Parents, Staff and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2: Our holiday break was filled with sunshine for our local families. I hope everyone enjoyed the perfect weather and time with their families. It is pleasing to see our students return with huge smiles and great enthusiasm.

Postponed Fun Run Day: Due to recent rain and weather conditions, the track is water logged in certain parts with no hope of drying out. To ensure safety, we’ll wait until the weather clears before attempting the event. Given potential rain next week, it may occur in Week 2 or 3. Should a longer delay occur, a modified program may be implemented to select the Cross Country team and maximise training time before the District trials.

The P and C Association will still run a sausage sizzle for students tomorrow (Friday). A sausage on bread will be provided at $2 each. Prep and Year 1 will be able to order food using the bag system. This will ensure food arrives to them at morning tea via their classroom tuckshop. All other older students may purchase directly at the barbeque during the morning tea and lunch breaks. Food and drinks will be on sale during the breaks.

ANZAC Day: This special day will be recognised at our school assembly on Friday, 22 April 2016 during middle session. Our staff and students will participate in a ceremony to highlight the importance of the ANZAC spirit to our Australian heritage.

Students may also participate in the public ANZAC Day March. They will need to assemble by 8.00am near the RSL Maroochydore on Monday, 25 April 2016. The parade will march off at 8.30am with the main service and wreath laying at 9.00am. Students need to have their hat and full school uniform. It is a fantastic way for our children to represent their school and acknowledge the ANZAC spirit. School leaders look forward to seeing those who can attend the event.

NAPLAN: During Week 5 of Term 2, Year 3 and 5 will complete the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) to be conducted from Tuesday, 10 May 2016 to Thursday, 12 May 2016. The Friday will be used for
catch up tests in cases of absence. We are highlighting NAPLAN now so parents have an opportunity to raise questions or concerns. Every week at Mountain Creek State School is about enjoying learning and building strong relationships. This includes the NAPLAN week, so please ensure your children view it as a regular school week to enjoy.

**Parent Involvement:** We look to seeing everyone around the school this term. Next week our P and C Association will meet in the staffroom on Thursday, 21 April 2016 at 6.30pm. Our new executive will be discussing plans to support our key events and supervising our ongoing business operations. It is wonderful to see our new committee taking shape and sharing exciting new ideas.

On Thursday, 28 April 2016, our Parent Representatives for classes will meet again. It is fantastic to have all classes with a representative. I’m looking forward to meeting with this enthusiastic group to evaluate upcoming events for students and supporting a strong sense of community. We’re hoping to identify a project to build community involvement and excitement around the school. I look forward to seeing our Parent Reps at the meeting to continue their great work.

With the P and C Association and Parent Representatives’ group, we have over 60 parents who play key roles in regularly sharing ideas to shape school directions. This is a remarkable achievement for any school so we thank everyone for your contribution. Well done Creekers.

Rob Van den Heuvel  
Principal

### TERM 1 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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KIDSMATTER AND POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

This year, our KidsMatter/Positive Behaviour for Learning Team is focusing on social-emotional learning. The team will be promoting social-emotional learning through a variety of activities and initiatives during the year.

**What does social-emotional learning have to do with academic learning?**
Research has shown that children’s learning is influenced by a range of social and emotional factors. How well children do at school is affected by things such as:

- How confident children feel about their abilities
- How effectively they are able to manage their own behaviour
- How well they can concentrate and organise themselves
- How effectively they can solve problems
- How positively they are able to get on with school staff and with peers
- How effectively they take into account others’ needs
- How well they can understand and accept responsibility

**Positive Behaviour for Learning:**
Over the next fortnight, students will be revisiting our school expectations: Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible. At the start of the term, it is good to have a refresher so that all students are aware of positive expectations at Mountain Creek State School. This way, we can Care, Share and Learn Together and have an amazing term.

Have a wonderful week.

Louise Blanch
Guidance Officer

THE NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY

The National Young Leaders Day was developed to inspire students to begin a life long journey of leading themselves and others according to good leadership values. Student leaders from all schools across Australia recently attended the days in each of our capital cities across Australia. School Captains Isaac M, Keira, Chelsea and Isaac D attended the day at the Brisbane Convention Centre and received invaluable in-cites and resources that may help them in their leadership roles this year.

Some of the speakers included Police Commissioner Ian Stewart, Storyteller Nathan Dubsy, Josh Richards who will be leaving to live on Mars in April 2026, TV Presenter Pippa Sheehan, and also a panel of three women who have achieved to a high standard in their field of expertise.
2017 PREP TRANSITION PROGRAM DATES

- Let’s step into Prep at Mountain Creek - click here
- Term 2 Playdate Program - click here

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Ice Cream Week

Next week we will be having our first Ice Cream Week for the year. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday we will be selling delicious chocolate coated ice blocks in all of the eating areas for only $1.

The Student Council has these Ice Cream Days every term and the money that we raise goes towards a school project that has been identified by the student body. In the past we have used money raised to buy new seats for the eating areas, paint handball courts, purchase ball pumps and build drinking fountains.

So make sure bring $1 to school for your ice block!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Book Club has a new look for 2016 and so has changed its ordering system to LOOP, which is the Scholastic Book Clubs Linked Online Ordering and Payment platform for Parents. All payment and ordering of your selected books is completed online. The Book Club flyer will be sent home as per usual but you will notice that it contains all the catalogues in the one booklet. You’ll find award-winning books, as well as old and new favourites. The books span a wide range of children’s reading levels and interests and are inexpensive (some books cost as little as $2).

How to order - Just look over the flyer with your child, select the books you want, mark them on the order form now located in the flyer. Follow the instructions on the LOOP sheet and order and pay online. There is no need to send any forms or money to school.

Credit card payments and orders can be made online, or on the iPhone App or Android App (LOOP instructions sheet) these order forms do not need to be returned to school.

Book delivery - All books ordered will be delivered to your child’s classroom as per usual. Click here for more information.

ISSUE 3 SHOULD BE ORDERED ON LINE BY THURSDAY 28 APRIL 2016!
YEAR 5 VISIT AUSTRALIA ZOO

On Wednesday the 23rd of March 2016 we visited Australia Zoo. We were all set up in groups. When we got there we went to the Ocean Room and talked about some Australian animal adaptions. As we left there, we got to pat a snake. After we went past the koalas sleeping we saw the otter show. Our group took the train to the Asian animals. The croc show was awesome. We had a lot of fun at Australia Zoo.

Summah

On the second last day of term one 5W, 5D and 5E visited Australia Zoo for an excursion. When we arrived we went to the Ocean Room and learned about three species of animals at Australia Zoo. We were able to touch a snake. We all walked around the zoo and saw a lot of animals. At lunchtime we saw the Crocodile Show. The day was amazing.

Jordan

When we arrived at Australia Zoo, we went directly to the Ocean Education room where we learned about animals, their habitats and how they adapt. The first enclosure we went to was the giant turtle enclosure. After that, we went to the reptile house, dingoes, crocs, alligators, birds, kangaroos and koala enclosures. On the way to the Croc show we looked at fossils and the petting zoo.

Jake

We had a lot fun at Australia Zoo we explored so many different animals. Some of the animals we saw were the wombats, snakes, birds, crocodiles, Tasmanian devils, koalas and so many more. But before all of this, we were introduced by one of the zoo workers to some animals and learnt information about them. We could pat an endangered snake. After looking at some of the amazing animals we saw the exciting croc show. It was fantastic. After the croc show we went on a ride and saw even more wonderful animals. Before the bus ride home we went to Bindi’s tree house and after that we sadly had to go home.

Darby
Hi Everyone,

I hope you have all had a wonderful Easter and a relaxing time with your families over the school holidays.

Free Parenting Program: The Chaplaincy Service plans to link up with outside organisations and business to run free parenting programs/presentations during Term 2 and 3. Initially we would like to determine if parents are interested in being part of them.

The first presentation we would like to offer is by IT expert, Colin Dunkerly. It is important that parents are aware that the technology they are giving to their children at an increasingly younger age can be controlled. This presentation aims to give parents guidance that will help them setup their devices correctly so they can take control and supervise their children’s use of technology. At this presentation parents will learn how to approve every download of an app, restrict the explicit language in music, stop the camera being used for social media apps, restrict content based on age meeting Australian movie, TV and book ratings, plus much more.

The second program is a relationship based parenting program called Circle of Security Parenting. Community Solutions have kindly offered to facilitate this program in the school. It will run for 8 weeks and is intended to help caregivers increase their awareness of their children’s needs and whether their own responses meet those needs. With increased awareness parents can expand their moment-to-moment parenting choices where needed. Please check out the website for more information about this program [http://circleofsecurity.net/](http://circleofsecurity.net/). If you are interested in attending any one of these programs please email me at apulf1@eq.edu.au or contact me by phone 54523467.

Sporting Schools Program: We are now linked with this program to run free coaching for two sports (Golf for Year 5 and 6 on Thursday and Soccer Year 3 and 4 on Tuesday). These sessions will be once a week for one hour (3-4pm) over a period of 5 weeks starting at the end of April. Those interested in taking part in these sports to please contact me on the above phone number or email address for more information and permission notes.

The Watoto Children’s Choir are appearing at the Immanuel Lutheran Church and College next Thursday 21 April 2016 at 6.00pm - all welcome. This promises to be a special evening out.

I would like to thank the Helping Hands Child Care Centre for the generous donation of food and frozen meals to the Chaplaincy Service. I know many of you parents donated these items and we are extremely grateful to you and appreciate your kindness. This food will help many families who need a helping hand.

On a personal note, last week I attended my graduation and received my Bachelor of Science (Major in Psychology) degree. It was a very special day especially because I had my family there to share it with me. I know many of you parents have been aware that I have been studying and have also encouraged me and supported me along the way so thank you for that. I appreciate it.

Take care, God bless

Chappy
| Learning goals, rating scales and student feedback using the ASoT framework. |
| Building skills to improve spelling and writing. |
| Social and Emotional Well-being through Kids Matter and Positive Behaviour for Learning |

**2016 PRIORITIES**

**MCSS Japan Trip 2017 Information Night**

Speakers will be speaking from the Brisbane International Academy

**MCSS Resource Centre**
**Tuesday 19th April 2016**
**6.00pm**

Please contact Dwan Sensei to acknowledge your attendance - 54523444 or email kdwan1@eq.edu.au

**Children in school band...**

score 15% higher in English, 17% higher in mathematics, and use more of their brain than those without music education