Parents, Staff and Caregivers,

Term 3 Begins: We welcome all new families and students to our local community. The new semester has started with our Parent Teacher interviews mostly occurring across Weeks One and Two. These are valuable opportunities to meet with teachers for feedback about student learning. It is also an opportunity to set goals for the remainder of the year so as to maximise learning for our students.

It’s important for parents and teachers to work in partnership so students can achieve their best. We all have many different talents, skills and interests so success can happen in many ways. Celebrating success is a crucial part of preparing for our next learning goals.

Pie Drive Fundraiser: Presently our P and C Association is finalising its Pie Drive orders. It’s a perfect winter dinner and funds will help keep the classrooms cooler in summer. Beefy’s Pie Drive order forms were sent home, but are also available from the school office or the document section of our school website. ([Pie Order Form Link](#))

It is possible to order via [Munch Monitor](#). All orders are required by Friday 14, July 2017. We will accept orders on Monday next week, but please be aware these are being finalised on this day. Thank you for your ongoing support.

2018 Prep Enrolments: Thanks to all families who have submitted their Prep enrolments for next year. During Semester 2 we will be working with the Education Department to finalise our staffing plans, but this can only be done on known enrolments. The Prep Enrolment package can be obtained directly from our Office between 8.00am and 4.00pm. We would ask all in-zone families and families with siblings to ensure their enrolments are completed. This term we will begin to closely consider Zone Exemptions so we need to ensure all local students have a place secured. The email contact is [2018PrepEnrolment@mtncreekss.eq.edu.au](mailto:2018PrepEnrolment@mtncreekss.eq.edu.au) for further information.
**Athletics Carnivals:** All athletics carnivals were held in the last week of Term 2. I have been told that caring, sharing and learning together could be seen by all students cheering supportively and having fun with their friends.

We acknowledge the Cawley House who are our champions this year and best wishes to elite athletes who will compete on behalf of the school at the District Carnival later in the term.

Thanks to Mr Barritt and Ms Fahey (HPE teachers) and our grounds’ staff as they have worked diligently to provide perfect ovals.

Rob Van den Heuvel  
Principal

**SCHOOL REPORT DISTRIBUTION CODES**

Presently we have available to us an alternative format of report card style that includes a report distribution code. This bar graph highlights where your child sits in line with their year level peers in each subject area. Examples of this can be seen below from a couple of year levels.

If you would like your child’s report card in this format please click on the link below and a new report card in this format will be provided.

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/sem12017code](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/sem12017code)

**Comparative Reporting (Distribution Codes)**

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The following report shows achievement in learning areas and/or subject against the achievements of other students in the school, in the same year level who undertook the learning area and/or subject. For each learning area and/or subject the information identifies the number of students assessed and the number of students who attained each level of achievement.

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155 students

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I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who took the time to come and visit our Scholastic Book Fair. It proved to be a huge success with plenty of books and stationary being purchased by parents and children. It’s great to see our Creekers embrace reading and support our Resource Centre which has always been the hub of Mountain Creek State School.

In total we sold $5,800 in books and merchandise which has enabled us to purchase $1800 worth of library resources. Our new book purchases have already started to arrive in the library and will be available to loan in the coming weeks.

NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Last term we celebrated NAIDOC Week in our whole school assembly. NAIDOC celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people.

The students each decorated a hand using indigenous themes, which were then used to decorate the hall. Throughout assembly we watched and learnt about the Indigenous way of life. The kids were mesmerised by the Gubbi Gubbi Dancers who came in and gave us all a great performance.
NEW YORK STUDENTS TEACHERS

In the last week of Term 2 the State University of New York student teacher contingent visited our school to find out about Mountain Creek State School and tour our site. Three of the group have started with us this week. Miss Jacqueline Falk is working with Mrs Lynne Coupar and her students from Year 5 and 6, Miss Kristen Gizzi is working with Mrs Jodie Allen and 6A students and Miss Maria Panuccio is working with Mrs Green, Mrs Huggett and the students of 6GH. During the 9 weeks they are here the student teachers will observe, teach and reflect on quality teaching. We are very proud to be part of this fantastic program and feel privileged to be able to welcome these visitors tour school. Please feel free to say hello to these teachers if you see them around.

YEAR 6 MATHS

In Year 6 we have been learning about square and triangular numbers in maths. A square number creates a square pattern and is the answer to a maths problem where a number is multiplied by itself (or squared). An example of a square number is 5 × 5 = 25 or 5² = 25.

A triangular number can be arranged in a triangular pattern. An example of a triangular number is 6. The relationship between square and triangular numbers is that a square number equals the sum of two consecutive triangular numbers; e.g. 10 (triangular) + 15 (triangular) = 25 (square) or 3 (triangular) + 6 (triangular) = 9 (square).

PLASTIC FREE JULY

This month is Plastic Free July and we are encouraging everyone to be conscious about purchasing one use plastics which may end up in our waterways. There will be some posters put up by the 6SE class to highlight this important initiative. Our clean up crew will be out and about at lunchtimes in their purple high vis jackets, so join in and help reduce the use of plastic this July.

For more information and to take up the challenge visit http://www.plasticfreejuly.org/

HELPING HANDS

Helping Hands Mountain Creek OSHC is welcoming New Families to come along and get a free Enrolment Package, Free Quote and Free Orientation for Term 3.

We have spaces available in Before School Care and After School Care within our fun and educational ‘Outside of School Hour’s Care’ Program. Families who are already enrolled are invited to call and make a booking with Coordinator Samantha: 0427554866 or Email: mountain-creek@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au We look forward to hearing from you all soon.
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

What glorious days we had to hold our School Athletics Carnivals! The weather was finally on my side this year.

All 4 days were a huge success, with students from Prep to Year 6 putting in some wonderful performances. Everyone competed to the best of their ability and in true Mountain Creek spirit.

Congratulations to the following students for being named 2017 MCSS Age Champions for their success in the Championship Events.

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In what was a very tight finish between all of the Sports Houses it was Cawley being crowned the 2017 Inter-House Athletics Champions! Congratulations Cawley.

Lastly, good luck to the 46 students who were selected in our MCSS Athletics Team to participate in the Coastal District Trial on Tuesday 1 and 3 August 2017 at Sunshine Coast University.

Cheers
Mr Barritt
HPE Teacher
Immigration History

This term in History we have been looking at the history of how Australia was populated. The first Australians were the Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islander peoples. They migrated to Australia about 30,000 years ago when Asia and Australia were closer together. The theory is that they would have canoed here.

After a long time, in 1788, the first fleet arrived carrying over 1,480 men, women and children. Not all were British, some were from African, American and French convicts. England used Australia for their excess prisoners, but they did have some free settlers.

Australia had a preference to who came and lived in their country, they preferred people from English or European countries. In 1901, Australia started the 'Immigration Restriction Act', also known as the White Australia Policy. This stopped non-European people from migrating to Australia, (especially Asians). They had a test to pass to get into Australia, they had to write 50 words in a European language – normally in English. If that person passed they had to do it again in another European language. This made it virtually impossible to pass.

In 1949, after WWII, the Australian Government realised that Australia could easily be overtaken, so they had the 'Ten Pound Pom Scheme'. This meant the British only had to pay 10 pounds to get to Australia by boat.

Now a days, we have a multi-cultural society with more than just European countries. We finally let the Asians come, we helped refugees and many, many others.

For our assignment we had to pose as a migrant who came to Australia in the 1900s. We had to make a time line, personal profile and collect items that our migrant would have brought with them. We made a speech about all of their experiences and contributions to Australia.

By Sarah (6A)
THE HIGH FIVE

Mountain Creek State School promotes the use of the High Five Strategy in the classroom and playground. The High Five is a 5 step problem solving process which students can use to resolve peer conflicts simply and effectively.

The 5 Steps are outlined below:

1. **IGNORE**
   - Pretend you didn’t hear it
   - Do not make eye contact
   - Maintain positive body posture (calm, confident)
   - Think positive self-esteem statements
   - Count to five in your head slowly
   - Take deep breaths

2. **TALK FRIENDLY**
   - Use a calm voice
   - Maintain eye contact
   - Confident body language
   - Use ‘I’ statements. “I feel....when you.....because....”

3. **WALK AWAY**
   - Stand tall, head up high
   - Mouth closed
   - Look confident
   - Walk confidently towards a teacher

4. **TALK FIRMLY**
   - Use a calm voice, maintain eye contact and use confident body language
   - Tell the other person to stop it
   - Re-state your ‘I’ statement

5. **REPORT**
   - Walk away and tell a staff member
   - Bystanders are encouraged to support and report

The High 5 Strategy is a proactive tool which our students can use to resolve issues and conflicts at school. By using this strategy, students feel more empowered to resolve conflicts. The High 5 strategy can also promote greater self-esteem and resilience in our students.

Have a great week.

Louise Blanch
Guidance Officer
Hi everyone

I’ve had a wonderful, relaxing long service leave and am really refreshed and excited to be back at school. I am so grateful to Kit Thomas (who replaced me) as well as all the Chaplaincy Service Volunteers who did an amazing job in keeping everything running smoothly while I was away.

There is a lot happening this term. We are starting another Shine program which the girls are really excited about. A group of boys will also be invited to attend a special camp out at Sunday Creek which will challenge them and teach them some awesome life skills. We have two sports starting up (Soccer and Tennis) under the Sporting Schools Program and our regular Mentoring and Brekkie programs are already underway. Recently, The Chaplaincy Service was given 28 pairs of socks and shoes by the Brighter Future 4 Kids Foundation which will help our disadvantaged kids in need. We will also be having another Chaplaincy Fundraiser where Sizzler will come in one morning and serve their warm, delicious cheese toast to kids for a gold coin donation. In addition, I will be assisting the Student Council in running the Solar Light project which provides lights to kids in areas around the world that don’t have access to electricity. Watch this space for dates and times for these events.

Unfortunately, due to lack of funding, I have had to drop back to 3 days at Mountain Creek. I have taken a position at Currimundi State school for the other 2 days. I will be working at Mountain Creek from Tuesday to Thursday each week.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.
Take care,
Chappy

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FUNDRAISING PIE DRIVE

LAST CALL—ORDER YOUR BEEFY’S PIES NOW!

Mountain Creek State School Beefy’s Pie Drive orders and monies are due to school by this Friday, 14 July 2017. Ensure you don’t miss out! Click here to download an order form. Collection days per year level are listed below with collection times from 2.15pm.

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Click here to download an order form.
SPRING FAIR NEWS—8 SEPTEMBER 2017

The Spring Fair organising is well underway. Tickets will be available from Munch Monitor soon to allow you to buy them early. Continue to watch this space for further exciting news about our Spring Fair.

Thanks to the following businesses who have donated to our Spring Fair.


MARKET STALL HOLDERS – EXTERNAL MARKET STALL HOLDERS

If you run a market stall (ie. Jewellery, Tupperware, kids clothes, etc) and are interested in having a market stall at our event, please e-mail me at felicityturpin@yahoo.com.au

CLASS FLOWER/PLANT POTS

You will have received a plastic seedling pot before the school holidays. Please help us by planting a seed or small plant to sell at our school fete. We will let you know when to return your plant to the school. Thank you kindly for your support.

BOOKS AND KIDS DVD’S WANTED!

Donations wanted of books and kids DVD’s for the Spring Fair. Please drop off donations to the Hall Foyer. Many thanks!
SCHOOL BANKING NEWS

A friendly reminder that CBA bank deposit books can be handed in at school either by:

- placing in the Administration money box slot (outside the back door of the office) on any day, or
- every Wednesday morning before 8.45am by placing the deposit book in the tub inside the Admin Office

Remember that lots of prizes and competitions along the way help to make it enjoyable and rewarding. The new prizes for Term 3 are the **Smiley Emoji Keyring** and the **Volt Handball** (very cool!) but don’t forget that Term 1 and 2 prizes are still available to choose should you prefer one of these as a reward.

Happy Banking!
Sue

TUCKSHOP

If you haven’t tried our exciting and tasty new Tuckshop Menu, [download it here](#) and try it now. Save time by ordering online at [www.munchmonitor.com](http://www.munchmonitor.com). Lunches are delivered directly to your child’s classroom!

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 at [www.noahcode.com.au](http://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.

To all parents & students at Mountain Creek State School, in Grades 3-6

Our fun coding classes are starting on Monday the 17th of July until 11th of September from 3.00pm to 4.00pm

No skills, no knowledge and no prerequisites

Register before 23rd of June and receive two complimentary classes

HTML, CSS and JavaScript are the 3 main languages of the web and they are the basic tools that our children need to learn to conquer the digital world.

For more information, and if you want to find out about our scheduled demo dates nationally and this year's classes, please go to:

info@noahcode.com.au - Driis 0488 77 99 11
**2017 PRIORITIES**

- **Building skills to improve spelling writing.**
- **Promoting high achievement for all.**
- **Social Emotional Wellbeing through Kids Matter Positive Behaviour for Learning.**

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

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

**This week’s specials:**
- **Lamb Souvlaki with salad, feta, tzatziki and relish on Lebanese bread** $10.00

**Kids**
- **Appletree Juice and cupcake** $4.00

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

**REMINDER**

Please NO school children in the café before school without an adult.
Thank You

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**Pondering Poos 2017**

A free parent information workshop.

Pondering Poos is a community-based information workshop for groups of parents and carers. Parents and carers are welcome to attend who have children aged two to 15 years and over with bowel difficulties including:

- chronic constipation
- withholding/refusal
- soiling.

The workshop provides information about:

- normal bowel habits
- causes of difficulties
- medication
- behavioural advice
- diet/food intake.

**Pondering Poos dates and times:**

- **Thursday, 9 February 2017**
  Sunshine Beach State School, David Lane Way
  9:30am to 12:30pm

- **Thursday, 9 February 2017**
  Yandina State School, 48 School Road, Yandina
  9:30am to 12:30pm

- **Thursday, 27 July 2017**
  Mountain Creek State School, Lady Musgrave Drive
  9:30am to 12:30pm

- **Thursday, 20 October 2017**
  Maroochydore College, 216 Parklands Blvd, Maroochydore
  9:30am to 12:30pm

To book contact Child Health Access
5319 4824

**NB:** There is no child care available.