PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE:

Parents, Staff and Caregivers,

Mountain Creek State School Disco and Mini Market Extravaganza: Our school trialled this new event with great success last week. Naturally, we learnt some valuable lessons on the way. In the future, we will align the program so that families can enjoy the carols while shopping and eating outside. It was obvious that everyone enjoyed themselves and a plan was in place in the event of wet weather.

Special thanks go to our wonderful P and C Association for managing the event. The range of stalls and number of volunteers were fantastic to see. 2016 has seen a strong team evolve and we appreciate their ongoing commitment. A huge thanks to the many staff present and a special thanks to Trish and Jenny Baker who assisted with the carols.

School Report Cards: Students will receive their report cards on Wednesday, 7 December 2016 via an automatic email where possible. Those people who registered for a paper copy will have these sent home with students during the last week of school.

Parents are welcome to contact teachers if further details are required. Achievement is best measured against our own potential. Each person is unique with varying talents, skills and academic aptitude. Our school reports highlight progress across the whole semester and students are commended on their effort. Reports help us reflect and consider learning successes and goals for the future.

Year 6 Graduation: We wish our graduates every success at high school. I would like to acknowledge their great leadership throughout the year. Their last official event is planned for Tuesday, 6 December 2016 in the Mountain Creek Hall.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE:
Our Year 6 students have been great role models of caring, sharing and learning together across our school. Isaac Marshall, Kiera Bascombe, Isaac Daniels and Chelsea Taber have been strong leaders. They have been well supported by our Prefects, Sports Captains, Performing Arts Captains and Student Councillors. Year 6 have demonstrated a calm and positive attitude at all times throughout the year. Well done Creekers. We’ll miss you.

2017 Arrangements: Next week a short broadcast will provide contacts, office opening hours and initial arrangements for the New Year. As this is our last regular newsletter, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the students, staff and community on a fantastic year.

Our school continues to strengthen and deepen relationships and teamwork. Enjoy the festive season with your friends and family.

Rob Van den Heuvel
Principal

PARENT CONTACT DETAILS

Next week 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.

TERM 4 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Prices are valid during Term 4 2016 and are subject to change. Current prices are listed on the store website.

When purchasing Mountain Creek State School 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 our school and support our school through your purchase of shoes.

Please click [here](#) to enlarge the shoe images.
MINILITERS AND MACQLITERS

We would like to say goodbye to our Year 1, 2 and 3 Minilit and Macqlit students who have been working so hard four days a week this semester and are now graduating from their programs. Showing the tenacity and perseverance that makes Mountain Creek State School proud, our students have made great progress.

This success would not have been possible without the careful and patient guidance our Teacher Aides Naomi, Louise and Jasmin have shown working on enhancing our student’s literacy skills. Congratulations and thank you to all those involved for all your hard work.

TEAM FLOWER NINJA

Last week teachers and parents were presented with flowers from Team Flower Ninja. Team Flower Ninja’s are kids who deliver flowers and other random acts of kindness to people on the Sunshine Coast. What a lovely surprise to be given a beautiful bunch of freshly cut gerberas from two very cute Ninja’s. Thank you Team Flower Ninja’s you certainly put a smile on a lot of people’s faces this morning.

The Flower Ninja’s presented Ms Taylor, Miss Sharon and a Preppie Mum their flowers.

WENDY TURNS 60!

Miss Wendy celebrated her 60th birthday last week and to mark the occasion she was treated to a lovely surprise breakfast and showered with some wonderful gifts. The students all wrote lovely birthday wish letters which were made up into a very large birthday card. Wendy would like to say “A huge thank you to my wonderful girls for my surprise birthday breakfast and for spoiling me with a goodies basket to take away, a stunning orchid and beautiful amethyst necklace. I am really feeling the love.”
MCSS CHESS TOURNAMENT

What a wonderful year the Chess Club has had. Everyone has learnt a great deal about chess strategies and there has been some keen competition between all players. This term we ran our school chess tournament and the winners are:

School Champions: 1st Daniel (5W), 2nd Seth (6A), 3rd Elliot C (6F)
Junior Champions: 1st Sophie (2M), 2nd Joshua (2K), 3rd Jaydee (2K)

Congratulations to all the students who took part in the tournament. Chess Club will be back next year so come along and give it a go. You don’t need to know how to play to join.

MCSS HANDBALL COMPETITION

The grand finals of the 2016 handball competition were held on Monday, 28 November 2016. The competition was very successful with kids from Year 2-6 getting out of the sun and playing some competitive games of handball.

The finals were close encounters with many of the games resulting in the champion winning by a single point. The spirit of the competition was amazing and the sportsmanship demonstrated in the finals commendable. All finalists received a certificate to recognise making the grand-final. Winners received a medallion.

Thank you to all of the house captains and Year 6 helpers for helping to umpire matches, teachers for your help in completing the draws and all of the players for supporting the competition.

Craig Wockner (Event co-ordinator)
2AK ASSEMBLY PRESENTATION

Last week 2AK delighted the students in their double class presentation singing along with actions to their slide show. It was great to see the kids having so much fun on stage.

THE GRINCH WHO STOLE CHRISTMAS

The Grinch tried his hardest to be mean in our whole school assembly this week. Fortunately the School Leaders, Prefects, teachers and students put him on the right track. He learnt all about the Creeker Code of Being Safe, Being Respectful and Being Responsible. Leading our assembly, for the last time EVER, was Isaac, Kiera, Isaac and Chelsea along with our Prefects, Melita and Mackenzie. Unfortunately, James and Mitch were held up somewhere but luckily Creeker turned up to help teach the Grinch NOT to be mean. During assembly we highlighted sporting and academic achievements. Assembly concluded with a big farewell to all out Year 6 students who will embark on the next chapter of their lives—HIGH SCHOOL. Good luck Year 6’s, we hope you continue all your successes in 2017.
Support-A-Reader

Celebrating with a delicious morning tea, mixed with some festive fun was a brilliant way to end another successful year at Support-A-Reader. This is only a very small way to show our 40 valued volunteers our great appreciation and many thanks for the time and patience they give each week while teaching our Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 students to read. We wish you a restful and safe break and look forward to seeing you again next year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

Tracey Hodgkinson (SAR Coordinator)
I can’t believe I am writing my last newsletter article for 2016. The year has flown by and so much has happened. It’s time to look back and celebrate all of the wonderful things that the Chaplaincy Service has been involved in this year. What better way to do this than sharing in a special breakfast for all my amazing volunteers at the Mooloolaba Surf Club on the Wednesday 7, December 2016. We have around 50 volunteers who helped the Chaplaincy Service run various programs this year and we are extremely grateful for the incredible support they have given us.

Today I will head off to Immanuel Lutheran Church to pick up 46 Christmas Hampers and 29 presents which have kindly been donated to the Chaplaincy Service to distribute to families who have struggled financially this year or they have just had a really difficult year emotionally or health wise. It is so special to see how kind and generous people are especially over the festive season.

Finally I would like to make special mention of the following organisations and individuals for their support of MCSS Chaplaincy Service this year. Without your support we would not have a Chaplaincy Service. Thanks you:

- Buderim Foundation for the vouchers (School Locker and Target) vouchers they provide.
- Mooloolaba Uniting Church Helping Hands Op shop – Food Vouchers
- Goodlife Church – Frozen meals and Free Tutoring
- Fruit Factory, Eunice and David Wallis and Immanuel Lutheran Church for donation of brekkie resources
- Mustard Tree (Immanuel Lutheran Church) for the supply of food hampers for our families in need
- Better Future for Kidz – donation of new shoes
- Gary Clotz, Amanda Morrell and LCC members
- The team of volunteers
- MCSS P and C and MCSS for your financial support

The last week is going to be pretty busy as I am attending 3 Christmas parties, 4 Christmas breakfasts, 1 Year 6 graduation and 1 Year 6 BBQ. I think I may need a holiday after that.

Christmas is a very special time for family to gather, share gifts, eat delicious food and enjoy each other’s company. It is also a time for Christians to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Here’s wishing you all a blessed Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday. See you in 2017.

God Bless,
Chappy
SCHOOL AND
THE COMMUNITY

BUDDY 2 BUDDY SOLAR LIGHT

The Buddy2 Buddy Solar Light Project was a great success. Last week all the students put their 106 lights together and wrote letters to the children in Uganda. The lights will be shipped off next week and get to these needy families before Christmas. It will be wonderful for the children of Uganda to have these lights over Christmas time and enjoy the benefits of these great gifts from the students of Mountain Creek. Thank you to all that participated and to you parents for supporting and encouraging them in this great cause.

30 YEAR SERVICE MEDAL

A huge congratulations goes out to our Adopt-A-Cop Constable Carl Voller, who received his 30 Year Service Medal this week at Lake Kawana Community Centre. Constable Carl has been Mountain Creek State Schools Adopt-A-Cop for 10 years. Prior to that he spent 10 years at Buderim Mountain State School as their Adopt-A-Cop.

Nearly all of Constable Carl’s police service has been, either as an Adopt-A-Cop or a school based police officer.

Whilst working in schools Constable Carl developed a passion for working with children so he enrolled at the University of Sunshine Coast where he is currently studying to be a primary or high school teacher.

Congratulations Carl and good luck with the remaining two years of your teaching degree.

SCHOOL BANKING

We would like to wish everyone at MCSS a safe and Happy Christmas. Enjoy your holidays Creekers. School banking will not be running for the final week. We will resume in Term 1, Week 3, 2017.

Calling for volunteers. Change has come for most of our wonderful banking volunteers. Children are growing up (too fast) and moving on to high school so our long term helpers will not be returning next year. The Banking team needs new dedicated members to help out on a Wednesday morning. Will you have a couple of hours of time to donate? If so, please email me, Amanda, amandamaree@hotmail.com.
2016 P and C Wrap UP

This year we had a changing of the guard with some new faces coming on board with the P and C. This meant that there was quite a learning curve for many of us who were involved for the first time.

Thankfully there was still involvement from people with past experience as without them we would not have had the same amount of success. Thanks to them and the blueprint from previous years we have gone from strength to strength and have had an awesome year with some great events and results.

We have had Disco’s, Sausage Sizzles, Fun Run, Movie Night, Mothers and Fathers Day Stalls, School garden project, Tuckshop Equipment Upgrade, Chocolate Drive and Christmas Extravaganza. Each one has been very well supported by the parents, teachers, staff, students and the wider community.

The P and C as a whole have enjoyed getting involved, helping fundraise and contributing towards the school. Looking back over the year I am over the moon with what we have managed to achieve.

On behalf of the P and C I would like to thank everyone who gave up time to help at different stages and events this year because without your help none of this would have been possible.

The MCSS community is wonderful to be a part of and when you see the kids smiling faces at the end of an event that is when you know that all the hard work was worth it.

I am sure I will leave someone out but I would like to say a big thank you to the teachers and staff who have contributed and helped throughout the year and how much we appreciate the extra time you give up.

I would like to thank Dot, Amanda, Elisha, Michaela, Helen and Deb (Front Office) for their help, understanding, patience and advice. I am told that no question is a silly question, I am sure I had a few at various stages. Also Ross, Frank and Greg (Ground staff Team) for all their assistance throughout the year and always being available to help with setting up or packing down no matter how busy they were.

The Cafe – Sam, Moira, Fiona and Leanne, the One Stop Shop (Tuckshop/Uniforms) - Anita, Louise, Shannon, Charmaine – thank you all very much for your hard work and high standards throughout the year, we appreciate everything you do - also to Brad, Sam and Gwen who have been brilliant this year volunteering in the Tuckshop.

From within the P and C to those who attended our meetings, organised and planned our events and ensured that we were successful – Alicia, Nakita, Talia, Katrina, Sarah, Lindsay, Meena, Naomi, Rob, Sharon, Gwen, Teresa and Chappy.

You were all amazing and I wanted to say thank you to each and every one of you for the time and effort that you all put in this year, without your involvement we wouldn’t have even gotten off the ground. Looking forward to seeing you all in 2017 as well as some new faces for those who want to come and join in and help out.

Kind Regards and Merry Christmas.

Matt Gordon (P and C President)
End Of Year Disco Extravaganza!

Wow!!! Our community voted with their feet, last Friday night to make the End of Year – Disco Extravaganza bigger than any of us expected. Thank you for supporting our event, it was great to see so many kids having an awesome time.

A massive THANK YOU to our school grounds-team (Ross and Frank) who spent the whole day helping us decorate the hall, walkway and tuckshop areas with marquees, lights, electricity, and Xmas decorations. It really added a massive atmosphere to the event – thanks a million!

Also a big shout out to our amazing DJ – Russell Bailey, and all the market stall holders from our local parent community who came too support our event. If you were too busy on the night to shop our stall holders details are below. Thank you for supporting our local parents, who support our school.

Janine Heard – Lice Doctors – 0414 806 994
Educating families about head lice, providing instant treatment and products for on-going management. If your child has live headlice, call me to book in a treatment.

Joanne Riddell – Mary Kay Sales Director – 0407 649 675
Be beautiful, Be yourself with Mary Kay. Amazing skin care and beauty products. Christmas shopping guide out now.

Sarah Harrington – Travel Managers – 0421 109 118
Providing personalized travel advice and support for your next holiday. Call me to be added to my mailing list and start planning your next holiday.

Pamela Jeffress - Independent Thermomix Consultant – 0439 731 487
Ring me to arrange an in-home demo of the amazing Thermomix machine and let me show you how to transform dinner time.

Natalie Birch – Tupperware Manager – 0427 671 550
Place direct orders for Tupperware, or arrange a party and I’ll present to your friends.

Selena Nunn – Jamberry - Independent Jamberry Consultant - 0414 903 610

Sheryl Laing – Sheryl Laing Jewellery – 0427 183218
Beautiful costume jewellery. Made with Love.

Telstra – Hair spray and face painting—Gold coin donation which was donated back to the P and C
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**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS RIDE**

On Thursday 15, December 2016, the Sunshine Coast will hold a Family Christmas Lights Ride. Bring your family and friends and join in for a community bike ride with a difference. This slow paced 12km ride will take you from Mooloolaba to Brightwater checking out the Christmas lights on the way. This is a charity ride supporting Ronald McDonald House and is run by the Buderim Lions Club. Registrations essential online at www.buderimlionsclub.org.au/christmas-lights-ride or www.active8change.com.au See you there!