

MOUNTAIN CREEK STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Welcome back to Term 2. Our term starts with some postponed events from Term 1 and our calendar for the rest of the term has lots of other events planned as well. We look forward to seeing you at school.

Our Early Years teachers and students have 'hit the ground running' and are excited to be accessing new decodable reading resources. In line with the work that is happening in the classrooms we appreciate the support you provide to your children at home.

We know that reading is the first step toward being literate learners. Here is quick read from the Department of Education parent resources page and are designed to support families to include **shared reading practices** with their children at home.

*Shared reading describes the interaction that occurs between an adult and a child when reading or looking at a book. Although one of the most obvious and engaging features of storybooks is their illustrations, they also provide children with access to a world of sights, sounds, and words that may be quite different from what they experience in their homes, communities, and schools. Reading aloud with your child builds language development so that by the time children have mastered letter-sound correspondences and can read increasingly complex texts themselves, they will have the language skills to understand what they read. Having strong oral language skills sets the foundations for children to build strong literacy skills. Reading authentic texts aloud to your child allows them to continue to hear stories, information and written language they may not yet be able to read themselves. **What does shared reading look like?** An important aspect of shared reading is the conversation that occurs between the adult and child during the reading. Pausing while reading and taking the time to discuss details in the story can support your child's oral language development. The conversation might focus on the storyline, such as characters or where the story takes place; it may focus on similar experiences the child has had to those that happened in the book; it may focus on specific words; aspects of print; or concepts that are new to the child. When you read aloud to your child, they hear and learn lots of new and sophisticated words and sentences they may not hear or use in everyday talk.*

***What books should be used for shared reading?** In the early years of reading instruction, children engage with different books for different purposes. They need to read decodable texts to develop their word reading skills and they need to read and hear authentic texts to develop strong oral language skills. Authentic texts include picture books, storybooks, information texts and any reading material the child enjoys. When children are first learning to read, the books they will read independently are designed to improve their ability to decode (decodable texts). For most children, the language used in these books will be far simpler than the language they already understand and use. Virtually all children's books are appropriate for shared reading, but the best books will have rich, detailed pictures, and are interesting to the child. Remember, the purpose of shared reading is to stimulate rich talk between the adult and child, not for the child to be able to read the text themselves.*

We welcome Mr Bennett back to school on Monday and hope that he has had a great break.

Helen Denning
Acting Principal





ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS

This year we will be holding a special ANZAC Day Assembly on Wednesday 24 April 2024 at 8.45am for a 9.00 am start. Parents and carers are all welcome to attend. Prep to Year 6 students will attend this ceremony.

Our Student Council will be selling commemorative poppies on Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 April before school from outside the Tuckshop.

The Maroochydore RSL Sub Branch has invited all students and staff to attend the ANZAC Day Parade and Main Service at Cotton Tree, Thursday 25 April 2024. Students are to assemble on the corner of George Street and Memorial Avenue, Maroochydore (outside of the Maroochydore RSL) by 8:00am and look for the Mountain Creek SS Banner.

If you would like your child to march in the parade please note the following:

- Students meet with school leaders on the corner of George Street and Memorial Avenue, Maroochydore at 8:00am
- Full school uniform, shoes and hat must be worn
- Please bring a drink bottle
- Parents are to collect students at the end of the march at or near the Cenotaph, Cotton Tree.

The march will commence at 8:30am. Parents and students are invited to remain for the ANZAC Day service at the Cotton Tree Cenotaph from 9am. Our school leaders will present a commemorative wreath on behalf of all students at Mt Creek State School.

POPPY SALES

Poppies will be on sale before school on Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 April 2024 outside of the Tuckshop.



SCHOLASTICS BOOK CLUB ISSUE 3

Welcome to Term 2! Your child should have received their Scholastic Book Club Issue 3 catalogue. You'll find award-winning books as well as old and new favourites. The books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests. They have HOT RELEASES, MORE VARIETY, BIG SAVINGS AND A FREE BOOK GIVEAWAY WITH LOOP ORDERS (check T&Cs).

By purchasing a book from Book Club we earn 20% in Scholastic Rewards on all Book Club orders which we can then use to buy new resources for our classrooms and library. All books ordered will be delivered to your child's classroom approximately 3 weeks after the order has been placed.

ISSUE 3 ORDERS CLOSE TUESDAY 30 APRIL 2024





WINTER JACKETS

How great it is that we've been having such beautiful, warm, sunny days! Alas, this is surely going to change so make sure you get organised and purchase your child's warm jacket ready for the cooler months ahead.

Acceptable warm clothing includes the official MCSS jacket, a plain navy blue sweater or navy blue zipped jacket. **Club soccer jackets, etc are not acceptable uniform.** You can purchase the MCSS jacket from [School Locker at Maroochydore](#).



PLEASE ENSURE ALL CLOTHING ITEMS ARE LABELLED WITH THE STUDENTS NAME. THANK YOU

SUNSHINE COAST PHOENIX BASKETBALL

Congratulations to both Nate and Milo who were selected in the U12 Sunshine Coast Phoenix representative basketball team and will play in a number of rounds vs teams across SE Qld in the coming months. From there, they will play off at the State Championships this coming September in Toowoomba.

If you have a child who attends Mountain Creek who has achieved great things outside of school please drop us a line and will endeavour to share their story on our Facebook page or in the Newsletter.



READERS CUP CHALLENGE

We are very excited that again this year we are taking part in the Readers Cup challenge.

What is it?

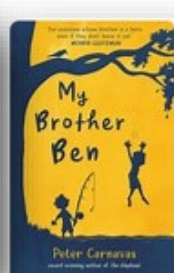
Reader's cup is organised by the Qld Branch of the Children's Book Council of Australia. It is a state wide competition for young readers. Teams of four to five students together read a set of books, and then compete with other teams to answer quiz questions for the books. Winners from regional competitions then compete in a state final.

Why do it?

Readers Cup competitions challenge students to read widely, work collaboratively in a team and continue developing a love of reading. It allows readers to compete at a regional and state level similar to sporting competitions and to meet other students with an equal passion for book.

When is it?

The competition is held on Tuesday June 11 at Emmanuel Lutheran College. BUT in the lead up to the competition the children taking part will read the books and quiz each other on questions relating to themes, characters, significant events etc. These questions are generated by the students themselves



based on what they think may be asked at the challenge, thereby deepening their knowledge and understanding.



THE VERY BLUE THINGAMAJIG

The Very Blue Thingamajig By Narelle Oliver

The children in 1Q were very excited to make their very own Thingamajig today. The story centres on a character, the Blue Thingamajig, who changes from a very ordinary character to something very extraordinary at the end. Before we made our creations the students planned some of the details by thinking of describing words to make our writing more interesting. Our Thingamajigs have poisonous, sharp, pointy horns and strong, fluttery, feathery wings. The class talked about how nouns (people, places or things) can be made more interesting by adding describing words. So instead of writing - The Blue Thingamajig has a tail — we can use words from the book and other describing words to improve our sentence to say— The Blue Thingamajig has a twisty, twirly tail. By making our models we engaged in age appropriate play, expanded on our vocabulary knowledge and started our unit for the term by bringing a story character to life.



THE ARTS

This week the year threes continued their Visual Arts unit. They used line, shape and colour to create a cityscape artwork. We expanded our Art knowledge and vocabulary by exploring perspective and warm and cool colours in this lesson. 3M were excited to show off what they could do.

Jodie Allen
Arts Teacher





YEAR 6 TO 7 HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Our local State High Schools run a variety of transition activities that give Year 6 students and their families opportunities to become familiar with their new school, processes and procedures, teaching and leadership staff and to meet future fellow students in the year prior to their commencement at high school.

If you have not yet thought about your child's enrolment into high school in 2025 we suggest that you begin by visiting the High school web sites and checking their catchment maps to determine if your child is within their catchment. Below are website details and other important enrolment dates (where available).

If you require any further information please contact the high schools for assistance.

Mountain Creek State High School - 07 5457 8333—https://mtncreekshs.eq.edu.au/	
Year 7 General Enrolments for 2025 Applications due	Friday 24 May 2024
Year 6 going into Year 7 Information Sessions—held at the high school	TBA
TRANSITION DAY—YEAR 6 INTO YEAR 7 (Applications must be received by the high school by Friday 24 May 2024 to participate in this day)	
Student Orientation/Transition Day—held at the high school	Thursday 5 September 2024
Catch up Orientation sessions (for students who missed main orientation day)	Thursday 28 November 2024
ZENITH AND STEM PROGRAMS	
Combined Zenith and Stem Program Parent Information Evening—held at the high school	Monday 20 May 2024
Zenith and Stem Program applications close	TBA
Notification of Acceptance	Term 4 2024
Chancellor State College - https://chancellorsc.eq.edu.au	
Please refer to Chancellor State College website and Facebook page for all upcoming dates. https://chancellorsc.eq.edu.au/enrolments https://www.facebook.com/ChancellorStateCollege	
Maroochydore State High School— https://maroochydoress.eq.edu.au/enrolments	
Please refer to Maroochydore State High School website and Facebook page for all upcoming dates. https://maroochydoreshs.eq.edu.au/enrolments https://www.facebook.com/MaroochydoreSHS	

Please note that these dates are accurate at the time of publishing and may change at any time.



CROSS COUNTRY/FUN RUN

The Inter-house Fun Run / Cross Country Carnival will be held on Friday 19th April on the Mountain Creek State School Oval. Parents and carers are welcome to spectate and support the competitors during the carnival. The program will be as follows (times and distances are approximate only):

TIME	COMPETITORS	RACE
8:45am	Official Welcome	
8:50am	Boys and Girls (Born 2015 in Year 4)	Fun Run (800m)
9:05am	Boys (Born 2014)	Cross Country Run (1600m) or Fun Run (800m)
9:20am	Girls (Born 2014)	Cross Country Run (1600m) or Fun Run (800m)
9:35am	Boys (Born 2013)	Cross Country Run (1600m) or Fun Run (800m)
9:50am	Girls (Born 2013)	Cross Country Run (1600m) or Fun Run (800m)
10:05am	**Boys (Born 2012 and 2011)	Cross Country Run (1600m) or Fun Run (800m)
10:20am	**Girls (Born 2012 and 2011)	Cross Country Run (1600m) or Fun Run (800m)
10:35am	Place getters presentation and announcement of the 2024 Cross Country Champion House	
	Morning Tea	
11:35pm	Official Welcome	
11:45pm	Prep Boys and Girls	Fun Run (300m)
11:55pm	Year 1 Boys and Girls	Fun Run (300m)
12:05pm	Year 2 Boys and Girls	Fun Run (600m)
12:15pm	Year 3 Boys and Girls	Fun Run (600m)
12:25pm	Finish	

**** 12 and 13 year events are separate however, participants run together.**

The course this year will be around parts of the school and include running on the concrete. Due to certain areas being fenced off the distance the students will be running is shorter.

All children are expected to participate unless they have a medical condition which would put them at risk when competing. These children will require a note from their parent / guardian. Please provide your child's teacher with a note outlining any medical condition relevant to them running the Fun Run / Cross Country.

The dress code for the day shall be: **HOUSE COLOURED HATS, COLOURED SHIRTS (OPTIONAL), SCHOOL SHORTS/SKORTS and RUNNING SHOES MUST BE WORN.** It is requested that children bring a drink bottle filled with water so they can replenish fluid loss after the completion of their event.

Only those students born in 2014, 2013 and 2012 who have signed up to do the Cross Country and have been attending 'before school' training will be able to run the Cross Country on the day. It is a mandatory requirement that children participating in the Cross-Country race must have previously been training for this event.

The Cross-Country is a selection event with selected students to represent MCSS at the Coastal District Cross Country Trials on Friday 3rd May.

Luke Smith
Deputy Principal



THE RESILIENCE PROJECT™

EMOTIONAL LITERACY

Over the next fortnight classes will be learning about Emotional Literacy.

Did you know ...

- There are 27 main human emotions.
- We experience at least 1 emotion 90% of the time.
- and frequently experience positive and negative emotions at the same time.

We will be continuing to emphasise the importance of recognising and responding to our emotions appropriately. Our key message to students is: **You've got to name it, to tame it.** Students need to understand what emotion they are experiencing and choose appropriate strategies to manage when this feeling arises. For example: I am feeling frustrated. I will walk away and do some calm breathing before I shout or hit out.

For more information on 'name it to tame it' check out the work of Dr Dan Siegel [here](#).

Creeker says...

You've got to name it to tame it!





2024 TERM 2 DATE CLAIMER

EVENT	DATE
P&C Meeting (6pm)	Thursday 18 April
School Cross Country (Rescheduled from Term 1)	Friday 19 April
P&C School Disco (Rescheduled from Term 1)	Friday 19 April
Ride2School Day (Rescheduled from Term 1)	Friday 19 April
Chess Club resumes	Wednesday 24 April
School ANZAC Day Ceremony	Wednesday 24 April
ANZAC DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED	Thursday 25 April
Year 1 Incursion—Ocean Life	Friday 26 April
LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED	Monday 6 May
Mothers Day Stall	Thursday 9 May and Friday 10 May
Walk To School Day	Friday 10 May
Year 1 Incursion—Rainforest Experience Puppet Show	Friday 10 May
Year 4 Excursion—Sea Life Mooloolaba	Monday 13 May
Prep Incursion—Mysterious Materials Incursion	Monday 13 May
Under 8's Day	Friday 17 May
Year 4 Excursion—Sea Life Mooloolaba	Friday 17 May
MCSHS Zenith/STEM Information Session*	Monday 20 May*
P&C Meeting (6pm)	Thursday 16 May
Ice Cream Week	Tuesday 21-Thursday 23 May
MCSHS Enrolments due	Friday 24 May
Year 3 Excursion—Shelly Beach, Is It Living?	Monday 3 June and Tuesday 4 June
State of Origin Free Dress Day	Wednesday 5 June
Show Day Holiday	Friday 14 June
School Athletics Day (Prep to Year 3)	Wednesday 19 June
Whole School Assembly (1.30 pm)	Thursday 20 June
P&C Meeting (6pm)	Thursday 20 June
School Athletics Day (Years 4-6)	Friday 21 June
Last day of Term 2	Friday 21 June