6 July 2015

From the Executive Principal

This newsletter will reach you prior to the commencement of Term 3 which is Monday 13th July.

At the end of last term one of our past students, a key player in our 2003-2007 Rugby League Excellence Program, James Ackerman died after a tackle at a football game. James was a dedicated footballer with a quiet demeanour and went on to follow his dream of playing representative football. We have encouraged our school community to support the James Ackerman Fund and we have dedicated the Free Dress day gold coin donation to support James’s family. Please see the tribute to James in this edition of the newsletter.

Year 12 students will have 13 weeks of teaching time until graduation. This is a time for reviewing progress towards the Queensland Certificate of Education/OP/Certificate Courses/IB Diploma. In order to attend graduation students need to demonstrate completion – that is a QCE and 95% attendance. If any student is unsure of how to check their progress towards the QCE he/she should access the QCAA website for further information.


QParents – Congratulations to those parents who have accessed the opportunity to register for QParents and are reviewing important information about their student’s school records.

QParents and BPoint

The secure online portal, QParents, provides parents and carers of Queensland state school students with a convenient new way to access their child’s student information and includes:

- Academic Results – report cards
- Student Details – change details on-line
- Behaviour Records – monitor behaviour
- Attendance – notify and approve attendance on-line
- Invoices – obtain outstanding invoice numbers and amounts – pay online through BPoint.

Please contact the school to apply for QParents access. We will supply you with an invitation code that is required for the registration process. The nominated Parent will then need to register with QParents to access their child’s information.

More information regarding QParents can be accessed via our school website www.mtn creekshs.eq.edu.au please click on the QParents link at the bottom of the page.

BPoint Portal is now also available.

BPOINT is an additional payment channel which is available to you to pay your school invoices. The internet web link will provide you with a method of paying school invoices securely from your own computer.

- Internet Payment via Web Link
- Single direct debit
- Re-occurring direct debit

BPOINT offers several payment options to parents including:


This link will be available on the school website.

You will need the Customer Reference Number (CRN) printed at the bottom of your invoice. Copies of invoices can be obtain via the QParents portal.

School review – I have been advised that our school will participate in a full school review through the School Improvement Unit early October 2015. The details of the school review can be found at

https://oneportal.deta.qld.gov.au/about/PrioritiesandInitiatives/schoolimprovementunit/Pages/default.aspx
The Full School Review will involve 4 reviewers – Principals and external reviewers – meeting with staff, students and parents to review all aspects of the school’s operations. The review was identified as a result of the out comes in the school’s Headline Indicators.


School Opinion Survey – All families will be asked to contribute to the School Opinion Survey in 2015. Details of access to the survey will be provided to each family through a letter home. You will receive a unique code to complete the survey. The survey will be active until the 31st July 2015. Thank you for providing this anonymous feedback which will help us to develop our strategic planning for 2016 and beyond.

Cheryl McMahon
Executive Principal

From the Head of Senior School

Induction Ceremony 16th July

Plans are being finalised for the Senior Leader Induction Ceremony for the appointment of our 2015/16 Year 11 and 10 leaders on Thursday 16th July. On this day Year 10 leaders, Year 11 sub school, excellence leaders and school captains will be announced for the 2015/2016 year. We will also present senior badges to all Year 11 students. All Year 10 students will attend this ceremony.

All Year 11 and Year 10 parents are invited to attend.

• Venue – Student Centre
• Rehearsal for students in session 2 from 8.45 – 9.55am. Parents can enter hall from 10.15am (limited seating). Ceremony begins at 10.40am and concludes by 11.45am.
• For parents of leaders there will be a short morning tea in the hall to follow.

We hope to see many parents there for this important ceremony.

Exam Blocks Update

It is very important that parents and students contact the school at least four weeks prior to exams if they will be unable to attend the exams scheduled. Exams are scheduled at the end of each term in the senior school. For planning purposes, exam dates appear in the calendar in the student diary. Students must complete the required assessment to gain credit towards their QCE and OP scores, so it is important that students do not miss the exam blocks.

Work Experience

Students that commit to subject that has a mandatory element of work experience have been running into difficulties around the end of each term when it comes to exams. Parents should note that exams take priority, and students should contact their work experience provider to ensure they can arrange their time around completion of assessment.

Graduation Plans

The graduation committee has been formed and plans are afoot for the graduation of Year 12’s this year. The formal graduation ceremony will be held at the Suncoast Christian College Auditorium on Friday 20th November.

Best wishes
Andrew Stone
Head of Senior School

From the Head of Junior Secondary School

From the Head of Junior Secondary

As term 2 draws to a close we would like to thank you for your support in ensuring that your year 7, 8 and 9 students complete all assessment and exams prior to the holiday break. If they haven’t done so students will be asked to complete this in their first lesson after the holiday break.

It is important that students achieve their highest possible results as in the lead up to ECP in week 5, term 3 they will be asked to choose subjects for 2016. Hence, results at the end of semester 1 will provide the evidence to support weather or not prerequisites for senior subjects (for Year 9 students), in particular, have been met.

Student Attendance

The Mountain Creek State High school day commences at 10.25am for junior secondary students. Students should not be on the grounds prior to 10am unless they are attending Maths/Science Tutorials on Tuesday at 9am, have sport training with their coach or are in the library studying.

Students who arrive earlier to socialise (eg play handball near classrooms etc.) are having an impact on the learning of students in senior classes. They are also not supervised by a teacher. We thank you for your consideration and support in this matter – and we ask that you please have your student arrive at an appropriate time to school.

Opportunity

We had the great pleasure of seeing our year 9 Zenith students enjoying the PC4G program. This was a fantastic opportunity, for students to interact with technology and to find out more information about Career pathways in Computer Science. This will certainly be an exciting future pathway for many of our students.

Opportunity – Aspire USC Experience

On the 10th of June, some selected (by their teachers) students from our Aspire classes attended a USC experience day. These students had the opportunity to participate in a range of activities on this university campus. They should be congratulated on their selection. It was a great experience for these students to find out more about courses and ‘life’ as a university student.
Excellence - Junior Secondary leaders

Our year 7, 8 and 9 class leaders have been involved in some training to support them in their position in week 1, Term 3. We certainly have some outstanding ambassadors in our Junior Secondary cohort of students. I would like to thank Stu and Sarah (our Chappies), Kerry (our School Based Youth Health Nurse), Paula (Youth support co-ordinator) and Lindsay Baker (HOD Junior Secondary) for organising and implementing this training.

Excellence

Congratulations to Daniel Broadway 7N

Each year the Sunshine Coast Regional Council promotes ‘Walk to School Day’. This year over 1500 students registered for this event. For the first time a Secondary Student has won a prize for participating in this annual activity. We would like to thank Coleen – from the Sunshine Coat Regional Council – for taking the time to come to the school to present Daniel Broadway with a fantastic prize of a scooter.

Well done Daniel!

Senior School

In Memory of James Ackerman

The Mountain Creek State High School community would like to offer our support to the family of James Ackerman a past student of Mountain Creek State High School who died tragically (22/6/15) after a tackle in a football game on the weekend. James graduated in 2007 and was a key member of our School of Excellence, Rugby League Program coached by Rob Brough from 2003 to 2007. As his past teammates from Mountain Creek gathered to say their farewells and to remember him there was a flood of memories from the boys about their fantastic mate James – his love of football, his quiet demeanour, his key role in the team. He was a role model for all who came into contact with him. Our thoughts and prayers go to James’s family as they deal with their loss.

To donate to the Ackerman Family Trust Fund direct deposits to:

Bank of Queensland
BSB: 124 001
Acc No: 1150 0777
Ref No: 151 181

Congratulations to Ethan Every 8N

Ethan entered the Sunshine Coast Interschool Chess Championships. He was very successful in this competition gaining first place in the U14 competition and Runner up in the Open division.

Well done Ethan!

We wish you a safe and restful holiday.
Senior Leadership Camp a Students Perspective

Leadership camp was always something of a legend for us year 11’s way back in grade 8. We had heard about the challenges, the experiences and of course… the mud, but it wasn’t until we had the chance to go to Emu Gully ourselves that we realised what it took to step into the shoes of leadership. It wasn’t something that just challenged you on a physical level, but an emotional one as well and on camp, we were pushed to breaking point.

We were pushed to our limits in every activity. Whether it was squeezing down tunnels so small and dark you could barely breathe, lifting each other over a wall double our height, pulling a truck 1.2km or building a railway that needed six people just to lift one rail, we learnt to appreciate each other’s strengths and build trust with people that we may have never even spoken to before. It created a bond between this year’s leadership team that is unlike any other. The support and camaraderie we developed with each other brought out qualities we didn’t realise we had and in the end, helped us all become true leaders. We battled injuries (two twisted ankles) and managed to carry Jane Argue on a stretcher up too many cliffs to count. The final day, we carried her through a track with mud up to our chests and working together, we got her over the final muddy wall.

We may have been dirty, but we were very, very proud.

Of course, the food can’t go unmentioned. You would have thought 31 starving, muddy kids would have eaten through the whole camp but the staff were constantly serving up more and more delicious meals every time. Seated around one massive table (and maybe stuffing our faces a little), we made new friends, laughed and wondered what was to come the next day. Besides the bigger challenges like the truck pull and all the mud, we had smaller challenges that made us think, listen to each other and appreciate each other’s opinion which was extremely important for our role as leaders. A few of us were a little caught up sprinting and screaming as loud and as fast as we could before we realised our instructor hadn’t said “charge” yet in one activity. Whereas, facilitating a rescue with ropes, markers and an “injured person” covered in blood that smelled like paint was a lot harder when you were blindfolded. At first we were all a bit headstrong with people screaming over each other to be “the leader” when finally we realised, sometimes being a leader is about listening to others and once we accepted that, we succeeded and reached our full potential.

All in all, camp was a success and I think the leadership team learnt a lot and developed really close bonds with each other. Getting through camp has shown us that we can achieve anything and we are ready to take up the role as leaders for our school.

Isabelle Blackstone 11S

Top Tips for Moving Information into Long Term Memory

The following are some tips which may help you to move information from short to long term memory.

1. BE ENGAGED: If you are interested in what you are learning you are more likely to remember it. Ask questions, pre-read information, make summaries and follow up on things you don’t understand.

2. USE REPETITION: Repetition is key to transferring information from short term to long term memory. The more often you practice a technique, or revise your information the better it will transfer to long term memory.

3. RECORD INFO: Don’t just write down everything your teacher says, or copy straight from a textbook or the Internet. Think about what is being communicated and create notes that are accurate, meaningful to you and build connections. Mind maps are a helpful tool for this.

4. ORGANISE INFO: When you are studying for a topic, make sure you organise the information into small, distinct chunks.

5. VISUALISE INFO: Build a mental picture of what you are trying to remember, like the parts of a plant or a battle in history.

6. SHAKE THINGS UP: Write in a crazy font, use lots of colours, use your left hand to write instead of your right…anything that makes your brain have to engage more actively with what it is you are trying to learn.

7. FUEL YOUR BRAIN: If you want your brain to work well for you, you also need to work well for your brain. Eating foods rich in Omega 3 and essential fatty acids (such as fish, nuts, legumes and leafy green vegetables) will help your brain to function optimally. Drink lots of water so that your brain doesn’t dehydrate. Keep away from too much caffeine which may impair brain function.

8. REST YOUR BRAIN: Getting fresh air and exercise helps your brain to process information, as does sleep. Most students need 8-10 hours of sleep a night. The last stage of memory consolidation takes place while you are sleeping so ensure you get enough sleep each night.
International Baccalaureate Update

10 reasons to choose the IB Pathway

1. It increases academic opportunity. Research shows that DP graduates are much more likely to be enrolled at top higher education institutions than entrants holding other qualifications.

2. IB students care about more than just results. Through creativity, action, service (CAS) students learn outside the classroom and develop emotionally and ethically as well as intellectually.

3. IB encourages students to become confident and independent learners through the extended essay which requires independent research through an in-depth study.

4. IB encourages critical thinking. Students learn how to analyse and evaluate issues, generate ideas and consider new perspectives.

5. Graduates are globally minded. Language classes encourage an international mindset, key for increasingly globalised societies.

6. The IB is an international qualification recognised globally by universities and employers.

7. DP student have proven time management skills and they develop strong study habits.

8. IB subjects are not taught in isolation as Theory of Knowledge (TOK) encourages students to make connections between subjects.


10. The IB assesses more that examination techniques, it demands that students understand, not just memorise facts or topics.

*based on IB research – www.ibo.org/research

Applications are now open for the International Baccalaureate Diploma Pathway 2016. Information regarding the IB Pathway at Mountain Creek SHS is available at the Parent Meeting 15th June 2015 6.30pm at the PA block; via the MCSHS school website or phone HOD IB/Resources Trisha Valentine 54578344.

Trisha Valentine
HOD IB/Resources

News from the English Faculty

Film and Television has been Re-vamped!

With the internet by far the most dominating invention of recent times, moving image technologies or digital literacy is an essential skill for modern life. Mt Creek SHS offers Film and TV to meet this need. The subject has had some huge changes over the past year, with the introduction of the subject into Year 10, a move to cloud-based Adobe software and the complete replacement of cameras to a DSLR format. So what does all this mean for those undertaking the subject of filmmaking?

Film and TV is often referred to as moving image technologies as the subject focuses on how cameras work to film moving images and how software then manipulates these images to create an experience for the audience. Some believe the subject is just ‘watching movies and TV’, but this couldn’t be further from the truth. Students undertake intensive weeks and even months of pre-production (planning and designing a film), production (filming) and post-production (editing) to produce a range of texts including short films, documentaries, music videos, trailers, TV shows and advertisements. These texts are then analysed to assess how they influence an audience.

While students do watch some films as well, it is from an analytical perspective to complete written elements such as essays and feature articles. For example Year 11 students complete a unit called ‘Auteur Theory’ which entails studying the styles of famous directors, such as Alfred Hitchcock, Fritz Lang and Orson Welles, and assessing why these directors were so influential. Undertaking Film and TV does make students OP-eligible and many of our students go on to do film studies at University. With this industry burgeoning, jobs are easily acquired. Film and TV can now be chosen by Year 9s entering into Year 10 as an introduction to basic filmmaking techniques and Year 10s entering Year 11 can also choose it, even without having done the subject in Year 10 as basics are revised in term 1.

Our new equipment and software has also taken students’ filmmaking to the next level. DSLR stands for Digital Single Lens Reflex and allows filmmakers to inexpensively use interchangeable lenses to craft the look of their film more carefully, improve the quality of the image and experiment with a shallow depth of field and low-light effects. These factors were not available on more traditional video cameras. Cloud-based software means computing based on the internet. Where in the past, people would run applications or programs from software downloaded on a physical computer or server in the building, cloud computing allows people to access the same kinds of applications through the internet. Some benefits include easier and faster recovery of data if it is lost, automatic software updates, increased collaboration with those not physically present, work from anywhere access and increased security of files. These new technologies have ensured that Mt Creek State High is on the forefront of digital literacy in schools.

Lauren Stevens
Film & TV teacher
Year 11 and 12 IB English Trip to the Theatre – Medea

How and why do the classics remain so revered in modern society? What do they offer us now? We cannot deny the universal truths about the human condition that the theatre often exposes— and the classics can offer us an opportunity to remember our struggles and triumphs.

In Medea the trials of these people are intense and profound. This term Year 11 and 12 IB English students accompanied their teachers, Ms Mullighan, Ms McHugh and Mrs Brockenshire, to La Boite Theatre at Kelvin Grove to watch an adapted version of Medea.

This production chose not to totally modernise the dialogue and setting and instead used the raw feelings and experiences of Medea’s original tale to resonate with the audience.

It was Euripides who invented the version of Medea well known to the theatre. Yet, rather than allowing us the audience to dismiss Medea as wild and crazy we were exposed to the many levels of her character, her inner life and politic. Accompanied by a choir who voiced the various truths of Medea’s actions, the theatre in the round provided yet another compelling production which will benefit the students throughout their journey through the Language A: Literature course.

Lisa Kempf

From the Maths Department

Numeracy – Parent Night and Updates.

In Term 2, we held our first parent Numeracy night with Guest speaker Rob Proffit-White, a district Numeracy consultant. At MCSHS we are trying to develop student’s disposition to Maths and also give them the tools to be more numerate in the modern society. In classes, we are using some open ended tasks and also some lesson starters that focus on basic numeracy skills.

Parents enjoyed a BBQ and some sample problems before a presentation. We plan to hold another Numeracy night in Term 4.

In an article printed recently, Auditing the Numeracy Demands of the Australian Curriculum, by Merilyn Goos, The University of Queensland, Shelley Dole, The University of Queensland and Vince Geiger, Australian Catholic University, there was a numeracy model similar to the model we have been working with during 2015.

A numerate person requires mathematical knowledge. In a numeracy context, mathematical knowledge includes not only concepts and skills, but also problem solving strategies and the ability to make sensible estimations (Zevenbergen, 2004).

A numerate person has positive dispositions – a willingness and confidence to engage with tasks, independently and in collaboration with others, and apply their mathematical knowledge flexibly and adaptively. Affective issues have long been held to play a central role in mathematics learning and teaching (McLeod, 1992), and the importance of developing positive attitudes towards mathematics is emphasised in national and international curriculum documents.

We will continue to work with other faculties to increase Numeracy across the KLA’s.

SOSE Update

Weed swap success for Eco Youth and the School

Armed with 10 bags of obnoxious weeds, we headed to the Council Weed Swap station at Shelly Beach on Saturday 30th May. Thanks to the Council’s program, we were able to swap these bags of weeds for 30 small local plants varying from coastal banksias to acacias, with some ground covers and grasses. It has always been a plan of Eco Youth to compliment the Indigenous mural located on the Resource Centre’s southern wall. So armed with shovels, pitch forks, gloves and plants, we set digging and turning over the soil to find a home for our 30 small plants against the backdrop of an earthy coloured mural. Two weeks later and these plants are still growing and we hope that in six months’ time, we will see local flowering plants covering a rather bare stretch of garden. Many thanks go to the girls who gave up their lunchtime to do the planting.

Lisa Kempf
Home Economics Department needs some assistance. Can you help?

The Home Economics teachers are seeking help from parents or grandparents for term 3. Whatever times you could assist e.g. a couple of hours per week, a couple of sessions a week, once a month would be greatly appreciated. Though one hour per week or month may sound small, parents would be amazed to see how much difference that time makes to our department.

How can you be involved?

- Helping out in practical sewing classes to assist our Year 8 and 9 students with their sewing. If you like to work with children and have some sewing skills, this may be something you would like to do. In Year 8 students make a bag; in Year 9, students make pyjama pants or shorts with elasticised waistband and pocket.
- Kitchen and food storeroom organisation involves tasks such as checking that equipment has been returned to the correct storage area, topping up ingredients storage containers for the kitchen pantries from the food storeroom, tidying fridges, labelling and restocking shelves.
- Helping out with resources in the textiles area involves tasks such as cutting fabric samples, organising/tidying the textiles storeroom, putting up resources on display boards in the classrooms.

Who to contact?

Please email Fran Baldry ( fbald1@eq.edu.au ) or Robyn Flanagan ( rflan9@eq.edu.au ) if you can and would like to assist. Include your name and phone contact details and Fran or Robyn will give you a call.

News from the IT Faculty

2016 USA TRIP

Early in semester 2 we will be calling for expressions of interest from those students studying Information Technology Systems (ITS) or IB Computer Science in years 11 and 12 in 2016 to participate in the IT Trip to USE. The trip will take in a range of locations around San Francisco including several major technology companies in Silicon Valley as well as Stanford University. Some of our time will also be spent sightseeing including Alcatraz prison. Stay tuned for further announcements early next term.

Startup Weekend for Sunshine Coast Youth

On the weekend of August 21st – 23rd 2015 the first Startup Weekend for Sunshine Coast Youth will be held at the Institute of Professional Learning (IPL) at the University Of The Sunshine Coast. This will be the first Startup Weekend event specifically designed for school aged students to be held in the Oceania region. The Startup Weekend movement is a global network of passionate entrepreneurs who organise events for enthusiastic people to share their business and technology ideas and then actually put them into practice over an exhilarating weekend period. The Startup Weekend for Sunshine Coast Youth follows on from the very successful adult Startup Weekend Sunshine Coast that took place in May this year. Over the weekend students will learn through the act of creating, collaborating in teams and validating their ideas, all while gaining invaluable coaching from successful local entrepreneurs and industry representatives. So if you have a great idea that you’re itching to get off the ground or alternatively you are the parent of the next potential Steve Jobs, Startup Weekend for Sunshine Coast Youth may be the platform for you.

Ticketing opens early semester 2, for more information visit https://www.facebook.com/StartupSCYouth

As a precursor to this exciting event the organisers are holding a logo design competition for budding graphic designers. The winning logo will be showcased on the Startup Weekend for Sunshine Coast Youth Facebook page, and other associated publications. This is an awesome opportunity for students through global exposure of their design talent. In addition a fantastic prize from Escape Room Oz is up for grabs.
Entries are due July 12th 2015. For more information on the Logo design competition, including submission, please go to the Facebook page.

Emma Hodkinson
Teacher

2015 Bebras Australia Computational Thinking Challenge

At the end of Term 1, all IT students sat the Bebras Challenge - an international initiative whose goal is to promote computational thinking for students (ages 8-17 / school years 3-12). Bebras is aligned with and supports the new Australian Digital Technologies Curriculum.

To solve the tasks, students are required to think in and about information, discrete structures, computation, data processing, and algorithmic concepts. Each Bebras task can both demonstrate an aspect of computational thinking and test the talent of the participant.

Congratulations to the following students for the excellent results achieved:

DISTINCTION AWARDS

Damen Thew
Oliver Canvin
Paris Ciocac-Grieve
Cameron Bertolla
Chloe Lea
Riley Conway
Mitch Rumler
Madison Payne
Ricky Cornwill
Alex Schiemann
Shelley Shamrock

CREDIT AWARD

Katie Slater
Jason Hannaford
Jack McGill
Joseph Cousins
Finlay Schulz
Judah Buntrock
William Baird
Lucas Lombardo
Mitchell Keefe
Liam Canvin
Jade Schmolke
Claudia Dettrick
Ainsley Lea
Chloe Read
Lange
Carr-Parkes
Aidan Stock
Ethan Senior
Matt Sauder
Jacob Evans
Joshua Hunold
Liam Bailey
Dominic Gretener
Ben Magao
Liam Smith
Clancy Millane
Cameron
Matheson
Sam Richardson
Jacob Paterson

Toby Goss
Joshua Poets
Luke Gardener
Jayden Black
Aaron Radke
Daniel Payne
Krish Gangaram
Jaidan Portman
Ethan Deavin
Gabrial Carelse

MERIT AWARD

Hailey Morse
Ethan Lenske
Callan Home
Kaleb Simpson
Ola Richardson-Grau
Elisha Slapp
Cheyenne Tuson
James Walker
Jackson Riddle
Oscar Jamieson
Cody Anderson
Liam Ingall
Kyle Aimer
Byron Ferris
Aaron Lovell
Ky Fitzpatrick
Lachlan Hill
Benjamin Turner
Thomas Reid

Girls {CAN} #Code Day

During Term 2, all year 9 Zenith students were involved in a coding and robotics day with some excellent results. Special guests on the day were lecturers from the University of Queensland and Yvette Adams from The Creative Collective.

http://vimeo.com/131621292

Graeme Breen
IT Faculty
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News from Indigenous Education

NAIDOC Week

“We all stand on Sacred Ground: Learn Respect and Celebrate “

“There is No Plan B”

Tuesday 07 July 2015 (11:30am - 2:30pm)
Sunshine Coast Recreation Centre, 80 Currimundi Road, CURRIMUNDI

You are invited.

NAIDOC Week is a national event celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders’ achievements, culture and traditions. The week provides an exciting opportunity to recognise, celebrate and support the aspirations and achievements of our local sporting children and young people.

On behalf of the Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing’s North Coast Region, SevGen Indigenous Corporation and the Sunshine Coast Recreation Centre we have great
pleasure in extending an invitation to you and your family to attend the event planned for Tuesday 7 July.

The official theme for NAIDOC Week 2015 is: “We all stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate.”

This year’s theme highlights Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ strong spiritual and cultural connection to the land and sea. The Sunshine Coast Sport and Recreation Centre’s rich cultural heritage provides a wonderful location for the event and fits perfectly with the NAIDOC theme. The event also provides some of Queensland’s sporting legends an opportunity to share their stories as they help inspire and support our young athletes, and their families, as they continue their pathway to excellence.

Come along, connect, share and learn about the services that are also available to support our future local sporting champions!

The day’s activities will involve presentations from past Rugby League State of Origin greats such as Michael DeVere and Scott Prince along with Australian Softball representative Kelly McKellar-Nathan. Families will be provided with information on services available to support their child’s sporting endeavours, share the cultural history surrounding Currimundi and also enjoy some of the excellent sporting facilities available at the Sunshine Coast Recreation Centre. The day will conclude with a sporting community BBQ.

To aid with planning please register online today, or contact either SevGen or the North Coast Office on the numbers

We look forward to welcoming you and your family!

Steve White
Regional Manager

Richard May
Manager

Regional Service Delivery
Sunshine Coast Recreation Centre

North Coast
Sport and Recreation Services

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News from the Sports Department

Annual Track & Field Carnival

The Mountain Creek High Annual Track & Field Athletics Carnival will be held on Tuesday 28 July. This whole school event is held at the Sunshine Coast University (SCU) Track with the senior students departing school shortly after 7.30am to participate in a wide variety of track and field activities. The junior students depart for the SCU after roll marking at 10.30am. Students are encouraged to dress appropriately for the day – sub school colours and t-shirts, hats and suitable footwear are required. The seniors will return to school in time for their normal buses as will the Juniors at the end of the day. Parents are welcome to come out to the track to support this event! Information notes will be issued to all students early in Term 3.

There will be a number of pre-carnival events happening in the first two weeks of Term 3. The 800m and 1500m running events as well as the High Jump and Javelin field events will all be held at school during this time. Students who wish to nominate for events (and there is plenty of room for participating) should see their subschool sport coordinators to register their interest!

From this event our school Track & Field Team will be selected to compete in the Central District championships in early August.

The School Event is a whole school event and all students are expected to attend on that day. There is no cost for the day for being part of the Carnival. A canteen will operate at the track for students who wish to purchase their lunches.

The photos are from the wonderful carnival we held in 2014!
Blazing His Own Trail

Earlier this year Mountain Creek Year 7 student Bailey Traill was selected to train with the Sunshine Coast 12 years and under AFL side. In Week 7 of Term 2, the team travelled away to Toowoomba to represent Sunshine Coast at the State Championships.

The boys were put through their paces, with 5 games in five days in temperatures ranging from 5°C to 18°C. The Championships run over 5 days, saw the boys test their skills against some of the best young players in the state, and in most games the boys winning emphatically (results below).

- Game 1: Sunny Coast 60 v Met East 13
- Game 2: Sunny Coast 55 v Met North 14
- Game 3: Sunny Coast 39 v Met West 19
- Game 4: Sunny Coast 74 v Presidents 7
- Game 5: Sunny Coast 13 v South Coast 39

With only one loss over the competition to South Coast, and South Coast losing some of their earlier encounters, Sunshine Coast was crowned State Champions by overall percentage.

In a first for Sunshine Coast AFL, the region was crowned State Champions in U/16 Girls, U/15 Boys and u/12 Boys, with excellent representation by Mountain Creek SHS in all three teams.

Well done Bailey. Well done Creekers!

Rugby Union Success

In the Sunshine Coast School Sport Rugby Union u/14’s Competition, Calvin Gerber and Jordan West have been playing for the Flinders cluster team as Mountain Creek didn’t have the numbers to field a team. The boys played in the Grand Final against strong rugby school and heavy favourites Siena. They came away with the win and Calvin scored one of the tries to seal the match. At the presentations after the Grand Final, the award for Player of the Year - Best Back went to Jordan West. This award was for the entire season out of all of the schools in the competition. This is an outstanding effort from the Creeker lads. Jordan has since been named in the Sunshine Coast Stingrays team for the upcoming representative club matches.

News from Student Services

2015 University Open Days

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University: Bond University
www.bond.edu.au  
Open Day Date: Saturday July 25 (Gold Coast)

Australian Catholic University
www.acu.edu.au/99146  
Open Day Date: Saturday July 25 (Nudgee)

Southern Cross University
Open Day Date: Friday December 11 (Gold Coast)

**Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO)** exhibitors including Australian-Wide and international universities, private education providers, TAFE institutes, graduate employment, Defence Force recruiting, student support services and employers. TSXPO provides a unique opportunity to find everything related to education and employment, under one roof. It will be held on Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th July 2015 from 10am – 4pm on both days at the Royal I.C.C, Brisbane Show grounds, Brisbane. Admission is FREE!

Student Services Faculty – Guidance Officers Tania Dahms and Alex Brain

**Free Pancakes Breakfasts!**

Every Tuesday morning during the school term from 630am a bunch of excellent volunteers from Life Church in Maroochydore come and cook up delicious pancakes for our students and staff. This is free and available to all and can be located at the cover shelter between Bribie and Home Ec. As the mornings are much cooler this term, it really is a great way to warm up and start your day!

We also have free pancakes every Friday from 930am for Juniors (Grade 7-9) and Staff. These are cooked up by the legendary volunteers from Red Frogs and are over at the outside classroom near the tennis courts and the bike racks at the north gate.

Contact Sarah or Stu - Chaplains at Student Services for more info! All welcome! See you then!

**Uniform Shop News**

As previously advised this year we have had some issues with boys’ shorts. Do not hesitate to return any shorts with faulty zips for replacement.

A reminder for parents the Uniform Shop has all student stationery requirements at competitive prices all year round.

**Sub School News**

**Bribie Bears Fundraiser**

The only time I ever thought I would say “I hate chocolate” was when I was stuck on certain levels of Candy Crush. But now many Bribie students and teachers have had enough of chocolate following the recent Bribie chocolate drive fundraiser. A great effort was made by many Bribie students in years 7, 8 and 9 to sell 9,600 Cadbury Fundraiser chocolates to support Bribie student programs. The funds raised will be used to benefit and support Bribie Students by having a BBQ for good behaviour and industry each term, incentives for sports carnivals, creating Sub School identity, subsidising Bribie Sports Shirts and providing programs for end of year activities such as Bribie Fun Day at the pool.

Congratulations to prize winners:

- Jack Vecchio 8A – Highest individual fundraiser won $100 voucher
- Annie Gordon 9A – $50 voucher
- Aurelie Swan 8A - $50 voucher
- Ailise Mooney 10C – Winner of giant Toblerone pictured with brother Liam

Well done Bears

**Helen Young**

**Bribie Teacher**

Purchases for uniforms and stationery items can be made over the phone using credit/debit card details if required.

We are always fully stocked.
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**Term 4**

- **Fri Jul 31**: Year 6 into 7 Scholarship Applications Close
- **Fri Jul 31**: Brainstorm Productions Year 8 Session 4
- **Fri Jul 31**: Year 12 Science 21 MRF/USC Excursion
- **Fri Jul 31**: Year 11 Chemistry PACE Excursion
- **Fri Jul 31**: Year 10 Geography Beach excursion
- **Mon Aug 3**: Subject Selection/Careers Evening
- **Mon Aug 3**: Round 2 CIA Auditions
- **Mon Aug 3**: Year 10 IB Psychology Excursion
- **Mon Aug 3**: Year 11 Cert II Business work experience All Week
- **Wed Aug 5**: QMAT yr7/8 Maths competition
- **Wed Aug 5**: Year 12 Hospitality Excursion
- **Thu Aug 6**: Year 12 Hospitality Excursion
- **Thu Aug 6**: Year 10 Japanese Excursion
- **Thu Aug 6**: IB TOK Conference 5 – 7pm
- **Fri Aug 7**: Year 7 Sport Trials
- **Fri Aug 7**: Round 3 CIA Applications DUE
- **Fri Aug 7**: Year 11 & 12 Spanish Excursion
- **Fri Aug 7**: Schools Cup Volleyball
- **Fri Aug 7**: Central District Track & Field Day 1
- **Mon Aug 10**: Central District Track & Field Day 2
- **Mon Aug 10**: Year 11 Hospitality Work Experience All Week
- **Tue Aug 11**: ECP INTERVIEWS This is a PUPIL FREE DAY
- **Wed Aug 12**: Year 10-12 Drama ARTSLINK
- **Thu Aug 13**: Year 12 Marine Studies Coral Reef Excursion
- **Thu Aug 13**: Year 7 Sport Trials
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- **Thu Aug 13**: Year 11&12 Dance Excursion to QPAC
- **Fri Aug 14**: Year 12 VAS Ceramic Workshop
- **Fri Aug 14**: FREE DRESS DAY “Jeans for Genes Day”
- **Mon Aug 17**: P & C MEETING 5:30 pm ALL WELCOME
- **Tue Aug 18**: Year 11 Marine Studies: Boating Excursion
School Holiday Activities

Sensory Screening for Families with Special Needs

Sensory Movie Day is an inclusive event for families with special needs.

- Lighting is on dim, sound lowered, volunteers monitoring fire exit doors.
- Sensory Movie Day run once a month on a Sunday at 11am
- Tickets are $8 each (Except Ipswich $6 each). Children 2yrs and under are free
- Companion I.D. Cards are accepted

Sensory Movie Day is running at the following Locations:
Morayfield, Maroochydore, Mackay, Capalaba, Browns Plains, Ipswich, Robina, Toowoomba, Lismore, Tuggerah and Cronulla

Any questions email sensorymovieday@hotmail.com

Buy tickets now at the box office of Event or Birch Carroll and Coyle Cinemas

Horse Riding

7 Day Horse Camps
27 June – 4 July
4 – 11 July

(Camps cater for all riding levels)

Day Trips are also available

Children are allocated their own horse for the week and ride twice a day, they learn how to keep and care for a horse/
pony, feed the animals, milk the cow, collect chook eggs & enjoy other fun, healthy outdoor activities. Kiah Park has full insurance, adult supervision and offers a safe environment for children to develop independence and make lifelong friendships.

Please contact Nick or Tilana Qually for more information.

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