26 July 2016

From the Executive Principal

I commence this edition of our newsletter with some exciting news regarding the long awaited outdoor covered courts. As indicated in previous in newsletters, we were awaiting the outcome of a State Schools Subsidy grant to enable the school to proceed with both stages of the construction – courts and cover. I am very pleased and excited to advise that the school was granted the State Schools Subsidy of $515,000 towards the funding of this much needed facility.

My sincere thanks to the Regional facilities reference group for endorsing our project to move forward for state selection to enable both stages to proceed. Sincere thanks also to our P&C for their financial commitment to the facilities development as part of our Master Plan. Our timeframes will be determined by the approval time required as well as approximately 3-4 months for construction.

I hope by now all parents have received Semester 1 reports, to enable discussions around setting goals for Term 3 and subject selection for 2017. Parents should also have received information advising of how to book online Education and Career Planning (ECP) interviews. This second ECP interview for the year is the start of our extensive planning for 2017 and requires careful consideration by students in consultation with parents to determine the education plan/pathway that is most suitable to each student.

To assist students and parents to make the correct choice, this school provides a Careers Expo evening – faculty displays, tertiary providers, school to work displays, course planning talks (year 10) and changes to the senior curriculum 2018 (Year 9). I would encourage all students (particularly years 9 - 12) to attend the Careers Expo on Monday 1st August, to answer any questions relating to subject selection and career pathways prior to ECP on the 9th August.

Congratulations to our newly appointed school leaders for 2016/17 and my sincere thanks to the 2015/16 leaders for their leadership and development of community over the past year. I know they will continue to develop their skills in future community work. A list of the new leaders is published below in the Senior School report. I wish the newly appointed leaders well as they embark on this journey with all of the senior students in the school.

With the revised constitution for the School Council commencing on Monday 22nd August, I would like to remind parents that nominations for 2 parent representatives on the School Council are open until 29th July 2016 (see below for detail of how to apply).

Each year the Department of Education provides a School Opinion Survey for all state schools. The information about how parents can participate in the School Opinion Survey was sent home with the eldest child in each family when reports were issued on Thursday 21st July. The survey should only take 10 minutes. Your response to the online survey will provide valuable advice to the school about the quality of our operations and assist us in the annual review process. Thank you for participating in the online survey which closes on Friday 29th July.

The Department of Education has endorsed ‘a same day notification for student absences from school’ actioned immediately. Mountain Creek State High School has been using an SMS same day system for many years. To ensure 100% compliance with this policy, it is important that we are provided with any change of contact details immediately – specifically
mobile phone contacts for SMS. Please advise the school immediately if there are ANY changes to contact details.

Cheryl McMahon  
Executive Principal

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Dear parents/carers,

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability.

All Australian schools, state and non-state, will collect data from 2015. As was the case last year our school will be involved in the nationally consistent data collection process.

Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you.

Cheryl McMahon  
Executive Principal

From the Head of Senior School

Careers Night 1st August

On the 1st of August from 5.30pm to 7.30pm the school will be holding its annual Careers Night in the Student Centre and nearby buildings. The evening will provide the most accurate information to students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 about subject options in senior years. The event is timed to be held prior to subject selection confirmation occurring at Education and Career Planning day on the 9th of August. All school faculties and a range of University and training provider displays will be on offer including the TAFE College and ADFA for senior students. The University of the Sunshine Coast will have specific displays for students and information sheets on each subject. Year 11 students will also be on hand to speak to Year 10 students about the realities of studying subjects in senior.

Amongst our community we have an enormous number of parents/siblings working in a broad cross section of successful careers with a wealth of knowledge. The school is asking if any parents are willing to offer 1 hour of your time (5.30-6.30pm/ 6.30-7.30pm) to be located at one of our faculty displays and offer insights into your chosen career. We feel this kind of valuable knowledge will be of enormous benefit to the student community and will allow students to make more informed choices about subjects to select in 2017. It will also give many students a reality check about the effort required to achieve their study goals and what life is really like making a career out of their chosen area.

How Do I Get Involved?

Simply contact the Head of Department below and express your interest. When we have a number of parents involved we will contact you with further details. The school would appreciate any assistance you can offer for this important evening. Please call me direct with any questions you may have.

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| Tim Wilson         | Graeme Breen | Andy Walpole |
| 5457 8386          | 5457 8354 | 5457 8302 |
| Any sport or sport related fields Training Fitness Coaching Human Movements | Information Technology | Trades or Technical stream |

BUSINESS | INTERNATIONAL LOTE (Languages)

| Helen Young | Kirsty Levy |
| 5457 8380 | 5457 8334 |
| Any areas of business or related fields | Travel |
Women in Engineering
As part of the science display at Careers Night there will be a University of Queensland Women in Engineering section. Any students wishing to talk about engineering are welcome to discuss this with UQ staff.

Information Sessions
5.15pm – 5.45pm Mr Breen – the STEM Academy - Year 7 and 8 students and parents

Year 10 Students – Strand Presentations
Each Year 10 student has been placed into a strand for Year 11 subjects. The strands are OP and Vocational. This stranding then dictates which group of subjects students can choose from for Year 11 based on their results in Year 10 so far. These students finalise these choices by ECP night. Year 10 students are having presentations about each strand on assembly each Monday leading up to ECP night. On Careers Night there will be several presentations to parents as follows in the Performing Arts Auditorium next to the Student Centre. IB students do not need to attend these talks.

5.45pm – 6.15pm The new senior system for current Year 9 students starting in Year 11 2018.
6.15pm – 6.35pm OP PATHWAY 2017. For Year 11 2017 OP students and their parents.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Education and Career Planning Day (ECP) 9th August
On Thursday 21st students received their report card and an information letter outlining the booking process for an interview. No classes will operate on 9th August as usual. All students are required to instead attend a 15 minute interview with parents and a teacher designated for your student. At ECP students will be able to confirm their subject selections for 2017.

Year 12 students are required to attend to ensure that they have completed the necessary requirements to graduate their Year 12 year (QCE, attendance). QTAC preferences will be discussed during this interview if applicable.

Year 11 students must confirm their subject selections for 2017, as these are not automatic and require payment for confirmation of enrolment.

Year 7 - 10 students must attend to confirm their subject selections for 2017. Year 10 students must choose according to the pathway indicated on the subject selection forms.

For all students in years 7-11 this will be the designated day for financial arrangements to be finalised for 2017. Subject selections will guide parents as to the total fees required for 2017. As always payment facilities, options for payment plans and our friendly support staff will all be available throughout the afternoon and evening.

Booking an ECP Interview
The school online booking system is once again open to receive bookings with teachers for ECP. The link is included on the letter and the schools Facebook page as well as here.

Please only book with the teacher that you have been assigned to. With leave arrangements some teachers have been replaced, though most students will have the same teacher as last term.

Once again we look forward to engaging with our parents at this important event.

New Leaders Inducted
Once again a stellar group of students have taken the mantle of student leadership for 2016/2017. These students were inducted at a ceremony on the 14th of July, where all Year 11 students were issued with a senior badge and are now accepted as true senior students in the school.

Those elected to a higher office of service are;

Male School Captains –

Female School Captains –

Programs of Excellence Captains are:

Creative Industries Captains – Jessica Bradford and Tom Powell
Public Relations Captain – Lara St Clair
Public Speaking and Debating Captain – Jordan Villaneuva
International Student Program Captain – Nhi Lam Gia
Student Council Chair – Kellie Bartlem
Student Council Secretary – Krista Stock
STEM Captain – Abbey Van Der Vorst

Year 11 Sub School Leaders

Bribie - Devon Kahika, David Micozzi, Blake Williams (Sports Coordinator), Chris Hooper, Lauren Pitton-O’Grady.
Fraser - Loren Gorden, Scott McMeekan (Sports Coordinator), Cynthia Thompson, Emma Shields, Xanthe Beasley
Moreton - Miku Fujimoto, Evie Edmonds, Mikaela Williams (Sports Coordinator), Caleb Wynne, Georgia Walker, Luca Steinhauser
Stradbroke - Kate Gaukroger, Kyle Hood, Shayley Andrews, Tayla Fraser Brown (Sports Coordinator)

Year 10 Leaders

Bribie Students - Angharad Gordon, Ebony Norton, Melissa Hartwell, Lucy Paterson
Fraser Students - Megan Roets, Rosie Shipp
Moreton Students - Jessica Cherry, Claire Finlay, Jemma Rawson, Chelsea Walker, Kyanna Ayres
Stradbroke Students – Jasmine Leask, Tian Mares, Islay Chambers, Gabby Gretener

Year 10 and 11 Leaders will be involved a planning day on Friday 29th July. Heads of Sub Schools will work with their leaders to set goals for their leadership journey. The Year 12 outgoing leaders will be farewelled at a luncheon on 29th July as well. They have been a credit to themselves and their very supportive parents.

Year 11 students ready for their badges.

Guest Speaker – past School captain 2013 Ebony Blackstone

Performers Rising Voices Leaders Old and New Front Row
Jess Gaukroger, Briana Williams, Nathan Cross and Liam Carvin, background Isabelle Blackstone, Jane Argue, Ben Magao and Bryn McAlister

Programs of Excellence leaders – L to R Jessica Bradford and Tom Powell, Lara St Clair, Jordan Villaneuva, Nhi Lam Gia, Kellie Bartlem, Krista Stock, Abbey Van der Vorst.

QTAC – University Application Process Year 12

Year 12 students are currently engaging in the Tertiary Application Process during Access classes on Monday. QTAC books have been distributed and students are working with these to organise their preferences for university applications which are due in September. All OP eligible students are required to bring their preferences to their ECP interviews this term for discussion with their ECP teacher.

If students or parents would like to discuss these preferences in more detail after ECP interviews they may make an appointment with a Guidance Officer at Student Services or Mrs Brockenshire (Head of Department Senior School) will be available at the Careers Night prior to ECP to discuss any concerns from parents or students.

Parents should attend the QTAC information session at the Careers Expo for a clear understanding of the process. The University of the Sunshine Coast also has an Open Day on Sunday 7th August the IMAGINARIUM.

Best wishes Andrew Stone and Bree Brockenshire

Andrew Stone
Head of Senior School

From the Head of Junior Secondary School

Welcome back to parents and students alike after a much deserved mid-year break. Term 3 sees plenty of activity in the Junior Secondary School. The following information is a brief run-down of opportunities and commitments for Year 7, 8 and 9 students in the first few weeks of Term 3.

Sport and Enrichment

Students will have been allocated into a sporting team or enrichment class and will receive a new version on their timetable.

Reporting and ECP

Report Cards and information in relation to ECP were issued to students on Thursday 21st of July to all Junior Secondary Students. Please ensure you have seen your student’s report. ALL students will be choosing subjects for 2017 prior to your ECP meeting on the 9th of August.
Year 9 into 10 students will have to ensure that they are aware of the prerequisites for senior subjects. The list of these was issued to students on assembly on the 18th of July. Please take the time to have a look at the Subject Selection information on the school’s website and discuss options with your student.

**Careers Evening**

Careers evening will be held on the 1st of August. Year 9 students are welcome to attend. (Year 7 and 8 students and their parents are also welcome to attend – particularly if you would like more information on specific subject areas).

There will be a special information session for year 9 students and their parents from 5.45pm - 6.15pm in the PA block. Information about the new senior structure your student will be involved in (for 2018 - 2019) will be presented. We look forward to seeing you there.

**The Collins Writing Program**

We have had the great pleasure of having Christine Hills (Principal from Rockhampton Girls Grammar) in our school in week 2. This is Christine’s second visit to our school and we are incredibly grateful for her time and expertise in the craft of writing and the Collins Writing Program.

If your student was in one of the classes Christine worked with they may be able to tell you all about: the Triple A, nominalisation, clever connectives used in evaluation, comparing and contrasting or building better sentences.

**Writing for Success (Lee Bruynius)**

Over the past 10 weeks, students in Mountain Creek State High School’s Reading Success program have completed a series of writing tasks from the Collins Writing Program with great success. Students are not only able to see an improvement in their own writing, but are able to identify areas for further development. Already these activities have helped our students to improve their ‘writing fitness’ and organisation, while at the same time boosting their confidence in being able to communicate their ideas on paper. Writing is and will remain an essential life skill, which we look forward to helping our students develop further through the Collins Writing Program.

Improvement with writing will continue to be a major focus for our school.

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**New Text Message Number**

New number for advising of, or replying to absences.

The company we use for Text Messages to parents has changed, meaning that the dedicated number for text replies to absentee texts has changed. The new number is 61437894481. Please save this number in your phone for possible future use.

**Finance Information**

**Payment of 2017 School Fees – ECP Evening, Tuesday 9 August, 2016**

Dear Parent/Guardian

Education Career Planning Interviews (ECP) will be held Tuesday 9 August, 2016. Students will be required to choose subjects for the 2017 school year. At this time we request that all User Pay subjects are paid on the day to enable accurate timetabling and class sizes (all parent/guardians will be emailed User Pay fees prior to ECP). The Student Resource Scheme can be paid prior to the 2017 school year either on the day or by three instalments before the end of the 2016 year.

All students have a “BPOINT DIRECT DEBIT REQUEST (VISA / MASTERCARD)” form included in their subject selection form this year. This form is to be completed by those parent/guardians who wish to supply their credit card details to pay for fees upfront or by instalment. If this form is completed prior to the night it will be a matter of just handing it to one of our “Instalment Officers” at ECP day to verify the total amount.

A copy of this form is also available via the following link BPoint Direct Debit Request

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**International Baccalaureate Update**

**What do students study in the IB?**

The International Baccalaureate Diploma programme offers many of the subjects which are already familiar for our students such as Mathematics, languages (Spanish and Japanese), History, Business Management, Visual Arts (Art), Music but there are also some unfamiliar subjects – subjects that students have not had the opportunity yet to study.
Psychology, the study of human behaviour. Why we do what we do, what motivates us, what makes us run from danger and love small furry animals!

Environmental Systems and Societies, a contemporary subject that looks at human influence on the limited resources of the earth. A multi-disciplinary subject incorporating biology, geography and chemistry. Helps students to develop considered perspectives on the issues facing our world today.

**Theatre Arts** – Learn how to direct a play, investigate world theatre traditions, work in groups and individually to be a creator, designer, director or performer.

**Computer Science** – Love coding, want to try your hand at cutting edge IT technology and innovation. This subject may be for you.

**English** – yes you have done this subject before but in the IB the study of English is different with a concentration on the study of literature from all around the world and across the decades.

Student also choose to specialise in specific Science subjects in the IBDP: Physics, Biology, or Chemistry. The depth and breadth of the study in these subjects are outstanding preparation for the study in the sciences or engineering at university.

The IB Diploma programme equally values learning in all areas but you get to choose if you want to study your favourite subjects at a higher and deeper level.

Applications for consideration for the Year 10 2017 IB Pathway are currently open. To date over thirty Year 9 MCSHS students have completed their applications. It is always interesting to read the applications as students are asked to reflect on their education and experiences both in and out of school so far and to dream about what pathways they may take in the future.

So as the school reports for Term 2 are brought home and students begin to make subject choices for Year 10, I would invite parents and their Year 9 students to have conversations about possible pathways offered at MCSHS. For information on the IB please view the MCSHS IB Webpages.

For more application information call Ms Trisha Valentine 54578344 or Jodie Munro 54578390.

What are our IB Past Students doing now …

One of the great pleasures of being a teacher is to see our students past and present, mature and choose pathways that take them to places that we can only dream about. Further when those students return to our school and share their experiences with our current students we get an insight into the great potential that comes with a strong education.

Here is a snapshot of the news of late.

**Jack Rogers – IB Class of 2014**

‘Uni for me is going fantastically, I started my majors in Civil and Environmental Engineering this year which was exciting! I was pretty happy with first Semester results, with an average GPA of 6, meaning my cumulative GPA is at 6.25! This coming semester I get to play with concrete and other cool stuff as well, so looking forward to that!

And this past holidays I was selected by my college at UQ (Union) to represent them along with two others at a national College Leadership Conference down in Sydney for a week all paid for etc!!! It was truly an amazing experience, meeting so many passionate and likeminded students from around Australia, and learning so many things to take back to college! It was an experience I would definitely liken to IB in terms of awesome life experiences!’
Tristan Burns – IB Class of 2010

Tristan spoke to our Year 10 IB class this week about his experiences since school. A double degree Bachelor of Engineering/Bachelor of Science student at University of Queensland, Tristan has just returned from what was supposed to be a six month international student exchange in Munich, Germany. Six months turned into two years, as Tristan completed his exchange and then embraced the offer to do an internship at the German DLR Aerospace Centre and Airbus Defence and Space Centre. Here he had the opportunity to complete his thesis using state of the art lasers and wave metres. The equipment that was required for his experimental work cost over 150,000 Euro.

Now Tristan returns to University of Queensland to complete his studies but has placed himself in the market for research fellow and internships with a resume that shows cutting edge, international experience with world leaders in the aviation and aerospace field.

Tristan talked to the students about the importance of the basics or the foundations of learning and says that he still uses the ‘tricks and drills that he learned in Mrs Elizabeth Smith’s IB Higher Level Maths classes’.

Alex Burns – IB Class of 2015

Alex while only having been at University for 1 semester – University of New South Wales (Sydney) studying a double degree in Geo-spatial Engineering and International Studies, has already worked with drones, high definition geo-spatial equipment and satellite imagery and data. As one of only twelve students doing this degree combination, Alex has had the opportunity to do field work in the Blue Mountains, surveying and mapping, using as a foundation the physics and mathematics that he learned at school as part of his IB programme.

Alex sees great potential for his future career in Defence and Intelligence Organisations but his top pick is to work with the United Nations.

Elysa Carr – IB Class of 2012

In her final year of undergraduate studies at Monash University – Bachelor of Bio-Medical Science (Advanced Honours), Elysa has just returned from Sweden where she completed a six months exchange programme. Elysa was awarded the Monash Outstanding Academic Scholarship based on her IB score and has shown her academic ability with research internships from Year 1. Elysa will continue her work in research which involves investigating ‘metal concentrations in relation to the functional organisation of the lateral geniculate nucleus’.

Melissa Pope – IB Class of 2010

Melissa is now in her fourth year of Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery through James Cook University. When Melissa first left MCSHS, she went on a twelve month WEP exchange to Belgium where she and learnt French before beginning a Bachelor of Science at University of Queensland. With a Vice-Chancellor’s award and a scholarship at her student residence for outstanding academic results, Melissa applied for James Cook Medical programme. Based now in Cairns, after three years in Townsville, Melissa has experienced work and clinical opportunities in Weipa Public Hospital, Cairns Base Hospital, Cairns Private Hospital and a brief opportunity to view some research around post-cardiac surgery in Sweden.

Trisha Valentine
HOD IB

Resource Centre News

Students Recommend Books By Featured Authors

This week, a permanent display featuring some of our junior students’ favourite authors was opened in the Resource Centre. It is often very difficult for students to find a book that interests them if they have not had a lot of exposure to books in the past. Similarly, parents often do not know where to start when it comes to choosing an engaging book for their student. The display in the fiction section of the Resource Centre showcases 10 authors, selected by students in the
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Lee Bruynius
Literacy Coordinator

News from the Coding and Innovation Faculty

Design a logo

Congratulations to Sam Richardson as the winner of the year 11 ITS "Design a logo" assignment. Sam has combined his Photoshop skills and newly learnt logo design skills to create a logo that is both creative and appealing to the audience.

Subjects in Coding and Innovation Department

Remember with Subject selection coming up there are lots of options to learn coding and programing within the Coding and Innovation Department.

- Year 7 – Robotics and Introduction to block programming through Game Design.
- Year 8 – Design principles with Canva, Introduction to HTML, Edison Robotics and Java mods in MinecraftEDU.
- Year 9 – Working with Microprocessors using Arduino, Robotics, HTML/CSS website design and creative coding through Processing.
- Year 10 – Mobile Web App design & Java Script, App inventor, Python and extended game design
- Year 11- Photoshop (intro), Game Design (intro), and Web Design (intro). Major Project: computer-based promotion and marketing displays
- Year 12- Game Design, Web Design and Photoshop. Major project: Touchscreen kiosk development and installation

Startup-ED – upskilling Sunshine Coast schools

At a 2 day workshop on Monday 18th-Tuesday 19th July, the Coding and Innovation Hub at MCSHS delivered a workshop for secondary schools across the Sunshine Coast region – both public and private. Funded through the Department of Science, Information Technology and Innovation, the Startup-ED provides understanding and skills around integration of Lean Startup in to secondary schools.

18 teachers were run through a comprehensive program by:

Dr Retha de Villiers Scheepers Senior Lecturer, Entrepreneurship and Innovation University of the Sunshine Coast
Dr Dean Alle, Entrepreneur in Residence, University of the Sunshine Coast
Zach Johnson, Spark Bureau

MCSHS will be using the knowledge gained to include Lean Startup principles into our course offerings, beginning with:

- Year 10 Digital Technologies – Term 4 2016
- Year 7/8 Business – from 2017
- Year 7/8/9 Stem with Innovation (new subject) – from 2017

school’s Reading Success Literacy Program. The featured authors’ books come highly recommended by our Reading Success students, who have thoroughly enjoyed reading them. The students also helped in the creation of the display by writing a short blurb about one of their favourite books written by each featured author. Parents and students are encouraged to visit the display in the Resource Centre on the day of ECP Interviews, August 9th.
Inaugural STEM Captain

Congratulations to year 11 student Abbey Van De Vorst who is the inaugural STEM Captain for MCSHS. STEM is an acronym for Science Technology Engineering and Maths.

Abbey will work within the school promoting the role of STEM in career pathways and encourage engagement with all aspects of STYEM, particularly with junior secondary students.

Startup Weekend for Youth – Sunshine Coast

Following on from the initial event in 2015, where a MCSHS-based team won the final pitch, this year’s event will be held on the weekend of 19-21 August. The prizes include: 1 hour with Shark Tank’s Steve Baxter around business and startup development, internships and electronic equipment.

http://www.startupsycyouth.com

The competition is open to students in grades 10-12 and tickets are $50 including meals.

Why Study Digital Technologies?

With the new Digital Technologies curriculum required to be delivered in all Queensland schools from the start of 2017, students will become better equipped to address the changing nature of work and employment in the years ahead. The following figures are provided as an indication of this change:

It is estimated that:

- 60% of new jobs require skills held by 20 per cent of the workforce
- 75% of the fastest growing occupations require science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) related skills and knowledge
- 40% of Australian jobs are at risk of being automated in the next 10-15 years
- 50% of the world’s entrepreneurs are between the ages of 25 and 44

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LQMqU8crrqM

We encourage all families and students to consider the role of Digital Technologies in ANY future employment pathway.

Future Careers and the Implications for Education

A recent Four Corners program titled “Future Proof” had the following promotional blurb:

“With startling predictions that more than 5 million Australian jobs will disappear in the next 15 years, as a result of technology, we look at the future of work and ask are we preparing our kids for the jobs of the future?”

http://iview.abc.net.au/programs/four-corners/NC1604H023S00

(available till August 3, 2016)

To further press the importance of Digital Technologies in preparation for careers of the future, we have specifically asked Zach Johnson from Spark Bureau to present at the senior presentation being run by Deputy Principal Andrew Stone at our Careers Expo on August 1.

Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow

In further support of the Lean Startup activities being introduced at MCSHS through the Coding and Innovation Hub, we have received funding to rollout Entrepreneurship initiatives across the school for the next 3 years. We will keep you posted!

http://www.codinginnovationhub.com

Skills Expo for Primary Teachers

Using the funding the school received from Google, we have been able to continue our end-of-term Skills Expos to assist primary and pre-service teachers to upskill in preparation for the compulsory delivery of the Digital Technologies program across Queensland. The whole day training workshops are offered from $10 and under the negotiated terms of the grant, we are able to provide assistance to the primary schools to cover the replacement relief teachers – this is only for Sunshine Coast schools.

MCSHS and Feeder Schools

The Coding and Innovation faculty has been working with our five main feeder primaries (Mountain Creek SS, Brightwater SS, Mooloolaba SS, Buddina SS and Buderim Mountain SS) via regular meetings of IT coordinators to set common exit standards for Digital Technologies at year 6.

MCSHS has made a commitment to provide assistance with training and other support to ensure our cluster receives assistance over and above what is offered via the Skills Expos. The benefit for us is that we can be confident that all students coming through to Dig Tech in year 7 will have a common scope and depth of understanding of topics.

Graeme Breen
HOD – Coding and Innovation

News from Creative Industries

Welcome back!

After just over a year on maternity leave, I am back and excited to see the Creative Industries staff and students through to the end of the year. My son Frankie is now 1-year-old, and it has been wonderful being able to spend that time with him in his first year.

A big thank you to Rachel Downie for her role as Acting Head of Creative Industries in my absence, and also to Music Teacher Carly Cook for taking up .2 of the Head of Department role now that I am back. For this semester, Carly is managing all Creative
Industries events, and I will resume all other duties as part of my role as Head of Creative Industries, however working from Tuesday – Friday.

Once again, it is great to be back.

**Jess Stansbie**  
*Head of Creative Industries*

**Exciting Term Ahead for Dance Students!**

Term 3 will see for the first time this year, the collaboration of our junior and senior Dance Company who will work on their 2016 Awards Night performance. Guest artist Kate Matti has been commissioned to create a high energy jazz piece for our end of year performance which the girls are very excited to be part of.

In class the students have been given countless opportunities to work with professional artists, some who are past students of the school, to learn different dance styles, to create new and exciting choreography and develop their technical skills. This term, the year 8 dance students will participate in hip hop workshops, and the year 10 students will be working on a contemporary piece. The year 11 students will be visiting QPAC in August to watch Bangarra Dance Theatre perform.

The students have an exciting term ahead of them and we look forward to watching their creativity flourish over the term.

**Year 10 Art Students Get Their Hands Dirty**

Year 10 Visual Art students created clay busts in Term 2. Students really enjoyed working with clay to create these fantastic pieces.

**News from the Sports Department**

**Aussie Champ Wins Gold**

Recently, Brandon Willmott, a Senior Fraser student at Mountain Creek SHS, was part of the Australian Boomerang’s team and competed in the U16 men’s division. Brandon really put in a lot of effort and determination to win his seat in that team. Right up to the last moment he was still competing with one of his other teammates for the coveted steerer’s position, but his coach recognised the amount of dedication Brandon had shown, and ability too, and gave him the seat.

Brandon recently competed in the Va’a Outrigger Canoe World Sprints Championships held at Lake Kawana. These world championships are held every two years in different countries and this year saw 35 countries here in Australia to compete. Brandon’s event was Sprint Racing over a 500m straight course and 1000m turn racing on a 250m course (four straights and three turns).

**Ayllah Wins Gold**

In June the Queensland Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Cuirut held its Sunshine Coast Open tournament at the Caloundra Indoor Stadium.

http://www.qbijjc.com.au

In the 14yr under 42kg division Mountain Creek High School student Ayllah Campbell-Dunstan won her division for the 2nd year in a row.

The achievement of this is that she had to beat current Queensland Champion and Australian ranked top 10 boys who are sponsored athletes.

https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brazilian_jiu-jitsu

Ayllah will compete against the best at the Pan Pacific Oceania titles in Melbourne at the end of year.

**Ex Student gets Cricket Rookie Deal with QLD**

Since leaving school last year there has been plenty happening for Bryce Street with cricket. For the 2016/17 season he received a one year rookie contract deal with QLD, trains 4 times a week with the squad and does pure fitness by himself one other day. It is a dream come true for Bryce and he looks forward to what could become of this opportunity.
Welcome Back and Thank You

Welcome back to term 3! I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lisa Kempf for doing an amazing job as Acting HOD of Social Science while I was maternity leave. It is really fortunate that we have such good staff at Mountain Creek who are willing to step into promotional positions when we need them. Lisa Kempf will be staying in Fraser as HOSS of year 8 and if you need to contact her she can be reached on 54578 354. If you need to contact me, Kate Benfield, as HOD of Social Science or HOSS of year 10 in Fraser you can contact me on 54 578 364.

I would also like to take the opportunity to welcome some new teachers to the Social Science department – Tina Smithard is returning from maternity leave and will be HOSS of year 12 in Moreton and Kelly Brooker. Both these teachers are highly experienced and come with a wealth of knowledge and passion for teaching and we hope they enjoy their time at Mountain Creek.

Excursions this Term

Please note that year 8H, 8N, 8A, 8S, 8O and 8U will be invited to attend an excursion to Buderim Rainforest during week 6 which coincides with an assessment piece for their studies in Geography. Permission forms will be handed out in the coming weeks.

Subject Choices for 2017

With subject selection time for 2017 fast approaching (ECP 9th of August) I would like to encourage you to think very carefully about your choices for next year. As QCAA Authority SOSE subjects have always done very well in preparing students for the QCS test, and helped immensely with OP results, with the subjects we offer in SOSE being a great investment in your future!

Year 10:

Modern History – all students must take this course

Electives - Geography and Ancient History – both subjects will be very beneficial for those students with a keen passion for these subjects and especially helpful for those students wanting to go to university. The research skills learnt in these subjects are the key skills needed to be successful at university with past students often commenting that SOSE subjects were the main reason they passed Uni!

Year 11 and 12:

Geography, Ancient and Modern History - All subjects will be very beneficial for those students with a keen passion for the subjects and especially helpful for those students wanting to go to university. The research skills learnt in these subjects are the key skills needed to be successful at university with past students often commenting that SOSE subjects were the main reason they passed Uni!

Social and Community Studies and Certificate II in Volunteering – for those students who are not likely to go to university but still have a keen passion for the world we live in. These subjects are not OP eligible subjects.

If you have any questions about future subject choices please don’t hesitate to call Kate Benfield (HOD of Social Science) on 54 578 364.

Year 7 History Students Get Creative

In Year 7 history last term students were asked to recreate famous artefacts from Ancient Egypt to support their assessment piece. Not only was this a task that challenged them but it was great fun. When you come along to the Careers Expo on the 1st of August a display of our students’ great work will be there!

News from Hospitality

Mountain Creek State High School is fortunate to have such supportive Sunshine Coast businesses, which contribute to our hospitality program. The cooperation of owners, managers and employees who enhance the richness of our program by providing excellent mentoring during industry placement, is sincerely appreciated. A number of these cafes, restaurants and associated industry members also offer advice and feedback on our programs and provide learning opportunities for our teachers. The hospitality department would like to
acknowledge the contribution by the following hospitality establishments:

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The effects of being a small player (producer) without any power in a competitive commercial environment;

Flaxton Gardens, an iconic wedding venue on the Sunshine Coast, where Alan Thompson informed the students about the complexities of running a large scale, multi-faceted functions venue and also had the opportunity to practise table setting skills for formal occasions;

The Ginger Factory, where the students explored an establishment which caters for such a diverse range of customers and Café Silo, a recently established Yandina café, has a philosophy which encompasses the belief that responsible modern establishments should aim to provide fresh healthy food, source locally and prepared on the premises. Owner Nicky thoroughly discussed the challenges of establishing a café and the rewards that come from taking on such an endeavour.

Many thanks to Via Italia and its staff for so many opportunities for our students. In the past semester Via Italia has been supporting us with Yr 8 & 9 Enrichment, industry placement for students, mentoring for teachers and continued employment of past and soon to be, present students. All of our Year 12 hospitality students had the opportunity to work a dinner service at Via Italia, where they were able to demonstrate and develop their front of house skills. It is not an easy task to have students working under your wing and the staff at Via Italia do it with style and patience.

I would encourage our school community to support our industry partners. If you know of a club, café, restaurant or functions venue that may wish to be involved the training of our hospitality teachers and students or act as a mentor for our program, please contact Mrs Toomey at ktoom4@eq.edu.au.

**News from Student Services**

**New Guidance Officer for term 3**

Hello, my name is Mrs Robyne Wheaton Guidance Counsellor, Sunshine Coast Region. I have been fortunate enough to join the team at Mountain Creek SHS for the remainder of Term 3, 2016. I will be working from Tania Dahms office while she is away from the school. Originally, I have held GO positions across the Brisbane Region, moving to the coast in 2014 as a permanent resident, fulfilling short contracts. I hope that I can be of assistance to you if the need should arise and look forward to working with students, parents and staff over the next two months. You can contact me by phoning 5457 8304

**Warm Regards, Robyne**

**Failing & mindsets**

Learning from failure is fundamental to student achievement and motivation at school. Failure is a part of life that everybody experiences. It is how you deal with failure that determines how much you grow and learn through your experiences. In a school setting it is common for students to feel like they are competing against each other. This can make failure very hard for some students at they may compare themselves to a friend or another student who has done better.
than them and feel as though they will never be able to succeed at the same level. It is therefore important that teachers and parents promote failure as a positive and necessary step to improving. When a student does not achieve a result they were hoping for, let them know that it’s not because they can’t do it, it’s just that they can’t do it yet. This will encourage them to adopt a growth mindset and see failure as an opportunity to do better next time and not a final determination of how good/bad they are at something.

ReachOut.com Fact Sheets
http://au.reachout.com/what-is-a-mindset
http://au.reachout.com/Failing-a-course-or-subject

Parents are also encouraged to view the link below for up-to-date information and support.
https://父母.au.reachout.com/

Sunshine Coast Technical Trade Training Centre
Information Evening
Sunshine Coast Technical Trade Training Centre are holding an information evening for 2017 Courses on Thursday 18th August 2016.
Time: 6.15pm for 6.30pm start till 7.30pm
Information on courses and opportunities at the SCTTTC include:
- Cert II Automotive Services
- Cert I Construction
- Cert II Resources & Infrastructure (Civil)
- Cert II Electrotechnology (Career Start)
- Cert II Plumbing
- Cert II Surveying & Spatial Information Services (proposed)
- Certificate II in Health Support Services
- Integrated Learning in Engineering

Please phone or email RSVP by Tuesday 16th August 2016

For further information please contact:-
- PHONE: 07 5438 1037
- EMAIL: TTTCad@caloundrashs.eq.edu.au
- ADDRESS: 40 Bower Street, Caloundra 4551 (situated behind Caloundra SHS)

Parent & Student Information
The Children’s Education Fund
Opening August 1, 2016
If you require financial assistance for your students schooling like school fees etc the St Vincent de Paul Society may be able to help.

For more information or to make an application for funding please telephone 5443 1946 for an appointment.

Hours of operation:
- Mon/Tues/Thurs and Friday: 9.30am -12pm & 1pm – 3pm
- Wednesday: 10.30am -12pm and 1pm -3pm

Applicants are required to bring a current INCOME STATEMENT from Centrelink to their interview.

Parenting Ideas Website
Don’t forget that as parents you have access to the Parenting Ideas website through the school membership for articles and resources to support you and your students
http://www.parentingideas.com.au
- USER NAME: MountainCreekSHS
- PASSWORD: 4557

Resource Centre:
These were interesting:
- Develop Your Child’s Social Media Scripts
- The Many Faces of independence
- Raising Mighty Boys

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Order your new 2016|2017 Entertainment™ Membership today.
Choose from the traditional Entertainment™ Book or the NEW Entertainment™ Digital Membership, which puts the value of the Book into your iPhone or Android smartphone!

Each membership has hundreds of 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for restaurants, cafés, attractions, hotels, shopping, groceries and travel and contain over 2,000 offers that you can use whenever you like until 1st June 2017.

PLUS Mountain Creek State School retains 20% of the price of every Membership sold which goes towards our fundraising!
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Skills Centre on – 07 5457 8379 or to order go online or fill in the form provided below.

Mountain Creek State High School
- Contact: Skills Centre
- Phone: 07 5457 8379
- Email: enquiry@mtncreekshs.eq.edu.au
Alternatively, please complete your details below and return to the Front Desk
Brisbane, Sunshine Coast and surrounds Edition
$65 inc GST: # ____ Book(s) # ____ Digital Membership(s) $____

Gold Coast Edition
$60 inc GST: # ____ Book(s) # ____ Digital Membership(s) $____

TOTAL ENCLOSED $____

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WEP Student Exchange

Would $500 Assist You With Education Costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings dollar for dollar, up to $500, for education costs including school uniforms and text books, laptops, sports equipment and music tuition!

To be eligible you must:

- have a Centrelink Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card
- have a child at school or starting next year

Call or SMS your local Saver Plus Worker at the Smith Family on 07 5451 1069

Saver Plus is an initiative of Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and the Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, with ANZ providing matched saving for participants

Benefit Health & Fitness/ CrossFit /The Stables

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Calendar of Events

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• Year 10.11 & 12 Composition Music Workshop  
• Leaders Change Over Day  
• Rank Orders Displayed  
• Year 11 Chemistry PACE |
| Week 4 | Mon 1 Aug | • CAREERS Evening/ Subject Expo  
• Year 11 Cert II Business Work Experience (All Week) |
| | Tue 2 Aug | • Writer in Residence- Stephen Herrick (Tue & Wed)  
• Year 11 & 12 Economics Excursion  
• Year 10 Geography Excursion (Bilal) |
| | Wed 3 Aug | • Year 10 -12 Drama Artslink  
• Year 8 QMAT Mathematics Competition |
| | Thu 4 Aug | • Year 10 Japanese Excursion  
• National Maths Comp  
• Year 11 & 12 Dance QPAC |
| | Fri 5 Aug | • Year 12 VAS Workshop  
• Schools Cup Volleyball Friday – Sunday |
| Week 5 | Mon 8 Aug | • Bribie Chocolate Fund Raising Drive  
• Year 11 Boating  
• Year 11 Hospitality Work Experience (All Week) |
| | Tue 9 Aug | • ECP Interviews & subject Selection (No scheduled classes Today) |
| | Wed 10 Aug | • Brainstorm Productions Year 7 Session 5 & 6 |
| | Thu 11 Aug | • Year 11 ESS Excursion  
• Year 12 Japanese Excursion  
• Year 7 Inter-School Sport Round 1 |
| | Fri 12 Aug | • Year 11 Japanese Excursion  
• Year 12 VAS Workshop  
• Central District Athletics Day |
| Week 6 | Mon 15 Aug | • P&C Meeting 5.30pm All Welcome  
• Year 10 – 12 Drama Viral Zeal Theatre  
• Year 12 VHS Community Morning Tea  
• Central District Athletics Day 2 |
| Tue 16 Aug | • Year 8 Geography Excursion  
• ICAS Maths Competition Year 7 – 12  
• Student Forum  
• Royal Brisbane Hospital Visit to MCSHS  
• Newsletter Sent Home |