School Report Cards: Students will receive their report cards on Friday, 4 December 2015 (tomorrow). Parents may contact teachers if further details are required. Our school reports highlight progress across the whole semester and students are commended on their effort. Achievement is best measured against our own potential. Each person is unique with varying talents, skills and academic aptitude. As I review my own children’s reports, I’ll take time to talk with them about their learning successes and goals for the future.

We are focused on getting over 1000 report cards distributed in the second last week of school. If your child is absent during the week, you will still receive an electronic copy via email on Friday.

This year a very short survey link has been included with reports. We’d appreciate your opinions about using electronic reports for all families and only supplying paper copies upon request. This would support the environment by limiting paper. It would also mean reports could be sent home a week earlier as the production and printing does take time. There was a time when newsletters became digital and we are seeking feedback to see if reporting has moved to this stage as well.

Mountain Creek State School Community Carols: Our school Carols was a huge success with the weather being kind to our community. Special thanks goes to our specialist staff and the P and C Association for managing the event. Terri Giesen, Natalie Proelocks, Steve Schultz and Keith Campbell provided live music for our wonderful students. Also, there were many staff and parent volunteers helping at food stalls and organising the stage area.

A special mention goes to Mrs McCann, Helen Chapman and 5Mc who ran a cake stall to support Amelia in their class. They appreciate the many donated cakes to sell. Amelia and her family are contending with a medical condition which has placed hardship on their family. 5Mc raised over $700 to support their family. It’s wonderful to see caring, sharing and learning together in action.

Pictured with Rob Van den Heuvel are some of our staff here at Mountain Creek: Amanda Morrell (Admin Officer), Deb Lawrence (Deputy Principal), Jamie Blanch (ICT Manager) and students Lucy, Emily and Alysha from 4AB.

Amanda, Deb and Jamie along with many others worked tirelessly on the night with cooking, serving and audio visual requirements.

Many families and staff were dressed for the occasion in Xmas tshirts and hats which added to the festivity of the evening.

It was a great night to share with the Mountain Creek Community.
Year 6 Graduation: This special event is planned for Tuesday, 8 December 2015 in the Mountain Creek Hall. We wish our graduates every success for the future at High School. I would like to acknowledge their great leadership throughout the year. These students have been quality role models and exemplified caring, sharing and learning together. Brooke, Matt, Sienna and Samuel have been fantastic student leaders. They have been supported by quality learning across Year 6. Year 6 have set a calm and positive culture throughout the entire student body. Well done Creekers. We’ll miss you.

2016 Arrangements: Next week a very 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. Have a exciting holiday with your family and make plenty of time for those you love most.

Rob Van den Heuvel
Principal

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POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL) UPDATE

What a fabulous end to our school year. Our Christmas Carols community event was a perfect example of “Every Face has a Place” at Mountain Creek State School.

Next year we’ll be introducing BounceBack as our social and emotional teaching program. This will provide us with a wealth of resources and lessons to teach vital social and emotional skills to our children.

We wish all families a safe and happy holidays and look forward to working together to build on our (already) positive school community.
2015 SCHOOLS CO2 DRAGSTER COMPETITION

Mountain Creek Young Achievers students have taken out 3-6th places at the Australian titles as they again form the backbone of the Queensland team. For the 4th year running Queensland has taken out the first 6 positions at the Australian titles.

Our school team of 16 cars were sent to the State Titles in Maryborough, where 4 were chosen to attend the Australian Titles in Bundaburg as part of a 6 car team. We compete in the Primary and Special Education section at these titles.

The students from Warwick S.H.S. who won the competition would be completing their cars in specially equipped manual arts rooms under the supervision of qualified manual arts teachers, and design drawing being completed using computer technology. Therefore Creekers you can hold your head high that you were so close when you consider that you make yours on the back deck of the hall.

The cars were rated on Design (6 points), Construction (24 points) and Design Drawings (10 points) by judges at the titles before being involved in a knock-out racing tournament, where race points were awarded (60 points).

The dragsters times are measured electronically to 1000ths of a second. It is possible that a dragsters performance will vary on different tracks in different weather conditions. The dragsters are powered by a CO2 cylinder (soda stream bulb) and can reach speeds of 140km/ hr over a track length of 20 metres.

Congratulations go to our whole school team for again producing amazing standard dragsters to continue the schools tradition of success. Since we began competing 7 years ago, Mountain Creek has dominated the State and National titles and is a reflection of the amazing kids that the school produces.

Craig Wockner
(CO2 Dragster Program Coordinator)

Division C Primary/Special Schools

National Results:
1st and 2nd Warwick SHS, 3rd Matthew (6A), Grace (6F), 5th Aleisha (6T), 6th Charlotte (6B)

Queensland Results:
1st and 2nd Warwick SHS, 3rd Charlotte (6B), 4th Matthew (6A), 5th Aleisha (6T), 6th Grace (6F), 7th Ben (6H), 8th Millana (6B), 9th Sam (6N), 10th Connor (6B), 11th Sienna (6B), 12th Will (6H), 13th Warwick SHS, 14th Hayden (6B), 15th Jackson (6B), 16th Joseph (6B), 17th Bailey (6N), 18th Sasha (6N)
This week we celebrated another highly successful year of Support a Reader with a morning tea to thank our 41 dedicated volunteers. During 2015 over a hundred students participated in the daily reading program with wonderful results. Support a Reader is a five day a week program where children read with a trained volunteer to practice using reading strategies and gain confidence with reading fluency. If you find yourself with a free morning next year please consider becoming a member of our Support a Reader army.

**SCHOOL CHESS CHAMPS 2015**

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 Nathan (6N), 2nd Connor (4W), 3rd Matthew (6A)
- **Junior Champions**: 1st Rhys (3LQ), 2nd Mikhail (2K), 3rd Nathan (3T)

**SAR VOLUNTEER MORNING TEA**

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**TERM 4 WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

We’ve heard of Santa’s elves before but yesterday we learnt that our school mascot Creeker has some elves of his own to help spread the word about the Creeker Code of being safe, respectful and responsible. Our Whole School Assembly started with one of his elves arriving on the stage via a zip line. Leading our assembly were our outstanding school captains Matthew, Sam, Brooke and Sienna dressed as Creeker’s elves. During the assembly we highlighted sporting, academic and cultural achievements and also enjoyed a lively performance by the strings orchestra and combined school choirs.

**STUDENT COUNCIL**

Yesterday we rewarded our amazing group of Student Councillors for all of their hard work and dedication this year. They have given up lunch hours and time after school to make sure that our fundraising efforts throughout the school run smoothly. All of the money raised is going towards new handball courts. Great job everyone, you are awesome!
MCSS CHRISTMAS CAROLS 2015
Sunshine Coast Cheerleaders are amazing!

Juliet and Emily from 3HY had a wonderful weekend in Melbourne representing the Vipers from Sunshine Coast Cheerleading at the AASCF National Cheer and Dance Championships. Cheer teams from all over Australia came to compete in this massive competition where 9000 athletes competed over 3 days in front of 16000 spectators.

There were a whopping 15 teams in the Junior division and only the top 5 teams were awarded a place. Juliet and Emily were thrilled when it was announced that their team came 5th in Australia in their division! They love cheerleading so much and all their hard work is paying off. Well done, Juliet and Emily.

4C and 4/3G Rocket Day

Term 4 students in 4C and 4/3G undertook the science unit “Forces”. In this unit we studied Sir Isaac Newton, energy and forces that act upon objects when moving and at rest. The year 3 unit is “Insulation”. This unit studies what materials are used for insulation how insulation works.

We set the task for the students to:-

- Study the forces that act on a rocket
- Build a model rocket from a kit
- Research a lightweight material to insulate the rocket recovery system (parachute/ streamer) from the heat of the motor without affecting its flight trajectory
- Launch the rocket on the oval
- Analyse the success of their chosen insulation material.

We launched 52 rockets with a mix of success. The majority had an excellent flight path and recovery, while others taught us a valuable lesson in stability and insulation.

The kids had a blast and learned so much. Well done scientists!

Craig Wockner and Erica Green
Chappy’s Chat

I have really enjoyed spending quality time with all the preps this week sharing a story, song and a little of “what a Chappy does”. They are all so cute and I look forward to getting to know them more as they move on through the grades.

The volunteers are very special to us at Mountain Creek. In the Chaplaincy Service we have around 35 of them who help out with various activities such as the Shine program, Mentoring program, Chappy brekkie, LCC and fundraising activities. Recently, we held a special volunteers lunch for them, as well as our wonderful RI teachers, to thank them for all they have done for the school and in particular the Chaplaincy Service. The volunteers each received a small gift in appreciation for their hard work, dedication and service.

The last week of school will be spent “playing Santa”. I will have the privilege of handing out food hampers and presents (donated by Immanuel Lutheran Church) to some Mountain Creek families. I have also invited the High School Chappies over to speak with the 6’s and 7’s and share a little about what the Chaplaincy service offers at the high school. In addition, I will be attending the Grade 6 graduation as well as any end of year class celebrations. I LOVE MY JOB!

I wish you all a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. What a fantastic 2015 it has been.

May God Bless you and keep you safe over the holidays. See you in 2016.

Chappy

Merry Christmas from the Banking Team

Thanks to all of you that banked this year, it’s been another great banking year for the school (and your bank accounts!). We will be processing deposits in the last week of school & then will recommence banking in week 3 of 2016. Any rewards ordered in the last week i.e. Wed 9th Dec will be delivered early next year or you can carry your tokens into next year.

We would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year and thanks for your support of school banking this year.

Cheers from your Banking Team
Helping Hands - Vacation Care

Vacation Care is here with our new and adventurous program for all ages. Get excited as we are heading to Aussie World these holidays. Make sure you come and see Sam at our OSHC Service for more information and enrolment packs to secure your spots over the Summer Holidays. We are closed from Friday 18 December 2015 6pm and re-open at 6.30am on Monday 4 January 2016. We would love to see your happy faces there. Our number is 0427554866, if you have any questions!

FIRST DAY BACK AT SCHOOL

Wednesday
27 January 2016