8 November 2016

From the Executive Principal

Next week we farewell our year 12 students. Many of these fine young people have been with us for the past 5 years and we are delighted to see how they have developed into confident and articulate young citizens.

As we approach the final weeks of Year 12, I encourage parents to discuss safety matters with regards to driving and celebrating in a safe and responsible manner. We will also do this as a responsible school. Students should be aware that the same policies and procedures apply to the graduating class as they do to the rest of the student body while they are in attendance at Mountain Creek. The school provides two ceremonies to ensure that all students graduating from Mountain Creek SHS have the opportunity to celebrate 5 years of secondary schooling. We ask however that students, for safety reasons do not breach school and road safety rules in their final days or at their formal exit from the school. Police will have a presence at this ceremony to ensure the safety of our students and the wider community. While celebrating is a necessary part of graduation, the school reserves the right to exclude students whose behaviour reflects poorly on the school or is illegal. Thank you for your continued support.

On Thursday November 17th, we will host our traditional Graduation Ceremony at school. This will be an opportunity for grandparents who cannot attend the evening ceremony due to numbers, to attend. We CANNOT accommodate past students and siblings as there is not enough room for this with the large group of students. The brief ceremony will be followed by our students’ final exit from the school through a Guard of Honour formed by our Year 10 and 11 students and, of course, led by our school mascot “The Creeker”. This should be a disciplined exit remembering that during the 5 years of secondary schooling the basic requirements of respect for self and school and moral and lawful behaviour are not discarded on this important last day.

Parents please note that if younger siblings choose to attend the Guard of Honour, they should remain behind the front fence for safety reasons. We have timed the exit of our graduates to avoid the primary school and our junior secondary arrival at school. Thank you for assisting us and the Police with these important safety arrangements.

On Friday 18th in the evening, parents only will join graduates at a formal farewell at Sunshine Coast Christian College auditorium. This is an invitation only event due to the large numbers of students. Please do not put us in a position where will have to refuse entry to additional guests for whom there has been no ticket issued. This is a nostalgic occasion as it will be the final time all our students will be together at the same place and is a perfect opportunity for us to thank them for their outstanding contribution to the life, culture and values of this school. The graduates will then go to the Maroochy RSL for a formal dinner, followed by dancing until 10.30 pm.

I have been privileged to attend two other end of year farewell celebrations. Last week we farewelled the majority of our international students who will be leaving for home in the next few weeks. I would like to wish them all the best for the future. They have certainly added a vibrant cultural dimension to our school during their stay with us.

Last week I also farewelled our group of students from the Skills Centre at their formal end of year celebrations. The teachers and their students should be very proud of the 100% QCE or QCIA achievements and the extensive range of Certificates that
the students have completed for their QCE or QCIA. I would like to thank Mr Linthorne and Mr Ong who have both been Head of Special Education during the students’ time in the Skills Centre, for the time, energy and passion they have put into this incredibly successful program and for the enormously positive impact the Skills Centre staff have had on the lives of so many young people.

A reminder of the final dates of attendance:

Years 10 & 11 – Friday 25th November with a formal exam block (exam timetables have been issued) from Monday 21st to Friday 25th November. Reports will be emailed to students by Friday 9th December.

Years 7, 8 & 9 – Final day is Friday 9th December with exams in class time. Reports will be issued on Thursday 8th December.

Cheryl McMahon
Executive Principal

From the Head of Senior School

Delay In The New Senior External Assessment

Recently it was announced by the Minister that the new senior external assessment program introduction would be delayed by one year, with the current Year 8 cohort being the first to undergo the assessment program. We applaud this delay, not only because it gives us more time to prepare our students and teachers, but because there is more time for the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) to check that the new curriculum is of quality and for them to develop the states teachers’ capacity to deliver it.

In our school we are privileged to have a breadth of experts and panel members of subjects with experience who can tackle these changes with confidence. We also have the latest information on what successful schools in other jurisdictions are doing to ensure that an external testing system prepares students for university study and success in general. As we move forward to 2017, we will begin a program of preparation for these new changes for staff, parents and students.

Graduation

In 2016 there will once again be a great celebration as more than 300 year 12 student’s graduate from the “Creek”. Parents should ensure that students understand that only full participation throughout the week’s program leading up to the graduation events will allow students to attend these events. Assisting us with also ensuring that only invited guests with tickets attend the event at Suncoast on the Friday night the 18th will ensure that seating is fair for everyone.

On Thursday the 17th parents will be able to enter the Student Centre from 8.50am to watch the final assembly and thence the Guard of Honour for Year 12’s. After a short ceremony students will leave the hall at about 9.20am and leave the school via the front arched gate. The Queensland Police Service will monitor the exit and road use of students after they leave the hall and will check every car as it leaves the grounds to ensure students are acting safe and responsibly.

Year 12 Grades – So What Happens Now?

When Year 12 students complete all their assessment for a subject, final grades are sent to the QCAA for processing. If the student is seeking an OP, these grades and the relative position in the rank order of the students within each subject is combined with the grades from the QCS test and an overall position is calculated. Whilst not necessarily indicative, the student individual grades from the QCS test (A to E) will be available from Thursday 17th November. After students have departed school, the fine grained reports for the tests are produced and a clearer indication of students OP scores may be known more confidently. The students get their OP scores the day before the school does, and every effort has been made to ensure that student’s individual contact details are checked and updated so parents contact with the QCAA is ensured at this crucial time.

Year 10 Exam Block

Year 10 students will take part in exam block for the first time this term from Week 8, the 21st of November, their last week of school. It is most important, as I have reiterated at assembly this week on the 7th of November that students write down their class code and teachers’ code for each exam they sit, so they can move quickly into the hall and find their seat and we can start the exam on time. Students need to arrive well before the start of the exam block as no extensions are given for lateness. They will sit exams with the Year 11 students.

Best wishes

Andrew Stone
Head of Senior School

From the Head of Junior Secondary School

Awards Night

It was a great honour to lead the organisation of our 22nd Annual Awards night – where we recognised the achievements of over 400 students. An event as large as this would not be possible without the contribution from an enormous number of people in our school community. I am humbled by both the talent of our students and the also the support and donations we have been given by our school community. Congratulations to all of our Awardees and performers – you should be very proud of your efforts.

Young Scholars

Students in Years 5 and 6 returned for another exciting afternoon as part of the Young Scholars program. Congratulations and special thanks to our senior students and staff for volunteering to work with our Year 5 and 6 Young Scholars and making the afternoon an enjoyable success.
Make up Transition Day

Date: 24th of November  
Time: 9am – 10.30am  
Location: Performing Arts Block

For year 7 students who have enrolled late and/or missed our orientation day last term we be holding an introduction to Junior Secondary on the 24th of November. During this time students will get to meet some of our Junior Secondary leaders and have a tour of the school. If your student is attending this session please arrange to pick them up at 10.30am. We will escort Mountain Creek State School students back to their school at 10.25am

Exams and Assessment

Year 7, 8 and 9 Students are not able to complete assessment early. Junior Secondary students should ensure that all assessment is completed by the end of the term. Various exams, orals etc. will be held in week 8 and 9. Whilst some of our Senior Students will finish earlier, our Junior Students will remain actively engaged in learning until the completion of assessment. I thank you on advance for your support with student attendance and completion.

Project Hamper

Our final charity project – Project Hamper, led by the Student Services Team and Mr Baker will be undertaken by all Year 7 students during Term 4 Pastoral Care classes. Hampers will be delivered to support families in our local community, just prior to the end of the school year. For students not in Year 7 Pastoral Care classes, if you would like to donate non-perishable items to this charity these can be left at the Student Services building. Thank you for your support.

Dates for diary

- Last day of the term 9/12. Please note that the Creeker Café will not be open on the last day of school. Students will need to supply their own food and drinks on this day.
- Term 4 Reports issued to students via parent’s email address on the 8/12. You will not be able to pick up hard copies of reports early. Any out of date email addresses should be updated prior to this day. If you do not have an email address a copy will be available from the school office.

Year 8 Explore USC day

A select handful of grade 8 students spent Wednesday exploring the exciting opportunities on offer from USC. Apart from the gorgeous weather that truly highlights the benefits of choosing to study at a campus removed from the confinements of many city campuses, the energy of the university guides and their friendly approach set the scene for a delightful day. The varied schedule included a creative session of origami, a fascinating viewing of a suspension bridge collapsing that was followed by a computerised activity to engineer stable structures for vehicular movement, followed by a session on good study habits. Ultimately, it was the afternoon sessions that truly captured our imaginations with a visit to the nursing unit, listening to heart beats, pulses, bandaging babies and checking out the germs on our hands! This was followed by an interesting court case involving Goldilocks and The Three Bears and a mock courtroom with a wigged judge! Finally, the students were able to let off some steam by competing in a ‘throw the ball’ velocity challenge. Most importantly, two different university representatives complimented our students as being the best behaved group of the day! It was the icing on the cake of a magnificent day.

Senior School

Study Skills Handbook Newsletter Item for November

Test-Taking Techniques

What do you do in the few days before an examination? At least a few days before the exam, make sure you do the following:

- Plan out how much time you should spend on each section of the test.
- By looking at past papers, get a feel for the types of instructions that will be on your paper.
- Do some exercise so you can burn off the pent-up stress that can come before exams.
- Look after your body – lots of water to juice up your brain, healthy food, and decent sleep.
The night before the test or exam:

- To calm nerves, make mental pictures of yourself sitting down and doing well in the test.
- Purchase any equipment you may need, extra calculator batteries, pens, rulers etc.
- Ensure you know what equipment is allowed in the test or exam.
- Focus on reviewing the key points, perhaps a condensed version of your summaries.
- Practise as many past test papers as you can get your hands on.
- Check the timetable to ensure you have a clear picture of when each exam is being held.

The morning of the test or exam:

- Pack your bag with everything you will need for the next day, ensuring you have all necessary equipment.
- Plan what time you need to leave to ensure you have plenty of time for unexpected delays.
- Don’t go to bed too late – you need to make sure your brain is fresh and alert.
- Don’t ring friends and discuss your preparation or the examination.
- Just before you go to sleep, look through your notes briefly.
- If you have a number of exams, check the timetable to doubly confirm the date, time and location of the exam.

You can learn more about exam techniques via the link below.

News from the Coding and Innovation Faculty

Learning through Partnerships in Digital Technologies

Partnerships with other educational institutions, businesses and the local community provide engaging learning opportunities for students. Through partnerships, students’ motivation increases with enhanced engagement and a more enjoyable learning experiences. Real life skills are learnt; connecting students with the world outside of school. At Mountain Creek State High School, students have been actively involved in 3 such partnerships.

MadMaker Challenge

MadMaker is a 4 week course aimed at Year 9 students run through the University of Sydney, with a goal to educate them about embedded systems. It involves using Arduino Esplora Boards to investigate fun and interactive ways to use science, technology, engineering and maths to solve real-world problems.

Stocklands Robotics Challenge

Stocklands in conjunction with CodeClub Australia recently ran a competition inviting students to submit an entry that demonstrated how humanoid robots could help a family, school or community. Year 8 digital technology students each wrote a summary around a range of possibilities, followed by investigating the implication Artificial Intelligence.

Lean Startup

Lean Startup is a methodology for developing a business or product. Right from conception, it centres on early development of a product or service which is continually tested on preliminary customers until the desired outcome is achieved, reducing market risks and eliminating the need for extensive and expensive research.

Valuing entrepreneurship and innovation, students of Year 10 were given the opportunity to pitch their ideas to their principal, Mrs Cheryl McMahon, as well as a Lean Startup professional. Jess Thoms has extensive experience in PR and Marketing running a variety of businesses including White Lane Creative, a social media marketing company and Xandra Labs, a chatbox agency.
News from Creative Industries

CI Students Shine at Awards Night

What a spectacular showcase of our Creative Industries staff and students this year! Every year I am blown away by the talent we have within our faculty and this year was no exception. Congratulations to the Stage Band, Concert Band, Strings, Rising Voices group and Dance Company on their performances on Awards Night. A special mention also to teachers Calvin Hunter, Dan Edwards, Carly Cook, Cathryn Jones and Emma Bradley.

10 Art Students Make a Profound Mess

Year 10 Art students were treated to a fantastic workshop with practicing artist Rachel Downie last week. Students learnt to layer surfaces using spray paint and other mixed media, and were challenged to think about the way our world works to make meaningful messages about topical issues through their works. It was a busy two days and students were immersed in the beautiful, messy, rewarding world of art! Thank you to teachers Mrs Palmer and Mr Drake for assisting to run the workshops.

Our 2017 Popstars Cast Announced!

By the time you read this article, our cast for our 2017 Musical Popstars The 90s Musical will have been chosen! Many thanks to the students who auditioned for roles in our production. The cast will be announced on Wednesday of this week, and the first cast rehearsal will be this Thursday from 4pm – 6pm in PABA. 10 places will be held for 2017 Year 7 students so that all year levels in 2017 will have the opportunity to be represented in the show. Each Musical cast member will need to bring in their signed musical contract forms to the first rehearsal and their $30 will be paid to student finance.

Jess Stansbie
Head of Creative Industries

Get The Beat Success!

A big congratulations goes to Amy Topham for her success in Dance. Amy recently participated in the “Get the Beat” dance
competition. This is an international competition and featured participants from Australia, New Zealand and Asia. After success in the regionals she reached the finals which were held on the Sunshine Coast.

In the finals Amy came in the top 5 for the in the teen category. A fantastic achievement as there were over 3400 participants in this category. In the 14 and under category she came 4th in contemporary dance and 2nd in the contemporary duo category.

Amy has also been accepted into one of the leading dance schools in Australia to complete a Cert 3 in Assistant Dance Teaching. She will work with top Australian choreographers every Friday during year 10 and year 11.

Congratulations on your achievements Amy.

Mr Fox

News from the Sports Department

Creekers Making Their Mark in AFL

The AFL program of excellence is the starting point for many players who continue to improve and represent school, region and the state championships. The four AFL team’s junior boys, junior girls, senior girls and senior boys all competed in the AFLQ School of Excellence Cup which feeds into the AFL Queensland Schools Cup.

Congratulations to Fletcher Ormrod who captained the team through undefeated, in the Sunshine Coast School competition. Creekers took home the Josh Drummond Cup for a very credible 4th year in a row. Ty Fewings was named ‘Best on Ground’ in the Grand final. Continuing to improve in the QLD School of Excellence competition which saw them progress through as the 3rd ranked school of excellence team and big wins over Wavell SHS and St Augustine’s saw them claim 3rd position in the state.

The Senior girls continue to be the bench mark in female footy with convincing wins through their two competitions the Sunshine Coast Schools ‘Aasta O’Connor Cup’ and the AFL Queensland Schools. Along with seasoned footballers Jemma Abbott, Brooke Randall, Courtney Murphy and Milli Reed it was the “rookies” that really delivered. Year 12 soccer guns Tayla Gesch, Kirsty Clifford, Jessica Bender and Holly Vidulich really stared along with Volleyball’s Emily Baldry.

The junior program continues to develop and really took it up to the Gold Coast and Brisbane powerhouses and there is a buzz of expectation with what the future holds for the programs young talent.
Team Results:
- Junior Girls State Quarter finalists in Senior Girls Sunshine Coast and State Champions
- Junior Boys State Quarter finalists in Senior Boys Sunshine Coast and State 3rd place
- Senior Girls Sunshine Coast and State Champions
- Senior Boys Sunshine Coast and State 3rd place

Representations:
The Sunshine Coast Regional 16years team travelled to Mackay in May. Creekers filling 6 of the 23 positions. Congratulations to Brooke Randall, Courtney Murphy, Ellise Logan, Cerissa Boddington, Jett Fairfax and Abbey Cittadella all represented their school valiantly, going down to South Coast in a tough Grand Final.

Jett Fairfax and Abbey Cittadella both in their first year of playing AFL were selected to play in the Queensland School Sport U15 team for School Sport Australian AFL Championships held in July. Jett with her hard running, leadership and composure played through the mid field and forward line and was named vice captain for Old. It was Abbey’s ability to win the contested ball and rebound 50s that saw her earn selection in the maroon jumper.

The Sunshine Coast Regional 15years team also featured some Creekers in Jai Chapman, Ethan Patton and Dane Glover. Despite only having to travel to North Brisbane the Championship will always be remembered with the and edge of your seat Grand Final game resulting in a draw between the Gold and Sunshine Coasts.

Mountain Creek SHS is not only proud to deliver some outstanding players, they are also producing and supporting some fine umpires. Matt Smyth, Jack McGill, Ethan Lenske and Jake Edgar who have all represented the Sunshine Coast Regional School sport umpiring at State Championships. Jake and Beau Trail were further selected to represent Queensland at the School Sport Australian AFL Championships.

Australian Championship Medals for Creekers!
During the recent school holidays three Creekers students and three Creeker teachers were busy representing Queensland at the Australian Junior Volleyball Championships held at Coomera on the Gold Coast. Queensland performed to an outstanding level in all age groups and in both boys and girls events.

For the students, Lange Curr-Parkes in Year 8 playing in the U15 Boy’s Maroon Team went through the tournament without losing a match to become the Australian Champions at the top level. Lange was a very strong contributor to his team and his effort all week was amazing. Mae Merritt, Year 12, was in the Bronze Medal winning U19 Women’s Team who had to fight very hard on the second last day to qualify just to play in the Bronze Medal game and then went on to win the medal game in impressive fashion. Indi Bertram, Year 9, was in Gold Medal winning Division 1 team with the U15 Girls – again going through the tournament without losing a match. Indi had the opportunity to play a number of positions during the tournament and did an excellent job in all of them.

The coaching group was equally as impressive. Cam Bettenay was an assistant coach with the U17 Men’s teams with one team in each division. Both teams went on to win Gold Medals with the Maroon team (the one Cam worked mostly with) becoming Australian Champions. Lindsay Baker was an assistant coach with the U15 Boy’s program and worked mostly with the White team. As this age group had fewer teams nominate from across Australia they were all in one championship division. The Grand Final saw the Queensland Maroon team defeat the Queensland White team so Lindsay came home with both a Gold Medal for the Australian Champions and also a Silver Medal for finishing second! In the U17 Women’s competition, Head Coach Tim Wilson was impressed by the undefeated Gold Medal Maroon team who were a class above the rest of the competition while the White team finished as Australian Champions in the lower division.

The ongoing strength of Creeker Volleyball shows that we have a very bright future! Congratulations to these wonderful athletes and dedicated coaches.

Creekers at Schools Cup Volleyball
Early in Term 4 we sent four Year 7 and 8 Volleyball teams off to participate in the Queensland Volleyball Junior Schools Cup. Three girl’s teams and one boys team made the trek and all were very successful. Under the guidance of Mr Bettenay the Year 8 Girls Div 1 team finished a very strong 4th place unfortunately coming up against the Gold medal team in the semi-finals. The Year 7 Girls were at their first tournament and finished a very creditable 7th out of 16 teams in a tough competition. Mrs Haxton was absolutely impressed with the wonderful attitude and behaviour shown by these young athletes. The combined Year 7 and 8 team under the guidance of Ms O’Sullivan finish in 8th place out of 15 teams – again a good effort given that these players only combined together at the tournament! The boys Year 8 team with Mr Baker at the helm struggled to perform as strongly as first hoped but the lads did learn a lot about team work and commitment! Special thanks also goes to the assistant coaches: Indi Bertram Year 9,
Zoe Scott and Rachel Vlijoen Year 10. Congratulations to these teams on the effort they have put in all this year!

Daniel Morcombe Cup

On Friday 28th October a very large crowd attended the 2nd Annual “Daniel Morcombe Cup” Rugby League charity event at Maroochydore Swans RLFC.

Congratulations to all students involved who embraced the concept proudly and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship on the night.

Many thanks to all parents and supporters who made the event a success. All proceeds raised went towards the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

Dan Roberts
Program Manager

News from Hospitality

Coffee Refresher with Chef Luke from Via Italia

The Year 12 Hospitality students were keen to have some extra tuition on espresso coffee making prior to the high tea event, which was to be their final assessment for the Certificate II in Hospitality. Chef Luke Searson, who contributes so much to the school, ran through the coffee making techniques, and then assisted each of the students present to perfect their skills. The students were very appreciative of this opportunity and indicated that they were so much more confident for the high tea event after working with Luke.

This was a huge day for Luke. He worked from 8:30 – 10:00 with the Hospitality students, returned to Via Italia to prepare for the Italian Master Class for enrichment, came back to school to work with our other Year 12 Hospitality class, and then on to the Master Class with the Year 8s and 9s. It was around 3:00 p.m. when he left our school.

Luke has Wednesdays off from the restaurant and we are so fortunate that he is so generous with his own time for our students and staff. If you are eating at or passing by the restaurant, please acknowledge Luke for his efforts.

High Tea Event

The Year 12 Hospitality students’ final assessment, the high tea event, was well attended by parents, grandparents and industry representatives. The students prepared some delicious morsels, accompanied by fruit punch, tea and espresso coffee for their guests. It was rewarding to see the students trial the recipes a week earlier and then modify them to suit the occasion. On the day, students were responsible for preparing and plating their own menu item, prepare the dining room for the event, serving food and beverage for guests and then completing two tasks post-service. The students demonstrated a range of skills on the day, including working in a team, which is a major requirement in the hospitality industry.

Luke and his wife, Candi, from Via Italia were the guests of two of our students. We were also fortunate enough to have Corey from Emjays Mooloolaba with us as well.

For parents and grandparents, it was the last opportunity to see the results of two years of study for the Certificate II in Hospitality. It was a smaller event this year, which gave all of the students extra time to spend with their guests and make the moment a special memory for all. We realise that it is not possible for all parents to attend, but we thank those who were able to come and celebrate with us this year. Mrs Baldry, Mrs Cugliari and I would like to express our sincere thanks to all of our parents for their support throughout the last two years.

There are still some students who have work to finish before the end of exam block to gain the Certificate II in Hospitality. For some, this is essential for their QCE qualification. Please ensure that those who need to, organise a time to work with their teacher/s to finalise all of the work. For the students who have completed all of the required work and have also signed off on all of the paper work, congratulations.

Remember always that attitude is a huge part of your success, especially in hospitality. We wish all of you well.

Mrs Toomey
News from Student Services

There's Life after Year 12 Exams for Students and Parents

As around 200,000 Year 12 students near the end of high school, we're reminding young people and their parents that there is life after Year 12 exams.

‘Coping with stress, and school and study problems are the issues that concern young people most. Last year, record numbers of students turned to ReachOut for advice and support – with more than 130,000 people accessing our study- and stress-related content. With new content available to help parents too, we expect to see large numbers of people turn to ReachOut.com over the coming months.’

As well as support for Year 12 students themselves, this year we’ve extended our support to parents of Year 12 students, who can often experience the same intensity of exam stress as their teens.

‘Parents want to know how best to support their teenagers without adding to the pressure students already experience, or projecting unrealistic expectations on them,’ Mr Nicholas said.

Can You Support the “Supporters”

Most people would not know the extent to which the Mooloolaba Uniting Church and their “Helping Hands” Op’ shop help our community and the work of chaplaincy here at Mountain Creek. Would you please consider this event that supports the supporter?

The Mooloolaba Uniting Church Fair will be held on Saturday 12th November from 8am-1pm. Come along and bring your friends and family. Bacon & Eggs for Breakfast, Sausage Sizzle for lunch, Cappuccino & Cake all day. Stalls with fresh homemade produce, plants, planting for the kids, jumping castle, face painting and story time for the littlies, balloon animals, and a raffle of two beautiful Original Aboriginal Artworks. Visit our Art Gallery, just to look at the work of local artists. See you there.

Chappy Stu.

Fraser Sub-School News

The Fraser HoSS Staff Here To Help

The school year is nearing its end and students are often tired and sometimes overwhelmed by study requirements and friendships. If your child is encountering these feelings at school, the first stop for support, advice and assistance is the Fraser sub-school HoSS.

HoSSes are here to support students who maybe struggling to meet deadlines for assignments, maybe unwell and feeling stressed.

Fraser HoSSes are:

- Year 7 - Michelle Williams
- Year 8 - Lisa Kempf
- Year 9 - Craig McKeough
- Year 10 - Kate Benfield
- Year 11 - Jess Stansbie
- Year 12 - Elizabeth Mullighan

The Answers Are Blowing In The Wind

Fraser now has green flags at the front of the sub-school. These flags will be used as easy identification points for sporting events, Fraser student gatherings and evacuation purposes.
Fraser Feast

Fraser staff recently rewarded our Fraser students who had projected great behaviour during the term with a staff-catered barbeque. We cooked for 124 senior students and 163 junior students as a way of saying “thank you” for helping make teaching and learning great at Mountain Creek State High School.

Feast Raffle Winners of the JB HiFi Gift cards were Somer Dalla-Bona (Senior) and Paige Thompson (Junior).

World Teachers’ Day

This poem was received by a Year 7 Fraser teacher on World Teachers’ Day.

A Teacher’s Poem

Every day you greet your students with a smile upon your face.  
Though paperwork the night before seemed like a gruelling race.

Money’s not your motivation, it’s the love for what you do.  
You hear a special calling to which you will always stay true.

Your students are your dedication, devotion is to them.  
To you each child’s unique and special, a beautiful gem.

Some days are demanding and frustration takes its course.  
Then you see those smiling faces, their inspiration is your force.

Each day you’re in your classroom, reminds you why you’re there.  
Making differences in children’s lives, with whom your heart you share.

There’s a special pride in teachers, and a love for what you do.  
And appreciation’s always shared between those little lives and you.

The Learning Station

Student Lockers For 2017

Student lockers will be available in Fraser Sub-School in 2017. Cost is $20 per semester. Securing a locker and payment will commence in Week 1, 2017. Please see Mrs. Kealey in Fraser Sub-School at the beginning of the new school year to secure your locker.

Parent Contact With Staff

Communication between school and home is a vital part of student support. If parents would like to meet with their student’s teacher/s please arrange the meeting in advance with the teacher/s and enter the school via Administration.

Parent & Student Information

Summer is coming! So if you’re not in the gym yet, now’s the time! A reminder what’s on offer for you -

For the parents:

9:45am CrossFit and 50 Fit sessions (group fitness classes) – so parents, perfect for after school drop off!

For the students:

CrossFit Kids is underway for the term! For the children aged 8-12 years old, this is for them! Classes are being held on Wednesday and Friday 3:45pm, Pricing is $100 for the term per child (one session a week). Pop in and join our fit little people for lots of fun!

Membership prices for high school students are below (includes personalised program on commencement):
MUMS AND DADS

For the mums and dads, we would love to have you in the gym too and support you with your health and fitness goals. Membership prices are below:

- **3 Months** - $250
- **6 Months** - $350
- **12 Months** - $550
- **10 Class Pass** - $100
- **Casual Visit** - $12

All prices and timetables can be found on our website:

We are also on Facebook and Instagram, so like and follow to stay up to date with what’s happening in the gym!

We look forward to seeing you in the gym soon!

**PH:** 5478 0001
Benefit Health and Fitness
http://www.crossfitthestables.com/

Sunshine Coast Football Sign on Coming Soon.

**Calendar of Events**

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| **Mon 5 Dec** | • National Schools Volleyball (All Week)  
  • National Schools Basketball (All Week)  
  • Year 8/9 Bribie Pool Excursion  
  10:45am – 12:45pm |
| **Tue 6 Dec** | • Musical Rehearsal 9am – 4pm  
  • Straddie Pool Excursion 10:45am – 12:45pm |
| **Wed 7 Dec** | • Moreton Beach Carnival  
  • Bribie Pool Excursion 10:45am – 12:45pm |
| **Thu 8 Dec** | • Year 7,8, & 9 Reports Issued  
  • HORIZON Issued to Years 7,8, & 9  
  • Musical Rehearsal 8am-10am  
  • Fraser Pool Excursion 10:30am – 1pm |
| **Fri 9 Dec** | • Final Day for Year 7,8 & 9 |
| **MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR** |
| Have a Happy and Safe Holiday. |