

MOUNTAIN CREEK STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Student Leaders: Last week was very important for our student leaders who participated in their first major public event. Our Leadership Investiture was held on Friday. During the event, Captains Adela Imeri and Billy Whyte made their inaugural speeches with Vice Captains Chloe Rounds and Sunny McCleod providing a vote of thanks to all guests and visitors. Badges were presented to Captains, Vice Captains, Prefects, Performing Arts Captains, Student Councillors and Sports Leaders. Congratulations to them and all Year 6 students on their acknowledgement. Our Year 6 students are all leaders, helping to set a fantastic standard for others. We look forward to seeing your innovative ideas and great achievements.



Adela Imeri, Billy Whyte, Chloe Rounds and Sunny McCleod

A full list of student leaders can be found by clicking [here](#).



School Captains



Prefects



Year 6 Student Council



Performing Arts Captains



Kenny House Captains



Cawley House Captains



Robinson House Captains



Curry House Captains



Progress Interviews for Term 1: This year we will be adjusting our assessment and reporting processes to provide ongoing information to families each term rather than providing all details at the end of each semester. Report cards will continue to be provided at the end of Term 2 and 4. However, progress interviews will occur at the end of Term 1 and 3. Due to the impact of COVID-19 during 2020 we were only able to conduct phone interviews. Our plan is to organise face to face interview times.

Interviews at the end of Term 1 and 3 will enable parents to get information about students' learning well before reports are finalised. This will mean teachers and parents can discuss how students have achieved with their initial units of work prior to the semester ending. Goals and strategies can be put in place to support students for the next term's work is completed.

Our intention is to make interviews about sharing student work so families and the school can work more easily together. Waiting until a report is finished before having an interview means that 6 months of learning is already complete before discussions occur. I would encourage all parents to avail themselves of the opportunity to talk with teachers in Week 9 of Term 1. Booking information will be provided later in Term 1.

Year 6 Camp: This week our Year 6 students have gone to Tallebudgera Beach School as part of developing all students' leadership potential. Students have left behind their familiar surroundings to embrace an exciting adventure of self-discovery where there are challenges to solve. The concept embraces a hero's or explorer's journey. These experiences will contribute to personal development. Naturally, there will be lots of fun activities as students work with their friends. I look forward to dropping in for a few days. Camps and excursions are an important part of developing confidence and learning practical skills.

Best wishes

Dominic Carter
Acting Principal

STUDENT ARRIVAL TIME AT SCHOOL

It has come to our attention that some students are arriving at school too early. We have staff starting at 8:15 am who will be supervising areas around the school. Please make sure that your children are **NOT** arriving at school earlier than 8 am in the morning. Between 8 and 8:15 am students will be required to sit in the covered areas close to their classrooms. From 8:15 am there will be a range of suitable activities for students to do. Please remind your children that they are not to be running around the buildings playing tiggy.

Thank you for support

Dominic Carter
Principal





ONLINE SERVICES CONSENT FORM

Early next week, MCSS will be emailing parents an “Online Services Consent Form” that provides your student access to online learning websites for use at MCSS. The purpose of this form is to inform parents about the third party online services used in our school and how student information, including personal information, may be recorded, used, disclosed, and published to the services. In the past this form was done as part of the enrolment package and in paper form. This digital process allows us to better maintain our records if sites or Terms of agreements change.

The email and form you will receive is quite in-depth and may appear daunting, so below is a small summary of what the form is asking, including some of the websites we use.

- All Web Services used by MCSS are risk assessed by The Department of Education.
- We use a small number of Web Services that require a student account and we use the bare minimum student details required to create the accounts with these services as advised by Education Queensland in their Risk Review.
- The sites we use are common sites used by most state schools in Queensland which include sites like Mathletics, Sunshine Classics and Sunshine Online. The full list is in the form.

This digital Online Services Consent Form is a record of the consent provided by you as a parent/caregiver to allow your child to use these services for online learning at school and at home.

The form will be sent to all parents that receive correspondence from the school for your convenience. **ONLY one parent needs to complete the form.**

Below is a preview of what the Form will look like. The email will be from theprincipal@mtncreeksss.eq.edu.au If you don't receive the form please check your junk/spam box.

Click on the URL and enter the unique LoginID and Access Code **supplied on your email**. (The logonID and access code below is not your unique details, yours will be in your email next week).

Dear John,
Our school uses tools and resources to support student learning, including third party (non-departmental) online services hosted and managed outside of the Department of Education network.
Online services, including websites, web applications, and mobile applications, are delivered over the internet or require internet connectivity. Examples may include interactive learning sites and games, online collaboration and communication tools, web-based publishing and design tools, learning management systems, and file storage and collaboration services.
This email and survey instrument is to inform you about the third party online services used in our school and how your child's information, including personal information and works, may be recorded, used, disclosed, and published to the services (if you provide your consent for this to occur).

The Online Services Consent Form is a record of the consent provided.
Parents are asked to read the information contained in this email before using details below to login to the Online Services Consent Form (the form) and complete it by Wednesday, 25 August 2020

LoginID: 4543024
Access Code: 89776
URL: <https://survey.qed.qld.gov.au/invite/5279.aspx>

About the online services
After evaluation, the principal has deemed specific third party online services appropriate for school use. These online services are listed on the consent form.
Third party online service providers are external to the school, and the services may be hosted onshore in Australia or offshore outside of Australia. Data that is entered into offshore services may not be subject to Australian privacy laws. When considering whether to provide your consent, we encourage you to read the information provided about each online service, including the *terms of use* and *privacy policy*, which outline how information and works will be used and under what circumstances they may be shared.

Student information
The consent collected by the form covers both student personal information (e.g. name, date of birth) and school-based information (e.g., student username, email, year level) as outlined on the form.





FINANCE NEWS

SCHOOL FINANCE HOURS

Payments are able to taken at the TAP n GO window located at the rear of the Administration Building on a **Monday and Wednesday morning from 8 am to 11 am.**

Our preferred methods of payment are:

- **BPoint**—an online payment system which provides a secure and efficient method of collecting payments from parents/caregivers. It is the preferred payment method for the Department of Education due to the efficiencies that automated receipting brings. BPOINT payment methods are listed on invoices generated. BPOINT allows parents/caregivers make payments from their electronic devices.
- **Telephone payments via the BPoint Interactive Voice Response (IVR)** – OneSchool invoices include the Bpoint IVR phone number 1300 631 073 for parents/caregivers to call to make payments
- **TAP n GO payment window** – Located at the rear of the Administration Building open on a Monday and Wednesday morning from 8am to 11am
- **Cash** – **If paying by cash, please ensure you have the exact amount, as the office is not able to provide change.** Any additional amount received will be receipted as credit for your child.

DEBTOR STATEMENTS

Please note that the Debtor Statements that are emailed out to parents/caregivers may also contain credits. **If there is a minus before the amount on your statement, this is a credit, please do not pay.**

OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS

If you have any queries on tax invoices please contact the Office on 5452 3444.

Thank you

SCHOOL CLEAN UP DAY

Schools Clean Up Day is a fun and engaging way to teach young Australians about the responsible disposal of rubbish, resource recovery and the repercussions of rubbish dumped in the local environment. This year Schools Clean Up Day is on Friday 5 March 2021.

Here at Mountain Creek State School not only will we be encouraging our students to clean up their own school environment but we will also be sending our Year 4 Young Achievers to Kawana Beach on Friday 5 March 2021 to help with the clean up on the beach.

Clean up Australia Day is Sunday 7 March 2021! Make sure you put your rubbish in the bin! For more information please visit [Clean Up Australia 2020](https://www.cleanupauss.com.au/).





MCSS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to Jacob 5E, Taya 6K, Chloe 6M, Jack 6K, Bostin 6C, Chase 6B, Grace 6B and Evie 6C who all attended the Coastal District Swimming Trials on Wednesday 17 February 2020 at Cotton Tree Aquatic Centre. They wore their MCSS uniform with pride and swam like Olympians!

Special congratulations goes to Evie who placed 3rd in her 50m Breaststroke event and Taya who placed in her 50m Freestyle. Jack placed in six of his seven events awarding him the 2021 Age Champion Runner Up for the 12 year old boys, congratulations! Taya and Jack will now go onto the Coastal District Swimming trials after selection in the team. Well done!



YEAR 2 SWIMMING

This term, as part of the Queensland Curriculum, Years 1, 2 and Year 4 students have been enjoying swimming lessons at Mountain Creek Aquatic Centre. These run for 5 weeks and are a great opportunity for the kids to improve their swimming skills with qualified swimming coaches. The students enjoy the short walk across the road before having a great time at the pool playing water games, especially on the hot and humid days we've recently experienced.



TIGER TEA PARTY IN PREP D

After reading The Tiger Who Came to Tea last week, Prep D also decided to take some tigers to tea. Organising a tiger tea party provided an opportunity to playfully consolidate the /t/ sound at the same time.



2021 TERM 1 DATE CLAIMER

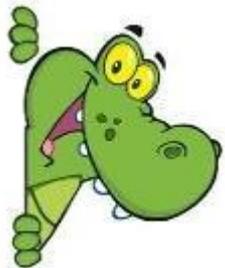
Event	Date
Year 6 Camp—Tallebudgera	Monday 22 to Friday 26 February 2021
Parent Rep Meeting	Wednesday 10 March 2021
P and C Meeting followed by AGM	Thursday 18 March 2021
Parent Teacher Interviews	Monday 22 to Friday 26 March 2021



CAFE *Connect*



Open Monday To Friday
7am–3pm
Saturday
8am–12pm
Under New Management



Tween Talk: Secret Girls Business!

From Tween to Teen and everything in-between... this workshop is designed to give your tween the right information and give her the opportunity to have her questions answered.

9-12 YR OLD GIRLS



SUNDAY
21ST MARCH

9:30AM - 12PM
AT BELLVISTA MEETING
PLACE, CALOUNDRA

Whether you know it or not, your pre-teen has plenty of questions about the changes that are about to occur between the tween to teen years. Sometimes information coming from their peers can be incorrect and scary, so we have developed a light-hearted and friendly workshop to set the record straight and squash anxiety around the unknown.

WHAT WE WILL COVER:

Register Now!
Places
Limited!

- ✓ The changes that occur during puberty, both physical & emotional
- ✓ Explore thoughts and emotions about puberty
- ✓ Discussing any anxiety around puberty and working to reduce this
- ✓ How physical changes may affect self-esteem & body image
- ✓ We have an ANONYMOUS question box, so girls can ask ANYTHING they want to know!

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To Register or for more information visit:
www.headstartpsychology.com.au

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