Parents, Caregivers and Staff,

Mountain Creek Community Survey: A huge thanks to everyone who has completed their online survey. It closes tomorrow so you still have time to share your views. The data collected is already providing valuable feedback about a number of areas. School photographs have had strong satisfaction levels. Book pack suppliers are viewed positively, but there have been great ideas to improve the process for the future. The school and P and C Association appreciate your input as it helps us acknowledge broader community views.

The link for the survey is: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016MCSSsurvey

Staff Training: I would like to acknowledge the efforts of our staff who worked late this week with Sheena Cameron. Sheena Cameron has written many books and presents all over the world. She ran a three hour workshop focused on improving students’ writing skills. There were many practical strategies and our teachers thoroughly enjoyed their learning. We are fortunate to have staff willing to support our students by giving up personal time away from their families. It is truly an example of how staff care, share and learn together.

P and C Meeting: Next week our P and C Association meet again on Thursday, 16 June 2016 at 6.00pm. Our new executive is starting to move forward with key agendas and ideas. Other parents are most welcome to attend and join a vibrant and innovative group.

Athletics: We hope to complete our athletics carnivals during the last week of Term 2 should weather be suitable. Specific days for year levels are listed in this newsletter’s calendar of events. Athletics day is always a major community event with families joining in on the day. More details will be provided next week.

Reporting and Assessment: Thanks to all parents who responded to our survey about reports. This data will be used to plan our Semester 2 report cards. Our Semester 1 report cards will be distributed on the final day of term (Friday, 24th June 2016). As these are undergoing rigorous review, they cannot be provided earlier. Electronic copies will be emailed to parents who have provided email addresses on their school contacts. Should emergent circumstances exist, please ensure your email address is active so information can be received.
Any parents requiring an email copy of the Distribution of Achievement Codes for your child’s year level, please complete a request at the following link https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KNMPNC3

Parent – Teacher interviews: Interviews will be held across Weeks 1 and 2 of Term 3. Online bookings will be used with details being provided with your child’s report card next week. The online booking register will remain open over the school holidays and close on Monday 11th July 2016 at 3.00pm so teachers can organise details. An email alert will be sent home with booking information in the last week of term. Interviews will then commence during the first week of Term 3. Interviews are a great way to build partnerships with teachers.

Rob Van den Heuvel
Principal

Congratulations to our Concert Band and String Orchestra who both received Silver medals at Fanfare this week. Our students have been well supported by Calvin and Terri and have maintained their practice to develop personal skills and gel as a group. Many thanks to families and other teachers who have juggled other needs to ensure students are able to pursue their talents and aspirations. It’s great to see our students shine. Well done everyone!

Lost Property: A reminder to parents/students that everything students bring to school should have their name and class clearly marked on the item. In particular please name bike helmets, jumpers and lunch boxes. Also, bike helmets should be put away in school bags or locked to the bike.

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AMELIA FROM 6H ENJOYED HER SPECIAL TRIP TO THE GOLD COAST

Amelia from 6H has been bravely undergoing chemotherapy and countless visits to doctors and specialists over the last seven months. The family have been travelling back and forth to Brisbane for treatments however, Amelia enjoys school and has managed to attend school with only a small amount of time off. Amelia has such a positive attitude and is an inspiration to her peers, family, friends and teachers.

Recently Amelia and her parents Elisha and Paul were gifted a trip to the Gold Coast where Elisha swam with the dolphins, went on rides and had lots of fun with all that the Sea World resort has to offer.

Learn how you can help Amelia, visit https://oz.crowd.com/campaigns/one-amelia/

NIHONGO NEWS

Japanese Program of Excellence

On Tuesday students from Years 5 and 6 Japanese Program of Excellence enjoyed a karate workshop with Martin, from Sunshine Coast Karate. Martin has been teaching karate for many years after studying Japanese at school and university before living in Japan for a short time. The students enjoyed participating in his workshop and following instructions given in Japanese before having the opportunity to ask him lots of questions about karate and living in Japan. Thank you for your time Martin-sensei.

Year 6 Japanese Onigiri Day

This semester Year 6 students have been learning about Japanese folktales. The main character in each of the stories is given or trades onigiri (rice balls) throughout their adventures. Therefore, in Year 6 we decided that we should test our Junior Master Chef skills and make onigiri. We moulded cooked rice into a traditional triangular shape, sphere shape or a modern cylindrical shape. Following this we wrapped our onigiri in nori (seaweed) and dipped our onigiri in wasabi (horse radish), Japanese mayonnaise or pickled ginger. The feedback from Year 6 students was that it was oishii! (delicious).

A few comments –
10 / 10 I love the salty flavour of the rice ball.
The onigiri was delicious except for the wasabi! It was too hot.
I liked the onigiri, but it would have been better with more fillings.
It was fun making the onigiri.
Thanks Sensei! It was delicious! I want more!
YEAR 3 PLAYGROUND INITIATIVE

In Term 4, 2015, the year 3 teachers and myself decided to review the play options for year 3 students in our designated area. We organised for a soccer field to be marked out on the grassed area and offered colouring, games, skipping and music for dance.

This was such a success for engaged play time, that at the start of 2016, we reviewed it again. Most things remained the same and thanks to Mrs Davies from 3D and her class leader helpers, the year 3 playground is again a hub of fun, creativity and engagement for play times. Thank you Mrs Davies for your organisation of the finer details.

HPE NEWS
Health and Sporting News

Regional Cross Country:
On Tuesday 26 May 2016 four of our budding athletes competed in the Sunshine Coast Regional Cross Country Championships at Elizabeth Daniels Park, Buderim competing against the best cross country runners in the region. Congratulations to Ella 4W (4th 10Yrs Girls), Tamara 6A (6th 11Yrs Girls), Charlie 6P (6th 11Yrs Boys) and Connor 5M who took out first place in the under 11 3 km run and now holds the record for his age group in this event.

Ella and Connor will now head to Maryborough next month to represent the Sunshine Coast in the State Titles. Good luck to you both!
STATE OF ORIGIN FUND RAISER A GREAT SUCCESS

Staff and students got into the spirit of the State of Origin day and enjoyed dressing up in their team colours while also supporting a great cause. The Student Council raised $885.90 for the Coast charity Give me 5 for Kids. What an enormous effort! Go Creekers!

STEM ACADEMY AT MOUNTAIN CREEK SHS IN 2017

From the start of 2017, Mountain Creek High will be offering a new elective subject called "STEM with Innovation" in years 7, 8 and 9. The course will be offered by the Coding and Innovation faculty and will include elements of design thinking, programming and startup methodology in varying contexts - e.g. space-based experiments, wearables, drones, etc. Entry to the course will be restricted to members of our new STEM Academy.

We are introducing the STEM Academy as a Program of Excellence. Students both within the catchment and outside the catchment boundary (Exemptions) may apply for the STEM Academy. ALL students will need to complete a general enrolment application. If students are applying for an Exemption (from outside the boundary) their applications will be assessed on a case by case basis and acceptance will be dependent on enrolment capacity.

Entry to the STEM Academy is by application and students are required to demonstrate flair in Technology (coding, robotics, wearables, etc.) as well as one other of the STEM areas (Science, Maths, Engineering). Evidence might include practical demonstrations, evidence of distinction in competitions, etc.

Application forms are available from Mountain Creek High School office and from the school web site (www.mtncrekshs.eq.edu.au). Applications close Friday 15th July.

For further enquiries, please email Graeme Breen (HOD Coding and Innovation) at gbree3@eq.edu.au
The Shine celebration dinner was held last Saturday at Immanuel Lutheran Church. It was such a special night for the girls and a fitting end to an amazing 12 weeks with them. They dressed up and enjoyed an awesome 3 course meal provided by our leaders. Between courses, the girls got up and entertained us through song and dance. The leaders also got in on the act as well. It was a fantastic night to celebrate all that the girls had learnt during their time in Shine. Towards the end of the evening they received their gifts, dream boards, and certificates in front of their proud parents.

The IT presentation by Colin Dunkerley (aka, The iPad Man) was a fantastic success. The 15 parents, who were fortunate to receive this once off FREE hands on lesson, were blown away by what they had learnt. They provided us with some very positive feedback. It was clear from this feedback that very few people are shown how much power they have to control their children’s devices in their homes. The more parents that have this knowledge, the safer our children will be. We are extremely grateful to Colin for his willingness to help our MCSS families. We are looking to running this program again. If you are interested, please email me at apulf1@eq.edu.au. A discounted price will be offered for MCSS parents.

It will be a busy start to the term 3 with the Year 5 camp, SU State Conference, and Drumbeat Program (boys program) all happening at the start of the term. I am also busy organising another Shine program which will be begin in Week 5 as well as preparing for the 8 hour famine which will take place in August. We are also keen to do a Chaplaincy fundraiser through the Sunshine Coast Marathon. More details to come about all these events in the next newsletter.

Have a warm and relaxing weekend everyone.

Chappy
DISCO SUCCESS!

WOW! What an amazing turnout for our first disco this year. There were hundreds of excited kids who were keen to get their boogey on while parents could sit back and relax on the gorgeous GLOW chairs (and other furniture) that were kindly donated by Perry’s Hire/Go Glow Party Hire. It was a lovely atmosphere where the school community could find out about the upcoming change to the NBN from the Telstra table and the kids could have a free funky hairspray. I would like to send out a huge THANK YOU to all the people who helped in the planning of this event as well as all the volunteers who helped on the night, without you these sorts of events would not be possible. The disco raised $4120 for the P and C which will go towards their next project. Talia

Bec and Jason  
Telstra Store 
Maroochydore 
Shop 123, Sunshine Plaza, Horton Pde, 
Maroochydore, Q, 4558

Thanks to these amazing businesses for their support!

www.goglowpartyhire.com.au

www.perryshire.com.au

P AND C MEETING - Thursday 16 June 2016 - 6.30pm

‘COOL’ SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS MCSS Hall

Makin’ Music FB Event: https://www.facebook.com/events/364320627024987/  
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

Japanese Trip

Students from our school are visiting Japan this year. Planning is already underway for subsequent trips. If your child is in Year 6 in 2017 (currently in Year 5) and you would like to know more about how he or she could be involved please contact Alison Law (alaw106@eq.edu.au) for more information.

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
Lamb souvlaki $10

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

ONE STOP SHOP

Uniforms
Reminder: Year 5 students can wear SENIOR jackets this winter - They are $45 at the One Stop Shop