16 August 2016

From the Executive Principal

School Community Partnerships were certainly front and centre at our most recent Careers Expo and Parent information evening Monday August 1st, leading into subject selection and Education and Career Planning Interviews the following week. Our external presenters and our faculty displays provided parents and students with course and subject information including pathways options to suit all student needs for continuing their education or to gain full time employment after study.

The powerful partnerships between home and school and school and community are the foundations for accessing a relevant and successful education. I thank our faculty HODs and staff for promoting their subjects and our many external providers for their time in presenting their contribution to the continuing education of our young men and women at Mountain Creek. The attendance on the night was an indication of the strong partnerships between our parents, students and school.

Thank you to all who took the time to attend the Expo and listen to the information talks outlining excellence programs and pathways for senior schooling.

Subsequently, I was not surprised at the massive attendance at Subject Selection/Education and Career Planning interviews on Tuesday 9th August and the parent response to assisting their students in selecting subjects/courses for 2017.

This year more than any other year, our year 10 students selecting courses for senior school, have had more choice in alternate schooling options at other campuses through TAFE at School courses, Trade Training Centre courses and School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships to supplement the subject offered at Mountain Creek Campus. Our school website provides these details and more for 2017.

Thank you again to our families for your support of this important planning process for students.

Our 2016 NAPLAN results are an indication of the extensive intervention programs in reading and numeracy that the school have been able to offer. The good news for Mountain Creek is that we have a direct link to the GRG and I4S spending through our improved results in these areas.

I would like to congratulate all staff across the curriculum, for the outcomes of the 2016 NAPLAN results across the 5 domains. As always there is a clear link to English and Maths, as the core skills in these subject areas heavily support the NAPLAN testing and I congratulate the staff in these faculties for their significant role in achieving these results.

While comparing this year’s results with last year’s results is not the best indicators of growth (different cohort), these are the comparisons that are reported. I encourage parents of our Year 7 and 9 students to compare their students’ Year 3, 5, 7, and 9 results to see distance travelled for their individual students, as this is the measure from which we can determine their growth and success.

Remember this is only a point in time assessment of student capabilities – how our students apply the skills of Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and Numeracy to achievement in their subjects, is our holistic view of application of these skills.

As a snap shot we have achieved at or above the % of students in the nation above the national Minimum Standard in all 5 strands in Year 7 & 9 and above the national scores in the following tests and strands:
All students in the OP group have completed two practice tests this year, these tests have been analysed exhaustively and feedback given to each student.

Students who do not intend to go to University and/or have not attended ECP with a completed QTAC application should not sit the test. The OP score is only used by QTAC to assess eligibility for University courses - no university courses, no QTAC – No OP required.

In 2015 and years past, many students in the OP group who passed all subjects at a lower C level were awarded an OP that rendered them unable to apply to a University for entry in 2016. The rough guide for success in terms of grades is a B average, due to the competition for university courses.

The OP indications that we issue to students each year are very accurate. These should be used as a serious guide to making a final decision about OP status as the test approaches. Students who do not sit the test are of course still eligible to graduate and seek university entrance through a rank process.

These elements are understood to be the basis by which any student attempts the QCS test. It is the test of fairness to the group that affords the reasoning above. Any OP student that has engaged fully with the preparation program provided will contribute positively to the group result.

Important Details Regarding The QCS Test

The QCS test is to be held in week 8 on Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st for OP eligible students, and those NON OP students who have nominated to complete the test. To ensure the smooth running of these two days please note the following instructions:

- Adequate sleep leading up to exam days and a good quality breakfast are vital to ensure students are mentally prepared for exams.
- Students need to ensure they have the correct equipment for the two days.
- Borrowing equipment is PROHIBITED as is bringing in equipment not on the approved list.

If a student is sick:

- Please obtain a doctor’s certificate.
- Please refer to the ‘Instructions to Students’ (green QSA sheet)
- Return Certificate & Exemption form to Mr Stone on the student’s return to school.
- Phone Mrs Brockenshire on the morning of the exam and leave a message on her phone 5457 8317 – clearly stating student’s name and reason for absence.

Students need to ensure that they have had a drink of water and have been to the toilet before they enter the examination room.

Students with a sore throat or cough are permitted to take in water (in a clear container) –placed on the floor by the student’s desk.

Between tests students are to remain on the school grounds.

From the Head of Senior School

QCS TEST 30th and 31st August.

The Queensland Core Skills Test for 2016 is upon us! All students are expected to do their very best in this set of tests over 2 days to ensure this test result can be used as a boost for the OP group for this year towards individual OP’s.

Parents are reminded that the QCS test is not an individual score, rather the group result for each subject in the first scaling and then the whole group score in the second scaling influences a student’s overall score and OP.

In 2016 we have expended a great effort to ensure the following elements are understood by all OP students.

- That all students take a personal responsibility in ensuring they are prepared and serious for the test.
- That they will do their very best to ensure they contribute positively to the whole group result.
- That being prepared means coming with the correct equipment for each test. Equipment sheets have been distributed on assembly twice in the last 3 weeks. This will provide the best possible contribution to success in the QCS Test.
Break times will be at different times to the rest of the school. Students will be required to remain in a designated area. They will have access to canteen facilities.

Testing times:

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE TO TIMETABLE – STUDENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED AT SCHOOL EARLIER THAN THE TIME INDICATED ON EACH DAY

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ALSO NOTE THAT STUDENTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO GO TO THEIR CARS DURING THE BREAKS. AS PER THE USUAL POLICY STUDENTS CANNOT BRING MOBILE PHONES OR ELECTRONIC DEVICES INTO THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.

What You Can Take Into The Test Room For Each Testpaper

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ECP

Thank you to parents for supporting the ECP process once again. We had a very large booking rate through the online system and many parents were satisfied with the information exchange on the night.

A reminder please that Year 10 and 11 students must return their subject selection form as soon as is possible so that budgeting and timetabling can begin in earnest.

Best wishes

Andrew Stone

Head of Senior School

From the Head of Junior Secondary School

Welcome to the half way point of term 3! By now you will have met with (or made contact with) your student’s ECP teacher and all students should have submitted forms to indicate subject selection for 2017. This will ensure your student is placed in electives of their choice for next year.

NAPLAN

Individual NAPLAN student reports to all students who participated were posted out to year 7 and year 9 parents in week 4 and 5. If you have changed address or did not receive this statement please contact the school.

We are very proud of our 2016 results and students who have done exceptionally well will be rewarded at our Awards Night on the 26th of October.

Opportunity – Young Scholars

We have continued to Welcome year 5 and 6 Young Scholars this term. In week three, students were involved in Science and Humanities subjects and we must again thank your staff and senior students who volunteered their time to support the program. Enjoy the photos!

Headstart Information

If you’re interested in the Head Start program then attending the information evening is a must.

Check out all the details at the following link.
http://www.usc.edu.au/connect/events/2016/september/headstart-program-information-evening

Student Car Use

Recently there have been a few issues around the use of cars by senior students. Firstly, students should use the pool carpark to park their car, avoiding the tennis court parks for patrons and adjacent cul-de-sacs. Students should also use their cars safely in the school zones as young children are present. Police patrol these areas regularly.
Leadership Day

Congratulations to our year 9 Junior Secondary Leaders who participated in the Leaders Training Day on the 29th of July. These young people are outstanding ambassadors for Junior Secondary and potential leaders of the future.

Excellence

Junior Secondary students who have achieved academic excellence in the top 10% in term 2 will be awarded for their outstanding efforts in weeks 5 – 7 on year level assemblies. Congratulations to all students who have achieved such fantastic results.

Opportunity

Students in Year 9 Aspire were afforded the unique opportunity to attend The Future Careers 2025 Expo on the 11th of August at the University of the Sunshine Coast. The Expo was geared towards informing students about the emerging technological jobs market and was specifically targeted to those students in Aspire who may not yet have been exposed to these experiences.

Unlike other careers events, The Future Careers 2025 Expo realises the job market on the Sunshine Coast will look quite different 10 years from now and your student needs to be ready. Industry leaders presented their forecasts of what the future will bring, and exhibitors engaged students in the cutting-edge technology which will be an integral part of any jobs in 2025. Exhibitors included a flight simulator, robot, game-creating technology, high-tech cooking demonstration, electric car, and even a video from Sunshine Coast teenager Lachlan Smart who will be in the middle of his attempt to fly solo around the world. This was an aspirational jam-packed hour and a half which was guaranteed to ignite your students’ passion.

Senior School

Leadership Training Day & Changeover Lunch 2016

An essential element to the leadership process is the annual leadership training day and changeover lunch. It provides leaders from year nine to year eleven an opportunity to engage with each other whilst learning crucial skills from many important members of the senior school.

Not only were students presented an opportunity to learn from executive principal- Cheryl McMahon, Head of Senior School - Andrew Stone, HOD Senior School Bree Brockenhurst and HOSES. They were led by a peer and current student leader Jordan Villanueva.

The 2016 Leadership Training Day allowed students to gain public speaking, led by Jordan Villanueva, the current public speaking and debating captain. Jordan taught us skills he has learned as part of the debating team, and we were able to leave the training day inspired by the following saying: “Prior Preparation Prevents Poor Performance”.

We were then tasked with completing a questionnaire that divided the leaders into sub categories; “Analytical”, “Driving”, “Amiable”, and “Expressive”. This sparked friendships between people who led in similar ways, whilst it was also crucial to take note of the other groups in order to maintain a balanced leadership perspective over the next year as senior leaders.

Not only did this activity provide insight into the many different leaders within the leadership cohort, it provided year 11 leaders an opportunity to meet the younger leaders within the school. As they will be the senior leaders in years to come, this was extremely beneficial as we discussed the importance of seniors becoming involved within the junior school to encourage leadership values.

Once the leadership training day had concluded, year 11 leaders began to prepare for the year 12’s memorable changeover lunch. This was yet another situation that tested our leadership cohort and team-work skills in an unfamiliar setting. The event was a success, providing us with the opportunity to give back to the leaders we have admired.

Overall, the 2016 Leadership training day and changeover lunch was a huge success for all members involved, allowing
leadership within the school community to further improve and develop.

On behalf of all current leaders, I would like to thank all the staff involved in this day for their time and constant effort, and the previous leadership team for their enthusiasm throughout the year.

*Lara St. Clair - Student*

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**Science Update**

**Science Competition 2016**

Students from Mountain Creek State High School achieved outstanding results when they participated in the ICAS Science Competition this year.

Overall students at Mountain Creek received: 1 High Distinction, 13 DISTINCTIONS, 93 CREDITS and 52 MERIT awards.

Students who received a High Distinction are the top 1% of students in the year level. Students receiving a Distinction are in the top 10% of participants in the year level and those receiving a credit are the next 25% of participants. Those receiving a merit award are in the next 10% of participants.

All students are to be congratulated on their significant achievements.

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*Angharad Gordon*

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Shalana Pratten | Katie Moore
Keenan Hauber | Jaccoa Ayres
Jessica Bender | Evail Iong Lam
Thomas Jarrett

Students achieving a Merit

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Charlotte Weitenberg | Elijah Courtney
Aleisha Eaglesham | Jayme Obbard Hewitt
Maddison Van Dyke | Benjamin Cuthbert
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Rebecca Robins | Julia Stewart
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Calvin Jensen | Charli Jones
Brooke Taber | Madison Windsor
Joseph Cousins | Jade Schmolke
Billy Hamilton | Kaitlyn Prince
Kristin Ryan | Tay Sutherland
Piper Vidulich | Chloe Webberley
Thomas Foster | Lizzy Gordon
Ashton Berting | Sam Durmin
Brock Moll-Stanbrock | Max Pruim
Blake Puka | Amber Worrell
Amy Arrowsmith | Amelia Fleischfresser
Max Blackstone | Fynn Widdicombe
Alexander Wockner | Megan Roets
Kelly Yao | Khalisa Amir Hamzah
Rose-Ann Breedt | Abigail Morley
Blake Calder | Chloe Jenkins

PACE Excursion

On the 29th of July, Year 11 IB and QCAA chemistry students travelled to the UQ Pharmacy Centre of Excellence (PACE) facility.

The PACE facility is focussed towards training university students in pharmaceutical science. Upon arrival we were given a brief tour of the building and were then spoken to by lecturer Dr Meng-Wong Taing, who introduced us to job opportunities and benefits of studying at UQ’s new PACE precinct.

We were then shown the library and script writing room which is orientated around training correct script writing and drug dispensing technique. We were also shown one of the lecture halls capable of holding up to 300 people at a time.

One of the highlights of the day was seeing the mock pharmacy facility, where we pretended to prescribe medication for our “patient’s” specific ailments. Everyone said that their favourite activity of the day was definitely the drug compounding workshop. Here we learnt the technique of triturating when we created a treatment for acne by mixing sulphur powder into aqueous cream using a technique known as folding.

Students concurred that next year, chemistry students in year 11 should go to PACE to experience what it could be like studying UQ’s pharmacy degree and that overall the day was enjoyable and informative towards potential careers.

QUT Medical Engineering Research Facility

On Tuesday the 26th of July, a group of forty-seven Biology students from both Years 11 and 12 (from IB and QCAA) attended a physiology excursion at the QUT Medical Engineering Research Facility (MERF). At MERF, the students participated in two organised sessions – one involving a series of physiology-based tests while the other allowed the students to see a real, deceased human body that had been donated to science for research, giving them a detailed analysis of human biology and anatomy.

The physiology-based tests included a variety of tasks utilising all sorts of medical apparatus. For example, there were those as apparently simple as seeing how far you could reach past your toes whereas others used clever goggles that simulated varying stages of drunkenness or concussion – where the students had to complete simple tasks that were not so easy with compromised vision. There were also activities that tested your lung capacity in terms of how long you could inhale and exhale for and a station where you had to attempt to create sutures in practice rubber moulds of scars like a true surgeon.

The anatomical experience on the other hand allowed students to handle dissected and embalmed body parts such as the brain, lungs and heart in a sterilised lab environment where the students were shown how things like cancers and emphysema can affect human organs. The deceased human body provided
an in-depth, anatomical perspective as the students were able to see the inner organs and layers of the body.

It was an incredibly eye-opening experience and the medical staff involved were extremely informative and friendly, creating an excellent excursion day for all.

Physics Investigates Dreamworld

On Friday the 22nd July, two Physics teachers and their year 11 Physics students from IB and QCAA took to Dreamworld to analyse the physics behind the rides. The group arrived at Dreamworld just before the park’s opening time, allowing students and teachers time to create their plan of attack and decide which rides to go on first. Some physics was also done, with students completing booklets with questions on The Tower of Terror 2, The Giant Drop, the Puss in Boots Sword Swing, and The Claw. Students calculated acceleration, kinetic energy, and efficiency, among other physics concepts. The students also went on these rides to experience the forces themselves, running from one side of the park to the other, to ensure they made the most effective use of their time. Surprisingly, there weren’t too many green faces at the end of the day but there were many sleepy faces on the bus trip home.

All in all, it is safe to say that all who attended thoroughly enjoyed their day (who wouldn’t?) and have now seen the physics concepts they had learnt the theory of in action.

Briana Williams 11S

On arrival students were met by the producer of Channel 9 news who also acted as our tour guide extraordinaire. Students first explored the exterior of the studios, getting up close a personal with the giant broadcast television tower, satellite dish and the Channel 9 news helicopter. From there we went inside the studio where 9 News is filmed live and broadcasted from. Here students had the opportunity to sit behind the news desk, use the tele-prompter and get their hands the studio camera. All students were very excited to experience the glitz and glamour of the studio; however, they were equally engaged and fascinated with how everything operates behind the scene.

Overall it was a fun, action packed and extremely enlightening day, which was enjoyed by all students and teachers and planning is already underway for a return next year.

News from Film and Television

Film Excursion to Channel 9 Studios

This term, year 10 film students were extremely lucky to be given the opportunity to partake in an excursion to the Channel 9 studios at Mount Coottha, Brisbane. Generally, television studios do not open their doors to school excursions due to the high paced nature of the work place. However, film teacher, Mr McKeough, previously worked for Channel 9 and was able to pull the required string to organise the trip.

News from the Coding and Innovation Faculty

STEM Academy

We are very pleased to advise that from the start of 2017 over 100 Junior Secondary students will be enrolled in our new STEM Academy. Their enrolment in the Academy means the students will be enrolled in our new semester-length subject “STEM with Innovation” which will not only extend students in their knowledge and skills around STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths), but will also develop students skills and knowledge in entrepreneurship.

For our inaugural year we will have:

• 1 x year 7 class
• 2 x year 8 classes
• 1 x year 9 class

Any students still considering enrolling in the Academy for 2017 will need to submit an application quickly and will be assessed
on a case-by-case basis. Application forms for the STEM Academy are available from the main office at Admin, or downloadable from the school website.

Startup Weekend for Youth – Grab an internship NOW!

Any student in grades 10-12 interested in an internship in:
- Graphic design
- Web design
- Social media campaign development
- Marketing
- Programming

If so you should attend the Startup Weekend for Youth. Over 25 internships are on offer.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z1FrX5maNnY
http://www.startupscyouth.com

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

USC Opportunity: Girls In Gaming

The University of the Sunshine Coast’s Women in Gaming group is hosting an evening for girls interested in games and the game industry. Please join them between 4pm and 8pm on the Thursday, 25 August, 2016, at USC’s Engage Lab (room E1.31) for an evening of playing games with USC Serious Games staff and students, as well as developers and designers.

This evening is a chance for girls to hear from developers, writers, artists, audio designers, and educators, and learn more about the games industry and potential career pathways; it will also be an ideal opportunity for parents to ask questions about the industry, as well as studying Serious Games at USC and game development more generally.

Any enquiries to Alayna Cole acole@usc.edu.au or Colleen Stieler-Hunt cstieler@usc.edu.au.

More Evidence Most Future Jobs Will Need Some Level Of Coding?


Graeme Breen
HOD – Coding and Innovation

News from Creative Industries

MADD 2016 Friday 14th October!

Clear your calendar! We’re going MADD again soon, so stay tuned for the full line up of events for this year’s Music, Art, Dance and Drama Festival in the next newsletter! If you would like to be involved in the planning of the event or on the evening, then please get in touch with Head of Department Jess Stansbie on 54578337 or jwall77@eq.edu.au. We would love to have as many students and parents on board as we can.

Year 11 Music In Practice Says “Thank you!”

In week 4 this term the Year 11 Music In Practice students undertook their community projects as part of their assessment, and one group ran a lunch time busking event performing at both breaks on Thursday and Friday. The event
was a success, with a mix of junior and senior students coming to support the students and enjoy the live music!

We would like to thank everyone who watched and showed their support, and for all of our performers. It was a huge success and all of us had a great time showing off all of the amazing talent. A big thank you to our performers: Ebony Norton, Lydia Keet, Grace Finlay, David Walsh, Marnie Purrsell, Amber Edwards, Lochy McNulty, Taylah Drennert, Sean Carter, Monique Carter, Josh Every, Jonas Beking and Hannah Sargent.

Amber Edwards, Year 11 Music in Practice Student

The Creek Shines at the Sunshine Coast Eisteddfod

Our Instrumental Music ensembles large and small have had another busy and successful time at this year’s Sunshine Coast Junior Eisteddfod. The large and small ensemble section was held July 30 to August 6; Mountain Creek SHS was well represented with performances from our Flute Quartet, Saxophone Quartet, Stage Band, String Ensemble and Concert Band. Our Saxophone Quartet and Concert Band were awarded 3rd place, which is an excellent result. A full report on the event will be available in the next Creeker Magazine.

Congratulations to all our Instrumental Music students and to Mr Calvin Hunter and Mr Dan Edwards. The hard work, the rehearsals after school and the home practice pays off. All students and staff handled themselves with complete professionalism as always both on stage and in the auditorium.

Jess Stansbie
Head of Creative Industries

News from the Social Science

7G INVESTIGATE MY PAST

This term, some Year 7 Humanities students have been studying a unit titled Investigating the Past. This unit has seen students attempting to understand where History comes from, how do we learn about the past, what is archaeology, how do we know how old that artefact is and most importantly, why we need to understand the past. As a HOT activity with 7G, it was time for students to put their historical investigation skills into practice, by identifying purpose, time period, what type of source they were examining and then providing a written justification to support their decisions. Artefacts investigated were a Kelly lamp from the 19th century, working spears from Papua New Guinea, World War Two dog tags and medals, my very old teddy (which students dated as the 19th century!) and coloured sands from Rainbow Beach. This was an excellent opportunity to practice History and produced some very interesting justifications and time periods, as well as gaining an understanding of History as a living subject.

By Mrs Lisa Kempf
Humanities teacher 7G
Year 8 Geography Investigate Topographical Maps

This term year 8 geography students have been busy learning about our famous landmarks in our country, how they were developed and how they impact our society. One of the key skills in geography is learning to read topographical maps. These maps indicate the rise and fall in the earth’s surface. A fun and practical way to learn how to read these maps is to turn the topographical map into a 3D image using some very bright play dough. A lot of fun and practical at the same time!!

Junior Assessment Coming Up

Year 7 History – Exam - Week Seven
Year 8 Geography – Field Trip Report – Week Seven
Year 8 History – Exam – Week Seven
Year 9 Geography – Assignment – Week Ten
Year 9 History – Assignment – Week Seven
Year 10 Geography – Exam – Week Seven
Year 10 History – Assignment – Week Nine
Year 10 Ancient History – Assignment – Week Ten

Any questions regarding Junior Assessment please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s classroom teacher or HOD Kate Benfield kbenf3@eq.edu.au

Kate Benfield
HOD Social Science

Junk! All in the name of food…

On Wednesday 10th Aug, 10 of the 14 students traveling to Vietnam these holidays, tested out some local Vietnamese cuisine at JUNK, Maroochydore. This provided a ‘chat and eat’ session for teachers and students to get to know one another before embarking on a 17 day trip touring Vietnam in trains, boats and buses together. Chatting about exercise regimes, vegan eating, expectations of Vietnam, visiting orphanages and

what should I pack, consumed several hours of noisy ‘chit chat’ and a feeling of excitement for new places and people to see.

By Mrs Lisa Kempf

News from the Sports Department

Bribie Shines at Athletics Carnival

In the closest fought carnival in memory Bribie Subschool managed to edge out the others at the end of the day to be champions for 2016. The overall lead changed constantly during the day with all subschools at or near the lead. In the final wash up Bribie edged ahead to win.

Final points:

1st Place  Bribie  2,082 points
2nd Place  Stradbroke  2,007 points
3rd Place  Fraser  1,960 points
4th Place  Moreton  1,948 points

There were more than 40 records set during the day – an amazing performance by all our athletes. Shayden Stevens set 5 new records in the 16&U Boys Division while Aria Miller set 3 new records in the 14&U Girls Division.

Age Champions are listed below:

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Congratulations to these students on their fantastic performances!
Creeker Basketball

Term 3 is the start of the busy season for Basketball at Mountain Creek.

Coinciding with the arrival this year of new Head Coach Zane Meehl in the Bribie Subschool we are seeing record numbers of students taking advantage of the expert coaching available. As an ex-student of our school and a U.S. College scholarship holder and graduate Mr Meehl is an outstanding addition to our staff.

At present we have 10 teams from across the school participating in the Friday night competition as well as 8 teams from years 8 and 9 preparing for the Interschool competition which takes place later in Semester 2. Of course, none of this would be possible for our students without the generosity of our wonderful coaches. My personal thanks go to Mr Meehl, Mr Duus, Mr Broadaway, Mrs Lancaster, Mrs Nipperess, Mrs O’Sullivan, Mr Campbell, Mr Clark, Ms Tsakisissis and Mr Hegarty for giving up their time every Friday afternoon and evening for terms 3 and 4.

In addition to these competitions, our Snr A boys’ and girls’ teams are preparing for the State Championships to be held in the last week of term 3 and in December the school will again be represented at the National Schools Basketball Tournament to be contested in Melbourne where our year 8/9 boys will compete in the U15 age group (coached by Mr Broadaway) and the Snr boys (coached by Mr Meehl) will compete in the u20 Division 1 age group. We are very excited to see how we go!

Could I thank John Sheridan from Nutrition Warehouse in Maroochydore for his sponsorship of our State Championship teams this year. John is an ex-student of our school and he won a National Championship with us. It is great to see him still keen to be involved in our program.

Lots of Creeker basketballers are doing really well with their sport. I would like to make special mention though of 2 of our senior players. Courtney Murphy (year 11) toured the U.S. this year representing Qld U17 and Tom Cordwell (year 10) represented Qld U16 at the National Championships in Victoria. We are very proud that you represent our school so well.

I thank all those parents who are so supportive of our efforts to provide this sporting opportunity for their children. Hope to see you at some of the games.

Mrs Smith-Basketball Program Manager.

2016 All Schools Oztag

30th July – 31st July - Sunshine Coast Stadium

What a wonderful weekend had by all! After five games across the two days, we earnet ourselves a spot in the grand final. Unfortunately early on Saturday we lost one of our key players Sophie to an ankle injury. In a tight battle against a superb representative team, our Mountain Creek girls battled it out right to the end, going down 3-1. Congratulations Liana who displayed an exciting attack move to cross the line in the final.

Five minutes after the final whistle the girls were already talking about next year! All schools barbarians you better watch out!

Special mention of Liana Stevens, Ruby Lowe, Brooke Day, Annaliese Taylor and Abbi Blake who were named in a merit Queensland squad.

Schools Cup Volleyball Bronze Medal

At the recent Volleyball Queensland Schools Cup Seniors Event held in Brisbane/Gold Coast, the mighty Creekers came home with an excellent Bronze Medal in the Division 1 Year 11 Girls. This was a very impressive result given the quality of the tournament and the younger level of most of our players. The girls had to win two matches on the final day to get the Bronze. These were both high quality, hard fought victories that had the team digging deep to support each other and to chase the ball. The Bronze game was a very difficult three set match with the final set being decided 15-13 in our favour – a very tense and exciting match for players and spectators!

There were four Creek teams at the event and all performed in the top half of their respective divisions – these are very good results given that in two of these there were more than 20 teams competing! Congratulations to all concerned on an excellent weekend of Volleyball and some fantastic learning about what it means to be a member of a competitive team.

Special thanks to Mrs Helen Young, Mr Andrew Soward, Mr Andrew Denny and Mr Lindsay Baker who, as staff and coaches, spent the whole weekend from Friday morning to Sunday night coaching and supervising our wonderful players!
Rugby League Wide Bay Shield Champions

Congratulations to the Yr 9 Rugby League team for winning the Wide Bay Shield by defeating Shalom College, Bundaberg by 30 points to Nil.

Outstanding performers on the day were Zac Short, Jake Zammit, Jake Allen, and Ethan Green.

The victory means Mountain Creek have now retained the Wide Bay Shield for Yr 9 Rugby League for a record 5 consecutive years.

The team’s next assignment was a QLD Quarter Final against Wavell SHS. An amazing team effort had Mountain Creek in front 12-10 with 1 minute remaining.

Unfortunately the bounce of the ball didn’t go our way and we were beaten by a try off a kick in the final play of the game.

Outstanding effort by all boys involved and Coach Mr Brenden Newcombe.

Dan Roberts
Program Manager

Georgia Sapiano Multiple World Record Holder!

Georgia was one of a small team of power lifters from the Sunshine Coast competing in Capo Powerlifting 2016 Nationals in Sydney. Georgia already an Australian record holder 8 times, managed to win her category and also set 4 new world records in the process!!! She has trained for the last 10 months for this powerlifting event and on the weekend smashed every record in the world !!

At 16 years old and a body weight of 47 kg Georgia squatted 90 kg, benched 50 kg and deadlifted 117.5 kg which for her age and weight is absolutely amazing...!

Fraser Update

Bringing Board Games Back!

Year 7 Fraser students have been gathering on a Thursday morning in the Resource Centre to get their fill of gaming of a different kind…the board game. What started out as a friendly Scrabble game between teacher and student, now extends to games of tactical Scrabble and Sequence between friendly Fraser rivals and teacher. The general consensus is there really is no better way to start the school day on a Thursday.

Fantastic Fraser Feats

Reflection of a day in a 7H Fraser classroom...

Recently, when reading out the Daily Notices I asked if any student in the class had been selected to represent Mountain Creek State High School at the District Athletics Carnival. Joel sheepishly put up his hand and replied “I have.”

“What events have you been selected for, Joel?” I asked.

Joel quietly responded with “I’m in nine events.”

I had to ask again, thinking I had mis-heard. I hadn’t. The whole class erupted in applause, showing Joel exactly what we thought of him... that we were impressed beyond words.

Joel is the School Record Holder for Triple Jump. He is now representing his school in eight events: Triple Jump, 200m, High Jump, Shot Put, 100m, Long Jump, 400m and the Relay.

This Year 7H student is also a member of the MCSHS AFL School of Excellence. He has played AFL from the age of eight. He captains his Kawana Eagles team in their undefeated 2016 campaign.

Joel is our “quiet achiever” and he inspires those who teach him and those who sit beside him each day.
Awards Night 2016

Awards Night 2016 is Coming!

October 26th 2016 | 6:45pm – 9:00pm
Suncoast Auditorium (Woombye)

This night is the most important function of our school year as it focuses on the highlights and achievements of our students in the Academic and Cultural & Community Service spheres.

Student achievement in our Programs of Excellence, Sport, Public Speaking and Debating, Creative Industries and Technology are also recognised.

Students receiving awards will be notified via school notice board and official invitation to parents and students in due course.

Stradbroke Update

Term three has had a flying start in Stradbroke. We are grateful to our Year 12 leaders who have now handed over to an incredibly capable and involved new group of Year 11 school leaders who have handled a very busy start brilliantly. At the athletics carnival in week three, Stradbroke students showed great spirit with wonderful participation in both competitive and non-competitive events and a fantastic array of yellow and black attire which made our sub-school really stand out from the crowd. We came home in second place after a hard-fought and closely-contested carnival. We have also celebrated the excellent effort and behaviour of students who were invited to our A1 barbeque. Again, the number of students represented at this event shows the ongoing and laudable efforts of so many. We look forward to seeing such enthusiasm and effort continue through to the end of the year.

Parent & Student Information

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

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Requiring Financial Assistance?

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

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Mon 6.15pm to 7.15pm

Athlete Squad

Pass or per month payment
Mon to Fri 5.00am to 6.30am

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Mountain Creek State High School

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