluten Free options available—ask today

Thank You
MCSS COMMUNITY HALL AFTER HOURS HALL HIRERS

Please consider supporting these local sporting clubs and businesses who hire our school hall after hours generating an income for the P and C.

If you’re interested in hiring our hall and would like more info please send an email to Alicia at mcsshallinfo@mtncreekss.eq.edu.au
EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT – SUGGESTIONS FOR FAMILIES

Children’s abilities for recognising, understanding and managing their emotions are influenced by the ways the adults who care for them acknowledge and respond to their feelings. When children learn to manage their emotions they are also better able to manage their behaviour. Parents, carers and school staff can provide important support and guidance for children’s emotional development.

Helpful ways of supporting children’s emotional development:

Listen and validate the child’s emotional experience
Listen to what children say and acknowledge their feelings. This helps children to identify emotions and understand how they work. Being supported in this way helps children work out how to manage their emotions. You might say, “You look worried. Is something on your mind?”

View emotions as an opportunity for connecting and teaching
Children’s emotional reactions provide ‘teachable moments’ for helping them understand emotions and learn effective ways to manage them. You might say, “I can see you’re really frustrated about having to wait for what you want. Why don’t we read a story while we’re waiting?”

Set limits in a supportive way
Set limits on inappropriate behaviours so that children understand that having feelings is okay, but acting inappropriately is not. You might say, “I know that you’re upset that your friend couldn’t make it over, but that does not make it okay to yell at me.”

For more information on this and other topics, please visit our school website and click on Support and Resources / Parent Resources / Introducing KidsMatter Primary.

Have a great week.
Louise Blanch, Guidance Officer

MCSS SENIOR JACKETS
Senior jackets are optional for Years 5 and 6 students
Available in Term 2

These jackets need to be ordered using a form from the One Stop Shop along with a $10 deposit
Orders must be in by 20th March

Cost $45
2017 PRIORITIES

Promoting high achievement for all.


COMMUNITY NEWS

“Fantasy and Imagination”
The Sunshine Coast Symphony Orchestra’s Saturday 18, March 2017 2pm at St Mark’s Anglican Church, Buderim Bring the family.

It is often said – fantasy is a product of the imagination – but it is mostly too far away from reality – and in the Symphony Orchestra’s afternoon’s presentation they will transport you to this world of make believe when they perform popular programmatic music that includes Peter and the Wolf by the great Russian composer Prokofiev.

Then let your imagination be blown away with the stories of Middle Earth in the trilogy Lord of the Rings.


Led by Alex Pattri and conducted by Adrian King, this is a concert that will appeal to the young and not so young, the seasoned concert punter and the inexperienced listener. You will enjoy the magical enchantment of the music played by this superb orchestra of brilliant and experienced players.

Children are welcome. Here is an opportunity to introduce young ones to the delights of orchestral music related to children’s stories.

Tickets are available from the Old Buderim Post Office from Wednesday 1, March 2017. Adults & Teenagers $20; Under 12 years $5 (Afternoon Tea included).