Parents, Staff and Caregivers,

ATHLETICS: The weather has extended our Athletics carnivals into Term 3 but we have completed all events now. Our Junior Carnivals were completed before the holidays and our Senior Carnivals occurred this term. Congratulations go to all students who competed for their teams and showed fantastic support for all our creekers. Caring, sharing and learning together were evident everywhere as students cheered supportively, helped each other and had fun with friends. We acknowledge the Robinson House who are our champions for 2016 and best wishes to elite athletes who will compete on behalf of the school at the District Carnival. A list of Age Champions has been listed later in this newsletter.

Thanks to Mr Barritt and Ms Fahey (HPE teachers) and Greg Topping and Frank Catterol (Facilities Officers) as they have worked endlessly to prepare the fields around our challenging weather conditions. Also, a huge thanks go to our families. Your involvement and support help to make our school events fun and lively events.

Seigakuin School Visit: This week we said farewell to the students from Seigakuin school in Tokyo. Seigakuin school is now our official Japanese Sister School, so look forward to a strong relationship between the schools. Thanks go to Ms Law and Ms Dwan for their leadership. The BIA company also played a vital role in organising timetables, accommodation and daily arrangements throughout their stay. We also appreciate the huge efforts of our host families who’ve taken great care of our visiting friends. It is fantastic to have visiting Japanese students with local families so that we can build strong relationships, share culture and practice our language skills.

Prep Enrolments: Thanks to all families who have submitted their Prep enrolments for 2017. Presently, we’re 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 consider Zone Exemptions so we need to ensure all local students have a place secured. The email contact is 2017PrepEnrolment@mtncreekss.eq.edu.au for further information.

Last Chance for School Opinion Surveys: The online survey closes THIS FRIDAY, 29 JULY 2016 and quick links have been provided on our school website. All families are welcome to use the access details sent home in Week 1 of this term. We encourage everyone to take this opportunity to have a say about what this school does well and how we can improve. Your feedback is greatly appreciated.

Rob Van den Heuvel
Principal

SAFETY CONCERNS RIDING TO SCHOOL

A number of Mountain Creek State School students carry mobile phones to school for safety reasons. Please can you remind your child that texting whilst walking or riding is not ‘safe behaviour’, as it takes their attention off of the road. It is an offence to use a mobile phone whilst riding a push bike. Thankyou. We are all responsible for our students’ safety.

TERM 3 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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UNEXPLAINED ABSENCE TEXTS

Unexplained Absence Texts: We thank all parents for their support of the SMS unexplained texts. This has helped ongoing contacts and strong partnerships. We also appreciate your understanding as we trial the system. Occasionally, a student may arrive at school and miss roll marking due to unexpected circumstances (eg being at the tuckshop, Kanjini or sport training) and an incorrect text can be sent. We apologise for any alarm this creates. As we all get used to ‘everyday absence notifications,’ routines and common timelines will align comfortably for us all.

An information sheet is available to help us all. Key timelines that will help minimise complications are:

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<td>Administration staff process absence messages to update class rolls prior to marking.</td>
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<td>Late passes provided to students and recorded at the office.</td>
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<td>8.45 am to 9.30 am</td>
<td>Class teachers mark roll.</td>
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<td>9.15 am to 10.00 am</td>
<td>Office staff process rolls and finalise reports for attendance.</td>
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<td>10.00 am</td>
<td>Unexplained absence SMS texts sent to nominated parent contact on school records.</td>
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<td>After 3.00 pm</td>
<td>Reason listed in replies from SMS texts will be entered into school rolls by administration staff.</td>
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UNSW ICAS TESTS

We have received the results of the UNSW ICAS Science test which students elected to sit in Term 3. The students will receive their certificates next week at assembly. Congratulations to all who participated in the science test.

This coming Tuesday 2 August 2016 it is the UNSW ICAS English test. For those students who have opted to take the test, please be at the Library at 7.15 am.

MUSIC: COUNT US IN

Music: Count Us In (MCUI) is Australia’s biggest school initiative. In 2015, more than 550,000 students from over 2,100 schools participated nationwide including Mountain Creek State School. Music: Count Us In brings teachers, parents, students and the music industry together in celebration of music and music education. In 2016 we will once again join this great initiative.

Please click on this link to hear the newly released 2016 song https://youtu.be/FMJgxt_kxbo

For further information https://musicaustralia.org.au/program/countusin/
YEARS 2 AND 3

Each week I have the pleasure of taking a reading group in 2A and 2K. The students practice fluency through poetry. They also plan actions to go with their poem and act the poem out for their encore class. It is such a pleasure to be a part of this each week. Building reading fluency through the repeated reading of a passage is so important to reading development and improvement. Also, we have a LOT of fun.

After the very special visit from our International guest speaker, many classes immediately got busy trialling some of the very practical activities to improve student writing from Sheena Cameron. Year 2FC and 2M students trialled the ‘Inside, Outside’, activity. This writing task gets students to think about the vocabulary needed in noun groups they can use in their writing and infer the emotions of characters in books. We had a lot of fun with this using the story, ‘The Wonky Donkey’.
On Tuesday we farewelled 14 students and 2 teachers from our Japanese sister school (Seigakuin Primary School, Tokyo) after their short visit with us. The Japanese students enjoyed participating in everyday school life with their Year 6 buddy students. They also found time to visit some Year 5 Japanese classes and other year levels around the school. Last Friday provided beautiful weather for their canoe excursion, and on Monday Ms Denning organised a fun assembly that taught our visitors all about some yummy Aussie food!

The Japanese students enjoyed the very warm hospitality of families from our school who hosted them during their stay. These families happily managed their busy schedules to include sight-seeing, birthday parties, sporting events and more- what an adventure! Without the support of the host families the visit certainly would not have been such a big success – thank you so very much.

In September this year a group of nine students from Year 6 will travel to Japan to experience life at Seigakuin Primary school and to stay with a family from their school community – so it won’t be long until we see our friends again!

If your child is currently in Year 5 and is interested in participating in the sister school program in 2017, please contact Alison Law at alaw106@eq.edu.au
After some trying times with the weather, we finally got it done!
Both days were a huge success, with all students participating in the right manner showing what good sports-
personship MCSS students have. Fantastic effort! Personally I would like to congratulate all students in Years 4 to 6
for giving all events a red hot crack, doing the best they could and participating it in the right spirit.

Congratulations to the following students for being named 2016 MCSS Age Champions for their success in the
Championship Events.

In what was a very tight finish between all of the Sports Houses it was Robinson being crowned the 2016 Inter-
House Athletics Champions! Congratulations Robinson.

Lastly, good luck to the 41 students who were selected in our MCSS Athletics Team to participate in the Coastal
District Trial on the 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 4\textsuperscript{th} August at Sunshine Coast University.

Cheers
Mr Barritt
Drumbeat started up last Friday and we have a great group of year 5 and 6 boys taking part. The boys were very excited to be part of something special and had lots of fun. Over the next 9 weeks, through this program, the boys will explore relationship issues such as peer pressure, bullying, dealing with emotions, identity, social responsibility and teamwork. This will surely give them some wonderful tools to help them as they enter into those teenage years and move onto high school.

If you ask Chaplains what is the most difficult and most frustrating part of their job is, the majority of them will say raising money for their Chaplaincy Service at their respective schools. Instead of doing a whole lot of time-consuming fundraisers on my own for little return, I am wanting some help to put together one big fundraiser each year to help raise money for the Chaplaincy Service. I would like to put together a small group of people whose sole responsibility would be to help organise and run this one event each year. The group would decide on the event, organise it and implement it with my assistance. It doesn’t have to be complicated or take up much time. If you are interested in being part of this group, please let me know by emailing me at apulf1@eq.edu.au. Even if you want more information about what it will involve, I would be happy to meet with you to discuss this.

I am off to the Scripture Union State Conference on the Gold Coast next week with 900 other Chaplains. I will keep the Mountain Creek Family in my thoughts and prayers while, away especially the year 5’s who will be on camp.

Cheers,
Chappy
Mooloolaba Lions Club 2016 Peace Poster competition winner for Lions International has been decided. This competition has been run by Mooloolaba Lions for many years and each years’ entries never disappoint the voting members. The theme for 2016 was ‘Celebrate Peace’. This year’s winner was Daynah 6T. Daynah’s entry has been forwarded to the Lions Club District Committee for judging at district level. Congratulations Daynah and good luck in the district judging!

1T ARE SUPER LEARNERS

Last week 1T delighted assembly with their Super Heroes class presentation at assembly. During class the students looked at what makes a Super Learner—Being Responsible, Being Respectful and Being Safe. They created their very own ‘Super Learner Super Heroes’ writing a character description. 1T reflected on their learning goals and what they had achieved during T2.

MOVIE NIGHT COMPETITION

Movie Night Competition: It’s not too late to vote your choice of movie to be shown at MCSS movie night in the school hall on Friday, 2 September 2016. Please vote for your favourite movie on our website. The highest voted available movies will be selected. The competition will close on Thursday, 11 August 2016 so everyone has time to vote and the movie can be ordered. Come and join in with all the fun!! You’ll find the survey at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MCSSMovie2016.

- Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day
- Gnomeo and Juliet
- Ice Age 4
- Pan
- Aliens in the Attic
Every face has a place. This message has been a strong focus for Mountain Creek State School since we commenced our KidsMatter journey. We now have a greater focus on social-emotional learning as we transition into a new component of KidsMatter, called Knowing me, knowing you and getting along too. Each term, students will learn about aspects of social-emotional learning as class teachers implement lessons from the BounceBack! Program. This program focuses on teaching social-emotional skills through the use of quality literature.

The kinds of social-emotional skills that are important for children to develop have been identified by researchers as:

- **Self-awareness** – understanding feelings, self-confidence
- **Social awareness** – respecting and understanding others, and appreciating differences between people
- **Self-management** – managing emotions, being able to set goals and stick to them
- **Responsible decision making** – choosing wisely and thoughtfully
- **Relationships skills** – co-operating, communicating, making friends and resolving conflict

**THINGS TO TRY AT HOME**

Use feeling words when you talk with children about everyday situations:

“You scored a goal! How **exciting** was that?”

“It’s pretty **disappointing** that Katie can’t play with you today.”

Invite children to describe their own feelings:

“I’m feeling pretty **nervous** about going to the dentist. How about you?”

“How did you **feel** when...?”

Have a wonderful week!

Louise Blanch
Guidance Officer
$6,000 TUCKSHOP UPGRADE

The P and C has recently approved a $6,000 upgrade of equipment to tuckshop that includes ovens, microwaves, pie warmers, containers, trays and a range of cooking equipment. The upgrade will help us prepare more “fresh” food on-site – look out for new on-site homemade range – dino pasta (homemade spaghetti Bolognese sauce with dinosaur shaped pasta), mac & cheese, fried rice, muffins, cookies – all made on site and more on-site food options to come in Term 3 ......... An exciting time in tuckshop!

Help us celebrate “Canteen Week” join in our colouring in competition – Pick up copies from the tuckshop and drop it back into the tuckshop. Entries are due back by 8th August. 3 winners will receive a Zooper Dooper Ice Block!

Term 2 - Meal Deal was really well received from students and participation within the school was high (thanks parents). A massive thanks also to all volunteers who popped in to lend a hand – it was a crazy time ! The tuckshop is planning to try and have a meal deal each term, as the smiles on the kids faces made it all worthwhile.

Our school vegetable patch – can you help ?

Nakita has been working hard during the holidays to prepare our very own school “vegie patch”.

Donations needed :

- Seedlings for vegetables and herbs
- Seed packets of vegetables, herbs, fruit
- Gardening tools or gloves – all sizes
- Sugar cane / lucerne mulch
- Good quality wood tables and chairs (make a quiet space for senior students to read / learn in the outdoors)

Contact Nakita Waters 0420 314 441 for a chat.

Birthday cup-cakes

Order your 30 cupcakes for $19.90 from One Stop Shop (Tuckshop) for school birthdays. 3 days notice required please.

If you’d like to volunteer why not email
Learning goals, rating scales and student feedback using the ASoT framework.

Building skills to improve spelling and writing.


2016 PRIORITIES

Japan Festival
Sunshine Coast 2016
~A taste of Japan~

Japan Festival Schedule 14th Aug (Sun)
13:00 - Opening
14:00 - Japanese Dancing Part 1 (Bon Dancing)
Japanese Cultural work shops
16:00 - Japanese Dancing Part 2 (Bon Dancing)
17:00 - Raffles & Closing
Japanese Cultural experience including:
- Dancing, Food, Music, Language, Pottery,
- Arts and more

Raffle Over $2000 Value
50 Pack or 6 Tickets $10

Sunday 14 Aug 2016, CCSA Hall, 1 Hutley St, Caloundra
Free Admission - 11.00pm - 5:00pm

Fundraising for Earthquake Survivors in Kumamoto Japan

Helping Hands Presents
THE REPTILE MAN!

Get up close and personal with snakes, lizards and crocodiles in this fun, educational and interactive program! Learn all about the habitats of Australian snakes, how to handle them, and the basics of snake safety and first aid. Discover our many lizard species including bearded dragons and monitor lizards, plus pat and hold some and learn how to match them to their habitats. Finally, come face to face with crocodiles and their habitats, including the chance to hold and pat a juvenile salt-water croc!

The Reptile Man 5 Week Program

Every Tuesday for 5 weeks from 09/08/2016
3.30pm – 4.30pm for Prep to Yr 6.
For more information or to book this exciting 5 week program please contact
Mountain Creek Helping Hands on 0427 554 866 or email
mountaincreek@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au
Booking forms are also available from the school office and Helping Hands service.

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
Quiche $20.00
Whole cakes $30.00

(48 hours notice for these orders would be great if possible)

Next weeks specials
Lamb shank and Vegetable Soup
and
Chicken Schnitzel Sandwich

Family Frittata $25.00
Quiche $20.00
Whole cakes $30.00

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