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MOUNTAIN CREEK STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Mr Paul Little

As we come to the end of the 2026 school year, I look back with an enormous sense of pride in everything we have achieved together at Mountain Creek State School. It has been a remarkable year filled with learning, growth, achievement, friendships and countless memorable experiences. From welcoming our youngest Creekers at the beginning of the year to preparing our Year 6 students for the next chapter of their educational journey, it has been wonderful to see our students grow in confidence, independence and capability.

One of the things I value most about Mountain Creek State School is the genuine sense of community that exists within and beyond our school gates. A great school is built on the collective efforts of its students, staff, families and wider community. Throughout 2026, we have continued to strengthen these connections, establish consistent high expectations and create an environment where our students feel a genuine sense of belonging and are encouraged to reach their full potential.

Thank You to Our Amazing Staff

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to every member of our staff for their outstanding contribution throughout 2026. The passion, dedication, professionalism and care demonstrated by our staff each day is truly inspiring. To our teachers, teacher aides, leadership team, administration staff, grounds staff, cleaners and everyone who contributes to the daily running of our school, thank you. Each of you plays an important role in creating the learning environment and experiences that our students enjoy every day.

I am incredibly proud to work alongside such a talented and committed team who share a genuine desire to make a positive difference in the lives of our students.

Thank You to Our Wonderful Creekers

To our students, congratulations on everything you have achieved throughout 2026. Thank you for your hard work, enthusiasm, determination and the energy you bring to our school each day. While we celebrate the many outstanding achievements of our students this year, we also recognise the smaller, everyday successes that are equally important. Learning to read a new word, solving a challenging maths problem, overcoming a fear, making a new friend, showing kindness to someone or having the courage to try something new are all achievements worth celebrating.

I hope every student finishes this year feeling proud of how far they have come. Continue to have high expectations of yourselves, believe in your abilities and remember that being a proud Creeker is reflected not only in what you achieve, but also in how you treat others and the choices you make each day.

2026 – A Year of Incredible Opportunities and Achievements

When reflecting on the year, it is remarkable to consider the breadth of opportunities our students have experienced. A great education provides opportunities for children to discover their passions, develop their talents, build resilience and experience success across academics, sport, music, the Arts and community activities.

Some of our many highlights throughout 2026 have included:

- Student Leadership Investiture
- ANZAC Day Commemorations
- Under 8s Day
- School Athletics Carnivals and Representative Athletics
- Mark West Cup Rugby League
- AFLQ Schools Cup and State Finals
- Senior Soccer Team – South East Queensland Champions
- Sunshine Coast Lightning Cup – Netball
- All Schools Touch
- All Schools Oztag
- Chess Club
- Year 5 & 6 Camp
- Year 3 and 4 AFL Gala Day
- Queensland and National Puzzle Club Championships.
- Wearable Art Fashion Show
- Book Week Celebrations – Symphony of Stories
- Creekers Got Talent and Little Creekers Got Talent.
- Music and Arts Extravaganza
- Choir Performances
- Band Performances
- School Discos
- Colour Explosion School Run 4 Fun
- 2027 Prep Transition Program and Prep Play Dates
- Buderim Volunteer Awards
- Student Council

This is by no means an exhaustive list of the amazing events, activities and achievements that have taken place at M
ountain Creek State School throughout 2026. There are countless other classroom celebrations, sporting achievements, excursions, clubs, performances and individual successes that deserve recognition.

Celebrating Our Incredible P&C Association

I would like to extend a very special thank you to our P&C Executive and entire P&C Committee for their extraordinary contribution to Mountain Creek State School throughout 2026. The commitment, generosity and countless volunteer hours contributed by our P&C members have made an enormous difference to our school. From fundraising and community events to supporting school initiatives and major infrastructure projects, their work continues to enhance the educational experiences and opportunities available to our students.

In particular, the significant contribution towards the refurbishment and covering of our multipurpose courts is something our P&C and entire community should be incredibly proud of. This is a legacy project that will benefit not only our current students but generations of Creekers and members of our wider community for many years to come.

Thank you to everyone who has attended a meeting, volunteered at an event, supported a fundraiser or contributed in any way to the work of our P&C. Your generosity and commitment are greatly appreciated.

Celebrating 10 Years of Service – Nathan Bailey
This year marks a particularly significant milestone for our P&C President, Nathan Bailey, who celebrates 10 years of dedicated service to the Mountain Creek State School P&C Association.

Ten years of volunteering is an extraordinary achievement. It represents countless meetings, evenings, weekends and hours spent working behind the scenes, all with the intention of making our school and community a better place for our children. Nathan's passion for Mountain Creek State School, his commitment to improving opportunities for students and his willingness to give so generously of his own time
On behalf of our students, staff, families and the entire Mountain Creek State School community, I would like to sincerely thank Nathan for his leadership, generosity and outstanding contribution over the past decade.

Farewell to Our Year 6 Creekers
As we conclude the school year, we also farewell our wonderful Year 6 students as they prepare to begin their secondary schooling journey. For many of these students, Mountain Creek State School has been their second home for the past seven years. During this time, they have developed friendships, overcome challenges, discovered their strengths and created memories that will stay with them for many years.

I hope you leave Mountain Creek State School with confidence in who you are, pride in what you have achieved and excitement about the opportunities that lie ahead. Continue to challenge yourselves, embrace new experiences, show kindness to others and maintain high expectations in everything you do. No matter where your journey takes you, you will always be a Creeker. We wish you every success in the next chapter of your lives.

Thank You to Our Families and Wider Community
Finally, I would like to sincerely thank our parents, carers, families, volunteers and wider community for your support throughout 2026. Educating children is a shared responsibility, and the connection between home and school is one of the most important foundations for student success. The conversations you have with your children, the encouragement you provide, the expectations you reinforce and the trust you place in our staff all contribute to the young people our students are becoming.

Thank you for entrusting us with the care and education of your children each day. It is a responsibility we never take for granted and one that we consider an enormous privilege.

Have a great last couple of weeks.
Paul Little
Acting Principal

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME 2027

Mountain Creek State School will be reintroducing the Student Resource Scheme (SRS) in 2027.

The Student Resource Scheme provides families with a convenient and cost-effective way to access the essential resources students need throughout the school year. The scheme helps ensure students have access to the resources required for their learning while reducing the need for families to source and purchase individual items.

Parents and carers should have received a Letter to Parents outlining the details of the scheme including what is included, the associated costs and how the scheme will operate. We encourage all families to read this letter carefully as it explains in full everything you need to know about the SRS including the cost.

We look forward to making the Student Resource Scheme a valuable and convenient option for our Creekers and their families.

Click here to read the Student Resource Scheme – Letter to Parents
Click here to take you to the MCSS website for more information

BOOKLISTS 2027

Booklists for 2027 are ready! Please find the link below to the different year levels.

Pictures have been added to the list so parents and carers can see what the products look like. Please ensure that you have the correct books for your specific year level. Different year levels have specific requirements, such as exercise books with certain distances between lines and special colours. If your year level requires a certain printed book, for example—a Mental Maths or Hand Writing book, please ensure you obtain the brand specified for your child.

We are not affiliated with any particular company. However, if you would prefer to use an organisation that specialises in collating school booklists, there are several options listed below that you may wish to explore.

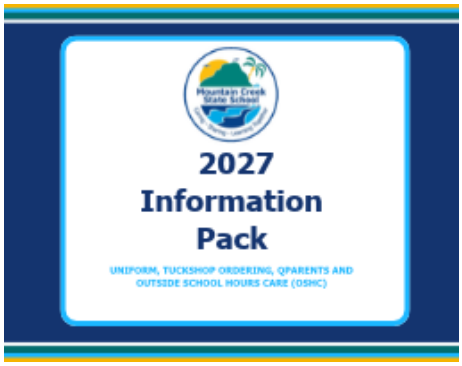
BOOKLISTS FOR PREP TO YEAR 6

- **School Locker** - You can pop in or contact School Locker and they will fill the booklist order for you to pick up or you can pay to have it delivered. Get your orders in before January to ensure they can fill the order. School Locker, Homemaker Centre, 11/55 Maroochy Blvd, Maroochydore
- **Officeworks** - Officeworks offers a service where you can upload the list as a file or a photo of the list and they will match the items on the list and put it together for you.
- **Impact Office Supplies** - Impact Office Supplies offers a convenient pick, pack and delivery service for complete book packs. Click HERE for more information.

2027 SCHOOL START INFORMATION

The 2027 Return to school Information Pack is available which includes:

- New school uniform information
- School shoe policy
- QParents
- Summer Tuckshop menu
- Online ordering instructions for all of the above



The information pack can be accessed by

- Clicking HERE
- Or by visiting our school website https://mtncreekss.eq.edu.au/

We're all looking forward to a positive and healthy 2027.

REPORT CARDS - UPDATE EMAIL ADDRESS

At the end of this term school reports will be emailed to parents. These reports can also be found in your QParents portal and app along with all historical school reports.



If you have changed your email address or other contact details please remember to log into your QParents app, click on the student's name and edit student details. Alternatively you can contact 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 2027. If staying at MCSS no action is required.

STUDENT'S MEDICATION TO GO HOME

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

Any medication left at school will be disposed of.

Thank you



2026/2027 DATE CLAIMER

P&C Colour Fun Run	Wednesday 2 December
Year 6 Graduation	Tuesday 8 December
Year 6 Aussie World Celebration	Wednesday 9 December
Whole School Assembly - 9.00 am	Thursday 10 December
Last day of school 2026	Friday 11 December
Book pack drop off day - 3.30 pm - Year 1-6	Friday 22 January 2027
Student Free Day	Monday 25 January 2027
Australia Day	Tuesday 26 January 2027
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	Wednesday 27 January 2027





SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR 2027

The end of year is approaching and that often means that students will require new uniforms and shoes. At Mountain Creek State School the expectation is that each day students will wear one of the agreed Mountain Creek State School uniforms as outlined below. To cater for all students the uniform consists of a variety of items that can be mixed and matched along with unisex items that ALL students can choose to wear.

Uniform Options

- MCSS Polo Year
- MCSS Dress Years
- MCSS Navy Skorts
- MCSS Navy Shorts



Other

- Plain black shoes (no colours)
- Plain black or navy ankle socks (visible above shoe)
- MCSS broadbrim hat (caps are not permitted)

Should students wear plain navy alternatives purchased elsewhere then the following considerations are to be adhered to:

- Shorts, skorts and skirts must be at a minimum mid-thigh in length with no branding
- NO open side splits are to be above mid-thigh height

Jewellery

- Students are permitted to wear only the following items:
- An analogue or digital watch
- One/two small plain stud or small plain sleeper of silver, gold or neutral in colour in the lower lobe of each ear
- Medical alert bracelets
- Religious or culturally significant pendants e.g. signet rings, tiki or crucifix by written request of a parent.

Students are NOT permitted to wear the following Items

- Smartwatches
- Necklaces, bracelets and rings (these are considered a safety hazard and could come in contact with another student causing injury to self or others)

Hair

To reduce the transfer of head lice as well as to avoid distractions to learning, hair that is at or longer than shoulder length is to be plaited, braided or tied back with long fringes pinned back from eyes. To ensure hairstyles are not a distraction to teaching and learning hair accessories are to be neutral in colour or MCSS uniform school colours (white or navy). The length of the fringe should not exceed the eyebrows so as not to impede learning or pose a safety risk.

Makeup and Nail Polish

No makeup is to be worn to school. Coloured nail polish is not acceptable. Students wearing coloured nail polish will be asked to remove it before the next school day.

CHANGE TO ONLINE SERVICES CONSENT

From 25 October 2026, Queensland state schools no longer need individual consent to use and share your child's relevant information such as their name and email address when using Approved Online Services.



This means less paperwork for families while keeping student information safe. Approved Online Services are assessed against a national framework for privacy, online security and other requirements under section 426A of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (Qld) before being approved for use in Queensland state schools.

Consent is still required if a service needs sensitive information, such as health information.

If you don't want your child to use an Approved Online Service you can opt out by contacting us in writing. We'll keep you informed about the services our school uses.

WORKS START ON MULTI-PURPOSE COURTS

Fencing and preliminary site works on the multi-purpose courts will be starting next week subject to the weather.



We're thrilled to see this exciting project getting underway and can't wait to see the finished result and the opportunities it will bring to our students and school community.

There may be some minor disruptions and inconvenience during the construction period and we thank everyone for their patience and understanding.

SCHOOL DENTAL VAN DEPARTS JANUARY 2027

Please be advised that the school dental van will be departing Mountain Creek State School early in 2027. For those students who have returned consent forms and haven't visited the dental van yet, staff will be in contact to offer an appointment during the school holidays.

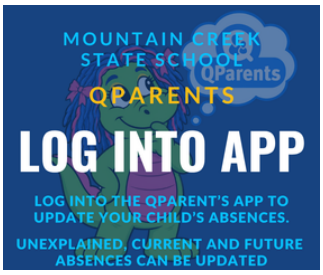


Please note that the school dental team aims to complete as much treatment as possible while stationed at each school; however, some students may be required to follow the dental van to complete treatment at the next local school.

Thank you to everyone who has participated and we can't wait to see you next time!

School dental team – Linda & Jen
Phone: 0407 695 226

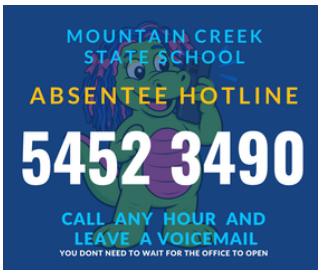
STUDENT ABSENCES



Please remember to notify the school if your child will be absent. You can do this by:

- Notifying us through QParents
- Replying to the school's absence SMS
- Calling the Student Absentee Hotline on 5452 3490





Thank you for helping us keep our student attendance records up to date and ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our Creekers.

LAST DAY OF TUCKSHOP





A Big Thank You to Our Tuckshop Team!
A huge thank you to our amazing tuckshop ladies, Anita and Leanne, for keeping our Creekers well-fed and happy throughout the year! We appreciate all the hard work, delicious food and care they put into serving our school community.

Over the Christmas holidays Anita and Leanne will be taking a well-deserved break from the hot stoves and enjoying some time to recharge.

Please note: The tuckshop will be CLOSED on the last day of school, Friday 11 December.

But don't worry, there's still plenty of time to enjoy some tuckshop favourites before the year wraps up! From delicious fried rice and nachos to the ever-popular Rice Bubble Slice, there's something tasty waiting for everyone.

Thanks again, Anita and Leanne, for another wonderful year of feeding our hungry Creekers!

MUSIC DEPARTMENT - WHAT A YEAR!

2026 has been a year of firsts for our Music Department!

From exciting achievements to memorable performances, it's been a year to celebrate:



- Concert Band achieved Platinum and String Orchestra earned Silver at the Instrumental Fanfare competition.
- For the first time all three music groups — Creeker Choir, String Orchestra and Band — came together to perform Viva la Vida at our Performance Concert Showcase. What a special moment!
- Music shirts are ready for 2027! We can't wait to see our musicians wearing them next year.

As the year comes to a close the Music Department wishes our Creeker community a happy and safe holiday break. Enjoy a well-deserved rest and we look forward to making more music together in the New Year!

Mrs Emerson, Mrs Duncan & Mrs Pritchard

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS



Mountain Creek State School is incredibly fortunate to have such a wonderful team of volunteers who generously give their time, energy and kindness to support our students and staff throughout the year.

Whether it's helping students build confidence through Support a Reader, sharing a love of books with Story Dogs, preparing endless rounds of toast, jam and apple slinkies at Chappy's Breakfast or lending a hand with the many activities organised by our amazing P&C volunteers, your contribution makes a real difference.

From reading and classroom support to literacy rotations, cutting, gluing, glittering and all those little jobs that help make school life run smoothly, we appreciate every hour you give and every smile you bring.

Most importantly, we see the difference you make in the lives of our Creekers and we are so grateful for the care and encouragement you show our students.

From all the staff and students at Mountain Creek State School, thank you for being such an important part of our school community. We wish you and your families a happy, safe and relaxing holiday break and look forward to seeing you again next year!

P&C FUN RUN



Our school colour fun run is on next Wednesday 2 December

The schedule for the day is as follows:

The students will be completing a small obstacle course which will have a couple of sprinkler stations set up along with the Fire Service, for the students to get wet so that the colours will stay on their shirts.

All children are expected to participate unless they have a medical condition which would put them at risk when running. If students are not participating in the Colour Run please ensure that you have a signed note from parents detailing why.

The dress code for the colour run:

COLOUR RUN - WHITE SHIRT*, shorts/skorts, running shoes and hat.

* If students do not have a white shirt they can wear any old shirt to get coloured, however, white will provide the best effect.

Parents may also want to have an old towel for the car trip home as the students will be getting wet so that the colour will stay on their shirts.

YEAR LEVEL	TIME
Year 6	1.15 pm
Year 5	1.25 pm
Year 4	1.35 pm
Year 3	1.45 pm
Year 2	1.55 pm
Year 1	2.05 pm
Slime the Principal	2.15 pm
Prep	2.20 pm

COLOUR POWDER
The colour powder used in our event is made of high-quality corn starch and only permitted food colours. It is non-toxic, gluten-free, biodegradable, skin safe and environmentally friendly. Students with asthma are advised to be careful in their decision to participate.

If you would like to volunteer on the day please sign up here.

We've had a fantastic year and we have some great things planned for 2027. All this is made possible with your support for which we are truly grateful.

Mountain Creek State School P&C Association.

P&C END OF YEAR REPORT

What an incredible year for the Mountain Creek State School P&C! Throughout 2026, our P&C has continued to make a significant contribution to enriching the educational experiences and opportunities available to our students.

One of the year's biggest achievements was the P&C's unanimous commitment of $725,000 towards the upgrade of our multipurpose sports precinct. This major investment will support new and improved sporting courts, undercover facilities and associated infrastructure creating a fantastic space for generations of Creekers to enjoy. The project has been made possible through years of fundraising and responsible financial management by current and previous P&C committees, alongside generous support from Brent Mickelberg and the Queensland Government.

Throughout the year the P&C has also supported a wide range of educational, sporting and extracurricular opportunities including reading resources, the Wearable Art program, NAIDOC celebrations, Chess Club, Puzzle Club, soccer coaching and various interschool sporting competitions. Our students have enjoyed some outstanding achievements including our Year 6 boys becoming South East Queensland soccer champions, our AFL teams competing at State Finals and Puzzle Club placing fourth nationally.

Our fundraising efforts have also delivered fantastic results with the 2026 Colour Fun Run raising an incredible $31,474.02! Other successful activities included our Mother's Day and Father's Day Stalls and school discos which continue to bring our community together while raising valuable funds for our students. The P&C has also continued to operate our tuckshop and Outside School Hours Care services, with improvements in tuckshop financial performance throughout the year.

As we look towards 2027 we are excited about the opening of our upgraded sports precinct and the many opportunities ahead. A heartfelt thank-you goes to our P&C committee, parent representatives, volunteers, families, school staff and leadership team for their ongoing support, generosity and commitment. Our achievements are a wonderful reminder of what can happen when a community works together.

To read more about the P&C's achievements, financial contributions and plans for 2027, take a moment to read the full P&C President's Report on our school website.

On behalf of the P&C we wish all our Creeker families a very Merry Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday break. We look forward to another wonderful year together!

For a more detailed overview of the P&C's achievements, financial contributions and plans for the year ahead you can read the full 2026 P&C President's Report by clicking here.

Nathan Bailey
President
Mountain Creek State School P&C Association


We are Safe
We are Learners
We are Responsible
We are Respectful
THE CREEKER WAY
ACCEPT THE OUTCOME OF GAMES
PBL Fortnightly Focus
Weeks 9 & 10 | Term 4
Creeker Says: Win or lose, be a good sport!
Fair Play Stronger Friends!
WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?
Games help us practise teamwork, fairness and resilience. Sometimes we win and sometimes we lose. Accepting the outcome means celebrating kindly, managing disappointment and treating others with respect. It is okay to feel disappointed — we can still choose safe, kind actions.
Good sportsmanship helps us:
Build resilience
Strengthen friendships
Manage emotions
Enjoy playing together
Different Games Same Great Creekers!
WHAT STUDENTS ARE LEARNING
WE ARE SAFE
We pause, breathe and make safe choices when we feel disappointed.
WE ARE LEARNERS
We learn from wins and losses and keep practising our skills.
WE ARE RESPECTFUL
We celebrate kindly and say "Good game" whether we win or lose.
WE ARE RESPONSIBLE
We follow agreed rules and take responsibility for our reactions.
HOW FAMILIES CAN SUPPORT THE CREEKER WAY
Play family games and model gracious winning and losing.
Praise effort, teamwork and kindness, not just the result.
Acknowledge feelings: "It is okay to feel disappointed."
Practise taking a breath or a short break to calm down.
Encourage children to congratulate others and thank players.
Remind children they can ask an adult about unfair or unsafe play.
Good game!
Well done!
Thanks for playing!
CREEKER'S CHALLENGE
Ask your child:
"How did you show good sportsmanship today?"
Have Fun
Try Your Best
Be Fair
Be Kind
Show Respect
THE CREEKER WAY
"Great sports play fairly, act kindly and accept the outcome."
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OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Looking for somewhere amazing for your Creekers to spend the school holidays? Our MCSS Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) team has an exciting holiday program packed with fun, activities and plenty of adventures.

Bookings are now open through the OWNA app. Places will fill up fast so don't leave it too late! Book early to secure your spot and avoid disappointment.







