From the Executive Principal

No school will function effectively without a vibrant Parents and Citizen’s Association. At Mountain Creek this is particularly so and I am very appreciative of the extensive work that the P&C association does in the management of their businesses at the school. I would like to thank the previous executive (with special thanks to our retiring Treasurer Robert Nom) and welcome the following members who were elected to executive positions at the AGM Monday 16th March:

President Neil Gordon
Vice President Virginia Brooker
Secretary Jo Reid
Treasurer Lee Greenslade
P&C Queensland Representative Grant Bender

The school’s Great Results Guarantee Plan for 2016 can be found on the Website www.mtncreekshs.eq.edu.au. The Plan outlines the 5 areas of focus to meet the Great Results Guarantee targets. For Mountain Creek State High School those areas are:

- Coaching and Mentoring staff development
- Data Analysis
- Intensive Instruction
- Resources
- Professional Development
- Parent Partnerships

The school’s Annual Implementation Plan our plan for development can also be found on the school website www.mtncreekshs.eq.edu.au. The four priorities for 2015 are:

- Successful Learners
- Quality Teaching
- Engaged Partners – Local Decision Making
- High Standards – School Performance

Further into the newsletter you will find information on how to register for QParents. The QParents website will allow parents of Queensland state school students to access information about their child and to communicate directly with their school. Parents will be able to access their child’s student information anytime, anywhere securely online through their smart phone, tablet or computer.

QParents will assist both staff and parents in sharing and responding to information in an efficient and effective way. As a pilot school, I would encourage all parents to register to extend the partnership between home and school.

Cheryl McMahon
Executive Principal

From the Head of Senior School

Year 12 Transitions Program

I have begun the planning and development of a program to support Year 12 students who are seeking non university options after Year 12. The Year 12 Transitions Program will utilise local industry speakers, and to this end I am once again interested in sourcing a group of alumni and parents to support short presentations to students in Year 12. I am particularly interested in the following areas, Health, Retail, Accommodation and Services, Building and Education and Training.

We are particularly fortunate to partner again with Geoff Timm from Sustainable Partnerships Australia and be able to draw on his vast knowledge of the local networks of professionals that can assist with this project.

Any interested parties will not have to deliver “lectures” they will just be invited to meet some students one-on-one to have discussions.

The sessions will always be on Mondays in session 2 and start on 27th April. Please contact me if you are interested.

The following program outlines the schedule of topics to be delivered to students.
Exam Timetables

Students must approach their time on the exam block seriously. Year 11 students new to this process need to especially understand that start times are strictly adhered to and they need to be at their allocated room at least 15 minutes prior to the exam.

Students are also sometimes supplied with information about special conditions for their exams. They need to make sure they have followed teacher instructions exactly to ensure they will not fall foul of other teachers supervising that exam.

Students who choose to take holidays during the exam block cannot sit that exam prior to going away must re-sit the exam after the holidays. Failure to do so could mean they have not completed the requirements of the course of study and this can affect their OP eligibility or their ability to get a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE).

ANZAC Day

At the time of writing our school captains are preparing for their duties at ANZAC day. Please join us at Maroochydore Cenotaph at Cotton Tree to support the students marching on our day of national pride. The parade starts at 8.30am with a service at the cenotaph concluding at 9.30 am or so.

Mountain Creek State School Leader Induction

Our school captains Maddi Korac, Alex Burns, Lara Culley and Paul Soward represented our school with honour at the Senior Investiture Ceremony for the Year 6 leaders at Mountain Creek State School on Friday 13th March. In a moving ceremony the students presented badges to the proud young girls and boys, who will carry the leadership torch for our partner school into the future. The new school captains of Mountain Creek State School are Brooke Day and Matthew McGill, with vice captains Sienna Haxton and Sam Evans.

QCS Test Questions for Parents!

Parents have you ever wondered what kind of questions students will tackle on the QCS test? Here is a link to a sample bag of questions that take students through various skills in Mathematics.


Have a go, and see if you remember some of those high school maths skills.

SPECIAL PROVISION FOR THE QCS TEST – FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

If students want a QCS Test result, they will need to sit all four test papers. The test is held once each year under controlled conditions and it is not possible to sit the test on another date. We know this may pose a problem for some students, so we make provision for them. If you have a medical condition or impairment, or if another factor makes it difficult or impossible for you to sit the test, you may be eligible for special provision.

There are four types of special provision available:

Before the test

Special arrangements you may apply if your access to the test will be affected by a medical condition, impairment or exceptional circumstances. We may approve variations such as enlarged test papers, rest breaks during the test or use of a computer.

Exemption

Students may apply if you are unable to access the test because of a medical condition, impairment or exceptional circumstances (available to OP-eligible students only).

After the test

Absentee exemption - you must apply if you were unavoidably absent from all or part of the test, e.g. because of illness (available to OP-eligible students only). Declaring a test grade null and void - you may apply if you sat all four test papers and
believe that illness or exceptional circumstances significantly affected your performance during all or part of the test. You will need to submit documentation that covers the days of the test and provides details of the reason for your absence or your impaired performance, e.g. a medical certificate from the doctor you have seen on the day of the test.

If you are approved for exemption or have your test result declared null and void, you will not receive a QCS Test result. However, special provision will not affect your OP and there will be no mention of special provision on your Senior Statement or Statement of Results. If you wish to apply for special provision, talk to someone at your school, either Mr Stone or a guidance officer, for help in completing an application form and gathering the necessary documentation. See the Special provision handbook, available at www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/1102.html.

Best Wishes
Andrew Stone
Head of Senior School

From the Head of Junior Secondary School

Young Scholars

We have welcomed our new Year 5 and Year 6 Young Scholars last week to the first week of their faculty programs. The year 5 students worked in the areas of Digital Technology learning the background of creating websites, and Design Technology where the students learnt about thermo forming plastics creating a key tag. The Year 6 students worked in the Business area learning a lot about marketing strategies, and the Home Ec. area learning all about taste and how the science of food works. I spoke with a number of students and they all had a wonderful time and are looking forward to the coming Young Scholar afternoons. I would like to thank the senior leaders who gave up their time to stay back and help out with the activities. It was great to see students who were in the past Young Scholars that just wanted to help out with a program that they had such fond memories of participating in when they were younger.

Swimming Carnival

On the 12th February all year 7 and 8 students as well as competitors in the other years participated in our annual swimming carnival at the Kawana Aquatic Centre. Our swimming carnival is the first opportunity for our students to compete for and show pride their sub school. The junior students when not swimming had a rotation of activities to participate in (organised by our senior students doing a Cert III in Fitness) ensuring that everyone had an enjoyable day.

NAPLAN

The 2015 National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy tests will be conducted across the 12th, 13th and 14th May 2015 and will include more than 200 000 Queensland students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 undertaking the same tests as students at these year levels in other states and territories.

The 5 tests run over 3 days for year 7 and year 9 students at Mountain Creek SHS, will assess the areas of language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation); writing; reading; and numeracy (number, measurement, chance and data, space, working mathematically, algebra function and pattern).

Parents and guardians can best assist students by making them feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests. You can assure your child that the assessment items will give them an opportunity to show what they have learned in class.

NAPLAN tests are a routine part of our school calendar. However, students may be withdrawn from the testing program by their parent/carer if there are religious beliefs or philosophical objections to testing. This is a matter for consideration by individual parents/carers in consultation with your child’s school. A formal application must be received by the principal prior to testing. These application forms are available from the school.

Exams and Assessment

Just a reminder to all Junior Secondary students that the last day of term is the 2nd April and classes will have assessment due and exams in the period between then and now. Parents can work with students to ensure they have good study habits prior to these deadlines. A reminder to parents that if your student is unable to attend in the weeks before the holidays for any reason they need to make contact with the school with details. The school has a policy that no assessment will be brought forward in this time due to planned student absences.
Students who miss exams due planned absences will be required to complete that exam on the next day that they are present at school (this could be after the holidays).

Regards – Andrea Evans (Head of Junior Secondary)
Craig Hegarty (Acting Deputy Junior Secondary),
Lindsay Baker (Head of Department Junior Secondary)

P & C Update

Dear Parents and Friends,

I am writing this message during the week that saw the completion of the 21st AGM of our P&C, held as advertised on the evening of Monday 16th March. I can hardly believe that this point in the calendar has already been reached – where has this term gone?

It is a requirement of the AGM that the Treasurer provide his or her annual report, and that this be tabled along with the mandatory external financial audit. As Treasurer for 2014, Robert Nom, with fantastic support from our P&C Book-keeper Deb White, has ensured that this happened on Monday and delivered a clear summary of the P&C’s healthy financial position at this time. By prudently managing our finances, the P&C have supported our business managers Robyn Ward and Michelle Sampson to run their respective enterprises with imagination and care. As outgoing Treasurer, Robert remarked that this year spent on the P&C executive has given him an appreciation of the complexities involved in running a large comprehensive school like ours and that he has enjoyed the experience. In turn, all of us in the P&C have benefiting from Robert’s valuable experience and wisdom and I thank him sincerely for his commitment and service his year. I also wish to congratulate and introduce our new P&C Treasurer, Lee Greenslade. Lee is a former MCSHS student himself and has moved to the Sunny Coast to ensure that his own family experiences the magic of becoming Creekers too! We are thrilled to have Lee’s enthusiasm and expertise as an addition to the team, so although we are losing Robert as Treasurer (but not as a member) we are gaining Lee.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members and employees of our P&C who do such a great job of working together to enhance our school community. For example, thanks to the exceptional talent of our Grants Writer Davinia Napier, we now have 2 huge ceiling fans installed in the Student Centre, keeping those young athletes cooler on the hottest of days. I remain deeply proud to represent the P&C team as President, I know that Virginia Brooker (re-elected as Vice President) and Jolanda Reid (re-elected as Secretary) feel the same way about that as I do.

The next P&C meeting will take place on Monday 20th April at 5.30pm in the Cartwright Room of the Admin Block. On meeting nights, there is a sign placed outside the building to point the way. Meetings are informative and fun occasions – I warmly invite you to join MCSHS P&C by coming along to the next meeting. If you haven’t come before, or if you’ve been but not for a little while then you really should put 20th April in your diary. What are you waiting for?

Kind regards,

Neil Gordon,
P&C President 2015.

News From the SOSE Department

Year 11 Ancient History Students Find Roman Artefacts in Caboolture

On Wednesday 11th of March the year 11 Ancient History students had a chance to work on a mock archaeological dig to cement their understanding of this practice which they have been working on this term. Students spent a number of hours removing dirt and debris from the area to reveal an ancient Roman site which included the skeleton of a thirty year old male victim. Although dirty and weary by the end of the day, the students enjoyed this once in a life time experience at the Abbey Museum.

Year 8 Geography Students Explore our Local Rainforest

Earlier in the term the year 8 geography students spent a number of hours at the Buderim rainforest delving in to the impact that humans have had and continue to have on our local area. Whilst there they took on the role of a geographer and endeavoured to complete intricate field sketches of the rainforest and its flora as well as discuss solutions to human impact issues.

Mates4Mates

The Social Science Faculty this term supported a great organisation called Mates4Mates by selling orange ribbons and fundraising through a gold coin free dress day. Through these two events we raised $770 which is a great effort by all involved. Mates4Mates is an organisation that helps returned service women and men from conflicts that Australians are involved in. This is a worthy charity for us to support in this the
History Club – Famous Women Competition

History Club are running a great competition this term “Name that Famous Woman” with prizes from Birch, Carrol and Coyle to be won. All you need to do is work out who each of the famous women are and put your guesses in the competition box in the library!! This competition was inspired out of International Women’s Day which was celebrated on March 8th. Come and see our competition display today!!

Australian Geography Competition

In week nine all year 10, 11 and 12 Geography students will be participating in the Australian National Geography Competition. This competition will see our students test their skills against approximately 760 schools and 70,000 students. We them the best of luck with this exam!

Home Economics Update

Year 7

The Year 7 students have been cooking pizza muffins and learning about nutritious snacks in Home Economics. Combined with the business component of the course, the students are investigating food labels, so that they can produce a healthy food and create packaging for that product.

It is important that all Year 7 students participate in the cooking sessions as outlined in the Year 7 booklet. In this newsletter, a number of photographs showing the pizza muffins from 7I have been included. The students needed to include a range of vegetable/fruit toppings, with consideration given to the inclusion of foods of various colours, textures and flavours.

Year 9

Students in the Year 9 program have learned about foods from each of the five food groups, the latest being milk, egg and fruit products. To develop technical skills further, students prepared desserts such as home-made egg custard, chocolate blancmange and lemon meringue pie.

As a part of bringing together all of the information and skills studied this term, students will work in groups to plan, prepare and present a balanced meal. Students will have a practice run in week 8, so that they are able to review and improve their team work, skills and presentation. They will then complete the final practical assessment in week 9.

Year 12 Hospitality

Check out the article on the Via Italia Restaurant Pizz and Pasta Nights in March and to see what can be achieved for students when Hospitality , Enrichment and local industry come together. The staff at Via Italia commended our Hospitality students for their service of food on Tuesday and Wednesday nights this week. The teachers were very honoured to have students who were so well presented, highly skilled, professional, cheerful and well mannered represent our school in industry.

Our sincere thanks go to front of house staff Kylie, Ron, Giovanni, Georgia and Beth for their warm, professional approach in showing our students the the ropes and allowing them to perform the service duties on the night. Next week, we have another twenty or so students who will be working at Via Italia on Tuesday night (Pasta Night) and Wednesday night (Pizza Night). Please come along to see them in action and support them if you are able.

Our Hospitality students have been asked if they would like to volunteer for a charity function at Via Italia sometime in June or July. Elle Harrison, who is a past student of Mountain Creek State High School and member of the Jake & Elle of My Kitchen Rules fame, is organising the fundraiser. This is another opportunity for students to engage in industry and contribute to a community event. Participation is not compulsory, but would count as one service period for Hospitality students who have not yet completed all of the required 12 service periods in industry as work experience. Any Hospitality student who would like to be involved should pass their name onto the class teacher. Industry forms will need to be completed, as per normal industry work placement procedures.
Pizza & Pasta Nights at Via Italia Link Year 12 Hospitality, Year 8 & 9 Enrichment and Industry for Mountain Creek Students

If you would like to see our Year 12 Hospitality students in action at Via Italia Restaurant, Mooloolaba (opposite the main beach at Mooloolaba), come along to a pizza or pasta night. The students will be implementing their food and beverage service skills. Your support would be appreciated. If you have a student in enrichment, you are sure to have heard about the culinary fare the students have been making under the instruction of Chef Luke from Via Italia.

On Tuesday, 17th March, there are $10 pasta dishes, from a choice of five pasta delights of the chef’s choice. Alternatively, customers may choose from the usual menu, which is priced according to individual dishes.

On Wednesday, 18th March, guests may choose from the special pizza menu of the day (choice of 5 pizzas, which are $10 each). Customers are again welcome to choose a dish from the a la Carte menu from Via Italia, should they wish to do so.

If you would like to come along, bookings are not essential, but preferred. Bookings can be made on 54 777 343.

Our Hospitality students who worked at Via Italia last week performed very well and we are proud to have our students display such professionalism and skill in an industry environment. Our sincere thanks go to front of house staff Kylie, Ron, Giovanni, Georgia and Beth for their warm, professional approach in showing our students the ropes and allowing them to perform the service duties on the night. The chefs also welcomed our students and Chef Luke thoroughly explained the menu items to the students. Mountain Creek State High is extremely fortunate to have Via Italia as an industry partner.

Amazing flavour! Notice that everyone in the background has finished tasting and have gone back to finish their gnocchi to take home.

A huge day and we have all made gnocchi to take home.

Chef Luke finishes by demonstrating how to cook the ravioli we made earlier.

Sorry we couldn’t show you the whole dish, but it was so delicious that we ate most of it before Mrs Toomey could take the photo.

Pasta Making II Master Class run by Chef Luke from Via Italia. Thank you, Chef Luke, for so much preparation and adapting the recipes so that the students can make them at home. The master classes have been a great success this term.
Week 5 of the Italian Master Classes was antipasti. Chef Luke brought in a range of Italian savoury delights and explained the origins of each food and artisan style processing for each.

Karen Toomey

Science Update

Year 12 Marine and Aquatic Camp

Emergence... In response to the drop in temperature associated with nightfall, the hatchlings jockey their way through the sand to the surface of the egg chamber. They await some secret signal to make a burst for the freedom of the open ocean. Only 1 in 1000 will reach adulthood - the odds are stacked against them. The signal is given and the newly hatched turtles of Mon Repos make their way to the breaking, rolling sea and begin a swim frenzy that lasts for three days until they reach the East Australian Current and are distributed throughout the World’s oceans. This special experience was shared by the students who attended the Year 12 Marine and Aquatic Practices Camp at Elliot Heads; however, this is only part of the story as this was only Day 1.

Emergence... In response to the wan light that preceded the rising of the sun, the students made their way through a tangle of bedclothes to the opening of their sleeping chambers. They tentatively await the signal from their teachers to arise, eat breakfast and board the bus for the trip to 1770 and beyond to the Southern Great Barrier Reef (it is 5:00am). The odds are stacked against them. The sea conditions have deteriorated. 20 out of the 45 students will not retain their breakfast. The students begin the two hour trip to Lady Musgrave Lagoon, traversing some 64 km of a heaving and rolling sea.

Calm...Flat... Lady Musgrave Lagoon. The incessant motion of the boat eases as the boat settles against the pontoon. Morning tea is served. Fish crowd in for a closer look at the newly arrived visitors. The students enter the clear blue water and their senses are assailed by the wonders of this special place – all signs of illness forgotten. Three more dives follow and the boat heads for port at 3:00pm.

Flat... Calm... It is 5:15pm and the bus battery is flat. Someone has left the headlights on! Dinner at Bundaberg and Day 2 draws to a close.

Shelter... One of the basic needs for survival. Poorly erected sleeping chambers - pegs missing, poles broken and zips frozen in place. Some 20 students (and a couple of teachers) are sodden in the morning. Strong winds, significant rain forecast and the possibility of a cyclone developing in the Coral Sea make the decision to return early an easy one. Boating in our school boats will wait for another day. A quick pack up and Day 3 sees us on the road and making our way back to Mountain Creek.

Overall our 45 students and 5 staff who attended the Marine and Aquatic Practices Camp were able to triumphantly tick off the big ticket items on their bucket list - seeing the turtles hatch at Mon Repos and open water snorkelling at Bargara and Lady Musgrave Lagoon. The later named Tropical Cyclone Marcia may have driven us home earlier than anticipated; however, students seemed to take any adversity in their stride. I would like to commend the students on their behaviour throughout the camp and take this opportunity to thank all of the staff involved.

Thank you to our teachers: Mr James Dalrymple, Mr Denis Bunter and Mr Wayne Clarke. Special thanks to our tireless laboratory assistants in the lead up to (and aftermath of) the camp: Ms Rhonda Goff and Ms Glenda Paton. Here’s hoping the weather is kinder to us next time!

Mark Hainke (Marine and Aquatic Practices Co-ordinator)

News from Creative Industries

Super Trivia Night!

Once again, we had a fantastic turn out to this year’s Trivia Night, this year with over 90 people in attendance. The night was a fantastic success, raising in excess of $1200 for our ‘Colour the Wall’s’ project, the foundations of which will be starting soon. A big thank you must go out to all staff, students and parents who supported the event; your support for the cause is very much appreciated. We must also thank the following sponsors who assisted by donating prizes for the night:

We would like to thank our sponsors for the night:

- Maununawa Musgrave
- Zino Advertising
- Alex Surf Club
- Cooloola Tours
- Boat Factory
- Bimbi Juice Mooloolaba
- Books of Brisbane
- Cheese and Deli
- Siroo Sport
- Sirono Family
- Mountain Coach
- Mountain Coach Meals
- Zonata Sunshine Plaza
- Dairy Edge Studies
News from the Sports Department

Year 7 Inter-school Sport

The cyclones have passed and allowed the Year 7 Central District Interschool Summer Sport to commence. Over 130 year sevens participate in AFL, Basketball, Touch, Oztag, Tennis, Cricket and Softball on Thursday afternoons.

Our first round of competition against Chancellor proved to be a tough outing with just the three wins on the scorecard. Highlights included Coach Broadaway’s Boys’ Basketball teams both convincingly victorious, great tenacity displayed by Coach Plank’s Touch team and Coach Smith’s Girls’ Basketball nail bitting matches both decided in the dying seconds of play.

The following week against Maroochydore, saw the Creeker teams starting to hit their straps with a total of seven teams notching up wins, one draw and only four losses. Highlights include the Girls’ Oztag and Girls’ Softball keeping their opposition to nil in their first wins of the season and Coach Hewitt’s Cricket Boys who after many weeks of training defeated Maroochydore in a thriller.

Central District Secondary School Sport, Swimming Carnival Age Champions

Congratulations to the students below on becoming District Age Swimming Champions at the recent Central District Swimming Carnival

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Volleyball Update

Last Friday night the Mountain Creek Volleyballers commenced their 2015 campaign. The first of the Trish Buckley Friday night Sunshine Coast Regional competitions saw the Creek teams come away with some good wins and some excellent plays. The Open Girls and Open Boys teams finished night one with two wins each and the Senior Boys had a good win from their only game. The Senior Girls number 1 team are well placed with a win and a loss and the number 2 team improved steadily all evening but didn’t make the winner’s circle. Week two of the competition is on 20 March while the finals night is March 27. All matches are being held at the Caloundra Indoor Sports Stadium and the quality of all teams is excellent. We wish the Creek Teams all the best for the next few weeks!

Indigenous Education News

AIME Visit’s Mountain Creek

On Wednesday, the 11th of March, Denika Striklin, from Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME) visited with our students to inform them of the wonderful opportunity that exists for them all, should they choose to participate. AIME is a wonderful Federal government initiative that operates in conjunction with local universities across the country. It offers extra support, guidance and skills for your child to succeed at school. It does this by nurturing your child to have confidence in their identity and creates a clear pathway through high school and into university, training or full-time employment. Please take the time to read the information sheet that was sent home. If you would like any more information on this matter or any other issue please phone me on 54578311 and ask for Jacqui. Alternatively you can check out the web page: www.aimementoring.com

This program will be commencing in Term 2.

Jacqui Andrews
Indigenous Liaison Officer

News from Student Services

From the Guidance Officers

Welcome to school for 2015 from the Guidance Officers, Tania Dahms and Alex Brain. Our offices are located at the Student Services building, the same building as the uniform shop.

As Guidance Officers, we offer a range of services, including but not limited to emotional, academic and career support.

For more detailed information, please see the following link:
https://mtncreekshs.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Studentservicesandsupportprograms/Pages/Guidance-Officers.aspx

University Open Days 2015

Please check the QTAC website which is a central location for all the University Open Days as well as Career Expos. This can be found at the following link:
**“Headspace” in Maroochydore!**

If you are aged 12 to 25 years old and are going through a tough time, or know someone who is, Headspace Maroochydore is here for you to talk to. We are a free, confidential and friendly support service that can help you with:

- physical health
- mental health
- sexual health and sexuality issues
- family and relationship issues
- education and employment
- alcohol and other drug issues

You can pop in to our Maroochydore centre any time between the hours of 8.30am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday, or call to make an appointment.

Address: 1/27 Evans Street Maroochydore (behind Sunshine Plaza) Phone: 5409 4900

For more information about how headspace can help, go to www.headspace.org.au. Here’s how to connect with us:

Email: headspace@unitedsynergies.com.au

www.facebook.com/headspeMaroochydore

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**Uniform Shop News**

The Uniform Shop has now received Junior and Senior Polo Shirts that have been on order. Thank you for your patience and understanding in what was a very hectic back to school year and I would like to belatedly thank the wonderful ladies that volunteered their time to assist.

We are fully stocked in all winter garments – ie Pullovers $36 or Jackets $49.

Girls may wear navy opaque tights $8 for leg warmth and boys trousers $36.

The hours of operation are Monday and Wednesday 9am to 2pm and Thursday 9am to 12pm, telephone credit card orders are welcome phone: 54578328.

**Michelle Sampson**

Uniform Shop Convenor

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**Creeker Café News**

Welcome back to all students and especially to the new Year 7 and 8 students and parents.

What does the Creeker Café have to offer?

- We are a self serve canteen open from 7.00am to 1.35pm.
- Separate Juice Bar and Coffee Shop open from 6.30am to 2.30pm daily.
- Wide variety of fruit, salads, wraps, sushi, yoghurt and hot food. See link for full menu. Café menu’s.
- Our menu complies with the healthy food guidelines.

NEW In 2015. We have introduced to our Juice Bar, a Perfect Fruit Soft Serve. This is a frozen fruit whip made with 100% Aussie fruit from SPC. Flavours include mango, strawberry, mixed berry and passion fruit available on a rotational basis. They are 99% fat free, dairy free and less calories than an apple (49 calories). Approved by Queensland Association of School Tuckshops Inc.

Looking forward to a great year, feel free to drop in and have a coffee at our Café.

**Robyn Ward**

Canteen Manager

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**Parent Information**

**Maroochydore Police Warn Car Owners To “Lock it or Lose it”**

Maroochydore Police are concerned about the number of motor vehicles being left unlocked and having property stolen from whilst parked in suburban streets.

In the last four weeks police have received 43 reports of thefts from motor vehicles in the Maroochydore division, six of which were reported in the last couple of days from the Forest Glen/Kunda Park residential area.

Acting Sergeant Tim Fleming of Maroochydore Police Station said car owners need to ensure that they lock their vehicles even when parked at their home address.

“There have been a number of incidents lately where unlocked vehicles have been targeted with personal property stolen, including handbags.

“Police will always take these types of offences seriously and fully investigate them but by taking some basic precautions it could help prevent car owners being victims of these opportunist crimes,” Acting Sergeant Fleming said.

Police are urging people to reassess the security of their personal belongings and adopt some basic vehicle security habits.

There are a number of things you can do to reduce the risk of having your car stolen or broken into:

- Always locks your vehicle, including the boot and sunroof and remember to fully close the windows.
- Remove or place out of sight all valuables and personal documents when leaving your car unattended.
- If able to, park your vehicle in a well-lit and highly visible area.
In the coming weeks local police will be distributing information leaflets to Maroochydore residents reminding them to ‘Lock it or Lose it’. To learn more about vehicle security visit the Queensland Police website.

**World’s Greatest Shave 2015**

Monday March 9, nine people took a stand against Leukaemia. The roll call included: Alex Le Sueur, Jose Ortega, Loren Gordon, Michaela Bird, Ayisha Collins-Oldfield, Tamzyn Redjeb, Ben Geurtsen, Mr Buswell and Mr Prichett.

Ms Elisa Brown from Skills Centre and Mark from Mark’s Mooloolaba Hair were well supported by a huge crowd of Mountain Creek State High School students as they helped the shavers lose their locks.

The atmosphere was extraordinary, with students all cheering on under the guidance of Senior Leader Ashleigh Hawkins.

With a goal of $1,000 students have so far raised more than $1,700. Over $500 raised has come directly from “Small Change Matters” donations collected from the student body by the Fraser Senior Leaders in the weeks leading up to the big day. The tally is still rising!

It is clear that Mountain Creek students mean business when it comes to joining a fight and backing a worthy cause.

**QParents Information**

Mountain Creek SHS is proud to be one the first schools in Queensland to offer QParents, as part of a pilot program in the first half of 2015.

The QParents web and mobile application provides a more convenient, easier way for parents and legal guardians of Queensland state school students to interact with their child’s school. Parents will have secure, online access to their child’s student information, anytime, anywhere, through a smartphone, tablet or computer.

QParents allows parents to connect instantly with their child’s school to access and manage their child’s student information, including:

- Attendance and absence details, as well as the ability to notify the school of an absence
- Behaviour details
- Academic report cards
- Class timetables
- Viewing unpaid invoice details, payment history, and making payments online
- Viewing and updating personal student details, including medical conditions and address
- Enrolment details

QParents will assist both staff and parents in sharing and responding to information in an efficient and effective way.

It won’t replace the traditional ways you communicate with our school, but it will provide another way to communicate with us.

**The benefits of QParents**

Convenience and time savings for parents

- Parents can view or update their child’s details without having to contact the school
- Secure 24/7 online access.
- Available anytime, anywhere — access QParents on your smart phone, tablet or computer.

**Greater transparency of information**

- Improves accountability between parents and schools by providing parents with timely access to their child’s information online.
- Allows parents to engage more deeply in their child’s schooling

**Improved administration efficiencies for schools**

- Allows schools to streamline their administrative processes and cut down on printing

**Win an iPhone 6!**

By registering for QParents you could win an iPhone 6! All you have to do is register for QParents by Sunday 17 May 2015. There are three iPhones to be won in this round of the QParents.
With your new iPhone, you’ll be able to download the QParents app and have your child’s student information at your fingertips 24/7.

**What is a QParents Account Owner (QPAO)?**

The school will nominate one parent or legal guardian for each student to be the QParents Account Owner (QPAO). The QPAO will be able to register for QParents to access and manage the student’s information online. A student’s QPAO will be able to view the student’s information and submit requests to update some of the student’s details.

The QPAO will also be able to invite other people (such as another parent or family member), to view the student’s information. Once invited, these people can register for QParents as “delegated viewers”. A delegated viewer can see the student’s details, but cannot make updates.

**Registering for QParents**

You will receive an invitation email or letter from us containing your unique invitation code in week 1 of term 2. Simply follow the instructions in that email or letter to complete the QParents account registration process.

If you do not want to register, you can just ignore the invitation and your child’s student information will not be available to anyone through QParents. Or, if you want another parent to be the QPAO, you can advise us and we will send them an invitation email or letter with their own unique invitation code.

**Identity verification**

When registering as a QPAO, you will need to verify 100 points of identity documents online. The 100 points can be made up of documents in the following list:

- Australian Passport 50 pts
- Australian Birth Certificate 50 pts
- Australian Drivers Licence 50 pts
- Australian Marriage Certificate 40 pts
- Medicare Card 20 pts
- Australian Citizenship Certificate 40 pts

If you only have 60-90 points of the above ID documents you can still register for QParents, but you will need to attend the school for an additional check after you have registered online.

If you don’t have sufficient documents, you might like to nominate another parent as the QPAO.

For more information on the online identity verification process, see

https://qparents.qld.edu.au/

**Where does the information about my child come from?**

All of the information that is presented in QParents comes from the IT system that is used by all Queensland state schools. Schools will continue to manage student information in this system, and the information will be extracted and presented in QParents.

**Will my child’s information be secure?**

Yes, QParents is a secure portal that meets strict industry standards. Only people with the right to access information about their child will be given an account; no one else.

If you don’t want to register for QParents, your account will not be created and your child’s information will not be made available through QParents.

**Help and contact information**

For more information see

https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/about

For help, visit https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/help or call 13 QGOV (13 74 68)

**Gym News**

Thank you to everyone who made the most of our “BUY ONE GET ONE FREE OFFER”. We hope you are enjoying your time in the gym.

With our offer ending, we are now back to normal gym prices (still amazing value!).

So for **STUDENTS**, the prices are as follows.

- 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.

**MUMS AND DADS**

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

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

Remember we also have these payments in direct debit options if you would like.

Remember we also have **boxing classes** included in your Benefit Health and Fitness Membership that you are welcome to attend. Boxing is on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6pm – 7pm and Saturday mornings from 8:30am.

We also offer **CrossFit sessions** at a range of different times throughout the week. Prices and timetables for CrossFit can be picked up from inside the gym or found on our website crossfitthestables.com

We look forward to seeing you in the gym!

PH: 5478 0001

Benefit Health and Fitness

http://www.benefithealthandfitness.com.au
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