Caring - Sharing - Learning Together

MOUNTAIN CREEK STATE SCHOOL
Newsletter
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IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE:

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Staff,

School Community Survey: A survey link will be emailed home over the next fortnight. The survey will collect feedback about potential directions for reporting and fundraising. Opinions are being reviewed to ensure that decisions made at school reflect broad support from parents.

Curriculum questions review the move towards digital reporting, the wording of report comments and the quality of OfficeMax as our book pack provider. Our P and C Association is seeking feedback for our next project and fundraising events. Questions help to ensure the P and C Association is able to represent all families. We would appreciate your views so look for the special alert when it arrives. Caring, sharing and learning together is about everyone having a say into school directions.

Sporting News: This week I’d like to acknowledge great sporting effort. Our rugby league team travelled to compete against Coolum State School last week. It was the clash of the Northern and Southern Districts. Although Coolum won on the day, there has been great feedback from students, staff and parents about the resilience and determination of our Creekers. Congratulations to the team and Mr Estella for their great work.

We have had quite a few students trial for both Coastal District and Sunshine Coast Regional teams in a variety of sports so far this semester with more to come. Well done to all of the students who participated in these trails. You did a fantastic job and should be proud of your efforts. Congratulations to Kynan 5W (District Touch) Imogen 6A (District Netball) and Chelsea 6B (District Netball). We also have a number of Regional Representatives – Lucy 5B (Hockey), Max 5M (Hockey) and Joel 6H (Rugby League).

Confirmation of student selections for certain teams has not yet been received. When more information arrives, it will be published.

Good luck to our School Cross Country team which will be running on Monday at Currimundi SS at the District Cross Country Carnival. Our boys and girls AFL teams will be playing in the AFL Queensland Schools Cup on Thursday.

Connecting at MCSS

Allison enjoys gardening and has had lots of fun helping her daughter Charlotte’s class grow a great garden outside the room in B Block.

The children have tasted beetroot leaves, basil, tomatoes, cucumber, lettuce and radish to name a few. Their harvest was so substantial that they even supplied the café.

Allison is also caring for some garden beds in the Prep enclosure. This is Allison’s way of connecting with the school community. There are many ways of being connected at school including volunteering to help in the classroom, joining the Support a Reader team or become a parent class representative.

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Quality Standards: As we move towards the middle of the year, it is pertinent to refocus and reflect on the goals and personal expectations set early in the year. I’m pleased to see a strong commitment to uniforms and black shoes. This helps to maintain obvious visual standards across the school. Many thanks to all those families maintaining the standards that make Mountain Creek a school of choice across the Sunshine Coast.

Also, students have maintained an understanding of BEING SAFE, BEING RESPECTFUL and BEING RESPONSIBLE. These simple rules provide a calm and settled learning environment for everyone. Congratulations to all those students being a positive role model to others. Well done Creekers.

Rob Van den Heuvel
Principal

Early Departure procedures

Students leaving school before the end of the school day must collect an ‘Early Departure’ slip from the office. This is generated by the schools system. This slip then needs to go to the teacher when picking up a student from the classroom. Please consider parking close to the office when collecting students early from school. This also applies when collecting a student from the First Aid Room. A slip must be collected from the office first. If a student is collected straight from the office for any reason the office staff will ensure the teacher gets a slip.

Students who are waiting for after school pickup: Students who are either unsure of pickup arrangements or their parent/caregiver is late should come straight to the office and the office staff will make contact with the parent or caregiver. Please talk to your children about the importance of pickup arrangements as this will ensure the safety of students while waiting for collection from school at the end of the day.

Connecting at School

Being connected at school is not about having mobile phones and computers. It’s about knowing that you can get support, that you will be listened to, and that you can work together with school staff to help your child learn and develop. Working together to care for children is the best way for schools and parents/carers to support children’s mental health.

When schools and parents/carers work together, children find it easier to understand what is expected from them and are better able to manage. They have fewer behaviour problems and do better at school. When parents/carers are connected to school it helps them to get support when they need it. Support may come from talking with teachers or other school staff, or from making connections with other parents. Schools help families to connect through having lots of different activities that parents/carers can get involved in.

Being connected to the school helps keep parents informed. Parents and carers who are informed about what their children are learning at school and about opportunities to get involved, are better able to support them at home.

Have a wonderful week!

Louise Blanch
Guidance Officer
PREP NEWS

A focus on teaching in Prep

Mountain Creek State School prep teachers are part of a project with 114 schools across the state investigating ways to enhance teaching children in their first year of school. Using current national and international research identifying how young children learn best, these schools are reflecting on their current teaching practices and considering opportunities to deliver the curriculum in ways that take account of children’s development.

There isn’t one way of teaching. Teachers make decisions about the best way to teach particular subjects, content or groups of children and will draw on a range of different approaches. As a teaching team we continue to refine our teaching practices in response to the children’s strengths and capabilities, interests and learning achievements.

This program is a priority of the State Government and as it continues to expand to more schools the learnings and experiences of teachers will be shared with all schools. Information about this program, including the research foundations can be viewed on the Department of Education and Training website at http://deta.qld.gov.au/earlychildhood/about/successful-transitions/age-appropriate-pedagogies.html

Celebrating Mothers Day in the Early Years

[Images of mothers and children celebrating Mothers Day]
2A VISIT TO CABOOLTURE

Bump! Bump! Bump! The bus was on its way to Caboolture Historical Village. Thirty minutes later we hopped off the big pink bus, got our bag and went inside. Straight away we had morning tea. Next we had an olden day assembly introduced by a stern lady called Miss Merriweather.

After that we went on an exciting train ride and there were fake bushrangers. They said, “where’s our treasure? One of you has it but we don’t want the money, we want the gold” Sally, a parent helper, had it. I was sitting next to her. She said, “OK” and got the gold from under her feet. I had to give it to them. They said we could have the money and gave us each seven pounds.

Next stop, we went to the washing lady. She showed us lots of washing machines, a stove and 8 kids peg toys. She showed us how to wash clothes in those days.

First stop, we went to the gaol, next the wedding chapel, after that, the wishing well, hospital, houses, dentist, army ships, birds, petrol station, grocery store, donkey, goats and the hairdresser. Then, when we got out of the bus again, we were back at school. I cuddled my mum so hard. I had a great day.

By Chelsea 2A

MIDDLE SECTOR NEWS

Monday 21 March 2016 was National Harmony Day. To celebrate this event in the middle sector, classes wrote a recipe for creating harmony. Year 2W wrote some excellent recipes that they will be able to follow in life, their classroom and in the playground.

Harmony Day celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. It is a day for all Australians to embrace cultural diversity and to share what we have in common. The central message for Harmony Day is that ‘everyone belongs’, reinforcing the importance of inclusiveness to all Australians.
Assembly Highlights
Week 4

4AB’s performance included a staged interview with the famous English author Roald Dahl, about his life. They also performed three plays about funny chapters from Roald Dahl’s book ‘The Twits’. The show was narrated by Sarah and Rachel. Excellent presentation 4AB.

One of our many award recipients last week was Alyssa pictured with proud mum Erin.

4EH’s performance at assembly last Wednesday was expertly done with several students sharing poems while showing images of their excursion to Stanley River. A great performance 4EH!

Music News - Sound of Music Excursion

“The Hills are alive with the sound of”..........MCSS students singing all the songs from the production of the musical The Sound of Music that they saw on Wednesday last week. 51 students went on the bus to the QPAC theatre in Brisbane to experience this amazing show. Congratulations everyone on your excellent behaviour!

Terri Giesen
Music Teacher
Our Rugby League Boys proudly represented the school in the Sunshine Coast Final against Coolum on Thursday, 5 May 2016. It was a tightly fought match with some talented players in both teams but Coolum came out on top by the final siren.

Many thanks to our parent supporters who cheered the boys on from the sideline and the Coolum School community who made us feel very welcome and put on a special day for us all. The NRL representatives congratulated the boys on their excellent sportsmanship and awarded Billy from 6T the players’ player medallion.

Well done to all the boys who put in a mighty effort on the day and played an exceptional standard of football.

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<td>Whole School Assembly</td>
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**Date Claimer:** Movie Night Friday 26 August 2016

**Date Claimer:** MCSS 2016 Japan Trip 15 September - 24 September 2016
Entertainment Books

The new 2016/2017 Entertainment Books are available now! Only $65!

Choose from the traditional Entertainment™ Book or the NEW Entertainment™ Digital Membership, which puts the value of the Book into your iPhone or Android smartphone!

Each membership has hundreds of 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for restaurants, cafés, attractions, hotels, shopping, groceries and travel and contains over 2,000 offers that you can use whenever you like until 1st June 2017.

PLUS Mountain Creek State School retains 20% of the price of every Membership sold which goes towards our fundraising!

The books are available from Café Connect and the One Stop Shop or Order now: https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2247o17

School Discos - Friday 27th May 2016

Two school discos will be held on Friday 27th May 2016 - a Junior and a Senior Disco click here for more information. Tickets will be available from the tuckshop from Monday 16th May 2016.

If you’d like to volunteer why not email pandc@mtncreekss.eq.edu.au
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**

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**Term 2 Helping Hands Activity**

**(MCSS After School Care Program)**

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### Helping Hands Presents

**MY BIRD HOME!**

All children will spend the first few weeks constructing their hardy timber enclosure using small hand tools. Once constructed, the Bird Box will be painted and natural camouflage added. During the final weeks a night vision camera will be added to bring live images from the bird box!

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For more information or to book onto this exciting 5 week program please contact; Mountain Creek Helping Hands on 0427 554 866 or email mountaincreek@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au

Booking forms are also available from the school office and Helping Hands service.