Parents, Staff and Caregivers,

Red Day: Last week the school participated in Day for Daniel. Years 2 to 6 were involved in an assembly, while our younger students covered similar messages in their classrooms. Students were reminded of personal safety through the key words of RECOGNISE, REACT AND REPORT. The Morcombe Foundation continues to convey this important message to all students. Families are encouraged to remind their children about avoiding potential situations that make them feel awkward or unsafe. Fast and decisive actions, coupled with a report to an authority are crucial.

World Teachers Day: A special breakfast was held in the staffroom last Friday to celebrate World Teachers Day. It was a time to acknowledge the importance of teaching and learning. A number of teachers were recognised for 25 and 30 year service awards. These included Naomi Amos, Steve Estella, Terri Giesen, Leiza Henricks, Kerry Quinn, Jenny Baker, Sue Hurst, Sharon Howe, Jo Kliese, Michelle McCann, Ruth Talby, Kaye Twyford and Sue Watson. Fantastic work teachers!

Enrolments for 2017: We hope most of our future Prep enrolments have been completed. It is important that families have enrolled future Preps as we want to ensure stability for our new students. If you have not completed your enrolment please contact us immediately as we are a zoned school. We are supportive of non – zoned enrolment requests, but once classes are finalised this is very limited due to being at full capacity.

Presently, we are working diligently to organise staffing for next year. Thanks to all those families who have notified the school of their movements for next year. This has helped provide certainty about student numbers for next year.

English ICAS Competition: Recently we received our English results, which were highlighted at last week’s assembly. Congratulations to all students.

To gain a Distinction, students must be in the top 10% of all students. It’s a remarkable achievement. Our Distinction winners were Cody (Year 2), Zaviah (Year 3), Hannah (Year 3), Lachlan (Year 5) and Mia (Year 5). Congratulations to all students for taking on the challenge.

Teaching has been a most rewarding career. I have been lucky enough to have taught in a variety of school settings over the years from the beach (Sunshine Coast and Gold Coast) to the School of Distance Education in Longreach (School of the Air) and at an International School in Jakarta, Indonesia. Teaching has enabled me to indulge my love of travel and so I have visited numerous countries and have many friends living in different parts of the world. Recently I travelled through India with Suzie Smart and we had lots of fun enjoying the culture and was awestruck by the beauty of the Taj Mahal. Travelling also makes you realise how fortunate we are to live in Australia.
**Disco Extravaganza:** As part of providing new and different experiences for students, a celebratory disco is planned for Friday, 25 November 2016 (Week 8). It will replace the Carols Night as we explore a new concept for the school. Our volunteers, P and C Association and Parent Reps have been sharing many ideas to add excitement to the event.

The disco will be open to all year levels from 5.45pm to 8.30pm with food being available from 5.00pm to 8.00pm. We do suggest that older students in Year 3 to 6 arrive at around 6.30pm so it allows our younger students some time to themselves. Older students are welcome earlier, but need to acknowledge safety rules and the music will be designed to cater for lower year levels.

The school choir may make a guest performance with Santa at 6.45pm to sing some carols for our students. This will allow our younger students to join in, but still be home early as the older students move onto the dance floor.

A range of simple food stalls will be open for families to access. This will include a barbeque, the tuckshop, the café and lollies at the disco canteen. We plan to have a few gift stalls available for parents while students enjoy the disco. More details will be provided in our next newsletter. Our plan is to have a relaxed family night where families can come for a meal while their children enjoy the disco. It should be lots of fun for everyone.

Rob Van den Heuvel  
Principal

**External Stall Holders are welcome to contact Talia from the P and C Association via email. (talia.canvin@hotmail.com)**

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**TERM 4 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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Netball

Congratulations to both teams who participated in the Primary School Cup over the weekend. Over 112 teams from schools around Queensland competed with Mathew Flinders from the Sunshine Coast taking out the cup! Both teams had lots of fun and played extremely well finishing second place in their divisions. We are so proud of how the girls conducted themselves, encouraging each other and being respectful on and off the court. Thank you to Clare Barker, Joanne Riddell for coaching the teams and Tanya Taber for being the Manager. Thank you to all the parents who gave up their time to help make the weekend a success!

KIDS MATTER

Dealing with Disappointment

Everybody fails to achieve their goals sometimes. Parents and carers (and teaching staff) can help by:

- Responding sympathetically and with encouragement, e.g. “That was disappointing, but at least you had a go.”
- Helping kids focus on what they can change to make things better, rather than thinking that the situation is unchangeable or that there is something wrong with them, e.g., “What can you try that might make that work better next time?”
- Challenging ‘I can’t’ thinking by showing, and saying, you believe in them and reminding them of what they have achieved.

Optimistic thinking recognises what has been achieved more than what is lacking. It looks at the glass as half full rather than half empty. Parents and carers can help children focus on their own effort and on achieving personal goals as the best way to measure success.

Have a wonderful week.

Louise Blanch
Guidance Officer
QUEENSLAND AND NATIONAL CO2 DRAGSTER TITLES

Mountain Creek Young Achievers students have taken out 2nd and 4th places at the Australian titles as our students again form 50% or more of the Queensland team. The Queensland team has again dominated the Australian titles taking 4 of the top 6 places from the Western Australian team.

Our school team of 16 cars were sent to the State Titles in Maryborough, where 3 won the right to represent the 6 car state at the Australian Titles held at La Salle College in Western Australia. We competed in the Primary and Special Education section at these titles. Mr Wockner put an entry in the teachers section and achieved 4th at the Australian Titles and 3rd at the State Championships.

Our students compete against high school special education students who work in specially equipped manual arts rooms under the supervision of qualified manual arts teachers, as well as against other primary school students. The Creekers can hold their head high knowing that they produce such amazing dragsters working on the concrete outside year 6 classrooms.

The feedback from the Australian judges was that they could not believe that primary school students could produce such high quality workmanship. There has been a request made that we share with other primary schools what we have been doing in the Mountain Creek program to try to promote the Dragster Championships.

The cars were rated on Design (6 points), Construction (24 points) and Design Drawings (10 points) by judges at the titles before being involved in a knock-out racing tournament, where race points were awarded (60 points).

The dragsters times are measured electronically to 1000ths of a second. It is possible that a dragsters performance will vary on different tracks in different weather conditions. The dragsters are powered by a CO2 cylinder (soda stream bulb) and can reach speeds of 140km/hr over a track length of 20 metres.

Congratulations go to our whole school team for again producing high standard dragsters and continuing the schools tradition of success. Since we began competing 7 years ago, Mountain Creek has dominated the State and National titles and is a reflection of the amazing kids at our school.

Craig Wockner
(CO2 Dragster Program Coordinator)

Congratulations to Chelsea, Jack, Maddi and Mr Wockner on your great results in the State and National CO2 Dragster Titles
2016 SCHOOL CO2 DRAGSTER COMPETITION RESULTS

Division C Primary/ Special Schools

National Results

1st Mary Valley State College QLD
2nd Madison B. MCSS. ($30 iTunes Card)
3rd Eneabba Primary School WA
4th Chelsea T. MCSS (Outstanding Effort Certificate)
5th Eneabba Primary School WA (Outstanding Effort Certificate)
6th Bundaberg SHS QLD (Outstanding Effort Certificate)
8th Jack M. MCSS (Participation Certificate)

Queensland Results

1st Jack M. MCSS (Medallion and Screwdriver set)
2nd Mary Valley State College
3rd Bundaberg SHS
4th Chelsea T. MCSS
5th Madison B. MCSS
6th Mary Valley State College
7th Isaac D. MCSS
8th Joshua C. MCSS
9th Sachin C. MCSS
10th Oliver T. MCSS
11th Bundaberg SHS
12th Jenna W. MCSS

Division Teachers Open

National Results

4th Craig Wockner
MCSS

Queensland Results

3rd Craig Wockner
MCSS

Chelsea, Jack, Maddi and Mr Wockner’s award winning CO2 Dragster Cars
KOKODA BOUND

During the September school holidays one of our adventurous staff members embarked on the biggest adventure of her life, both mentally and physically. The 96 kilometre Kokoda Trek, the location of the 1942 World War II battle between Japan and the Allies, is a single-file track through Papua New Guinea which can take from four to 12 days to conquer. Days can be hot and humid with cold nights. Torrential rainfall and the risk of tropical disease makes it extremely challenging. Thank you Ruth for giving us a taste of what you endured...

I had a GREAT time!!! I left home at the crack of dawn one Saturday morning heading for New Guinea to walk the Kokoda track. I was keen on this trip for a number of reasons but it was tricky to work out how I was going to fit my earrings into my meagre luggage allowance!

I chose to walk the trek with a group that was run by New Guinea people- and who were, in fact, direct descend-ants of the World War 2 Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels. What a lucky choice! Our group had the good fortune of receiving great care from generous and joyful companions AND incredible historical knowledge (passed down from Grand-father Foley)!

Being a little bit fussy with the idea of clean, I did worry about how I would cope. As it worked out, the rain came early, so we all got wet at least once a day- a cheap way to wash your clothes, so what if they never dried! I soon learned that the joy sitting down after a ten hour day of mountain climbing (think up then down over tree roots, rocks, through swamps, and slippery downhills- then repeat) far outweighed worrying about washing my socks!

Overall, I gained a real sense of respect for our soldiers, my trip was easy by comparison, and a great appreciation for the people of New Guinea. The unexpected gains from my trip would have to be many. After living in other places (not so affluent), I was well aware of how lucky we are on the Sunshine Coast. However, the people living in villages along the Kokoda track really taught me to appreciate the little things in life- putting groceries in a car to take home, turning on a tap for water, electricity (think hair dryer), food that isn’t home grown or caught, and especially...... a shower, a bed and a flushing toilet!!!!!!!!!!

Arriving at Kokoda Airport

Yes, it looks like nothing, but its actually a walking track

Gotta love bridge crossings

Rock hopping is a real skill if you want to have dry feet!

Gibson, our group’s historian- great story-teller- showing a historic hiding spot for a Japanese soldier.

Maintenance is a shared responsibility—thankfully it’s done regularly
THE THREE ‘B’ AWARDS

Last week a number of students were rewarded for Being Responsible, Being Respectful and Being Safe. Each student was presented with a certificate during assembly. Congratulations to all those who were recognised for following our school rules and setting a good example to their fellow peers. Well done, keep up your great work.

DAY FOR DANIEL

It was with great honour that our Student Leaders, Kiera, Isaac, Chelsea and Isaac welcomed Denise and Bruce Morcombe to our school on Thursday October 27, 2016. Once again students and teachers dressed in red to support Day For Daniel. The school community raised $976.00, which will be donated to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation to support the important work they do raising awareness of Child Safety, Protection and Prevention in the community. During their school visit Denise and Bruce educated Years 3 to 6 on how to Recognise, React and Report something if it is not right and how to stay safe in a physical and online environment.

Denise and Bruce presented the school with a copy of their book “Where is Daniel? The Family’s Story” and some fantastic teacher and student resources that can be used by our teachers in their classrooms to continue to educate the students about the important safety message – Recognise (recognise your body clues), React (run to a safe place) and Report (tell an adult why you felt unsafe).
JAPAN TRIP 2017
FOR YEAR 6 STUDENTS IN 2017

The details have been finalised! We are pleased to be able to offer our students in Year 6 next year, the opportunity to visit our sister school in Tokyo and to experience homestay with a Japanese family.

We will depart on Friday 15th September (the last day of Term 3) and return home on Saturday 23rd September, 2017.

The cost of the Japan Trip is $3400.

This price includes
- Return international flights to Tokyo, Japan
- 7 nights homestay
- Attending classes at Seigakuin Primary School
- Excursion and Homestay to School daily return transport
- 1 night accommodation at Narita airport hotel
- Exclusive support of native Japanese speaking staff
- Entrance fees for excursions
- All meals
- Travel insurance
- Return airport transfers to Brisbane and Narita International Airports

It does not include
- Passport costs
- Drinks and snacks purchased at the student’s own discretion
- Spending money ($250 recommended)
- Gifts for host family

Two staff from Mountain Creek State School will accompany the students.

Flights must be purchased by mid-December, and can only be purchased if the first deposit of $1200 is paid in full by Wednesday 30th November 2016. There will be a parent and student meeting on Wednesday 30th November at 6pm in the school library, where we will give further information and sign the necessary documents to proceed.

Please contact Katrina Dwan (kdwan1@eq.edu.au) as soon as possible with any enquiries or to register your interest.
Starting last term Margret van Tonder started her practical work placement at Mountain Creek State School. Margret is studying to be a Chaplain and has been fortunate enough to be placed with Chappy, as her mentor, for one day a week. Margret will continue to visit MCSS until the middle of next year. Margret wishes to share some of her experiences so far with us...

My name is Margret van Tonder. I am studying to become a chaplain. I was born in South Africa; I am married and have 2 adult children. We moved to New Zealand in 2004 and lived in the North Island in town called Tokoroa, until 2006, when we made the move to Australia.

I have always had an interest in helping people and thought to study counselling. A very dear friend of mine spoke to me about chaplaincy and that intrigued me, to consider what chaplaincy is all about. After researching and speaking to other chaplains and friends (and prayed a lot about the decision I was about to make), I decided this is what I would like to do.

I was blessed to be placed to do my practical experience at MCSS, with an amazing chaplain (you all know him as “Chappy”). He has taken me in, gave me a sense of peace the first day I started with my practical experience. So far I have learnt so much from him. He shows me how caring, passionate and compassionate a chaplain is. During my short time being “Chappy’s shadow”, I have become someone that I never thought I would be. I love spending time with him and the children, speaking to them makes me want to also see the positive things in life. I thing through the eyes of a child there is a whole world to be conquered, and as an adult we tend to forget about the beauty that surrounds us, daily.

Don’t get me wrong, there are times I question myself and ask myself “why am I doing this course?” but then I get to spend a day at MCSS and I get reminded to why I want to become a chaplain. Thanks to the chaplain who is my mentor.

This course has taught me so much, and to see people in a different light. I have learnt not to judge someone, just by the way they dress or look, as I don’t know what their circumstances are, but to look at the people, and appreciate being able to look deeper and see them for who they really are. There is special feeling when you give them a warm smile and someone you don’t know and they smile back at you, this brightens my day and maybe it brightens up their day too. This feels to me I have a purpose in life. To wake up and think “Today is going to be awesome” even though we might end up having a bad day, we get to be someone that somebody else may not get to be. I think that enduring my study’s and pushing through the stumble blocks I might face during my study’s and life. I have the opportunity to make a difference in someone else’s life. And that to me is the most important part of studying chaplaincy.
SHINE

MY POTENTIAL IS LIMITLESS

Within all of us are seeds of greatness...our own unique one-of-a-kind potential. These seeds require nurturing. We nurture our limitless potential by valuing ourselves and having a positive attitude; by placing ourselves in a healthy environment (with healthy relationships, positive role models and people who encourage us to be the best that we can be); by making the most of opportunities to try new things; by maintaining good physical, emotional, mental and spiritual health; by helping others; and by asking for help if and when we need it.

The girls spent some very special time last week learning about deportment and catwalk modelling. They learnt how to sit, stand and walk with confidence and poise and took part in a fun fashion parade. Some of the girls really stepped out of their comfort zones to try new things and some realised potential they never knew they had!! At the end of the session the girls were awarded with certificates.

By Kristen Jones
Shine Volunteer

PREP INFORMATION NIGHT

Children in Prep are active learners who investigate, talk and participate in hands on activities to build on what they already know. At our recent Parent Information Night our 2017 Prep parents were also active learners when they went on a scavenger hunt to find out about Prep at our school. Our Prep teacher and support staff set up displays and shared important information. Families also received an information package to take home. If you were unable to attend please call in at the office to collect your information package.

2016 PRE-PREP PLAY DATES

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MUSIC CONCERT EXTRAVAGANZA

Our ‘2016 Music Concert’ held on Thursday October 20, was a very successful evening. The concert featured over 200 students from all instrumental programs and choirs and also featured the Mountain Creek SHS Stage Band and Orchestra. Items included MCSS Concert Band, Orchestra, Rock Band and a number of small groups and solo items. Thank you to our Music teachers Mrs Proellocks, Mr Hunter, Mr Schultz, Mr Mitze and Ms Giesen for working with our talented students to produce such fantastic items. Thank you also to all the teachers who helped with the concert on the night.

The year 2 and 3 students were also entertained at a special concert last Friday. Students were able to see all of the instruments that are taught in our instrumental programs and saw the Junior Choir sing “Don Gato” and the Performance Choir sing “Rain”.

All interested students received a note about how to apply for the instrument they would like to learn for 2017 and to audition for the performance Choir. If your child missed out on receiving a note, they are available at the Music room or at the Office.

2017 MUSIC PROGRAMS

If you would like your child to be involved in Performance Choir for 2017, or any of our Instrumental Music Programs please make sure that your child gets a note from the Music Room and returns it as soon as possible. Places are filling up quickly and all places will be confirmed by the end of this term ready for next year.

If you would like any further information about music programs in the school please contact Terri Giesen at tgies1@eq.edu.au

MUSIC COUNT US IN

Music Count Us In saw the whole school singing “Let It Play” on Thursday as part of a national initiative to acknowledge the value of Music Education in Australian Schools. More than 500 schools participated in this event and we saw students singing at the Sydney Opera House as part of a live video feed.
CHOCOLATE BOX DATE EXTENDED

Thank you for those who have returned their Chocolate Box money. Please DON’T PANIC if you haven’t yet sold all of your chocolates. To accommodate those who still have chocolates to sell we have EXTENDED the deadline to Friday November 11, 2016. For those students who are keen to try and win the prize for selling the most boxes we still have plenty available to sell. Thanks again for your support in our MAJOR fundraiser for the year.

HALLOWEEN MEAL DEAL

Thanks to around 200 students who joined in the Meal Deal this week! The Tuckshop and volunteers were run off their feet with over 130 Prep to Year 2 orders on Wednesday alone. We hope the kids enjoyed this special treat. Tuckshop are always grateful for volunteers, so if you can spare an hour or two once a week, or, once a fortnight, all help is most welcome.

BOOK PACK – FREE DELIVERY

Book pack information has been handed to class teachers to pass onto students. Office Max are offering FREE delivery of book packs to your home address if ordered before Sunday December 4, 2016. All information is on the form. If you need extra copies, please see our Admin Team for assistance. A percentage of all OfficeMax sales goes back to the P and C Association to support our fundraising.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our Tuckshop is open everyday from 8 am for the purchase of uniforms. Get ready for next year and buy your uniforms now before the New Year rush. Pop in and see Louise and the team.

Shu Valu (Maroochydore) and Amart Sports (Kawana) have loyalty programs to support the school and P and C Association by donating a percentage of sales back to the school. Simply let them know you are from Mountain Creek State Primary School and support our school through your purchase of shoes that meet uniform requirements.

If you’d like to volunteer why not email pandc@mtn creekss.eq.edu.au
2016 PRIORITIES

Learning goals, rating scales and student feedback using the ASoT framework.

Building skills to improve spelling and writing.


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

Coffee and Cake deal $7.50