PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE:

Parents, Staff and Caregivers,

**NAPLAN:** The National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) results have been provided to schools. Students in Year 3 and 5 who participated in NAPLAN will have individual reports sent home next week.

In 2017, our results compared well to State and Like School averages (means). Our Year 3 results compares well to State and National expectations with our writing, grammar and numeracy means being higher. Year 5 also showed positive growth since they last participated in NAPLAN two years ago.

It is important to recognise that NAPLAN is only one measure of school success which runs across just 3 days of a school year. Our students show improved learning and everyone puts in a huge effort. It’s important to acknowledge that students with learning needs also try their best.

Be proud of your effort students. Our motto of ‘caring, sharing and learning together’ reminds us to work as a team to help students maximise their efforts in specific areas that will help them succeed.

**School Opinion Surveys:** The online surveys closes on Friday, 25 August 2017 and quick links have been provided on our school website. All families are welcome to use the access details sent home last week. 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.

**Science and Spelling Achievement:** ICAS stands for International Competitions and Assessments for Schools. Recently, ICAS results were provided to the school. Over one million students throughout Australasia sit ICAS tests in Maths, English and Science each year so the completion is hard.
This year, over 50 students from our school participated in ICAS tests for Spelling and Science. A review of results has highlighted that Spelling will see 6 Distinctions, 20 Credits and 7 Merit Certificates awarded. Furthermore, Science will see another 6 Distinctions, 15 Credits and 12 Merit Certificates.

When these results are finalised at school, they will be provided to students through their teachers and assemblies. Assemblies will be used to acknowledge our major achievements certificates. Congratulations also will go to the many students who will receive participation certificates as it’s a huge effort to tackle these challenging tests. Each of us strives for our personal best. Well done Creekers.

### Spring Fair:
Our Spring Fair is only a few weeks away so we need your help to pull it all together. Remember the Volunteer Register is now open and you access it with the code p6rb8.

Donations of books, children’s DVDs and lollies are greatly appreciated. There’s been lots of support so a big thanks to those who have already helped.

Don’t forget your unlimited rides wristband on Munch Monitor (Tuckshop ordering system). Your first child is $30, second sibling $25, third sibling $20, fourth and fifth sibling free. More details are provided later in the newsletter for your convenience. The excitement is growing as the Spring Fair gets closer.

Rob Van den Heuvel  
Principal

### Asthma Sufferers
If your child suffers Asthma, please advise the Administration Office so we can record or update their personal student record. In case of emergency, the school has a generic supply of medication that we will administer to students prior to calling parents. However, the school needs parents caregivers to provide Asthma medication for their student(s) if deemed necessary. The school has a process for administering medication – please check with the office.

### 2017 Term 3 Date Claimer

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NO DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

A reminder to all families and community members that dogs are not permitted on school grounds unless they are assistance dogs or a police-handled dogs. We have a number of students who either have allergies or suffer anxieties due to past dog experiences. Dogs must not enter the fenced school boundary at pick-up or drop-off times and the Oval must not be used as a dog park out of hours. Thank you for your co-operation.

SPELLING UPDATE

Has your child been ‘duck handing’ lately? Have they been talking about monsters? Speedy Six? Sound Pic Sandwiches? If so, they have been talking about SSP!

SSP is a phonemic (sound) awareness approach that is supporting our MCSS Spelling Program. Although SSP is primarily being used as a spelling approach, children and staff are finding it is helping with reading and writing too.

The school will be holding an information session next term so keep an eye out for that in upcoming newsletters. In the meantime, see if you and your child can ‘crack the code’ and work out what this says. (Answer will be on the last page)

Mmownnttenn Ckwreac Ssttaytt Cekewll yz u ggrraytt cekewll!

YEAR 1’S NIGHT SKY INCURSION

As part of the science program this term the students have been studying Earth and Space Science. This included a night time incursion, where the students were able to explore the night sky through the use of telescopes, binoculars and a series of work station activities investigating stars, planets and constellations to develop an understanding of our night sky. The students had the opportunity to make their own telescopes and other night time related crafts.
Mountain Creek’s Got Talent is well and truly underway. We’ve had some amazing talent on display so far during the lunch time with many more acts to follow. Talents include singing, dancing, playing musical instruments and comedy sketches. Come along to the hall during lunch times to see our amazing talented Creekers.

Climbing to Success

Tahlia from 3M took up rock climbing only 1 year ago, training twice a week. On the weekend she competed in Boulderfest 2017 in Brisbane. Tahlia had to complete as many climbs as possible in two hours, gaining points for each climb depending on the difficulty of each climb. After 2 hours of continuous climbing Tahlia received second place in her category. It was a tight battle for second and third, but in the final ten minutes Tahlia completed a green climb (high difficulty) to hold onto her second place. Congratulations Tahlia, what a fantastic effort.

Sunshine Coast Youth Orchestra

Congratulations to Arlis (SH) Isobel (SF), Grace (SF), Emma (SS) who are all members of the Sunshine Coast Youth Orchestra (SCYO). They were part of the SCYO primary strings ensemble that took first place in the primary category. As a result of their success they have now been invited to play in a concert this coming Sunday which will celebrate the Sunshine Coast Eisteddfod’s 50th year.

The theme of 50 continues. The four MCSS students also performed in the Carmina Burana choir performance in the council’s 50th Anniversary ‘Our Sunshine Coast’ concert held last Sunday.
This year’s book week runs from Monday, 21 August to Friday, 25 August 2017. The theme is “Escape to Everywhere”.

Mrs Watson and Mrs Smart’s imaginations have been running wild with ideas to transform the Library to “Escape to Everywhere”. They have been very busy hunting and gathering materials from all over the place to create a magical world for the students.

Start planning and making your Book Week costumes now so you can show them off in the Book Week Parade which will be on Friday, 25 August 2017 in the hall. We can’t wait to see some of the fantastic creations the students come up with, just like the Blinky Bill from last year.

ROBOTICS AND CODING

Digital technologies, including robotics and coding, have been a big focus this term at Mountain Creek State School. Students have been introduced to or have continued to use programs such as Scratch, Kodu and Lego Mindstorms EV3 during their computer lab time.

Kodu is a visual programming language made specifically to create games. It is designed to be accessible for children and enjoyable for anyone. Kodu can be used to teach creativity, problem solving, storytelling, as well as programming. Anyone can use Kodu to make a game, young children as well as adults with no design or programming skills. Mountain Creek State School holds Kodu Club on a Monday big lunch for the Year 3s and Fridays for Years 4-6. If you would like to come along or find out more about the club please see Mr Binnie.

Scratch is another visual programming language used to easily create animations and games. It provides a stepping stone to the more advanced world of programming.

The lower school students have been having a great time with Bee-Bots and Code-A-Pillar to expose them to the foundational skills of coding, like thinking skills, problem solving and sequencing.

We have recently purchased a number of new robotics gear such as Edison Robots, Blue-Bots, Makey Makey and LittleBits. Makey Makey and Littlebits will introduce students to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) which is now part of the Queensland curriculum.
DISTRICT ATHLETICS

A team of 23 girls and 22 boys represented Mountain Creek at the 2017 District Athletics last week in Track and Field events. They competed over 2 days and placed 3rd overall in our School’s category. The outstanding performances by 10 year old boys were Harper (5F), 1st in high jump and 2nd in the 200m and Zeplin (5M) 3rd in long jump. 11 year old boys, Hunter (5F) came 3rd in the 100m and CJ (5F) 3rd in long jump. 12 Year old boys, Luke (6GH) came 1st in High Jump and Connor (6GH) 1st in the 800m.

The outstanding performances by 10 year old girls were Sophia (4GH) 4th in Discus, 11 year old Erin (65E) 4th in the 200m and 12 year old Naharni (6H) 2nd in the 100m and 3rd in the 200m.

A sister and brother, Chanelle (4GH) and Aston (6H) both took out overall 3rd places in their Age Championship divisions.

It was great to watch the 6 x 100 m relay with each school’s first place 100m runners from each age group race. Well done to Luke, Naharni, Erin, Hunter, Ava and Harper who ran a magnificent race coming away with second place.

All of our students displayed comradery and showed lots of enjoyment during their athletic competition experience at the Sunshine Coast University.

A big congratulations to the following athletes who will go on to represent the Coastal District at the Regional Track and Field Trials held at the end of the month: Mia, Luke and Harper (high Jump), Zeplin and CJ (long jump), Connor (800m), Aston, Chanelle and Sophia (shot put), Aston and Chanelle (discuss) and Narharni (100 m and 200 m). Great work Creekers!

Theresa Fahey (HPE Teacher)

DISTRICT CRICKET

MCSS had 7 boys trial for the Coastal District Cricket team last Thursday. They all put in their best effort and trialled really well. Of these boys 2 were selected in the District Team.

Congratulations to Max 6GH and Joost 6H. Well done boys and good luck at the Regional Trials.
SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

Differences exist amongst all children and they will all benefit from having their individual needs met. Children with additional needs (such as children affected by a disability or medical condition) may face additional challenges when attending school or in the community.

When a child has additional needs, it may restrict them from being able to do some of the things that other children can do. For instance, chronic or permanent illness may affect children’s physical health. Children with additional needs have their own unique strengths and abilities that need to be promoted to build resilience and support their learning, mental health and wellbeing.

Mountain Creek State School acknowledges the individual needs of our students in many ways. We have supportive programs including our Special Education Program, Guidance Service, Chaplaincy Program and lunchtime activities which support students with various needs. As a KidsMatter school, we believe that “Every Face Has a Place.”

We also support students with additional needs by teaching children how to include and respect others. The ways in which we do this includes:

- Working with parents and carers to meet children’s physical, social and emotional needs;
- Teaching children that we all have strengths and differences and that everyone has a right to feel respected and valued;
- Providing opportunities for children with and without additional needs to play and learn together;
- Promoting co-operative, caring and helpful behaviours for all students;
- Celebrating all children’s differences (culture, race, ethnicity, additional needs).

Supporting children with additional needs is another way that our school promotes Caring, Sharing and Learning Together.

Have a wonderful week!

Louise Blanch
Unlimited Rides Wristbands – **ON SALE NOW**
Order your child’s unlimited rides wristband on Munch Monitor (Tuckshop ordering system) now. Click here to access Munch Monitor [https://www.munchmonitor.com/](https://www.munchmonitor.com/)

- 1st child $30, 2nd sibling $25, 3rd sibling $20, 4th and 5th sibling free.
- Unlimited access to major rides for all ages, Casper Jumping Castles, animal farm and on site kids activities. Great value for money for all year levels.
- No charge for parents attending rides with their child.
- Individual ride tickets will be available on the day.
- Unlimited wristband tickets will be a higher price on fete day. Buy now and save!

Check out the ride photos on Facebook and a massive thanks to Animal Emergency Service at Tanawha for sponsoring our Animal Farm and a massive thank you to Casper Jumping Castles for donating 2 jumping castles—a million thanks for supporting our event.

**9 rides / activities aimed at juniors** (Height: Under 130cm) - Animal Farm, Casper Jumping Castle x 2, Merry Go Round, Tea Cups, Inflatable Rock Wall, Giant Slide, Dodgem Cars, Tennis Groove, Ginger Sport Soccer.

**9 rides / activities aimed at seniors** (Height: Over 130cm) - Animal Farm, Tea Cups, Inflatable Rock Wall, Giant Slide, Dodgem, Tennis Groove, Super Sizzler, Dominator, Ginger Sport Soccer.

**Use these steps to create an account with Munch Monitor (Tuckshop ordering system)**
1. Go to [https://www.munchmonitor.com/](https://www.munchmonitor.com/)
2. Username: mountaincreeks  password: munch4557
3. Click sign in
4. Create a Parent Profile (your details)
5. Add your Students to your account and their class
6. Use Account Top-Up to add money and start ordering Unlimited Rides Tickets for Spring Fair!

- No charge for parents attending rides with their child.
- Individual ride tickets will be available on the day.
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“Like us” on Facebook and get all the news and thank our amazing sponsors [https://m.facebook.com/mcsspandc/](https://m.facebook.com/mcsspandc/)
VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Spring Fair is run by parent volunteers. All proceeds raised from this event will go towards air conditioning in Mountain Creek State School.

We NEED YOUR HELP to make this event a success. Please volunteer 1 hour of your time between 3pm and 7pm at your child’s class stall. Contact your child’s teacher or register your interest at www.schoolinterviews.com.au and use code p6rb8 to enter the booking system.

SUNCO SOUND STAGE - 7PM LASER LIGHT SHOW!

Check out Amy Beccari Dance Studio, Encore Dance Company, Kelly Fisher Kids Zumba, MCSS & MCSHS student performances and our, massive, not to be missed LASER LIGHT SHOW at 7pm.

Bring a chair or a blanket and park your family at the Sunco Sound Stage.

Thanks Sunco Motors at Wises Road, Maroochydore – we think you ROCK!!

WHOLE SCHOOL DONATIONS URGENTLY NEEDED

We need lots of donations from our whole community to support this event. Please help us out by donating the following items if you can. Everything will be on sale at Spring Fair to support our individual class stalls.

- **Books and Kids DVDs** – drop off at hall foyer
- **Whole lolly bags** – drop off to Ms Enright – 4EH (or drop off at admin)
- **Plants** – grab a pot from your class teacher and bring back your plant on Friday 1st September 2017.
- **Cakes, cookies, home-baked items** – if you love to cook, please help our Prep’s Cake Stall by bringing along your home-baked items to the oval on fete day. Information forms available from tuckshop or check the next news-

FATHER’S DAY STALL

Father’s Day will soon be upon us and we will celebrate all things great about our Dad, Pops, Uncles or that someone special! We are running our terrific Fathers Day stall again with a fun range of gifts available to purchase. Prices starting at $1.00 and ranging to $10.00.

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Any volunteers who would like to help on the day or are available to help price items, please text Katrina on 0449 079 487.

Thank you, Marietta Wood (Secretary)
Spring Fair

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Building skills to improve spelling writing.

Promoting high achievement for all.


**2017 PRIORITIES**

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

**Weekly specials:**
Check the blackboard for our weekly specials

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

**Kids**

- Jelly and Icecream and python $2.50

**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

**Answer to the Spelling Update Crack The Code:**

Mountain Creek State School is a great school!

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To download registration forms and pool proficiency form please visit


If you have any questions or need more information please contact Kylie in the lifesaving office on 5452 3712 or email active@thesurfclub.com.au

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**Nippers is Fun!**

Active sports program designed to teach important beach safety skills to junior lifesavers aged 5-14.

**Mooloolaba Nippers**

**Sign On Day**

**Sunday 20th August 2017**

A GREAT way to have fun while learning surf safety and lifesaving skills in a family friendly environment.

**Pool Proficiencies**

Mountain Creek Pool 9am – 11am
Lady Musgrave Drive Mooloolaba

If you attend swimming lessons, coaching or squad, you can get your coach to sign off a pool proficiency form instead and just head to the surf club.

**Payment & Sign On**

Mooloolaba Surf Club 9am – 12pm
The Esplanade Mooloolaba Beach

If you have any questions or need more information please contact Kylie in the lifesaving office on 5452 3712 or email active@thesurfclub.com.au