5 December 2012

From the Principal

This will be the final newsletter for the year. I would like to thank all parents for your continued support throughout 2012 and look forward to working together for 2013 and beyond. I would also like to thank all those businesses and organisations that provide support for our students through sponsorship of programs, through work placements or through intervention and community support programs. Those partnerships are crucial to the successful management of a very large and complex school. I look forward to your continued support in 2013.

On the 16th November, we farewelld 347 year 12 students who now become part of the school’s significant alumni. We wish them well for their future endeavours and thank them for their contribution to the school. Year 12 results will be available to graduates online from 9am Saturday the 15th December.

This year we farewell the following staff on transfer from Mountain Creek to various locations locally and across the state:

| Sean Johnson | Mirani SHS | Luke Morse | Burnside SHS |
| Nathan McGuire | Tagai State College | Steve Dunstan | Burnside SHS |
| Justine Planck | Blackall SHS | Brendan Hutchins | Mary Valley P-10 |
| Phillip Russell | Caboolture SHS | Lisa Quintel | Wellington Point SHS |

Their contribution to the school has been significant and I wish them well in their new placement.

As part of the review process, I have put together a response to the Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) documenting our achievement of the priorities set out in the plan at the beginning of 2012. Areas where full implementation has not been achieved will be carried over to the Annual Implementation Plan for 2013. The review can be accessed by clicking on the following link https://mtncreekshs.eq.edu.au/Formsanddocuments/Annual_Implementation_Plan.

The refurbishment of the remaining three science demonstration rooms to full science laboratories is out for tender and will close on December 10th. While it was expected that work would have been commenced by November 30th and work completed for the start of the 2013 school year, it now appears that we will be managing access to rooms in the science building in the first few weeks of the school year. We are hopeful that construction will be completed by the end of February 2013.

Timetabling for 2013 is almost completed with enrolments expected to be around 1840. Additional enrolment interviews have been scheduled for the 22nd and 24th January.

The revised Behaviour Support Plan for Students as a mandatory document for all schools has been endorsed by the P&C and has been forwarded to Regional Office for endorsement. This document provided the basis for management of students in the school environment. The revised copy will soon be available on the school website for all parents and students to access. Elements of the plan are also included in the 2013 School Diary.

Students requiring new uniforms for 2013 are encouraged to use the uniform shop services in the final 2 weeks of the school year to avoid the very busy times at the beginning of the new school year. Uniform shop times are included in this edition of the newsletter. If new uniforms (shoes and socks included) are required please ensure that the school uniform dress code is followed.

A welcome newsletter will be emailed to all parents in the New Year with a reminder of the commencement dates for all year levels.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of the P&C Association, School Council, our School Uniform convenor Michelle and our Canteen staff Robyn, Sue, Bronwyn and Donna, our school community volunteers and the wonderful teaching staff, ancillary staff and administration staff for their support in maintaining such high standards in this school. We wish Sue Clovin the best in her retirement. Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Cheryl McMahon
Executive Principal

News from the Maths Department

National ICAS competition.

288 students participated this year in the University of New South Wales International Competitions and Assessments for Schools. In every year level from year 8 to year 12, the students at MCSHS scored above the National average for the competition. Three students received High Distinctions, placing them in the top 1% of the competition. These students were – Jade Savanh – Year 8, Bryce Street – Year 9 and Athone Millane – Year 12. A further 43 students received Distinctions. Over 58% of the students were awarded credits, distinctions and high distinctions.

Bryce Street and Jason Humrich and Jade Savanh
National Mathematics Competition.

Overall, 100 students took the opportunity to challenge themselves by competing in the Australian Mathematics competition on August 9th. In every year level, the students at MCSHS were above the National average. Over 61% of students received a Credit or higher. Seven students ranked in the top 1% of the competition scoring in the 99 percentile. Year 9 –Bryce Street and Jason Humrich, Year 11 – Blaine Schloss and Alexander Heck, Year 12 – Athon Millane, Connor Villiers and Rainer Scheu.

The world at her feet – Jess Gretener

Jesse Gretener a Year 10 IB student at MCSHS certainly has the travel bug. Please enjoy the story below from the Sunshine Coast Daily.

‘JESSIE Gretener was only seven when she first told her parents she wanted to travel the world. She may have been too young then but when her wanderlust continued they agreed she could go. Today, at just 15 years of age, the Mountain Creek State High school student is living her dream and seeing the world on an adventure that will have her cover seven countries in three months.

Travelling alone, she has visited France, Italy, Switzerland and England in the past six weeks and has Germany, Austria and America in her sights. Her trip caused a bit of a stir among some who believed she was too young to travel alone but her mum Kylie and dad Rafael are both in the travel industry and say they have no fears for her safety. Besides, the taekwondo black belt is meeting up with friends and family all along the way.

Amazingly, the trip is her first out of Australia. “Jessie is an independent girl with a lust for travel so strong we could not deny her of it,” Mrs Gretener said. “A lot of people questioned the decision to let her go and everyone had an opinion about what might happen to her. “The only thing in our mind that could go wrong would have been the logistical side of things and if she missed a flight. “Anything else could happen while she was walking from her home to school, so it never even crossed our minds.”

Mrs Gretener said Jessie’s determination to travel started at the age of seven. “She watched the Lizzie McGuire movie when Hilary Duff went to Rome,” she said. “She said, 'When I am 13, I was to travel' and by the time she was 13 there was no stopping her dreams.”

Jess is keeping a blog online. Read more

Trisha Valentine
HOD Resources/International Baccalaureate

MCMC (Mountain Creek Melbourne Cup)

Many students and staff enjoyed ‘fashion on the field’ at the Creeker Central green last Tuesday. Year 10 Business students honed their marketing and business skills in weeks of preparation for the Mountain Creek Melbourne Cup event held last week. Students applied their entrepreneur talents with sweet stalls, creative Fascinator sales, BBQ and prizes for fun games such as the Sponge Throw and Horseshoe toss.

Helen Young
HOD Business

Beautiful You Day

On Thursday the 15th of November, Stephanie Downman along with Makala Prasad and Kayleigh Kable delivered gerberas to every year 9 girl as part of ‘Beautiful You Day’ an idea that Steph began in 2011. The year 9 girls were very surprised and happy to receive such a beautiful flower.

This year was the second year that Steph a year 10 student organised ‘Beautiful You Day’. This was only possible through the kind donation of $200 received from the Sunshine Coast Private Buderim Hospital after Steph met with them to explain her idea.

Beautiful You Day is about making all girls feel good about themselves. The gerberas being a symbol that no matter what shape or size everyone is beautiful in their own way.

Donna Lancaster
Deputy Principal

News from the Creative Industries

Musical 2013

Are you ready to go 'Back to the 80s'? Mountain Creek State High School's 2013 musical 'Back to the 80s', promises to be a fun production with all the bells and whistles, in true Creeker style. Auditions for Year 8 and 9 students are being held in the final week of Term 4, on Monday 10th December and auditions for current Year 10 and 11 students will be held in the first week of
Term 1, 2013 along with our beginning year 8 students. For more information, please don’t hesitate to contact Jess Wall on 54578337.

Academy Showcase Evening

Year 8 and 9 Creative Industries Academy students will showcase their talent on Wednesday, 5th December to family and friends. The night begins with the Year 8 CIA students, on show from 6pm – 7pm, followed by the Year 9 CIA students, on show from 7pm – 8:30pm. The night will celebrate the achievements of our CIA students in 2012, by giving the audience just a snapshot of our very best work. For more information, please don’t hesitate to contact Jess Wall on 54578337, or one of the CIA teachers: Miss Tarla Varney, Miss Cherie Hoznynka, Mrs Sarah Laws or Mrs Cathryn Jones. A big thank you must go to these teachers for their hard work throughout the year, and in preparation for the event.

Creative Industries Sub Committee News

The CI Sub Committee held its final meeting of the year on Thursday, 15th November. Planning is underway for our biggest fundraiser in 2013 – our Music Trivia Night for staff, parents and friends. More information will be coming out in the new year, so stay tuned to see how you can be involved! If you are interested in finding out more about how you can get involved, please do not hesitate to contact Jess Wall, Acting Head of Department Creative Industries (and Chair of the Creative Industries Sub Committee) on 54578337 for more information.

Jess Wall
A/HOD Creative Industries

2012 Work Experience – Thank You

Mountain Creek State High School sincerely thanks the following businesses that provided our students with the opportunity to participate in the Work Experience Program during 2012. Please show your appreciation by supporting them.

4th Floor Restaurant
ABS Kawana
ACE Fibreglass Supplies
Air-Rite Australia
All Coast Plumbing
Anascott Welding & Manufacturing
Ashgrove Industries
Asset Electrical
Australian Reptile Park NSW
Base Electrical Services
BCJ Plumbing
Bee Dazzled Events
Beel Welding & Fabrication
Brisbane Marine Pilots
Buderim Tavern Bistro
Caloundra Airport
Corbould Park Race Course
Craig Cleary Constructions
CV Services Group
Laser Electrical
MAC Services
Marjac Car Care
McCosker Contracting
Gladstone
Mooloolah River Fisheries
Mountain Creek State School
Mountain Creek Tavern
Muffin Break
Multi Hull Solutions
NCP Plumbing Contractors
Nicklin Electrical
NTD Builder
Fisheries on the Spit
Footlocker Sunshine Plaza
Garry Crick Auto Group Maroochydore
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Gloria Jeans Mooloolaba
Grant McDonald Constructions
Inverted Body Board
Jason Merz Plasterer
K&D Fabrications
Kauri Kitchens and Joinery
Kawana Auto Service
Kayleigh Drive Mechanics
KDE Electrical Services Pty Ltd
Ken Mills Toyota Nambour
Kone Electrical
Sanrios Warana – Water Supply, Sewerage & Drainage
Shadforths
Sparkies Solutions
Steadman’s Welding & Customising
Stephen Ingle Roof Plumbing
Suburban Surf
Sanco Motors – Maroochydore
Sunquest Industries
Sunshine Coast Council
Sunshine Coast Private Hospital
Sunshine Toyota (Chancellor Park)
Sunstate Motorcycles
Surfing Academy
Swan Boat Hire (Bait & Tackle)
Symmetry Fencing

Ocean Addicts
Offshore Reef and Game Fishing
Ollie Jackson Electrical
One on La Balsa
Peter King Plumbing
PL&H Plumbing
Plumbers Qld
Quantum Rehab
Ray’s Outdoors
Redline Motorcycles
Redline Motorcycles
Riba Kai Café
Tacoma Plumbing & Drainage
The Coffee Club
Underwater World
Uniplumb – Plumbing
Window Revival Sunshine Coast
Woodworkers Door Centre
You and Me Café
Caroline Quilty
Student Services

Employment Opportunity

Mountain Creek State High School’s P&C is seeking two employees for their canteen, known as The Creeker Café. The vacancies are:

**TUCKSHOP ASSISTANT (PERMANENT PART-TIME)** – A suitably qualified and highly motivated Tuckshop Assistant is required to work at the Mountain Creek State High School canteen on a permanent part-time basis (25 hours per week), employed by the school’s P&C. Details about the vacancy can be obtained from the school’s website or Administration Office, Lady Musgrave Drive, Mountain Creek. Applications close 10 December 2012.

**TUCKSHOP ASSISTANT (CASUAL)** – The Mountain Creek State High School canteen requires a suitably qualified tuckshop assistant to work on a casual basis (up to 15 hours per week) employed by the school’s P&C. Duties will include book-keeping. Details about the vacancy can be obtained from the school’s website or Administration Office, Lady Musgrave Drive, Mountain Creek. Applications close 10 December 2012.

**Terry Walsh**
(P & C President)

**AFL Rising Stars**

The AFL Academy boys had the opportunity to attend the recent National Draft for the AFL. In conjunction with this event, AFL Queensland held an U16 Draft Combined Event at the Gold Coast Suns’ Metricon Stadium. All the AFLQ Schools of Excellence, such as Mountain Creek SHS, were invited to send students aged between 13 and 15 for AFL specific skills testing and some game competition amongst the group.

In addition, the students took part in a player education session held by the Brisbane Lions and Gold Coast Suns Academies and were also able to meet the 18 senior AFL coaches. This was a very informative and interesting session. The opportunity to meet and to listen to some of the game’s greats is very, very rare and our boys really enjoyed this aspect of the day.

The day concluded with a 9 a-side competition against other schools of excellences and both The Sun’s and Lion’s Academy squads. If the combined results are any indication, the future of AFL at Mountain Creek SHS will be full of many exciting times.

Peter Bock
AFL Coach
Basketball State Championships 2012
At the end of Term 3 Mountain Creek was represented by the Open Boys’ and Girls’ basketball teams at the Champion Schools Tournament held in Brisbane. This 4 day tournament involves schools from the state, private and independent sectors from all over the state, numbering around 200 teams in all over 3 divisions for both girls and boys.

Our school’s teams both contested the top division and had trained hard for this event. Both teams had been playing in the local A grade competition to help the preparation.

The boys were unfortunate to have lost to Brisbane school ACGS (Churchie) by only 2 points to miss out on placing in the top 8, but finished the tournament strongly to finish in 9th place. This is a very good result in excellent Basketball company.

The girls had an outstanding tournament. After qualifying for the top 8, we won each of our quarter- and semi-finals by more than 30 points. In the Grand Final of the tournament we met the current Australian Champions, John Paul College and played very strongly holding the opposition to only a few points for the first 3 quarters. In the final quarter the size and speed of the JPC girls allowed them to stretch their lead and eventually defeating Mountain Creek by only 22 points. As a result of the high standard of this game, our team has been accepted to receive a wildcard entry for the National Tournament Championship Division. The girls, with coach Ms Liz Smith and Manager, Ms Kim Nash, are currently in Melbourne playing this Australian Championship tournament. This has been a fantastic performance by the girls and we will update the results from this in the first newsletter in 2013.

Our school can be very proud of these student athletes. They are wonderful representatives of the school both on and off the court.

Liz Smith
Basketball Coach

Wednesday Interschool Sport

Team of Round 7 – Year 8 Tennis
After victories against Caloundra in round 7, the year 8 girls and boys tennis teams are both eyeing off positions in the finals. Both teams have dropped a couple of matches in the earlier rounds, however coach Soward thinks that his troops are peaking at the right time.

In the girls’ team Taaeli Fakraufon is the stand out player on and off the court. Even though her ground strokes are excellent, it is her sportsmanship and support for her team mates and opposition players which sets her apart. She is well supported by Acquaviva Frost-Innes, Linden Hall and Ashley Clarke.

In the boys’ team Matt McAuley holds the number one spot, with his solid ground strokes. The unorthodox, yet extremely effective Ben Magao and very consistent Tim Paulk can also be credited with valuable contributions week in and week out.

Team of Round 8 – Year 9 Boys Cricket
The year 9 boys’ cricket team are closing in on the perfect season. With only one round of competition remaining the boys are undefeated. Coach Barclay enjoys the way in which the boys go about their business. The matches are played in good spirit and it is a full team effort that gets them across the line.

Their last match was only a six over encounter, with Unity setting the boys a total of 39. The over a run a ball target was no match for the Creeker lads, scoring 54. Captain Zack Maas leads his team well while Mitch Levitt and Brad Kershaw are the top of the order batsmen. Jayden Instone has to be the fielder of the year, responsible for minimising many opposition scores.

Team of Round 9 – Year 9 Boys Softball
Congratulations to the Boys Softball team who has completed 9 rounds of competition undefeated, with a convincing win over Kawana. Coach Sanham says that the boys are improving with every match and are excited to go into the finals as minor premiers.

Credit has to go to captain Mitchell Woodworth as his organisational skills from behind the plate and huge hits are invaluable. Coach Sanham regards him as a fantastic leader who supports his whole team.

Dylan Levy, the number one pitcher, is responsible for many strike outs and is well supported by most improved player and pitcher Tom Gilmour who chalked up a strike out of his own in the latest 13-3 win.

Andrew Denny
Sports Co-ordinator

2013 Year 9 Laptops
As part of the NSSCF program for schools, it is expected that Year 9 students in 2013 will be given the opportunity to participate in the ‘take home’ or ‘stay at school’ options provided to students in previous rounds. A decision regarding the future funding of the NSSCF has been finalised and we will be able to make a decision at the school level regarding funding arrangements based on the NSSCF allocation to schools.

In anticipation of a favourable outcome, we have placed a draft of a ‘take home’ and ‘stay at school’ contract on the website for your perusal.

We will notify parents early in the new year when and in what capacity the NSSCF laptops will be available to Year 9 students in 2013.

Cheryl McMahon
Executive Principal

School Holidays
For most of us, it is a time to celebrate and spend time with your family. However there are more families where the parents or the students are working over the break and are unable to have as much time together. Make sure what time you do have is quality time. Go for a walk, sit down and have that chat you are always going to do!

So what do the young people do and how does it not cost a fortune?

1. Check the council website for school activities
2. Organise with friends activities like bike riding and walks (parents’ permission)
3. If you have a job over the holiday balance it with some fun time
4. Join the local library to read latest books or reread your favourites
5. Go to the beach, stay between the flags and be Sun Smart
6. Hire a DVD on Tuesday at low cost
7. Catch the local buses as they are free from 26th Dec-6th Jan if you visit another part of the Sunshine Coast
8. Set yourself a task to do each day so you don’t leave it to the last minute i.e. help around the house, walk the dog etc.
9. Have fun that keeps you out of trouble and no one hurt (laughter is the best medicine)

Useful Websites
http://www.weekendnotes.com/sunshine-coast/

Kerry
Youth health Nurse
Spin Off – Chaplaincy Fundraiser Event

The Chaplaincy program is provided to the school by Scripture Union Queensland (SUQld). Chaplains, who are currently working in over 600 schools in Queensland, are funded predominately by community support. We have 2 Chaplains at Mountain Creek High-Stu and Sarah.

This year, Sarah and Stu organised a team of 6 who participated in the 2012 SPIN OFF event. SPIN OFF is a fundraiser facilitated by SU Qld. The event involved teams of people competing against each other on a stationary exercise bike (1 bike per team) to cycle as many kilometres as they could in 30 minutes. Individuals in the team approached people to sponsor them financially prior to the event for their efforts.

2012 was the inaugural event and was a brilliant day. A live band performed during the event along with a comprehensive computer link up that displayed on the big screen each team’s distances as well as live video images. There was a good sized audience watching which added to the excitement of the day. Over 50 teams were involved in the event supporting many individual Chaplains from across South-East Queensland and the competition was fierce!

Stu and Sarah are planning on entering a few teams in the next SPIN OFF event which is in May 2013. Stay tuned for more details, visit the website: http://spinoff.org.au/ or talk to one of the Chaplains at Student Services if you would like to get involved! We’d love your support!

Sarah Turner
Chaplain

Uniform Shop Hours

The Uniform Shop Opening Hours for the remainder of this term are:

3rd to 7th Dec. 8am - 4pm.
9th to 13th Dec. 9am – 2pm.
14th Dec. CLOSED

Re-open Monday 21st January 2013
21st Jan. to 25th Jan. 8am – 2pm.
28th January CLOSED

The first three weeks of term 1 the shop will be open from 9am to 2pm.

If any parent/guardian has a few hours to spare in the busy back to school week beginning 21st January please give Michelle a call 54578328. We would welcome any assistance.

Happy and safe holidays to all

Michelle Sampson
Uniform Shop

School Holiday Membership

Looking for a Christmas present idea?
Looking for a positive summer holiday activity for your child?
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- Rules and Regulations of Facebook
- What to know before using the site
- Family Facebook Agreement
- Setting realistic boundaries
- How to set up a Facebook Profile – the SMART way
- Understanding Privacy settings and controlling how people interact with your page
- What to share (and what not to share) including photos and tagging
- How to use Facebook for ‘Good’
- And much more...

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Wednesday 19th of December
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