Parents, Staff and Caregivers,

**Disco Extravaganza:** Next week on **Friday, 25 November 2016** the school will hold its Disco Extravaganza. This is unlike our usual disco as it is marking the end of the school year with a celebration that is bigger and better than ever! Parents are most welcome to come along to access the outdoor seating, food stalls and join in some carol singing. During the intermission our school choir will be singing Christmas carols. Disco tickets will be on sale for $5.00 at the Tuckshop next week.

**Program of Events**

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<td>5.00pm To</td>
<td>Food and market stalls are open to cater for those families that wish to eat dinner before the disco starts. We will have Wood fired Pizzas, Potato Twisters, the Tuckshop’s burgers and hotdogs among other things.</td>
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<td>5.45pm To 6.45pm</td>
<td>The disco will be open to all year levels. The music and games will be targeted towards early year students. Lollies will be for sale at the disco canteen. Glow/Flash products are also available for purchase. Food stalls, Tuckshop and Café Connect will remain open for students and parents.</td>
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<td>6.45pm To 7.15pm</td>
<td>Most Year 3 to 6 students arrive to join in for carolling in the hall during the intermission. After intermission, younger students may opt to return home.</td>
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<td>7.15pm To 8.30pm</td>
<td>The disco will be open to all year levels. Food stalls will be open for students and parents to access, including the tuckshop, the café and lollies at the disco canteen. The stalls and food will close around 8.00pm. Music and games targeted for upper year students.</td>
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We plan to have a few gift stalls available for parents while students enjoy the disco. A wet weather plan does exist using the Hall for the disco and Undercover Area for stalls. We are planning for perfect weather, while being prepared for all contingencies. We look forward to having a fun night for our students.
**Student Reports:** As the end of Semester 2 moves closer, we remind parents that all reports will be emailed to parents in the final week of the term. Parents requiring a printed copy as well are able to register this request at:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Sem2Request

These requests will close on Wednesday, 30 November 2016 so information can be collated and sent home during the last week of school.

**Election of 2017 School Captain and Vice Captains:** As part of streamlining our student leadership processes, elections of next year’s major student leadership roles have occurred this term. This makes our timelines similar to all other local schools and strengthens our transition and orientation processes. Our Year 5 camp initiated the process with student nominations, applications, speeches and voting being sequenced across this term.

Congratulations to our future leaders including Connor L. (Captain), Taisha A. (Captain), Caleb H. (Vice Captain) and Isabel M. (Vice Captain). Presently our future Prefects will include Lachlan B., Charlie L., Sarah C., Lucy M., Liam J., Sena M. and Mia P.

Rob Van den Heuvel
Principal

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**PARENT CONTACT DETAILS**

This term school reports are being emailed to parents. If you have changed your email address or other contact details please remember to contact our administration office to have your records updated. You can email us at admin@mtncreekss.eq.edu.au to provide details. Please type ‘Contact Details Change’ in the subject line.

**ARE YOU A LEAVING STUDENT?**

At times students do not return to Mountain Creek State School for one reason or another. If you are a family who will NOT be returning to our school in 2017 please can you email the office as soon as possible at admin@mtncreekss.eq.edu.au. We require this information to prepare our classes for 2017.
SWIMMING

This term, as part of the Queensland Curriculum, Prep, Year 3 and Year 5 students have been enjoying swimming lessons at Mountain Creek Aquatic Centre. These run for 5 weeks and are a great opportunity for the kids to improve their swimming skills with qualified swimming coaches. The students have a great time at the pool swimming and playing water games, especially now that the hot weather has arrived.

QLD ALL SCHOOLS TRIATHLON

Last week Hunter (4W), Isabel (5D) and Ella (4W) competed in the Queensland All School Triathlon at Lake Kawana. The event was a Regional selection for State Triathlon Championships to be held in February 2017. Competitors travelled from all over the greater Brisbane area, Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast.

Hunter, Isabel and Ella competed in the Primary Aquathon event, Boys 10-11 years combined and Girls 10-11 years combined, which involved 1 km run/200m open water swim/1 km run. All three finished the race convincingly and held their own in the strong competition and most importantly, had fun. Everyone had a smile crossing the finish line.
PS AND 6P TEAM UP

Prep S has teamed up with the fabulous 6P, meeting in the library every Tuesday and reading with their buddy. Students from both classes have really enjoyed reading together and always look forward to catching up on a Tuesday in the library.

6P students recently did a survey on their buddy class asking them what they liked as a filling on a sandwich. They then made sandwich rolls using the most popular filling from their survey and brought them to the library to share with their buddies.

Recently Prep S wrote letters to their buddies in 6P who then sent them a letter of encouragement in return. The students loved receiving a letter written on paper.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to all the students who were awarded ‘Be Safe’, ‘Be Responsible’ or ‘Be Respectful’ Awards in Assembly last Wednesday. Well done and keep up the great work. You are setting a great example to your fellow Creekers.
2017 JAPANESE PROGRAM OF EXCELLENCE

The Japanese Program of Excellence at Mountain Creek State School enters its 10th year in 2017. This Program allows selected students in Years 5 and 6 the opportunity to study Japanese for an extra hour each week and to practise and deepen their knowledge of Japanese language and culture.

Selection for the Japanese Program of Excellence is based on;

- Students’ general aptitude for and interest in learning Japanese
- Results in formative assessment done during Japanese class in Semester Two
- A selection test

The selection tests will be held in the Japanese classroom as follows;

Year 5—Wednesday 23, November at 1:30pm
Year 4—Thursday 24, November at 12:50pm

If you would like any more information about the Program of Excellence please contact Alison Law at alaw106@eq.edu.au

SHOES AND SOCK POLICY

Here at Mountain Creek we pride ourselves on our uniform. Uniform requirements include the wearing of plain black shoes.

When purchasing your school uniform shoes please adhere to the shoe and sock policy which states that shoes should be ALL black (no white soles) and blue or black socks (white socks are not acceptable).

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 MCSS and support our school through your purchase of shoes that meet uniform requirements.

(Please note that the prices shown in the images are only a guide as they are updated on their website).
As a KidsMatter school, Mountain Creek places a strong emphasis on social-emotional learning. Classrooms focus on Positive Behaviour for Learning lessons each fortnight and our key KidsMatter message ‘Every Face Has A Place,’ is regularly emphasised during end-of-term assemblies.

Parents and carers have a critical role to play in guiding and supporting children’s social and emotional learning. Social and emotional skills develop with practice. Everyday situations present lots of opportunities for children to learn and practise skills for coping with emotions, managing relationships and solving problems. You can help children build the skills they need by providing effective coaching.

How you can help:

1. **Encourage discussion of feelings.**
   - Encourage children to talk about how they are feeling. Listen with empathy so they feel understood. Help them to see that feelings are normal, that it is important to understand them, and that understanding and talking about feelings helps you to manage them.

2. **Support children’s confidence.**
   - Help children identify and develop their strengths by encouraging them to have a go at things and find activities they enjoy. Praise their efforts, celebrate their successes and encourage them to keep trying and learning.

3. **Provide opportunities to play with others.**
   - Playing with other children provides practice in important social skills such as sharing, taking turns and cooperation. Help children develop their skills by praising their appropriate play behaviour.

Have a wonderful week!

Louise Blanch
Guidance Officer

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**TERM 4 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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<td>LAST DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR</td>
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For the whole of Term 3 and 4, a group of 11 girls have been meeting every week to learn how to twirl batons. Eunice Wallis, a volunteer at our school has been teaching them the art of baton twirling and they have been dedicated and committed to the program. Last week in assembly, they got to show off some of the wonderful skills they have and did such an awesome job. What was also wonderful to see, besides the skills they have learnt, is the connection the group has developed over the two terms and the sense of belonging to something special. We are very proud of the girls and look forward to continuing this program with them next year.

We ended the Shine program last weekend with a wonderful Celebration Dinner. The girls dressed up and enjoyed a delicious 3 course dinner at Immanuel Lutheran Church. It was a fantastic night to celebrate all they have learnt in Shine over the past 11 weeks. Towards the end of the evening they received their gifts, a DVD, dream boards, and certificates in front of their proud parents.

This is the first year we are running the Buddy2Buddy Solar Light project and I am amazed how many students at Mountain Creek have got behind this fundraiser. We have raised an incredible $2010 which will purchase 106 solar lights for poor kids in Uganda who do not have any electricity. Our students are very caring, compassionate and generous and it is great to see them being so keen on making a difference in this world. This week we had the privilege of having Heather Haythorpe speak to the students about her experiences in delivering the lights to East Africa and what a difference it has made in these families lives. She has been involved in projects in East Africa for the last 23 years and was very impressed that our school was getting involved in this project. Next week the students will be putting their lights together and writing letters to these children. The lights and letters will be shipped off to Uganda in Week 8.

For anyone interested in sending their kids to an awesome camp over the holidays, we have just the perfect one for them. SUMMERSPLASH! It’s full of fun and exciting adventures and activities and is extremely reasonable as far as cost goes. Laser tag, Aqua park, Aussie World, Ice Skating are just a few of the activities offered. It is for grade 5-6 and costs $315 everything included (transport, accommodation, food and activities for 5 days). To register go to sucamps.org.au or email summersplash@sucamps.org.au

Blessings,
Chappy
QUEENSLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

KIDDIES CUSHION CONCERT 2016

A QSO Kiddies Cushion Concert with Jay Laga‘aia
It just wouldn’t be Christmas without QSO’s musical tribute to the festive season. Come and sing along to the songs of Santa with all the traditional trimmings of fun and frivolity. Ho! Ho! Ho! The String Garden invites concert-goers to immerse themselves in the world of string instruments and is brought to you by Simply for Strings.
Enter an enchanting environment where the seeds of music are planted in all who walk through its arch. Look, touch, listen, learn and play all the instruments in the violin family. Feel free to try a violin, viola, cello or double bass in your own secret garden with no pressure or expectation.
Friendly and knowledgeable teachers and instrument makers are on hand to make sure you’ve got all the essentials to help grow roots. If playing is not for you then be sure to check out the deconstructed violin table where you can see how a violin is created and all the components that go in to making string instruments.

Rossini William Tell Overture
Traditional Santa Claus Is Coming to Town
Traditional Jingle Bells
Traditional Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
Traditional Santa Hunt (Bear Hunt)
Rollins and Nelson Frosty the Snowman
Tchaikovsky Suite No.1, op 71A from Nutcracker
Torme Christmas Song, Chestnuts Roasting
Traditional We Wish You a Merry Christmas

Fri 2 Dec 2016 10.00-11.00AM
Sat 3 Dec 2016 10.00-11.00AM
Sat 3 Dec 2016 11.30-12.30AM

TICKET PRICES
All tickets $17
Free entry for children under 18 months.
A $3 transaction fee applies

www.qso.com.au

BOOK CLUB ORDERS DUE
Friday 18 November 2016

Three quarters of children said that they would read more if they could find more books they like. The books in Book Club have been specially chosen to give kids access to books they want to read.

Ordering books is easy. Simply click here to go to the Book Club website, log in, and make your order.
Thank you to everyone who has returned their Chocolate Box money to the office. The response from our community has been FANTASTIC and we are still busy counting. The P and C is aiming at a $10,000 profit from this event, but we need all the money to be returned as soon as possible. We still have over 100 boxes outstanding. To be in the draw to win the year level prizes, please ensure all money is returned to office THIS WEEK please. We appreciate your support in returning money and unsold chocolates.

BOOK PACKS
FREE delivery if order placed before 4th December

Book pack information has been handed to class teachers to pass on to students. Office Max are offering FREE delivery of book packs to your home address if ordered before 4th December. 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.

DISCO EXTRAVAGANZA

As mentioned we are holding our end of the Year celebrations in the form of a Disco Extravaganza to be held on Friday 25, November 2016. The gates will open at 5.00 pm with onsite food and market stalls. Disco entry will cost $5.00, starting at 5.45 pm.

Tuckshop will be open for food sales, Café Connect for Coffee, Woodfire pizza, potato swirls van and market stalls. Bring the family and come celebrate a massive year at Mountain Creek.

If you are interested in holding a market stall please email Gwen for further information gwennola@westnet.com.au

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Our Tuckshop is open everyday from 8am 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.

THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY

A very big THANK YOU to everyone who participated at events, volunteered, or joined in the P and C this year. It has been a big learning curve for the new executive who started this year, and without the help of enthusiastic parents, we just couldn’t do what we do. If you want to learn more about what we do, don’t be shy - grab a committee member for a chat, attend a meeting, or send us an e-mail 1999_PandC@eq.edu.au

Matt, Nakita, Sharon, Naomi, Lindsay, Talia, Sarah, Katrina, Meena, Gwen, Alicia
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

Next weeks specials
Moroccan Vegetable Salad with Chorizo $10.00

Please be advised that the last day for Family Frittata, Quiche and Whole Cake orders is on Wednesday 30, November 2016
The last pickup date for your orders will be Wednesday 7, December 2016