A key reading improvement strategy in the Junior Secondary in term 1 has been Cross curricular coaching to embed reciprocal reading. Reciprocal Teaching (RT) is a collaborative learning sequence for developing students’ reading comprehension skills. The process comprises of four distinct activities – PREDICTING, CLARIFYING, SUMMARISING and ASKING QUESTIONS, which when executed in this specific order, scaffold effective reading comprehension and higher order thinking skills.

Quality teaching is also evidenced in teacher feedback to improve learning. Teachers provide feedback to assist students to be successful learners. Feedback will be central to all teaching in every class every day. Students receive feedback formally (written) and informally (verbal). All feedback provides opportunities for improved learning provided students are engaged partners in their learning with their teachers.

And finally, a focus for our improvement strategy Engaged Partners has been early engagement and participation with parents as partners in learning. Early intervention has been actioned in the following strategies – teachers emailing all parents to introduce themselves as the classroom teacher of each subject they teach; advising parents when students have an unexplained absence; contacting parents when learning resources are not provided, contacting parents for positive behaviour and responding to parent communication.

Engaged partners has also been a focus in determining pathways for an improved course structure for those senior students whose QCE (Queensland Certificate of Education) may be at risk. Early intervention in the provision of an alternate successful pathway will ensure a successful outcome for ALL graduating students.

Next Steps Survey: Please see the information below regarding participation of our 2015 graduates in the Next Steps Survey. This is an important survey that provides the school with details...
of students’ commitment to post-secondary study, training and work.

And finally, I would like to wish all families a safe and relaxing Easter Vacation and remind you that the first day of Term 2 is Monday 11th April. There is no Student Free Day to commence Term 2.

2016 Next Step Survey

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual state-wide survey of all students who completed Year 12 in the previous year. The Next Step survey is a brief, confidential survey that gains a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school completers in the year after they finish Year 12.

Between March and June, all our students who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician’s Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate.

Thank you for your support of the Next Step survey in 2016.

Further information on Next Step is available online via the link below or on toll free telephone 1800 068 587.


School Council News

At the recent School Council meeting on Monday 29th February, the composition of the School Council was reviewed and a motion to change the membership of the School Council from 14 to 10 was endorsed. The new membership provides for 1 Principal, 1 P&C President, 2 elected staff members, 2 elected parent members, 2 appointed student representatives and 2 appointed community representatives. All current parent members’ term of office lapse in June 2016 and nominations are called for the 2 elected parent members for the period June 2016 to June 2018. Nomination forms can be downloaded from the community drop down folder on the school website (link below) under school council. Nominations close on Friday May 6th and election of the 2 parent members will be held at the School Council meeting on Monday 29th May in the administration Conference Room at 6.00 pm. All nominations should be forwarded to the school and will be reviewed and endorsed for election. The newly elected members will take up their role on the School Council in Term 3.


School Council role and responsibilities can also be viewed from the community drop down under School Council - Constitution.

Cheryl McMahon
Executive Principal

ECP Preparations Underway

On 3rd May we will be holding our first Education and Career Planning (ECP) Interviews for the year. The interview is a review of the year so far, but from this year there are some significant changes to the ways in which the interview itself is to be conducted for our senior students, that is, we will change this to a more student centred approach. This student centred approach is known as a STUDENT LED CONFERENCE and it works like this.

Students will be interviewed by a staff member based on the level of support it has been determined that they require. Students in Monday Access classes in Weeks 1 and 2 will prepare a script to deliver to their parents at ECP in the presence of their access teacher, Head of Sub-school (HOSS) or myself. The students will bring this script to the ECP interview as a prompt sheet. The script will set goals and targets, include strategies and resources and puts the student’s learning at the centre of the discussion at ECP.

Parents please take the time to look at the Senior Learning Journal, an outstanding new document, on pages 84-86 to see how this STUDENT LED CONFERENCE looks for your student. Students will also be required to populate other sections of the journal with positions in the school’s rank orders of students in each subject, their report card sticker and VET feedback if required. All of this information is vital for a successful ECP interview, which of course is mandatory to attend.

Important dates for the ECP process for seniors.

- Access lesson 1 – 11th April
- Access lesson 2 – 18th April
- Report Cards, booking sheets and parent letters issued and Booking system open online – 21st April.
- Teacher Feedback completed – by the end of Week 1 Term 2, 15th April.
- Rank Orders ready for students to access this information – 22nd April.

I look forward to meeting parents at ECP once again and thank you in advance for your support of this significant initiative and your child’s education.
QCS Special Consideration

Students who wish to apply for Special Consideration for the QCS test for this year can do so from this month. Please see Mr Stone at the office for this, although some students will see one of the Guidance Officers to arrange this process. The web address (link below) gives guidance to parents about this process.


Best Wishes

Andrew Stone
Head of Senior School

From the Head of Junior Secondary School

We would like to wish our students and their families a very restful and safe Easter break, and congratulate all of the Junior Secondary students for the effort they put in to finishing off assessment and completing exams in the last weeks of Term 1. It has been a short term and a very busy one for our students.

Student reports will be handed to students on Thursday the 21st of April. If your student is absent on this day ensure they ask at their sub-school for their report at their earliest convenience.

Initiative Days

Year 7 students will be attending Initiative Days with peers from their sub schools – activities on these days will focus on building team work and self-esteem, confidence etc. Students will participate on the following dates (providing contributions to the Student Resource Scheme have been made):

1. Year 7 Moreton – Tuesday 19th of April
2. Year 7 Bribie – Monday 18th of April
3. Year 7 Stradbroke – Tuesday 26th of April
4. Year 7 Fraser – Monday 9th of May

Elevate Education – Year 8 students (Week 2, Term 2)

Representatives from Elevate Education will show students how to develop their ‘study skills’. They purposely utilise young university students who are trained with Elevate as these students relate well to school aged students.

Founded in 2001, Elevate has spent more than 13 years benchmarking the habits of the country’s top students. This research has identified 17 areas where the habits and study processes of the top students differ from middle and lower performing students. Elevate workshops introduce students to these 17 skills and show them how to adopt them. This will be a great opportunity for our year 8 students.

National Assessment Program – Literacy & Numeracy – Year 7 and 9 Students

As you would be aware by now the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy tests will be conducted across 10th, 11th and 12th of May 2016 for all students in year 7 and 9. Your student has been issued with a letter showing details of when testing is on for the two year levels. Please ensure they show this letter to you.

ALL year 7 and 9 students will need a calculator on Thursday for their first numeracy test.

Young Scholars

We welcomed for the second session of the year our Year 5 and Year 6 Young Scholars students on the 10th March.

The students in Year 5 worked in the area of Technology.

Students were exposed to the subject of Design Technologies where they were given the task of building the strongest structure out of an A4 page of paper. This was later tested by having to hold weights. Some of the structures were very creative and very strong surprising their teachers and the students.

The second session was dedicated to students being exposed to Digital Technologies and working on designing their own website using HTML language. At the end of the session students had exposure to coding and how this works in the world of Information technology.

The Yr. 6 students worked in the areas of Business and Home Economics.

In the business unit students learned about the world of marketing and how logos can influence customers decisions and other tricks that companies use.

The session on Home Economics exposed students to the 4 different tastes Sweet, Sour, Bitter and Salty. Students learned these first hand and then used what they had learned to create a pizza and then the best part as they described it the testing to make sure it was alright.

Key Dates for Enrolment in 2017

1. Year 7 General Enrolments for 2017
   - Application packages due Friday 20th of May 2016 (Week 6 of Term 2)

2. Zenith Program
   - Parent Information Evening – 5:30pm Monday 23rd of May 2016
   - Applications Close – Friday 15th of July 2016
   - Notification of acceptance – Term 4 2016

3. Year 7 Scholarships
   - Applications due Friday 22nd of July 2016
   - Notification of success – Term 4 2016

4. Transition Days
The school will host a transition day for those students who have enrolled at MCSHS for 2017. The year 6 into 7 transition day will be on Thursday 1st September 2016 from 10.30am – 4.00pm. Students will have to submit an enrolment application by the 19th of August to be included in this Transition Day program.

5. Welcome to High School Evening 2017
• An introduction to MCSHS for parents and Year 7 students will be held in Week 2, Term 1 2017.

Lisa Dunsdon
Business Services Manager

Media Release
17 March 2016

Five Mountain Creek Graduates Receive USC Scholarships

Five graduates from one Sunshine Coast high school have received prestigious scholarships for academic excellence from the University of the Sunshine Coast.

Former Mountain Creek State High students Caitlin Mullane, Zoe Biggar, Sarah Best, Cory McMeekan and Benjamin Murphy were among 50 new students at USC awarded $12,000 Vice-Chancellor’s Merit Scholarships.

They have started studying various degrees, from Psychology (Caitlin and Zoe) and Nutrition and Dietetics (Sarah) to Mechanical Engineering (Cory) and Education/Arts (Benjamin).

The students all achieved OP scores of between 2 and 4 and they participated in co-curricular activities ranging from martial arts to netball during high school.

Zoe said receiving the Vice-Chancellor’s Merit Scholarship had given her a significant financial boost and bolstered her hopes of studying psychology at a postgraduate level.

“I was extremely happy and excited – it made me even more eager to start uni,” she said.

“The scholarship means that I will be able to continue on to a Masters of Psychology and go into the field of clinical psychology.”

With interests and hobbies including surf lifesaving, Brazilian jujitsu and motorbike riding, Cory said the opportunity to study close to home was too good to pass up.

“USC ticked all the boxes for me,” he said. “I can live at home while studying, the university has modern resources and it focuses on teaching.”

Caitlin, Sarah and Benjamin all said they were grateful and delighted to receive the scholarships and were enjoying settling in to their university studies.

They said USC had offered them the opportunity to study close to home, allowing the students to continue pursuing their interests and hobbies on the Sunshine Coast.

New Outdoor Courts

Want to help the school with a tax deductible donation? Want to help build important community infrastructure that will benefit your child first? Do you want to be commemorated for your contribution to the school? …… Read More

MCSHS will be building a state of the art Covered Multipurpose Sport Complex to address the critical need for sports facilities on campus. The courts can be utilized for Volleyball, Basketball and Netball and will be large enough to host all school events and be leased out to sport community groups outside school hours. Most importantly these courts will be in line with professional sporting standards allowing our students to be best prepared to participate in state, national and international championships.

We are pulling at all the strings to finance this ambitious project which is estimated to cost $1.7 million. An innovative funding approach is being implemented which includes contributions from Education Queensland, MCSHS Parents and Citizens Association, Sunshine Coast Council, sports organisations that will utilize the finished courts, local businesses and donations from the community. Parents and alumni have an obvious interest in this project that will enhance our school facilities and improve teaching outcomes.

Please help us make this dream a reality by clicking here .
ANZAC Day 2016

ANZAC Day School Service- Friday 22nd April 2016

Parents and relatives are invited to attend Mt Creek State High School’s Anzac Day Service to be held in the Student Centre on Friday the 22nd of April from 10.45am until 11.40am.

All Year 8 students, International Students and Year 12 students are invited to attend the Anzac Day Service, as well as those students who have nominated a relative for the Anzac Day Honour Roll.

All other year levels will have an ANZAC presentation as part of their assembly during ANZAC day week.

As part of the service there will be a tribute to the relatives of Mt Creek SHS - students and staff who have served in times of war. These are available from subschools and the main office from Monday the 14th of March.

If your child did not obtain one of these forms and if you would like a relative to be recognised during our school ceremony, a copy of the form is provided below. The form must be returned no later than 10.30am Friday the 15th of April.

If you have any questions please contact Deputy Principal – Mrs Donna Lancaster 54578333.

Click on the link below to download the Nomination form.

Students wishing to participate in the ANZAC Day March are asked to assemble at the Maroochydore RSL from 8am on Monday 25th April for a 9am March to the Cotton Tree Cenotaph. Contact Ms Tollner for details at Stradbroke Subschool on 5457 8346.

News from Social Science

Eco Youth Clean Up

“Schools Clean-Up Day” was acknowledged at Mountain Creek State High School on Friday, 4 March, with a small but merry band of caring and concerned youth reducing the litter left behind by others.

Students from the ECO YOUTH group that currently comprises Year 7 students, nominated litter reduction and revamping an outdoor classroom as their priorities for 2016.

They took to the grounds armed with “pick up sticks” supported by Kerry (our School Nurse), Sarah (our School Chaplain) and Eco Youth teacher, Lisa Dunham. Students were pleased to find a relatively clean school ground. They are hoping their reminders on Daily Notices had something to do with the reduced litter.

Ms Lisa Dunham

Right Royal Revelry – A Medieval Tale of Fun and Frivolity

Early last week, Year 8 History students could be found collegially enjoying the companionship of like-minded squires at a right royal Medieval feast held in the inner Bailey at “Ol Fraser Manor, of the Green”.

Peasants’ Pottage, a uniquely flavoursome root vegetable stew, was slurped down with gratifying “agghs” and “ohhs” of delight, well by most anyway, alongside tender Roast Beef fit for the Aristocracy served with kind-of-black bread. This was all washed down with refreshing apple and ginger ales.

The feast celebrated the History Village’s completion of a mighty kingdom full of fortified Manor houses and castles complete with artefacts and weapons of defence and attack.

The festivities were the culmination activity of a unit of work where students explored the Middle Ages through studies of the world of Medieval Europe and the United Kingdom. During this first taste of Year 8 History, students explored the Fall of Rome, the Dark Ages, the Rise of Feudalism and how that social structure worked.

They also enjoyed, perhaps a bit too much, the workings of harsh tortuous punishments and trials of ordeal and were totally grossed out by the great Black Death. Finally they considered what changed, what was enduring and how it all evolved into the world we have inherited today, the legacy for us all.

It is this student consideration of why it is so important to study history, so we can learn from the mistakes and successes of our ancestors, celebrate our shared humanity, understand how we got to be the way we are, and forge a bright future, that makes it all so worthwhile.

By Ms Michelle Williams

Year 8 Geography – Buderim Rainforest Excursion

The last few weeks have seen year 8 Geography students participating in a unit on Rainforests. As part of the course they were given the opportunity to visit one of the regions true gems,
the Buderim Rainforest. Due to the large numbers of students studying Geography in year 8, the excursion was run over two days. Day one was certainly an authentic RAINFOREST experience, with a torrential downpour falling on que as the cohort arrived. In between running for cover the group was able to observe, smell, touch and discuss what they had been learning about in the classroom. Day two saw perfect conditions, allowing students to also gain the multi-sensory experience, while also completing some great field sketches. Students and teachers thoroughly enjoyed the day out at the Buderim Rainforest and all agreed that it was a valuable learning experience.

By Mr Sean Johnson

Senior Modern History students checkout the newest Chinese Yum Cha

“Fish brings heat, meat brings phlegm, but vegetables, and tofu keep you healthy.” 魚生火，肉生痰，青菜豆腐保平安 (Yú shēnghuǒ, ròu shēng tán, qīngcài dòufu bǎo píng’ān.)

After studying China this term from traditional customs such as foot binding to the Tiananmen Square incident and eating out at a local Chinese restaurant provided students with an opportunity to relax and enjoy the company of each other around a selection of Chinese dishes from Yum Cha Cuisine at the Plaza. While none of us were quite game to venture as the quote suggested, one could say that a fun night was had by all as we laughed, ate and talked about Chinese culture- or at least our interpretation of this. It’s evening such as this that really add meaning to the study of a culture so vastly different to our own and foster the notion of travel to explore what we have only read about and seen through various documentaries.

Mrs Lisa Kempf

Science Update

Lunch with Dr Karl

On Friday the 26th of February, 7 high school students from around the Coast and myself had the opportunity to attend a lunch with Dr Karl Kruszelnicki (affectionately known as Dr Karl) at USC. This was in honour of USC’s 20th anniversary and Dr Karl’s contributions to the scientific community, decorated with an award from USC. We got to sit down and have lunch with Dr Karl and three other doctors, all of whom were pioneering research in their respective areas. Each student was asked about their scientific ambitions, and we were told we could ask any question we wanted. Topics ranged all over the place, from the discussion of gravitational waves to gecko feet and school. Reading $10,000 worth of scientific literature annually, Dr Karl was able to answer anything we threw at him. I learned a lot, and it was amazing to hear what some people had to say. It’s certainly was a lunch I won’t forget anytime soon.

Tom Jarrett
Year 12

News from Creative Industries

Stolen Generations Performance

To commemorate National Sorry Day 2016, our Creative Industry students created a collage of art, dance, drama and music. The school received a grant from the National Healing Foundation for the 2016 National Apology Commemoration. It was our intention to create a performance to acknowledge the significance of the day and to provide an opportunity for further healing. Audience members included local Elders and community members, our Principal, staff and students.

The common thread was the play, Stolen, by Jane Harrison. It is based upon the lives of five indigenous people who dealt with the issues for forceful removal by the Australian government. Grade 10 and 11 drama students paid homage to these stories and delivered a sensitive and mature performance through monologues and movement. The sombre mood of ‘Stolen’ was captured by our Rising Voices Choir as they incorporated chants and melody to touch the hearts of the audience. Tracey Chapman’s song, Sorry, was the inspiration for our Year 9 Dancers as they symbolically began to close the gap between cultures. Later, body percussion, beat boxing and a beautiful uplifting song, Freedom, lifted the mood as it offered hope to
‘our’ future, a future that celebrated and acknowledged our Indigenous community.

The school community would like to acknowledge the work of Mrs Tylene Thompson, Mrs Carly Cook, Mrs Catherine Jones and Ms Jaqueline Andrews for their work in producing a stellar performance.

**Junior and Senior Dance Company**

Junior and Senior Dance Companies will be competing in this year’s Sunshine Coast Dance Eisteddfod on Friday 6th May at The Events Centre in Caloundra. Please come along and support our students, tickets are available for purchase through the Events Centre.

**Performance Group, Rising Voices**

2016 has welcomed our largest performance group ever. Rising Voices is already in rehearsals and preparing for a magical year. Just recently, we performed alongside dancers and Drama students for

**Eikon**

Eikon is a Visual Art group for years 7 – 9 that meets every Wednesday morning from 9am – 10am. At the moment we are making ‘machines’ from junk. We will make them look like realistic metal machines in the next week, so check the next newsletter for the amazing transformation. If you’re interested in joining, ask to see Ms Downie in Fraser Sub-School.

**Year 12 Dance**

Year 12 Dance students visited QPAC on Thursday 18th February to see a collaboration between Expressions Dance Company and Guangdong Modern Dance Company, called “Black”. It was a performance of three stunning Chinese Australian performances that drew on exploration, emotion and poetry to celebrate our cultural connections and interrelationships.

**Year 11 Music Workshop**

Year 11 Music participated a composition workshop with local musician Jacob Hicks on Friday 11th March.

Students Featured:

- on piano Hannah Sargent and Mia Warland
- Guitar: Jodi Pike,
- Drummer: Niall Gilday

**News from the Sports Department**

**Year 7 Interschool Sport – Round Three Report**

A fortnight ago we played Maroochydore at home. Our teams had a great afternoon with eleven out of a possible twelve teams victorious. I am pleased to report that feedback from coaches and parents was very positive as all players were great ambassadors for their respective schools.

Team of the week for round three went to the boys touch team who had a convincing 12-2 win. A long list of try scorers included Dillon with four, Angus who bagged a hat-trick Ethan with a double and Brock, Max and Jacob who picked up singles. Play of the day went to a quick thinking intercept try to Angus in the second half. Coach O’Sullivan was very pleased with the boys’ effort and praised the Maroochydore boys for fighting it out to the end as the score did not reflect their endeavour.

**Year 7 Interschool Sport- Round Four Report**

Last week we played away against Siena. Our teams had a great afternoon, especially our girls’ teams who managed three consecutive weeks of wins across all sports. All team members
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News from the Mathematics

NAPLAN Letter

Dear Parent/Guardian
Thank you for your continuing support of your child in Mathematics and Numeracy across all subjects at MCSHS. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you information regarding our specific NAPLAN preparation (in addition to our normal curriculum) in Year 9 Mathematics this year.

In term 2, all Year 9 students will be participating in a specific NAPLAN preparation course in Mathematics for the first 4 weeks. Year 7 students will be participating in a program as well from week 2 to week 4. This course is made up of a series of lessons developed by enthusiastic, experienced Mathematics teachers using a combination of ICT, past NAPLAN exams and tips targeting the development of specific skills. The areas of focus in these lessons are based on areas of misconception and areas of weaknesses recognised in the data in the NAPLAN – year 7 data for this cohort and diagnostic tests.

Each session will have optional homework or further practice available to all students.

The goal of these sessions is that students will develop skills in these areas of identified weaknesses and that these skills will assist our students with the NAPLAN specific testing but also with their Mathematics at school.

In the early lessons of term 2, each class will be introduced to a structured format for problem solving and some district resources developed over the previous 3 years. We are employing a method of SEE, PLAN, DO, CHECK that has been used in primary schools successfully. Some students will already be familiar with this structure.

I would also like to bring to your attention two resources our students can access via websites 24/7. MCSHS has initiated a learning place site for NAPLAN preparation where students have access to past papers, power points for the upper two bands and activities on problem solving. All students are registered in the NAPLAN learning place site and just need to follow the link in the email that would have been issued to them at the end of term 1. MCSHS continues to pay for the registration of each student in mymathsonline.com.au and there is some very good practice to be gained from this website as well. We look forward to working with your student and supporting their numeracy development.

Yours Sincerely
Naydeen Soward (Mathematics HOD)

News from Food Technology

Year 7

71 students had their final opportunity to showcase their skills in the kitchen this week. While cleaning up procedures have been challenging in the past, today most groups had their work areas spotless and organised just in time to take their orange and poppy seed muffins from the ovens. It has been inspiring to see the transformation from the very first practical session. Students who must be mentioned for their superb organisation,
team work and time management this week are Marcus, Luca, Amber, Hayley and Jamahla.

**Year 12 Hospitality**

Students prepared a roast vegetable medley and vegetable stack this week. It was such a pleasure to see the students’ problem solving individually and with others to design creative presentations of their food items.

**Chef Luke from Via Italia runs Italian Cookery Master Classes**

Many of our students will have participated in the Italian Cookery Master Classes run by Chef Luke from Via Italia in 2015. Luke has kindly agreed to continue to share his passion for food, particularly Italian food, with some very fortunate Year 8 & 9 enrichment students.

The sessions begin with a brief history of the origins of the dish, followed by a demonstration of the techniques by Luke, with some hands on tasks for the students. The students then prepare their own pasta, pizza dough, sorbet or food of the day. The key to being able to complete the process in an hour, for tasks that may take two days at the restaurant, is Luke’s amazing organisation for the sessions. He does much of the preparation beforehand so that our students can see the process from start to finish.

For example, if pizza is on the menu, Luke will prepare a dozen pizza doughs prior to the session, so that they have their own dough to take home. The pre-prepared doughs are then brought out to allow the students to learn and practise stretching the doughs by hand. The students then assist with topping the pizzas for the class to taste-test.

**Year 12 Hospitality Students Work Front Of House At Via Italia**

The Year 12 Hospitality students continue their Via Italia experience, working a dinner shift with the front of house staff. Last week, three of our international students worked as waiters in front of house. Although anxious before they hit the floor, their ability to slot into the team using their food and beverage knowledge and skills was amazing. Well done students. The remainder of our Year 12s will be involved in the Via Experience in term 2 on a Wednesday night, which is pizza night. Please support our students by attending if you are able. Many thanks to Via for all of their assistance in supporting our students.

**Successful Traineeships for Mountain Creek State High Students at Via Italia**

Josh Marsden completed his chef traineeship at Via Italia under the supervision of owner-chefs, Luke and Jodie. Josh has now moved on to expand his knowledge and skills at another prominent Mooloolaba restaurant. Joe, another past Creeker, continues to work at Via Italia and it is so lovely to see one of our quieter students grow so much in confidence and perform so professionally in industry. Front of house staff David, who makes fantastic espresso coffee, and Chrystelle also hail from Mountain Creek. Chrystelle has just commenced studies at USC, but will continue to work part-time at Via to support her studies. Our partnership with Via Italia has had some truly wonderful benefits for our students.

**World’s Greatest Shave 2016**

Mountain Creek students and staff stepped up once again and ... shaved.

A MASSIVE thank you to “Bellissimo of Mooloolaba” and Joshua Wynne for organising and hosting the sausage sizzle. Bellissimo donated all of the sausages, drinks and their cooking skills to the cause. The proceeds of which are being donated between the Leukaemia Foundation and to help support Tainui Kaihau, a Mountain Creek State High School student diagnosed with Leukaemia in January this year.

Yet again, student community was outstanding with their show of support, with over $300 raised from the “Small Change Matters” campaign in the week leading up to the Shave.

Once again, Ms Elisa Brown from Skills Centre and Mark from Mark’s Mooloolaba Hair were cheered on as they sheared off the locks for; Briana Williams, Joshua Wynne, Alex Kleine, Conor Swan, Jun Lee, Mr Bunter, Mr Buswell and Mr Nassiep.

The 2016 goal of $2,000 was passed, with funds raised for the Leukaemia Foundation, and to support Tainui yet to be finalised.
Last but not least, a shout out to the Fraser Senior Leaders present and upcoming that came to all the meetings, spent their lunches collecting donations and helped out on the day.

Well done Creekers!

Elizabeth Mullighan
Year 12 Fraser HOSS

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**News from Student Services**

**Defence Force Careers**

Please note the following upcoming information sessions for students interested in a career in the Defence Force:

**Officer Careers Information Session**

- When: Wednesday the 30th of March at 6pm
- Where: Defence Force Recruiting Maroochydore, 37 Primary School Court, Maroochydore

**AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE CAREERS CINEMA EVENING**

Note that this includes a free screening of the ‘Batman vs Superman’ movie.

- When: Wednesday, 13 April 2016 Time: 5:45pm arrival for a 6:00pm start
- Where: Birch Carroll & Coyle Cinemas Sunshine Plaza, Sunseeker Parade, Maroochydore

To RSVP please email defencejobsmaroochydore@dfr.com.au or call 131901.

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**Lice**

Due to an increase in temperatures it is a good time to remind people to check for Head Lice.

Exclusion is not necessary if effective treatment is commenced prior to the next attendance day at school.

**What are Head Lice?** They are tiny egg laying insects – can only survive on human heads – grow to about 3.5mm (size of sesame seed or pinhead) – have no wings, so they cannot fly – are a nuisance NOT a health hazard – have 6 legs with strong claws which are designed for holding tightly onto hair – HEAD LICE DO NOT JUMP

**Why are we talking about Head Lice in High School?** Whilst Head Lice are predominately found in Primary School age students we ALL can get Head Lice.

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- Lice do not jump or fly.
- Lice are easily controlled with over-the-counter treatments and do not cause harm or illness.
- Lice are not an indication of personal hygiene or cleanliness.

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**RSVP’s** are essential, places are limited. Students are invited to contact one of the school’s Guidance Officers if they require further information.

**Alex Brain – Guidance Officer**

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**Head Lice**

Due to an increase in temperatures it is a good time to remind people to check for Head Lice.

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News from Fraser Sub-School

Fraser Fun Day A. K. A – St Patrick’s Day

It isn’t easy being green, but it is certainly worth every minute.

17th March 2016 was St Patrick’s Day … it was a time when it was ‘easy being green’ and being green left our wonderful sub-school perfectly positioned to develop sub-school spirit with a bit of fun.

This involved junior students taking the opportunity to celebrate being green by, sharing jokes and partaking of delicious lime ice-cream Spiders.

Jokes were distributed randomly, by our dedicated staff, to all Fraser students with their daily notices in the morning. Then throughout the day the challenge was to share your joke with as many people as possible in the hope of finding a joke-in-common. Anybody who scored a ‘snap’ by finding someone with the same “funny”, or in the case of some ‘dads’ jokes’, the same eye-rolling-groan as them, was awarded a free spider.

Certainly, there were smiles on a lot of faces, frequent chuckles, occasional sporadic outbursts of full on LOL and, of course, the occasional groan of “Oh no! That was sooooooo lame”.

The day was a great success in terms of public relations and student fun. A big thank you to my colleagues for bringing this one home for our students.

A true celebration of what it is to be a mighty green falcon.

Parent Information

Microsoft Office free download

All Queensland state school students and staff can now download multiple free copies of Microsoft Office 2016 to their personal home computers and mobile devices. You’ll just need your school email address to sign in.

Microsoft Office 2016 is available for personal devices only, not devices owned by the department or part of a school network. Errors and conflicts will occur if Office 2016 is downloaded on departmental devices, as these devices already have a licenced copy of Microsoft Office. If staff uninstall the existing Office package on their department device and install Office 2016, the machine may require reimaging and it will not be supported by the department’s Service Centre.

The Office subscription lasts for as long as the student is studying at a Queensland state school, or the staff member is employed by the department.

Calendar of Events

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Have a Happy and Safe Easter Break!
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**School Resumes Monday 11 April**

### TERM 2

| Week 1 | Mon 11 Apr | • Year 12 Manufacturing Industry Placement (ALL WEEK) |
| Wed 13 Apr | • Year 12 FTV Excursion  |
| Thu 14 Apr | • Year 8 & 9 Inter-School Sport  |
| | • Year 11 Legal Studies Excursion  |
| | • AFL Boys Finals Day  |

| Week 2 | Mon 18 Apr | • P&C Meeting 5.30pm ALL WELCOME  |
| | • Year 12 Biology to QIMR  |
| | • Year 7 Initiative Bribie Day  |
| | • Year 12 Childcare Work Experience ALL WEEK  |
| Tue 19 Apr | • Year 10 Art Excursion  |
| | • Year 12 Ancient History UQ Excursion  |
| | • Year 11 Ancient History Excursion  |
| | • Year 7 Moreton Initiative Day  |
| Wed 20 Apr | • Year 11 & 12 Jap Excursion Japanese Immersion USC  |
| | • Year 12 Hospitality RSA Course  |
| | • Year 8 & 9 Inter-School Sport Round 2  |
| Thu 21 Apr | • Year 11 Modern History Excursion  |
| | • Year 12 Business Management Excursion  |
| | • INTER SUB-SCHOOL Cross Country  |
| | • REPORTS ISSUED  |
| Thu 22 Apr | • Creative Industries Drama Camp  |
| | • School ANZAC Day Ceremony  |
| | • Elevate Education (Year 8 – Session 4)  |

| Week 3 | Mon 25 Apr | • ANZAC DAY “LEST WE FORGET”  |

### 2016

| Tue 26 Apr | • Year 12 Japanese Excursion  |
| | • Year 11 & 12 Spanish Excursion  |
| | • Stradbroke Year 7 Initiative Day  |