18 October 2016

From the Executive Principal

As the final weeks come to a close for our Year 12 graduates, I would like to remind all students of the following dates for Term 4.

Year 12 Guard of Honour – Thursday, 17th November
Year 12 Graduation Ceremony – Friday, 18th November
Final Day for Years 10 & 11 – Friday 25th November
Final Day for Years 7, 8 and 9 – Friday 9th December

Parents I would ask for your support to ensure that students attend up until the final day of school for 2016. Information regarding the Year 12 graduation procedures is provided in this newsletter.

Congratulations and thank you to the teachers who supervised students during our two international excursions to Vietnam and Argentina in the September holidays. The students who were fortunate enough to experience one of these study tours will have experiences to remember for the rest of their lives – experiences that will possibly change their perspectives about the world outside the Sunshine Coast. Their stories are provided in this newsletter – please take the time to read about their experiences.

Our annual Awards Night will be held at the Sunshine Coast Christian College Hall on Wednesday 26th October. Letters of invitation have been provided to all parents of students who will receive awards. This is a prestigious occasion and a gala celebration of student achievements in academia, sport and community/cultural activities. Parents your support in ensuring that students attend to receive their awards and have full and complete school formal uniform to be presented on stage, when receiving awards, is much appreciated.

Cheryl McMahon
Executive Principal

From the Head of Senior School

Important dates

On Friday the 14th I updated all of the OP students about some important dates in October/November.

Students will be able to access their individual QCS test score on the 16th of November. This is not anywhere near as important as students realising that the group scores, for subjects and for the whole group, are the ones that influence students grades and moreover their OP. The overall OP report will come to me on that same day and I will be able to tell how the entire cohort has gone on the QCS test and whether this has lifted the overall grades of the Year 12 OP students. OP scores do not get published until Monday 19th December, and we are hoping to celebrate some good results then.

On the 28th of October an important address will be given by the staff from Centrelink about Medicare, study support and other benefits. Students must attend this session from 11.45 to 12.55 in the Student Centre.

Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) Target

The target of this school is that 98% of student exiting Year 12 with a QCE. A few students still must focus on a plan to ensure this happens but all students can benefit from this strategy. The rules of the QCE have been explained extensively to the
senior group and the students now only need to focus on their subjects for a few more weeks before they can relax and enjoy the graduation week.

**Graduation**

Students will be able to purchase a Graduation ticket from the finance office from Monday 31st of October with the closing date being the 9th of November. Students that have not met behaviour, QCE or attendance requirements will not be permitted to purchase a ticket. Students must check this on purchase days early to avoid disappointment.

Parents who wish an extra ticket on top of the two parent graduation tickets allocated must complete an application form for this prior to the sale date of the 31st. Students can collect this form from the office from this week.

Best wishes as we head to the final weeks.

**Andrew Stone**

**Head of Senior School**

**From the Head of Junior Secondary School**

As we lead into the beginning of Term 4 please ensure that your year 7, 8 and 9 students are reminded that we do not finish school until the 9th December and that there is a lot of work to do before then. Please note that the Creeker Café will not be open for students on the last day of school.

Subject Selections for 2017 have now been finalised and timetabling has begun. If however you are yet to return a subject selection form to school this needs to occur ASAP to ensure students obtain positions in the elective classes of their first preference.

Report Cards were distributed last week and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate those students who have achieved amazing results this term. On the 26th October our school will be hosting our annual Awards Night and this is our opportunity to celebrate the success of our students. Those students receiving awards will be notified and you are welcome to attend on the evening.

**Year 9 Zenith UQ Visit**

In week 1 this term all of our zenith students in year 9 went to the University of Queensland to experience a day in the life of a university student. Students were given access to a number of faculties including Engineering, Environmental Management, Human Movements and Science. I am sure the students came back with a better understanding of what the life of a university student looks like.

**Vaccinations – Round 3**

Vaccinations for year 7 and 8 students will be occurring in week 5. Students will, in the near future, be issued with forms which will need to be returned to the school to ensure participation in this service.

**Scholarship Winners for 2017**

We would like to congratulate the following year 6 students who have been awarded Scholarships for 2017, when they will join our school community as year 7 students. Well done to all applicants who are excellent ambassadors for themselves and their respective schools!

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**Student Accomplishment**

Alana Griffiths, a year 7 student, recently competed in the Apex Fashion Festival Regional Final in the formal wear division and has now made it through to the State Final. The Apex Fashion Festival is held every year for up and coming designers. Alana’s passion is to become a fashion designer and design unique formal wear. One of her inspirations is Australian designer Ralph & Russo. We wish Alana lots of luck for the State Final.
BYOx Laptop Program

MCSHS Laptop Programs 2017

The introduction of the school wide BYOx (Bring Your Own Device) program this year has been extensively supported by our families at the creek. In the first year of it operating at our school we have connected over 1800 devices to our school network, making us one of the most successful BYOx programs using this solution in the state. We would like to keep the forward momentum going next year and ensure that we have as many students with devices in classrooms as possible.

We are striving to keep to the standard set by the previous one-to-one laptop program and BYOx is an important part of this. Students that are using BYOx devices are using machines that are familiar to them and this will allow them to be more comfortable using them to learn with on a daily basis.

As of next year it will be mandatory for students in years 10, 11 and 12 to have a device to use in the classroom. It is also highly encouraged that the students in years 7, 8 and 9 also bring a BYOx to give them every opportunity to learn effectively. The year 12 students next year will still have the option of the legacy ‘Take Home’ program that they were already a part of. However there will not be any further take up of this programs as we do not have the resources to sustain this.

Programs Available for 2017:

- Year 12 - Stay at School, Take Home, BYOx
- Years 10 and 11 - Stay at School, BYOx
- Years 7, 8 and 9 – BYOx

If you require any information regarding the laptop programs that are on offer for Mountain Creek State High School please visit the school website. If you are thinking about purchasing a laptop for use in this program please also visit our school website for information regarding the device specifications and other helpful information:

https://mtncreekshs.eq.edu.au/Facilities/Computersandtechnology/Pages/BYOx-laptop-program.aspx

From the Finance Department

Student Resource Scheme and User Pays

All User Pays fees are due 31 October, 2016 to finalise subject selections for 2017. The SRS (Student Resource Scheme) and Technology fee of $455 is due by the 25 November, 2016. We sincerely thank those parent/guardians who have paid fees to date helping us plan and purchase resources for 2017.

Copies of invoices can be obtained via QParents. If you have not joined QParents please contact the school office to request an invitation email to be resent. If you cannot access Q’Parents and need a copy of your statement please contact the Accounts Receivable Officer on 5457 8308.

Payment Methods

Bpoint

All statements contain the information required to pay via Bpoint which is a secure internet payment portal. Copies of Invoices can be downloaded from QParents containing this information.


School Bank Account

Payments can be made directly into the school bank account:

- BSB: 064-447
- Account Number: 10073789
- Reference: {Student Surname},{Student Initial},{Year level}

Over the phone

Credit Card payments can be accepted over the phone by calling the finance department on 5447 8308.

For those families who may be experiencing financial difficulty in paying fees by the due dates:

Alternative Payment Plan

Mountain Creek State High School can negotiate payment plans with families who are experiencing financial difficulty. Payments can be scheduled weekly, fortnightly or monthly via centrepay deductions, credit card or through direct debit contributions to the school bank account. Payment plan applications can be obtained via the school website or an appointment can be made with the school Business Manager to organise a payment plan. Please contact the Finance department on 5457 8308 or email: accountsreceivable@mtncreekshs.eq.edu.au for more information.

http://www.mtncriekshs.eq.edu.au/
Issuing of Receipts
We will no longer be sending receipts via the mail. If you require a copy of a receipt please contact the finance department on 5447 8308 or by emailing: accounts receivable@mtncreekshs.eq.edu.au.

Student Refunds
If your son/daughter is leaving Mountain Creek State High School this term and there is a refund due we will need a completed departure form with your bank account details completed and returned by Friday 25 November, 2016. No parent refunds can be issued after this date until school begins in 2017.

Senior School

PREPARING FOR EXAMS
Exams coming up this term?
Follow these steps to help you achieve your personal academic best:

1. Find out what you need to learn: ask your teacher if you will be tested on the whole year’s work or just the second half of the year. You may like to work through the PREPARING FOR EXAM BLOCKS unit to help you put together a study plan.
2. Make your study notes: work through the SUMMARISING unit to learn how to make brain-friendly study notes. On the THINGS TO PRINT page you will find a very useful Study Notes Checklist. You want to get your study notes finished as quickly as possible.
3. Learn your study notes: make sure you remember what you study by using the techniques in the ACTIVE STUDYING unit. If you are interested in exploring learning preferences, you can find more in this unit on this topic.
4. Practise the skills of the subject: do as many different questions, revision sheets, chapter reviews, sample essays or past examination papers as you can. There are suggestions on how to make sure the practise you do is effective in the ACTIVE STUDYING unit.
5. Review your test-taking techniques: this ensures you make the most of the time in the exam. You can learn more about what to do the night before, the morning of the exam, how to approach multiple choice questions and essays in exams and much more in the TEST-TAKING unit.
6. And when you get your exam paper back make the most of it by using the strategies in the AFTER TESTS AND EXAMS unit.

Don’t leave your study until the last minute – get yourself organised well in advance.

You can learn more about more effective studying at the StudySkillsHandbook website.


Bree Brockenshire
Head of Department Senior School

International Baccalaureate Update

Bunya2Bay – An Eco Adventure
Some Year 11IB students applied to be part of the biannual Bunya2Bay sectional relay. Our students were part of a wider, longer project in which students from across Queensland paddled, cycled, hiked and travelled by boat on the Brisbane River from its source in the Bunya forests of the South Burnett, through to Fort Lytton on Moreton Bay, a journey of some 350 kilometres.

The three-week journey focuses on the health and future of our waterways. This event combines learning about environmental sustainability with physical activity. Students applied problem-solving and critical thinking skills as they completed a range of tasks, including monitoring water quality, litter audits, riparian studies. They then documented their section of the trip through news reporting and photography.

Our students tracked the river changes through flood and drought, speculated on changes in land use and its effect of the river, heard from local indigenous traditional land owners about the history and the importance of this water source for their people. Our students merged with students from other school to complete these exercises over a three day period before passing their findings via message stick (ipad) to the paddlers down river.

Such an activity is at the core of the IB Diploma programme. All IBDP students are involved with their personal CAS project which sees them learning through doing. Students, as part of CAS are encouraged to be active (the paddling); creative (problem solving) and provide a service (monitoring the health of the waterway). This is just one of their many projects.

A video has been produced to document the project.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s0jTq6yOIF8

Creekers in Casa Grande Argentina

A whiteboard, a data projector and a computer are expected tools in any classroom at Mountain Creek. Well thanks to Mountain Creek SHS Spanish Immersion travellers, similar technology is now to be found in a small rural school in Casa Grande, outside Cordoba, Argentina. The sixteen travellers, mainly IB Spanish students accompanied by their three teachers, Argentinian born Mrs Verónica Saúl, and Mr Sebastian Basile and IB Co-ordinator Mrs Trisha Valentine spent two days at this school sharing language, songs, dance and technology.

Students of both Mountain Creek SHS and Casa Grande raised their respective flags and sang their national anthems before school and at the end of the day. However it was the impassioned speech made by the English teacher that revealed to us the importance of our visit and gave an indication of the work that had been done by the students, the teachers and the community to prepare for our visit. This is what she said:
Good morning to everyone here; the Casa Grande town hall authorities, parents, teachers and students from Argentina and Australia.

We are here to celebrate the very special visit of students and teachers from Mountain Creek State High School from Australia. Today we make real the project of the English subject in our school and of the Spanish subject in the Australian school. This project has a huge importance for all of us. Especially, for me as a professional and for the students from this little rural school in such a small village as Casa Grande is. It is a great achievement for us, since it is not usual to contact and communicate with people from the other side of the world.

The project consists in using both languages for real communication of our students. We sent each other Christmas cards, letters with photos and postcards. And today, on this long-awaited day, students from both countries will put into practice everything they have learnt in class. These will be two unforgettable days for all of us! We have several activities to do, including other subjects such as art, science, physical education and music. We will share living styles, but above all, we will have fun and learn at the same time.

Personally, I want to thank the cooperative group of parents who financed the cost of the project. I also want to thank the head teacher Laura Mojón who supported my ideas to work with the children. And mainly, I want to express my gratitude to Mountain Creek State High School and to the teacher Verónica Salú for being here and giving us the possibility to make real the cultural exchange.

Finally, I want to say that we are teachers who teach our children and teenagers to use the language with the purpose of sharing different customs. And in this way the students open their mind to a different culture. And when we do that, we are educating for the peace.

**Trisha Valentine**

**HOD Resources/ International Baccalaureate**

Students receiving a High Distinction are in the top 10% of students in the State, a Distinction is awarded to the next 15% of students in the State and a Credit to the next 15% of students in the State. All students are to be congratulated on their significant achievements.

**Students achieving a High Distinction Excellence**

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**Science Faculty Update**

**Australian National Chemistry Quiz 2016**

Students from Mountain Creek State High School achieved outstanding results when they participated in the Australian National Chemistry Quiz this year.

Overall students at Mountain Creek received: 1 HIGH DISTINCTION EXCELLENCE, 2 HIGH DISTINCTIONS, 16 DISTINCTIONS and 9 CREDITS

A High Distinction excellence award, is an award recognising outstanding performance. A special mention must be extended to Eva Lam who received this award achieving in the top 1% of the National Quiz. Congratulations on a fantastic result!

**The Vice-Chancellor’s STEM Camp 2016**

During the September school holidays, I was one of 160 Queensland students selected to spend five days at the Queensland University of Technology Gardens Point campus for the annual Vice-Chancellor’s STEM Camp. This fully-funded camp gave high-achieving Year 11 students the opportunity to work on real-world research projects alongside university academics, PhD and Honours students, exploring some of the major challenges facing our society. 10 different projects were conducted across various STEM fields, from virtual reality to sustainable agriculture and everything in between.

Working in the ‘Pharmacy Zombie Busters’ group, I took on the role of a research pharmacist during a zombie outbreak in
Brisbane. This involved tasks such as testing biological samples for infection, developing intravenous injections, formulating tablets and compounding a cream for our patients. I spent each day in the QUT SuperLab facilities, accessing state-of-the-art equipment far beyond anything I’d used in a high school setting. Each group then presented their findings to university officials on our final day, receiving feedback on our research methods.

As well as the projects, we were honoured to hear presentations from prestigious industry officials, including Queensland Chief Scientist Dr Geoff Garrett, Dr Catherine Ball and Vice Chancellor Prof Peter Coaldrake. These discussions inspired us to consider the world in 10 years, both from a STEM perspective and in terms of innovation and collaboration.

Above all else, the chance to make friends with hundreds of likeminded students from Brisbane to Cairns was one that you could find anywhere else. Not only has camp given me a wealth of industry knowledge, but also a much clearer understanding of my own career path. The 2016 Vice-Chancellor’s STEM Camp was a truly amazing and invaluable experience.

Sarah Gaukroger 11S

Distributing our injection into individual dosage syringes

A sample of our tablets

Experimenting with different compounding creams

daunting task, the Year 11 IB Chemistry class spent Tuesday the 11th of October at an Internal Assessment Workshop run by teachers Mr. Chris Buswell and Mr. Rob Melady. We looked at a number of interesting practicals, learning to use new equipment and procedures. This broadened the scope of possible investigations available to us and was an engaging way to further our course knowledge.

Providing an outsider perspective, we heard from University of the Sunshine Coast’s Dr Greg Watson who spoke about his own experiences with the experimental investigations. Professor David Young also from the USC joined us during our middle session to observe our work to assist scientific enquiry knowledge and mentoring opportunities.

This workshop gave us invaluable knowledge encompassing all aspects of the IA process, from initial ideas through to the final paper. On behalf of the Chemistry class, I would like to say a huge thank-you to Mr. Buswell and Mr. Melady for giving us this opportunity - the time and effort you put into ensuring the success of the day is greatly appreciated. Thanks must also go to Rhonda Goff, Judi Warmerdam and Glenda Paton for their assistance in the labs, and Mrs. Valentine for allowing us to take the day off for Chemistry and supporting the experience. A project that seemed impossibly difficult has now been made far more manageable and maybe even a little exciting.

Sarah Gaukroger
Year 11IB student

Science Research Awards

The Science Research Awards are an investigation based science competition held at the University of the Sunshine Coast. The night consists of judging of the student projects as well a segment called “Three minutes to win it”, where students are given 3 minutes to outline their investigation with a single power point slide as an aid.

Mountain Creek boasted a number of outstanding entries on the night. A special congratulations to Jess Bender who received 2nd place in the Year 12 Division. All students are to be congratulated for their participation on the night, it is fabulous to see such a high standard of work being presented.

IB Chemistry Discovery Day

A compulsory element of the International Baccalaureate Diploma is the design and exploration of your own practical investigation in the experimental sciences. To shed light on this
English Faculty Update

The Merchant of Venice Theatre Trip

On Friday the 7th of October, the year 10 IB students were treated with a chance to dress up for a formal occasion when the students took a trip to the Brisbane University where an opportunity took place to view Shakespeare’s ‘The Merchant of Venice’.

This theatre piece consisted of second year drama students at the university who brought the Shakespearean characters to life. ‘The Merchant of Venice’ kept the whole audience on the edge of their seats, waiting to see what happens next. During the interval students speculated about character romances and theorised about the plot and which characters were which, discussions were lively, and hearing different perceptions of the same piece allowed for a greater understanding and appreciation of the play.

Overall, the excursion was an excellent chance for the students to bond and socialise while enjoying an opportunity for additional education.

Vietnam Bound 2016

14 very excited year 11 and 12 girls were Vietnam bound for 17 days during the September school holidays. Armed with a variety of light suitcases to fashion statement luggage, we were in for the trip of a lifetime. Blessed with amazing weather most of the time, hand held fans bought anywhere from $1 to $2 soon became a necessity as our # buttswatetmc soon became very obvious! As teachers, we could not have been more proud of these young ladies, in the way they socialised with each other, embraced the people and their culture, learnt the language and devoured the amazing Vietnamese cuisine on a very regularly basis.

The highlights of our 17 day adventure would have to be trekking the rice terraced ‘hills’ of Sapa, chatting with the local ladies and playing with the children; visiting local NGO schools, handing out education supplies, lollies and toys to play with. The smile of children melted many hearts. Ha Long Bay saw us cruising overnight in style amongst floating villages and large limestone stacks whilst the shopping of Hoi An saw us empty our wallets a few times. Squeezing through Chu Chi tunnels where memories of guerrilla warfare leave an eerie feeling across the jungle, with the deafening sound of M16s in the background, also remain as a highlight...but as teachers and as the school based health youth nurse travelling with these amazing young ladies, we could not have asked for a more fabulous bunch of kids to travel with- while we were on call for the vomits and the runs 24/7, I’d repeat this experience any day with these girls…thank you girls for making memories and representing MCSHS so awesomely.

Lisa Kempf (teacher)
Kylie Taylor (teacher)
Kerry McClenaghan (school based health youth nurse)

Megan Roets

News from the Humanities Faculty

Congratulations!!

At the end of term one our Senior Geography classes took part in the Australian Geography Competition. It was great to see such fantastic results! Congratulations to Tie Ramirez who received a distinction for their amazing efforts. Congratulations also to the following people who received credits.

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News from Film and Television

Film Students in the Finals!

Not one, but two MCSHS film students have made it through to the finals of the Stuffit Film Festival Competition for 2016! This is a huge achievement for Layla Pickens and Amy Talbot, both in y10. Layla’s Film, La Lettre, is a beautifully shot, enigmatic piece with French dialogue and Amy’s explores the demands of life through the eyes of a dancer.

Both films will be screened alongside the rest of the finalist films from across the country at the Awards Ceremony at Birch, Carrol and Coyle cinemas in Maroochydore on 5/11. Tickets are available to the public so why not come along and enjoy the opportunity to see the work of the best young film makers in Australia and join in the excitement of hearing the winners announced?

We’ll bring you the results in the next newsletter. Watch this space!

The Oscars Film at MCSHS

Every year at MCSHS students of FTV take part in their annual awards and get the opportunity to watch some of the best productions of their peers for the year. This year sees the Awards taking on a slightly different format and an exciting new venue.

For the first time the FTV Oscars will take place on home ground in the school’s own PA. Students will get the chance to walk the red carpet to the snap and flash of the paparazzi before taking their seats for this prestigious event.

We have around 150 film students across years 9 – 12, including Y9 Enrichment students who are part of the news crew for Creek Week, so this is a huge event and excitement is high as students await the results of many hours of hard work.

Students are nominated in each category by staff in categories such as Best Editor, Best Cinematographer, Best Film etc. This year some of the stars of the nominated list include Eden Imlach, David Walsh, Layla Perkins, Jasmine Leask, Monique Mason and Emma Hefferman, to name just a few of over 60 students who stand a chance of hearing their names announced as winners on the night.

Staff and students are looking forward to a grand event, with the glitz and glamour of formal wear and bright lights. Stay tuned for the results!

Dawn Kirbyshire-Arnold
News from the Coding and Innovation Faculty

Year 10 Digital Technologies Startup-ED – Upskilling Our Youth To Become Entrepreneurs Of Tomorrow.

This term our year 10 Digital Technology students are undertaking a 5 week Lean Startup Project. This project provides students with an understanding and skills around integration of Lean Startup. Students have pitched ideas and the top 8 ideas have been chosen. The students are working collaboratively in teams to build on these ideas. Students are using the Lean Startup principles and the skills learnt in the past three terms to create Products/Apps/Websites that can be used in the real world context.

Year 7/8 First LEGO League Competition

Mrs O’Sullivan and the year 7 & 8 students are participating in the First LEGO League. This is a robotic Competition catering for upper-primary and lower-secondary school students. Every year, teams of up to 10 students build, program and compete with a robot, while also learning about a modern problem in science and engineering and developing solutions for it. We have five teams competing in the Practice Competition in week 4 and the best two teams will compete in the Final Competition in week 8. Mrs O’Sullivan and the students have been gathering before school to build these robots and practice the missions. We wish all the teams the best of luck. More information can be found at: https://firstaustralia.org/programs/first-lego-league/

Buddina Art Prize 2016

Local feeder primary school would be thrilled to receive entries for the Buddina Art Prize in October 2016. The prize value is $1500 and the prize is non-acquisitive.?We are asking for digital copies of entries from which a shortlist will be selected. The shortlisted entries will be on display during the Buddina Art Show with the winner announced by Mayor Mark Jamieson on our Gala Night on October 21.??Entries are $20 a piece, or $30 for up to 3 pieces.?For further details contact Peter Lloyd and the Art Show committee on 0488989041.

Tutus On Tour

Junior Dance Company had an engaging and inspiring workshop this week with Martha from Queensland Ballet. Inspired by the company’s recent production ‘Strictly Gershwin’ the students learnt a short piece of repertoire from the big band era of the thirties. Learning a professional work from one of the company’s education team was a wonderful experience and gave them an insight into the ‘day of a professional dancer’.

Music Performance Tour Hits All The Right Notes

2016 saw the MCSHS Stage Band and Rising Voices performance group hit the road north up the Fraser coast to Bundaberg. The 38 students accompanied by Calvin Hunter, Carly Cook and Ebony Jensen performed 7 times in four days hitting schools, retirement villages and a hotel to showcase their talents and hard work. Performances were well received and Mountain Creek has been given an open invitation to return and play again in the future. The students involved worked very hard but they also got a little down time in the pool, at the shops and at the movies. Congratulations to all of the students involved, you are a credit to our school and our wonderful music program. Keep up the good work!

News from Creative Industries

We Went MADD

A big thank you to everyone for their support of this year’s MADD Fest! The event went off without a hitch, thanks to the extraordinary commitment and support of Creative Industries and other Creeker staff, our students and of course the community. A special thank you to Ms Carly Cook for her coordination of the event.

Notes

Music Performance Tour Hits All The Right Notes

2016 saw the MCSHS Stage Band and Rising Voices performance group hit the road north up the Fraser coast to Bundaberg. The 38 students accompanied by Calvin Hunter, Carly Cook and Ebony Jensen performed 7 times in four days hitting schools, retirement villages and a hotel to showcase their talents and hard work. Performances were well received and Mountain Creek has been given an open invitation to return and play again in the future. The students involved worked very hard but they also got a little down time in the pool, at the shops and at the movies. Congratulations to all of the students involved, you are a credit to our school and our wonderful music program. Keep up the good work!
IT’S BACK…Musical is Coming!!!

Dust off your mix tapes! Get ready for a classic battle of the bands! It’s a flash back to the 90’s!!!

**Musical**

Are you wanting to be involved in our 2016-2017 Musical? If so it’s time to get your audition piece ready! Sign up will be at Fraser Sub school – you and a partner need to showcase a piece of dance, a song and a piece of acting for auditions in week 5 (no longer than 5 minutes in total)! Sign up in week three.

If you have any questions see Miss Benfield in Fraser or Miss Cook in Bribie. Sign up commencing week three.

Please note that if you don’t want to be involved on stage but do want to do something there will be many great opportunities – prop development, backdrop development, back stage crew, student producer roles…listen out on the notice for all the great opportunities coming your way!

_Jess Stansbie_
_Head of Creative Industries_

News from the Sports Department

**Vicki Wilson Cup Netball Championships - Regional Championships**

July 26, 2016 saw MCSHS enter two highly experienced teams into the Regional Vicki Wilson Cup Championships. Team 2 consisted of Tiana Broadway, Jasmine Bubb, Marlee Cameron, Tayla Fraser-Brown, Abby Gallagher, Keely McCullagh, Bella Vagg, Taisha White and Gabbi Window. These girls played like champions and only dropped two games throughout the 6 matches. Fantastic effort girls.

Team 1 were very competitive and determined to win a place in the State Finals Series for the second time. Emily Achammer, Kaity Albiez, Emily Baldry, Olivia Blake, Darcy Goss, Elissa Kemsley, Ellise Logan, Maci Martyn, Ali Scholten, Maddy Spencer and Millie Winkler showcased MCSHS excellent standard of netball by being undefeated throughout the Regional Championships. This secured their place in the State Final Series.

**Daniel Morcombe Cup**

Friday October 28th is the 2nd Annual “Daniel Morcombe Cup” Rugby League charity event at Maroochydore Swans RLFC.
Last years event was a terrific occasion and 2016 will feature a NRL legends of league match as well as Keebra Park State High School playing an invitational team.

The Mountain Creek v Sienna Open game will kick off at 4.30pm and the Yr 10 game at 5.30pm.

Spectators are welcome to attend, entry is a gold coin donation with all proceeds going to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

Dan Roberts
Program Manager

News from Student Services

Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop is fully stocked for all back to school requirements 2017. We suggest if possible purchasing before the end of term to avoid the January rush.

The Uniform Shop will be opening for extended hours as from Monday 7th November until the end of term. We will be opening each day Monday to Friday from 9am till 2pm. A Thursday evening and Saturday morning will also be added when dates are confirmed. Our website will advertise these dates.

We have stationery lists for all year levels available for 2017. We take delivery of this stock in the first week of November. Support the school by purchasing stationery from the Uniform Shop. Our prices are comparable to the department stores.

Volunteers are always needed and welcomed particularly in January so if you feel you could spare a few hours give me a call. Thank you to those who have already given me their contact details.

Remember that telephone orders with credit card payments are accepted.

For all inquiries telephone 54578328

Michelle Sampson
Uniform Shop Convenor

ROADCRAFT 2017

Roadcraft is a 2 day student driver course designed to give student drivers the skills and knowledge to minimise their chance of having a crash. It is a “crash avoidance” course more than a learn to drive course. The experiences your student will receive cannot be given to them by their normal driving instructor. Roadcraft has been running student courses for over 25 years. They have highly qualified instructors with dual control vehicles on a very large private property on the southern outskirts of Gympie. The system of roads, intersections and large skid pans allows opportunity to practice and experience the dynamics associated with Vehicle speed and momentum.

Chappy Stu has been organising this course for almost 10 years and every student who completes the program says that “every student should do Roadcraft”. The Course is heavily subsidised by our own local Mooloolaba Lions Club. Chappy Stu will promote the course again at the start of 2017. Applications will open in term one 2017.

Chappy Stu

Social Media: Let’s Get Savvy about Sexting

The papers over the last month have been filled with young people making choices about putting pictures of self (semi-nude, nude, sexually suggestive etc.) and sometime sexually suggestive or threatening writings on social media. The reasons for this are often complicated but research indicates it is about inclusion, self-confidence, peer pressure and at times social isolation.

Mountain Creek State High School has integrated a program within their HPE Protective Behaviours Yr9 Curriculum called Let’s Get Savvy About Sexting.

It is an interactive program co- facilitated by Laurel Place (Sexual Assault Support Service) and the School Youth Health Nurse. This program was devised after the increase of incidents being presented to the police and Laurel Place and highlighted the lack of understanding young people have around the laws and the impact on all parties involved in sexting. The program looks at how things can get out of control (Creating, sending, on sending, coerce etc.) and what the laws are involved and the impact on those involved.

We are extremely pleased with the feedback from both students and parents we have had in the past and are now looking at having it integrated into the Yr 8 HPE curriculum

Youth Health Nurse
Kerry

Stress and anxiety

Stressful situations are a part of life that everybody goes through. High School can be a particularly stressful time for students, epically in the last term of school with assessments, exams and change on the horizon. When managed well stress can be good for students as it may make them alert and focused on getting a task done. However, when
stress is not managed correctly it can make students feel nervous, anxious, worried and fatigued causing them to struggle with everyday tasks. It is important that we teach our students stress relief strategies so they can manage stress and maintain wellbeing throughout busy times. It is also important that teachers and parents are aware of students stress levels so they can support students and make sure they are coping.

ReachOut.com fact sheets

http://au.reachout.com/Burnout-or-chronic-stress
http://au.reachout.com/All-about-feeling-anxious
http://au.reachout.com/managing-stress
http://au.reachout.com/I'm-feeling-overwhelmed

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

Benefit Gym News

We hope you all had a great holiday and are enjoying the term so far!

*Introducing New Classes*

We are now offering 9:45am CrossFit and 50 Fit sessions (group fitness classes) – so parents, it’s perfect for after school drop off!

We are now offering CrossFit Kids after school. For those with children aged 8-12 years old, this is for them! Classes are being held on Wednesday and Friday 3:45pm, kicking off 19 October. Pricing is $100 for the term per child (one session a week).

Just a reminder, membership prices for high school students are below (includes personalised program on commencement):

- 3 Months - $150
- 6 Months - $200
- 12 Months - $350
- 10 Class Pass - $60
- Casual Visit - $8

Come in and see us and we would be more than happy to get you started the right way.

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/

How You Can Help Your Child Read- Free Seminaires on Dyslexia

Dyslexia is a disorder that involves difficulty in learning to read or interpret words, letters and other symbols. Many people go un-diagnosed and struggle through school and later life.

Recent studies show that up to 15% of the population are affected by it.

- **Saturday, October 22nd, 2016 | 1:00pm - 2:30pm**
  - **Venue:** Dicky Beach Surf Club
  - **Cost:** FREE
  - **Speakers:** The Parent Perspective, Marianne Mullally

- **Friday, October 21st, 2016 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm**
  - **Venue:** Noosa Heads Surf Club

Register Online | or call 02 9436 3766

The New 2016 | 2017 Entertainment Books Are Available Now!

Order your new 2016|2017 Entertainment™ Membership today.

Choose from the traditional Entertainment™ Book or the NEW Entertainment™ Digital Membership, which puts the value of the Book into your iPhone or Android smartphone!

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

PLUS Mountain Creek State School retains 20% of the price of every Membership sold which goes towards our fundraising!


If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Skills Centre on – 07 5457 8379 or to order go online or fill in the form provided below.
To order your Book or your Digital Membership securely online visit:
Alternatively, please complete your details below and return to the Front Desk

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$65 inc GST: # ____ Book(s) # ____ Digital Membership(s) $______

Gold Coast Edition
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Calendar of Events

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