PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Parents, Staff and Caregivers,

MCSS Community Survey: Every few years the school runs its own local survey. This does not replace the Queensland School Opinion Survey next term, but complements it by focusing more directly upon local school issues. Feedback about technology, traffic, book packs, fundraising for air conditioners and extra curriculum programs help us to plan strategies for our future budgets. This in turn ensures our School Council and P and C Association are able to identify your opinions, as it is not possible for everyone to attend meetings due to family and work commitments. This survey is one way that you can easily share your views. To ensure you voice is heard please take 5 minutes to complete our survey. The link can be found on the website under the “Quick Links” menu or you can click on the link below. The survey will remain open until Friday, 16 June 2017.


Movie Night: Each semester we run a major family event. This Semester we will be showing the movie ‘Storks’ in the hall on Friday, 9 June 2017. Our wonderful P and C volunteers plan to open at 5.00pm with the movie commencing at 6.00pm. The café will be open for parents, while students enjoy popcorn, drinks and lolly stalls. We will be selling hotdogs and burgers which can be pre-ordered and paid for in advance at the tuckshop. Alternatively these can be purchased on the night. Tickets are available at the Tuckshop or at the door. Please bring the whole family as it’s a great chance to meet friends and support our school community.

Caring Sharing and Learning Together: My congratulations to our older students for their great work in the playground. With the completion of the new playground equipment students have highlighted their understanding of our school motto and the key rules of BE SAFE, BE RESPECTFUL and BE RESPONSIBLE. It is terrific to see students taking turns and helping to ensure that everyone is included.

Mountain Creek State School had a number of staff members nominated for being Positive Teachers in 2017.

These teachers were recognised in The Australian Positive Teachers 2017 Initiative, which celebrates and acknowledges the vital contribution that teachers make to social and emotional wellbeing and positive education in their classrooms and schools.

Congratulations teachers on your nominations!
University of NSW Science Test: The University of NSW Science test (ICAS) was completed this week and Spelling will be held in a few weeks on Wednesday, 14 June 2017. As in past years, students will complete the tests BEFORE SCHOOL arriving at 7:15 am for a 7:30 am start. If your child has entered they need to be on time with a sharpened pencil, calculator and eraser. Class teachers have a list of students who have registered and paid for the test. Please see our calendar for the other upcoming ICAS events. Good luck Creekers!

Rob Van den Heuvel
Principal

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SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

As part of our NAIDOC Week celebrations we are hosting a Scholastic Book Fair. Families are invited to contribute to our fundraising activity supporting the Indigenous Literacy Foundation by a gold coin donation in the library during the book fair.

For parents convenience, we are holding the book fair in conjunction with our Athletics Carnivals. Students are invited to browse the books during class time and then return with a parent to purchase books and stationary before and after school. Parents are also welcome to come in whilst attending their child’s Athletics Carnival between 10.30—11.30 am (little lunch).

Credit card facilities will be available for purchases.

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WELCOME TO OUR LIBRARY C&K!

Yesterday we had the first visit and first borrowing of the year for Mountain Creek C and K. The cute little 3 and 4 year olds strolled down from their classroom to check out our library. Listening and using their best manners, the children were taught how to choose a book and then sit on the rug to look at the pictures. If they were happy with their book they then had the opportunity to borrow the book.

We look forward to seeing more of these little cuties next semester when they come to visit us weekly.
PIioneer Cottages By Year 4

As part of our technology unit this semester the Year 4 students were asked to design and build a model of a Pio- neer Cottage which could have been used by the early settlers to live in. This unit also fits with our history unit of European Exploration and Colonisation. On our recent trip to Stanley River, we looked at some of the old fashioned tools the early pioneers had to use to build these dwellings. We can now appreciate how much easier life is today with all the mod cons such as running water, flushing toilets, electricity and motor vehicles to mention a few.

Gardening Gang

We are off and running with our gardening gang who have been working hard during lunchbreaks, weeding, planting and watering. We have a variety of plants including herbs, vegetables and flowers, some companion plants and plenty of tomatoes. The citrus trees are in full fruit and there will be two types of limes available for sale very soon. We will keep you up to date with progress reports and photos.

Don’t forget to collect your free pots to take home and plant something for the Spring Fair.

Mr Estella
QUEENSLAND OR NEW SOUTH WALES?

In true Creeker tradition Wednesday was the day to dress in our favourite colour—Maroon or Blue, to celebrate State of Origin. The Student Council team hosted the Free Dress Day to support the ‘Give me Five for Kids’ charity. Students were asked to bring a gold coin donation to support the chosen charity. The Student Council hold many fundraisers during the year to help fund school projects that will benefit our students as well as support local and national charities.

Thankyou for supporting this event raising over $800 to help sick kids in hospital.

LEARNING TO WRITE IN YEAR 3

‘Origin 2017 – Game One!’
I’ve been waiting for this moment, the Toads vs the Cockroaches. Everyone was staring at me when I ran on the field. They rolled the ball, I had the first run. I was nervous. I ran, I got passed people. I almost got a try but then I got tackled. I rolled the ball, my mate got a run. He passed to me and I got passed everyone again. I got a try, the crowd was cheering! My team was hugging me. It was half time, we got ready again. The crowd was still cheering. The Cockroaches got the ball. One player got a run, our team tackled him. The Coach said “first run, good tackle.” We tackled them again. It was the fifth run, they had to kick the ball 52 metres and they almost got a field goal. We scored again and then it was full time. We shook hands, QLD had won! The crowd was cheering and I was happy!
By Flynn—3JB

‘Origin 2017 – Game One!’
I feel nervous with all of the NSW people depending on me. My plan is to get the ball and then score. I saw my opportunity and got hold of the ball. A huge, muscly Queensland player banged into me. It felt like my shoulder was cracked! Smack, I hit the ground and my arm felt weak. The Ref called “time out” and New South Wales got a penalty. I had to watch from the sideline. I felt really disappointed. Our team wasn’t doing well and then my arm felt better so I could get the ball and win the match! Because I was the star player, I kept getting tries and when QLD had their biggest player at the front of the line, we got passed them and I kicked the ball right over the goal post and into the crowd. Someone caught it and we won!
By Mitchell - 3M

‘Origin 2017 – Game One!’
I am excited and scared. As I hear the screams in Suncorp Stadium, my palms get sweeter and sweater. As I run onto the field I hear the loudest screams in my life! The Referee says “play!” As I run with the ball, people try to tackle me but I scored. The crowd went crazy! The Blue team were ready, they were angry and my team were ready to score again but the Blue’s scored. I wasn’t going to put up with it. So I scored four more times. It was amazing! The people loved me. It was great. We won! I partied with my friends and family, even my dog, all night long!
By Tyler Milton – 3JB

‘Origin 2017 – Game One!’
I play NRL for Queensland and tonight is Game 1 of State of Origin. My goal is to smash NSW by running the ball hard and tackling hard. I feel excited running onto the field. I also feel worried because I don’t want QLD to lose. The Ref blows the whistle and we kick the ball as hard as we can and we score! I feel happy when I score. After a hot and long game, we are all sweaty. All of our training was worth it because we won!
By Jobe - 3M
PLAYGROUND OFFICIAL OPENING

Back in 2013 the P and C announced that their next fund raising project would be for a new senior playground. After years of careful planning, team meetings and numerous fund raising events the senior playground was opened this week.

Most of the original committee members from that day have since moved on as their own children no longer attend our school. P and C members past and present were invited to a morning tea last week to have a progress inspection and to celebrate their accomplishment.

This week the senior playground was officially opened. A number of P and C members along with staff and the Student Council watched as our School Captains, Connor and Taisha, cut the ribbon declaring the playground officially opened. The students then had the opportunity to be the first to have a play. There were smiles all around as they climbed, weaved and balanced their way around the new addition to their playground.

A very big thank you to all those people who have worked tirelessly on this project from inception to completion.
Caring, sharing and learning together were also evident on Under 8’s day as Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed activities focused on a coast and country theme. It was wonderful to see their smiling faces and absolute enthusiasm. Congratulations to the early years teachers and teacher aides on an exceptional event that celebrated the importance of the early years of learning.

The students had the opportunity to pat some farm animals, eat popcorn, decorate biscuits, make mini surfboard necklaces, make chatterbox sharks, make a sunflower, climb on the jet skis and milk a pretend cow. There was even an amazing “underwater” tunnel for the kids to explore. We would like to thank the local businesses who supported our event.
DISTRICT/REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

MCSS Cross Country Team competed at the Coastal District Cross Country Carnival at Currimundi State School on Thursday 18, May 2017. All of the 30 runners tried their best and ran fantastic races! 3 of our runners placed in the top 6 for their age groups and gained selection into the District team. Congratulations to Harper (6th), Ella (3rd) and Cale (4th) for their selection in the District Team.

In perfect running conditions our three runners headed to Elizabeth Daniels Park, Buderim on Thursday 30, May, 2017 to represent the Coast District in the 2017 Regional Trials. It was the first time competing at this level for a couple of our runners. Ella, Cale and Harper ran fantastic races, with Ella coming in 4th in her event. Congratulations to you all for reaching this level and running great races. Qualifying runners from the regional trial will be invited to represent the Sunshine Coast Region at the Queensland School Sports Cross-Country State Championships in July. Connor (6GH), who previously represented Queensland for Cross Country was granted an exemption for this race due to his recent ankle fracture.

STRONGER, FITTER, FASTER

Year 5 and 6 students are welcome to test their abilities in the components of fitness in a voluntary Wednesday lunch program run by Mr Wockner called Stronger, Fitter, Faster. Each session will have an activity which tests one of the fitness components of strength, power, flexibility, endurance, agility or coordination.

Last Wednesday the children were able to test the strength component with the Vortex Throw. The children measured their best throw and score points from a sliding scale provided to class teachers. This week participants will be able to test Power with the seated basketball throw. The children are able to compare their overall fitness with class mates, or just try their best at each activity.

Year 5 and 6 Students who are interested in participating need to listen to notices to see where the meeting point will be each week. Come along and see who is the Strongest, Fittest and Fastest!

Craig Wockner
EFFECTIVE FAMILY COMMUNICATION

Strong relationships are built on healthy communication and understanding. People communicate all the time, but communicating well – especially with those we are close to – takes thoughtful ongoing effort. In close relationships it is important to be able to communicate effectively about feelings, needs and wants, ideas and opinions. The most important part of effective communication is listening. Children, as well as adults, will talk more if they are confident they will be listened to.

Make the most of opportunities to talk: Talking about everyday things helps family members feel connected. It builds trust and makes it easier to ask for and offer support.

Take extra care when talking about problems: Communication can get complicated when strong feelings are involved. For both children and adults, talking about things that are bothering them is often hard. Tune into feelings and take a caring approach.

Avoid escalating conflicts: In any family there are bound to be conflicts and arguments. When conflict is handled constructively it can help to strengthen relationships. If you find that anger is getting in the way of being able to see the other person’s point of view, take time out to calm down (go for a walk, do some active relaxation such as deep breathing) before trying to deal with the issue.

Repair damage and rebuild relationships: In any family, as in any close relationship, feelings will get hurt. You may say things in the heat of the moment that you don’t mean or wish you hadn’t said. Being ready to apologise, to listen to how the other person feels, and to show you appreciate their position is a critical skill for building strong and supportive family relationships.

Louise Blanch
Guidance Officer
Hey there splendid Mountain Creek School Community,

I hope you are enjoying the middle of Term 2 and these chilly winter mornings!

Even though it was a freezing morning this week – it didn’t keep our amazing volunteers and students away from Chappy’s Brekky. As well as enjoying warmth of freshly toasted bread, we had a blast playing board games, shooting hoops, skipping and stacking cup towers. If you haven’t already, make sure you pop into one of our brekky mornings every Wednesday from 7:30 am.

You may or may not be aware, but schools all over Queensland have just celebrated Chappy Week (which is a week where we focus on what Chaplaincy is and the role it plays in schools across the country). To me, Chappy Week is also a reminder that we can ALL make a difference in our school, workplace, family and community. Often it’s the little things that make the biggest difference on a daily basis and I double dare you to look out for opportunities to do something kind and caring in the lives of people round you.

Have a wonderful week.
Chappy Kit
SPRING FAIR—FRIDAY 8, SEPTEMBER 2017

We are looking for donations of all good quality books, magazines and good quality kids DVD’s (G or PG rated ONLY please). Donations boxes will be located in the school hall foyer, which will be collected daily. All donations will be sold during the Spring Fair and some collections will be passed onto our library to update the stock for all students to use. Thank you for all your donations. Gwen

SILENT AUCTION

A big shout out goes to 2 more businesses that have jumped on board and kindly donated their services, KIM PARRY registered Homeopath and CRESCENT HAIR, Sippy Downs. We would love more donations so if you are a local business and able to donate please e-mail me at kyliepampling@hotmail.com

TUCK SHOP—WARM OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR COOLER DAYS

With the weather turning cooler, some children may prefer a toasted sandwich, chicken nuggets or burger. Jump online to www.munchmonitor.com.au to pre-order your munchkin’s little and big lunch now!
AFTER SCHOOL

NOAH CODING—STARTING IN TERM 3

Fun computer coding classes start in Week 2 of Term 3 for students from Year 3 on a Monday afternoon at 3 pm. Register before Friday 23, June 2017 and receive two complimentary classes. Register at www.noahcode.com.au. Please note students will need to “bring their own devices” to these classes (ipad, tablet, laptop, etc). The device will need to be able to connect to the internet which will be provided by Noah Code. For more information, see below.

HELPING HANDS VACATION CARE

The June / July holidays are fast approaching and Helping Hands Mountain Creek are NOW TAKING BOOKINGS. Please call 0427 554 866 to secure your child’s spot.

The Children can look forward to a whole new experience with lovely new resources and anew program.

If you’ve never used vacation care for the school holidays before, please see Samantha or Julie at the After School Care building for your child enrolment package and service orientation.

To our existing wonderful Mountain Creek OSHC Families, Please Secure your Child’s spot at Vacation Care as soon as possible. Thanks so much and See you all soon!
Building skills to improve spelling writing.

Promoting high achievement for all.


MOVIE NIGHT DINNER
PRE ORDER dinner for movie night
Friday 9th June!!

BEEF OR CHICKEN BURGER $4.40
BEEF OR CHICKEN BURGER & FRIES $6.50
HOTDOG $3.00
HOTDOG AND FRIES $5.00
FRIES $3.00

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

Family Frittata $25.00
Family Lasagne $40.00
Quiche $20.00
Whole cakes $30.00

SPECIALS
Chicken Schnitzel Sandwich $10
KIDS Specials
Cupcake and 2 pythons $2.00
Café Connect now has more Gluten Free options available—ask today

REMINDER
Please NO school children in the café before school without an adult