

MOUNTAIN CREEK STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Every Day Counts at Mountain Creek

We have just passed the halfway mark of Term 4 and will have just 4 weeks left of the school year at the end of this week.

As I visit classrooms there is a lot of assessment happening now as Teachers are finalising marks for report cards. Especially at this time of year it is important that students are here as much as possible to complete classwork and assessment items. Of course, we understand that sometimes being away from school is unavoidable and we ask that parents contact the office or via QParents letting us know the reason for the absence.

Currently our whole school attendance is sitting at 90.9%. This is above the statewide target of 90% and above the current attendance rate of the North Coast Region. Please keep up this great effort and hopefully we can reach our 2025 target of above 91%.



Mr Stuart Bell

Surf Skills

Last Friday the Year 6 students had their final Surf Skills lesson. This has been a great 5 week program and opportunity for students to get some great lessons in beach and surf safety as we head into the warmer months and school holidays.

Thank you to the Alexandra SLSC for providing this opportunity for our students.

Upcoming Social Media Age Restrictions

From 10 December, children under 16 won't be allowed to create or keep their existing social media accounts under new Australian laws. This isn't a ban—it's a delay to give young people more time to build safe, healthy digital habits, enhance online safety and reduce exposure to online harm for young people.

Please note, we will continue to use Facebook to share school updates and announcements as usual.

The eSafety Commissioner is encouraging parents and carers to start conversations with their children now and explore safe alternatives for staying connected. If your child has a social media account, remind them to download any photos or videos they want to keep before the 10th of December.

Visit the eSafety Commissioner's social media age restrictions hub for the latest information: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-us/industry-regulation/social-media-age-restrictions-hub>





Parents and carers can [register](#) for one of the 30-minute webinars hosted by the eSafety Commissioner to gain insights into the changes, their purpose and their implications.

Furthermore, the department provides extensive resources to promote safe online behaviour. These include the Cybersafety Hub which offers tools for managing online reputation, privacy, cyberbullying and digital wellbeing as well as lesson plans and resources for teachers, parents and students. These resources are available at <https://www.qld.gov.au/education/schools/health/cybersafety/cybersafety-qss>.

Have a great fortnight.

Stuart Bell
Acting Principal



REPORT CARDS

This term school reports are being emailed to parents. If you have changed your email address or other contact details you can conveniently make changes through the QParent app or by contacting our administration office to have your records updated. You can email us at admin@mtncreekss.eq.edu.au to provide details. Please type 'Contact Details Change' in the subject line.

ARE YOU A LEAVING STUDENT?

At times students and families do not return to Mountain Creek State School due to personal or work needs. If you are a family who will NOT be returning to our school in 2026 please email the office as soon as possible at admin@mtncreekss.eq.edu.au. We require this information to help prepare our classes for 2026.

CHILD'S MEDICATION TO GO HOME

Parents please remember to collect your child's medication from school before the holidays, from the classroom, first aid or school office depending on where it is held. This is particularly important for emergency medications such as Epipens. Thank you



2026 PREP ENROLMENTS

Do you have a younger sibling starting Prep in 2026? If you haven't yet, we kindly ask that you submit your enrolment forms as soon as possible. Early submission helps us ensure your child is entered into our system making class planning smoother and more efficient. We're excited to welcome them to our school community and look forward to a fantastic start in 2026! Don't forget to come along to our PrePrep Playdates and our Prep Information Session (see calendar for dates and times).

Thank you for helping us prepare for a great year ahead.



SWIMMING CARNIVAL NOMINATIONS

Students in Year 4, 5 and 6 can nominate for Division 1 (50m) events for the upcoming Swimming Carnival on Friday 28 November 2025.

To nominate for Division 1 events the completed nomination form is to be returned to Mr Barritt at Q Block by 3pm Friday 21 November 2025.

Students that do not nominate for Division 1 events will swim in Division 2 (25m) events.

Nomination forms were emailed to all Year 4, 5 and 6 parents and can also be collected from Q Block or the Administration Office.



2025 TERM 4 DATE CLAIMER

WEEK	EVENT	DATE
5-7	Swimming Lessons — Year 5	Friday 14, 21 November
5-7	Swimming Lessons — Year 4	Tuesday 18 November
5-7	Swimming Lessons — Prep	Thursday 20 November
7	2026 Prep Play Date—9.30-10.30 am	Wednesday 19 November
8	P&C Meeting—6pm	Tuesday 25 November
8	2026 Prep Play Date—9.30-10.30 am	Wednesday 26 November
8	MCSHS Make-Up Transition Day	Thursday 27 November
8	Swimming Carnival – Year 4, 5 & 6	Friday 28 November
9	Whole School Assembly—9am	Thursday 4 December
9	P&C Fun Run	Thursday 4 December
10	2026 Prep Meet the Teacher Session—1.10-2.20 pm	Monday 8 December
10	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony	Tuesday 9 December
10	Year 6 Aussie World	Wednesday 10 December
10	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	Friday 12 December





CELEBRATING OUR DIAMOND CREEKERS!

Congratulations to the first of our Diamond Creekers for 2025! These outstanding students have demonstrated what it truly means to be Respectful, Responsible, Safe and Learners—the core expectations of our PBL framework.

Students earn *Creeker Credits* throughout the year as positive rewards for showing these behaviours across the school. As they collect credits they progress through a series of milestone awards at 25, 50, 100, 200, 300 and finally the prestigious 400 Credit – Diamond Creeker Award.

Reaching Diamond status is a remarkable achievement and reflects consistent effort and commitment to our school expectations.

At the end of each term we celebrate students who reach one of these milestones with a Creeker Celebration, recognising their hard work and encouraging everyone to keep striving.

Well done to our newest Diamond Creekers—your dedication sets a fantastic example for all!



PLAYGROUND SHADE INSTALLATION UPDATE

We're excited to share that the final stage of our playground upgrades is scheduled! Shade posts have now been installed across all playgrounds and the custom shades are currently being made.

Installation of the shades is planned for Thursday 20 and Friday 21 November. Please note that playground areas will be CLOSED on these days to allow for safe installation.

We can't wait to see the finished result and appreciate your patience during this final step!



DAY FOR DANIEL

Our 2025 Day for Daniel was a huge success! We share a special connection with the Morcombe family as Daniel, his twin Bradley and older brother Dean were among our school's first students. It was fantastic to see so many wearing red to support the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

By wearing red our community sent a powerful message that crimes against children are not tolerated. Together, we raised \$833.60 to help the Foundation continue its important work. Well done Creekers!



YEAR 1 – SCIENCE INCURSION

Our Year 1 students took part in an engaging Science incursion where they became junior scientists for the day! They explored how different strengths and types of forces can make objects move or change shape. Through a range of fun, hands-on activities, students investigated pushes and pulls, discovering how force can make things start, stop, slide or bend. It was a fantastic opportunity to connect our classroom learning with real-world science in action!



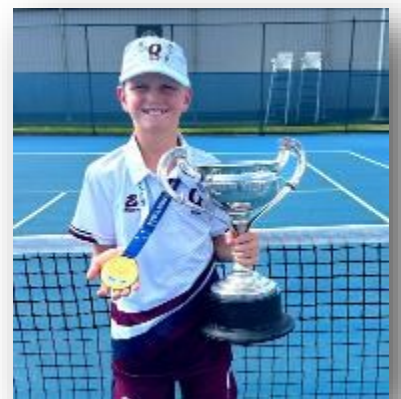
RAFE WINS GOLD!

Huge congratulations to Rafe and the Queensland Tennis Team for their incredible victory at the School Sport Australia Nationals in Ballarat!

The week-long event brought together more than 1,500 students and officials from across the country, competing in seven sports including cricket, football, golf, netball, swimming, tennis and touch football.

Despite freezing temperatures and wild winds Rafe and his QLD teammates showed amazing determination over the 9 days — winning every rubber against all states and territories before defeating Team WA in the final to claim the prestigious Bruce Cup trophy!

What an outstanding achievement Rafe — we're so proud of you!





A WONDERFUL EVENING OF MUSIC

Two weeks ago our school hall was filled with the sound of music, laughter and applause as we celebrated our annual Evening Music Concert. It was a truly special night that showcased the incredible talents of our students and the dedication of our staff.

Despite a few unexpected challenges the concert went ahead beautifully. Thanks to quick thinking, teamwork and a bit of creativity, the evening ran smoothly and our performers shone brightly.

The feedback from families and students has been overwhelmingly positive. Many commented on the confidence and enthusiasm of our young musicians and how wonderful it was to see their hard work come to life on stage.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the teachers who prepared the students so well, the administrative team who helped with the countless behind-the-scenes details and the parents who supported their children throughout rehearsals and on the night itself. Most importantly, congratulations to all our students—you made us very proud with your performances and teamwork.



BOOK CLUB ISSUE 8 OUT NOW!

Your child should have received their Scholastic Book Club Issue 8 catalogue, the last one of the year. 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.

This is the last order before Christmas! If your order is a gift for your child you **MUST TICK THE BOX** on the online order form stating this is a gift order. Your order will NOT be delivered to your child, instead you will collect it from the Administration Office and you will be contacted by administration.

ISSUE 8 ORDERS CLOSE MONDAY 18 November 2025

Book Club

The **Gift Function** enables you to tag **Book Club** orders on **LOOP** that are intended as a surprise gift. This feature can be used throughout the year, providing your **Book Club Organiser** has enabled the gift function for your school. **LOOP** orders tagged as a gift will be delivered to school and marked accordingly, for the **Book Club Organiser** to set aside at the school office for you to collect.

How to use the **Gift Function** on **Book Club LOOP**
scholastic.com.au/LOOP

Follow these **easy** steps!

- 1 **LOG-IN**
- 2 Select the **ORDER** tab
- 3 Select your **ISSUE**
- 4 Check the box **GIFT ORDER**
NOTE: ALL ITEMS ON THIS ORDER WILL BE MARKED AS A GIFT.
- 5 Enter the book number shown on the Catalogue
- 6 Select **NEXT** to finalise your order
PLEASE NOTE, THE ITEMS DO NOT COME GIFT WRAPPED.

For books that can be delivered directly to your child, please submit a separate order.

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POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

PBL FOCUS WEEKS 7 AND 8

Each fortnight our school focuses on a different expectation. These expectations are explicitly taught and then reinforced through the awarding of Creeker Credits.

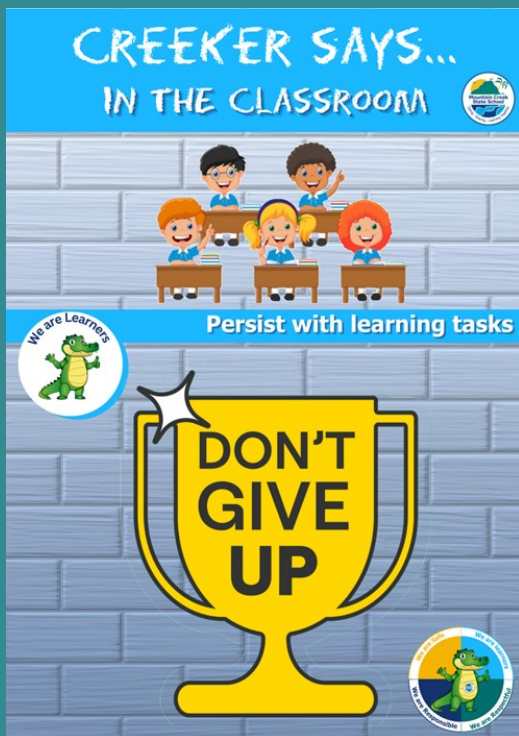
Our focus for the next fortnight from our Positive Behaviour for Learning Matrix is:

“Persist with Learning Tasks”

This expectation focuses on learning to be resilient and persistent when facing challenges and the belief that if they keep trying they can achieve success.

What can you do at home to support this focus?

- Talk to your kids about failures in your own life (“I messed this up today but...”) and how you achieved something in the end.
- Let the kids see you working on things and sometimes getting it wrong but trying again.
- Show them how to positively react to a failure.
- Notice and praise the persistence and resilience shown in your child completing something, not always just the successful outcome.



Just keep swimming!

Do you have any questions for our PBL team? You can contact one of us through this email.

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