Parents, Caregivers and Staff,

Community Survey: This week we launched our MCSS Community Survey to ask about report cards, school photographs, book packs and future ideas for P and C funding. It is not possible for everyone to attend meetings at school due to family and work needs. The survey is one way that you can easily share your views so they are taken into account.

The survey will remain open until Friday, 10 June 2016. Please help by having your say. The link can be found on the website under the “Quick Links” menu or you can click on this link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016MCSSsurvey.

School Disco: Please remember that our disco is on this week. Friday, 27 May 2016 is finally here and everyone is excited. The Prep to Year 3 session is from 5.00pm to 6.30pm, while Year 4 to 6 is from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. Entry is $5.00 or you can opt for a $7.00 package including ticket, pizza and drink. There is an optional favourite character theme. The café will open for adults, the Student Council will be running a food stall and our P and C will have a canteen for the students. It will be a fun night for everyone so please support the return of the Mountain Creek State School Disco for our students.

Fanfare: We wish our instrumental music students well as they participate at next week’s Fan Fare. 37 students will be involved and lots of rehearsal has already been undertaken. Our students have grown in musical skill and confidence over the years. We look forward to seeing them have fun on stage as they show others how to care, share and learn together.

2016 University of NSW Science Test: The University of NSW Science test, (ICAS) will be held this Tuesday 31st May 2016 in Deltora Den at the library. Students will complete the tests BEFORE SCHOOL arriving at 7:15 am for a 7:30 am start.

If your child has entered they need to be on time with a sharpened pencil, calculator and eraser. Class teachers have a list of students who have registered and paid for the test. Please see our calendar for the other upcoming University of NSW test dates. Good luck Creekers!

Rob Van den Heuvel
Principal
## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

### AND KIDSMATTER UPDATE

**How Parents and Carers Can Help:** First and foremost you can help children by listening to them talk about the everyday joys and troubles that arise out of their friendships. Asking what might have led to others’ reactions can help the child, with your assistance, to think of possible solutions.

**Try a Problem-solving Approach:** When problems arise in friendships it is important not to blame children but to show them how to find a solution. A problem-solving approach is often helpful.

- Encourage children to describe what happened.
- Ask about how they felt.
- Ask them how they think the other person might see it and how they might be feeling.
- Get them to think of ways they could do things differently next time.
- Encourage them to try the new approach – get them to practise with you so they feel more confident.
- Check back with your child to see how things turned out.

Have a wonderful week.

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Louise Blanch  
Guidance Officer

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YEAR 6 NEWS

YEAR 6 TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL

Although the end of the year seems way off, now is the time for Year 6 students and parents to start thinking about the transition to high school. The majority of our Creekers will go to MCSHS but there are some students who will go to other schools. If you are a family seeking enrolment at another school then we suggest you contact them for specific information and dates.

Date claimers include:

**Mountain Creek State High School:**
- Zenith Parent Information Evening (2017 Year 7 extension students) – 23 May 5:30pm
- Zenith Applications due – 15 July 2016
- Young Scholars Parent Information Evening (2017 Year 5 and 6 extension students) – 25 July 2016 5:30pm
- Young Scholars Applications due – 5 August 2016

**Maroochydore State High School**
- 2017 Parent Information Session – 2 August 2016 6:30pm
- Principal Tours – 1st Tuesday each month 9-10am
- Scholarship or Excellence Program Information Sessions – 27 April 2016 and 17 May 9-10am 2016

**Chancellor State College**
- Sporting Academy Trials – 28 July 2016 Touch; 29 July 2016 Football
- 2017 Enrolments due – 2 September 2016

MCSS LEADERSHIP BADGES PRESENTED TO YEAR 6 STUDENTS

Pictured are our Year 6 students who have earned their 2016 leadership badges by demonstrating great leadership skills and most importantly being good role models for younger students.

Some of the responsibilities include being a Playground Pal (lower school), Library assistant, Tech assembly assistant, School Leadership and Chess assistant.

As the year progresses we hope to see more year 6 students achieve their leadership badges. Keep up the good work!
YEAR 4 PIONEER COTTAGE

This term student’s of Year 4 have been studying the Early settlers as part of their history component. Students have had to design and build their own pioneer cottage. Students hunted and gathered for suitable materials to use in the construction of their huts. Pictured are Kate, Ella and Evie from 4W during the early stages of construction.

1PT MOTHERS DAY CELEBRATIONS

1PT Mums enjoyed being spoilt at a Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea. They were waited on and also enjoyed a massage from their child.

GUITAR GROUP PERFORM ON ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday Mr Schultz guitar group treated students, teachers and parents to two songs during assembly. 20 guitarists and two vocalists gathered on stage to perform. The students have been practicing during their guitar lessons and at home.

MOUNTAIN CREEK CHESS CLUB

On Monday 16 May 2016, 20 students represented Mountain Creek State School at the Sunshine Coast Individual Chess Tournament held at Kawana Lake Community Centre. There were two under 8 competitors, ten under 10’s and five under 12’s. The enthusiastic students competed individually against their age level peers and their behaviour at all times was exemplary. Approximately 200 students competed from across the region including Noosa. For some of our students it was their first experience in an official tournament under competition conditions. Congratulations to all our Creekers who took part! Chess Club continues every Tuesday during big lunch under the tuition of Tony Powell.
Coastal District Cross Country: On Monday 25th 2016 students represented our school at the Coastal District Cross Country Carnival at Currimundi SS. Runners who placed in the top five for their age group were then selected into the Coastal District Team. All of the 25 runners were well behaved and supported all of their team members but most importantly tried their best and ran fantastic races!

This resulted in 4 of our runners placing in the top 5 for their age groups and gaining selection into the District team. Congratulations to Ella 4W (2nd 10Yrs Girls), Tamara 6A (2nd 11Yrs Girls), Connor 5M (1st 11Yrs Boys) and Charlie 6P (3rd 11Yrs Boys) for their selection into the District team. Overall Mountain Creek finished 2nd for the day. Well done to all involved.

Congratulations also goes to the following students who have been selected in the following District and Regional Teams:

- **District Tennis** - Amelia (5M)
- **Regional Basketball** – Jordyn (6T), Mia (5D) and Zoe (6F)
- **Regional Football** – Ben (6P)

AFL Queensland Schools Cup: Boys Team - On Thursday last week we had a boys team and a girls team travel to the Maroochydore Multi Sports Complex to compete in the AFL Queensland Schools Cup. There were 8 schools from the southern area of the Coast participate in this event. It was a cracking day in the sun for the kids to enjoy their AFL. Our boys team was made up of 15 eager athletes from Year 5 and 6. The boys finished 4th in their pool and made the semi-final against Sienna, but unfortunately after a hard fought game, where the players gave their all, they were defeated. It was a fantastic effort from a group of boys who played the entire day without any reserves and gave it everything they had. The whole team needs to be commended for their behaviour, great sportsmanship and effort and be very proud of what they achieved.

Thank you to Ms Killorn for coaching the girls and doing an amazing job motivating them to do their best.

Girls Team Round up - All girls know that having a day out in the glorious sunshine with some of your besties by your side makes for a fantastic way to spend your day. Last Thursday was exactly that for our Girls AFL Team. Our team of 13 girls were made up of Year 5 and 6 students who were keen to take their footballing skills to the field against teams from the rest of our district. The girls won their first game followed by some very closely contested games. They made the semi but unfortunately this is where our day on the field ended, but not without a fight! The girls sportsmanship, team work and determination were a real credit to you! I was so proud of how you were not afraid to attack the ball and tackle opposition twice your size to the ground. I had the best day and I hope you did too!

Finally, on behalf of all the players, we would also need to give a great big shout out to Mr Barritt, for putting in so much time to the training our players and his ‘behind the scenes’ organisation. What a star! Two other names deserve a mention - our celebrity coaches on hand for the day were Mr Pearston and Mr Taylor. Thank you for giving up your time to come and share your wisdom and support. Finally, thanks to all of the parents and extended family who came to watch – it means a lot!
I know many of you have been waiting patiently for more information regarding the once-off, FREE, hands-on cyber safety lesson which was mentioned in my Chappy’s Chat a month ago. The Chaplaincy Service has obtained the help of an IT expert (The iPad Man, Colin Dunkerley) to run an intervention program for parents who want to know more about how they can be more in control of what their children are being exposed to online and be able protect them from certain online content. It will be a once off, FREE (usually $59pp), two hour, hands-on lesson for approximately 20 parents who own iPads, iPods or iPhones. The content covered includes:

- 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
- Enable your children to be tracked (and why they should know you are doing it)
- Control what changes can be made to your devices including accounts, contacts, apps, etc.

And more...

The presentation will take place at Mountain Creek State School on the 7th June from 9am - 11am. If you are interested in attending, please email me directly at apulf1@eq.edu.au. Only 20 spaces are available so first 20 to email will be included.

Our Sporting Schools golf and soccer programs are coming to an end. We have had over 40 children involved in the program and they have all learnt some great skills from our professional coaches as well as have had lots of fun along the way. We will be running two new sports for term 3. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for further information on how you can get your children involved.

We have had so much fun in Shine this term, especially the past couple of weeks. Last week we had an ex-model from Sydney teach the girls about walking, sitting, and standing with confidence. The girls all got dressed up and practiced modelling their beautiful dresses and high heels. Even I brought out my sensitive side and had a go at it much to the amusement of the girls.

Have a wonderful weekend, CHAPPY
On Friday 20 May 2016 over 300 students and parents walked to school together to participate in the National Walk Safely to School Day. The sun was shining and the kids were smiling.

The annual event, now in its 17th year, helps promote the healthy benefits of walking, reduces the level of traffic congestion and pollution and most importantly helps develop children’s road-crossing skills and reinforces safe pedestrian behaviours.

On arrival at school the students were treated to a healthy delicious breakfast.

Our students and parents enjoying their walk together

Nathan 4C, Daniel 5W and Charlotte 5KH

Jett 1S with his mum Nic and baby sister
Please support our café - it is operated by our P and C Association

**Whole Cakes $30.00**
(48 hours notice for these orders if possible please)
**Next week’s special**
Balinese Pork Noodles $10

**Also:** **Coffee and Cake $7.50**
(Cabinet food only after 2pm)

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TICKETS AVAILABLE ON FRIDAY FROM THE ONE STOP SHOP OR AT THE DOOR ON THE NIGHT

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**Adidas School Fun Run Prizes**
The prizes have been ordered and will arrive at school within the next couple of weeks. They will be distributed to the students through their classrooms.
2016 PRIORITIES

Building skills to improve spelling and writing.

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

Do you have young children aged 2 ½ to 7 years whose behaviour is difficult to manage? If so, you may be interested in MYCP – Management of Young Children Program. This program has been developed by, and is facilitated by, Education Queensland staff.

What is it?
A practical and individualised behaviour support program for young children aged 2 ½ to 7 years, and their families.

Please contact:
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Mountain Creek State School
T: 0438 174 231
Alexandra Headland Surf Life Saving Club

JUNE - JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY
SURF AWARENESS CAMPS

2016

What we do:
We want everyone to enjoy the beach and ocean just as much as we do! Our great trainers will take you through Surf Life Saving skills including board paddling, surf swimming, wading, dolphin diving, flags, sprints, first aid, surf awareness as well as beach games and much more!

All water based activities are condition dependent
Although we have plenty of beach and indoor activities for these days

What you need to bring - Swimmers, sun-shirt, wetsuit, hat, sunscreen, water bottle

Week 1: Tuesday 28th Jun - Friday 1st of Jul
Week 2: Tuesday 5th Jul - Friday 8th Jul
Ages: 7-11

HALF DAY: 9am – 1pm - $40
(Snacks included). Meet upstairs outside the training room at 8.45am.

P: 07 5456 7803    E: commed@aloxsurfclub.com.au