27 March 2013

From the Principal

As Term 1 comes to a close, I would especially like to thank parents for their support in attending information evenings designed to ensure that the link between home and school is established early in the school year. This sharing of information about your student’s learning helps to provide students with support from both parents and teachers in their learning journey. You may have received an email or a short letter of introduction from one of your student’s teachers or Heads of School at the beginning of the year, inviting you to contact them if you have any concerns regarding your son/daughter’s academic progress or their social or emotional wellbeing. I would encourage you to take this opportunity of engaging directly with your student’s teacher/s or Head of School for assistance with information relating to their education or wellbeing.

The School and Community Partnerships Framework recently released by DETE identifies what schools can do to strengthen learning outcomes for students – through effective partnerships between principals, teachers, students, parents and the community. There is a clear indication that a focus on parent and community engagement is a key part of supporting student learning. The framework also acknowledges that, ‘The education of our students is a shared responsibility, benefiting all students, our society and economy as a whole. Therefore, parents and broader communities have a reciprocal responsibility to engage with schools.’ Follow this link for more information on the framework. [http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/parent-community-engagement-framework/](http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/parent-community-engagement-framework/)

Our Education and Career Planning interviews on May 7th has been reviewed to ensure that the relationship that a teacher has developed with students in a class is further developed at the ECP interview with those students and their parents. Please note the date for the ECP interview in your family diary.

Enjoy a very safe Easter and the mid semester break to follow.

Cheryl McMahon
Executive Principal

From the Head of Junior Secondary

As term 1 comes to an end there have been many exciting programs and activities that students have been involved in. I would like to congratulate our Junior Secondary School students on an excellent start to the year and contributing to the success of our school in a number of different ways.

We wish your student every success with their exams and assessment.

Assessment and Reporting

Year 8 and 9 students will have now completed most of their exams. If your year 8 or year 9 student misses an exam due to illness they need to complete this on the following day and supply a note or medical certificate to explain their absence. If they have not completed all assessment - this will need to be finalised in week 1 of Term 2.

Term 1 Report Cards will be sent home with students on Friday of week 2, Term 2.

National Assessment Program – Literacy & Numeracy – Year 9 Students

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy tests will be conducted across 14, 15 and 16 May 2013 for all students in year 9. Year 9 students received an information letter re this testing on Monday 4th March. If your student did not collect a letter, these can be picked up from their sub-school or the main administration office.

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy tests will have all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 undertaking the same tests as students at these year levels in other states and territories.

These tests will assess students in the areas of literacy (including reading, writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar) and numeracy (number, measurement, chance and data, space, working mathematically, algebra function and pattern).

Following the tests, schools and students will receive a statement of performance in relation to the national benchmarks.

Information about the tests can be found on the NAPLAN website: [http://www.naplan.edu.au/](http://www.naplan.edu.au/)

Young Scholars

Our second Young Scholars’ afternoon was on the 14 March. Our year 6 and 7 students were involved in IT and Design Technology activities as well as Home Economics and Business activities. Enjoy the photos!
Year 8, 2013 - Time lines for excellence programs, scholarships and orientation activities

1. Year 8 General Enrolments for 2013
   - Application packages due Friday 10th May 2013 (Week 4, Term 2)

2. Creative Industries Academy in (Music, Visual Art, Drama or Dance)
   - Applications due Friday 7th June 2013
   - Auditions – Monday 17th to Friday 21st June 2013
   - Notification of acceptance – Term 3 2013

3. Zenith Program
   - Parent Information Evening – 5.30pm on Monday 3rd June 2013
   - Applications Due - Friday 19th July 2013
   - Notification of acceptance – Term 4 2013

4. Year 8 ‘All Rounder’ Scholarships
   - Applications due Friday 26th July 2013
   - Notification of success – Term 3, 2013

5. Year 7 into 8 Orientation Day
   - The school will host an orientation day for those students who have enrolled at MCSHS for 2014
   - The orientation day will be on Friday 30th August from 10.30am – 4.00pm.

6. Welcome to High School Evening 2014
   - An introduction to MCSHS for parents and Year 8 students will be held in Week 2, 2014.

Note: All Application forms are available on-line at www.mtncreeshs.eq.edu.au or telephone Mountain Creek SHS on 5457 8333 for an information package or brochure.

Andrea Evans
Head of Junior Secondary

Education and Career Planning Interviews Term 2 – Essential Dates for parents

The first Education and Career Planning (ECP) day and evening for students and parents rapidly approaches! This is one of the most important days for the school each year, where students are able to set goals for themselves for the rest of the year and review their performance with their parents present.

The important dates are as follows. It is most important that students adhere to these dates so that the process can be effective and flow smoothly.

Friday 19th April
Sub school Assemblies
Year 10, 11 and 12 then later Year 8, 9
students informed of ECP Process occurring

1. Meet at sub schools at 12.20pm (Year 10, 11, 12), Meet at sub schools at 3.30pm (Year 9, 10).
2. Interview booking procedures explained on special assembly and in notices.
4. Students will be advised as to where to meet - ECP lists pinned on sub-school notice boards.

Wednesday 24th April

11.05am
1. Meeting with ECP teacher.
2. Student returns Parent Booking Sheet for confirmation of interview time.

Friday 26th April
Report Cards issued at subschool assemblies

Tuesday 7th May - ECP DAY

Interviews from 1.30pm to 7.45pm
All parents will be also able to update their contact details after their interview so that they can readily receive information from the school.

Best Wishes
Andrew Stone
Head of Senior School
ECP Coordinator Term 2

ANZAC Day School Service – Monday 22nd April 2013

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

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

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

As part of the service there will be a tribute to the relatives of Mt Creek SHS - students and staff who have served in times of war. These are available from subschools and the main office from the 18th of March.

If your child did not obtain one of these forms and if you would like to have their relative be recognised during our school ceremony, a copy of the form is provided below. The form must be returned no later than 10.30am Thursday the 18th of April.

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

Nomination for ANZAC Day Honour Roll - 2013

Instructions:
1. Fill out the form as per the sample guide
2. Lodge details in the box at the Main Administration Office by Thursday the 18th of April Students will be
required to attend practice session on Friday the 19th of April, Session 3, Week 1, Term 2.
3. Attend the ceremony on Monday 22nd April, Session 3, Week 2, Term 2. Wear formal uniform
4. See your Head of Sub School or Mrs Lancaster if you have any concerns

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Parent Name: ______________________
Parent Signature: ______________________

Donna Lancaster
Deputy Principal

Spanish
¡Bienvenidos a nuestros estudiantes de Español!

Welcome (and welcome back) to our students of Spanish for another busy year in 2013. As always there’s plenty going on in Languages with a regional poster competition already underway through the Sunshine Coast’s Branch of Modern Language Teachers Association. Language students have been invited to collect an entry form from Ms Edington in Moreton subschool to begin their posters with the theme of ‘Languages Food Safari’ (also open to our students of Japanese). The winning entries will be displayed at the language competition run by the same group, held last year at the University of the Sunshine Coast in early August in conjunction with a Festival of Languages.

In addition, students of Spanish may be interested in the fact that this year WEP (World Education Program Australia) is awarding 22 scholarships ($500, $750 and $3000) to motivated students, wishing to live and study in Argentina for a year or semester program (No language requirements for this program).

All language students would benefit from an opportunity such as this one. Students currently in year 9 can benefit from this opportunity to spend a semester or year overseas during year 10 and return with improved language skills and enhanced maturity and independence to complete their final two years of high school. For more information, please visit: http://wep.org.au/info/scholarships.

There are also opportunities for Parents – If you or a friend are a speaker of Spanish and would be interested in some involvement in the Regional Speaking Competition later in the year, please get in contact with Ms Edington.

Closer to home once again, and our students will soon be receiving an invitation for their families to attend a performance during the Easter Break of some Flamenco performers at the Steiner School in Noosa, and our senior students can look forward to some great excursions later in the year as well.

Until next time…

Hasta luego y Adiós – Los profesores de español.

Fiona Edington
Spanish Teacher

Teaching and Learning at Mountain Creek State High School

This year is the second year of the implementation of the Art and Science of Teaching (ASOT) as the whole school framework for teaching and learning. Teachers have participated in professional development on pupil free days, and twilight sessions over the last 18 months. You may have heard your students talk about different things happening in the classroom like elbow partners, electronic random selection of students to answer questions or coloured cards to let teachers know if they understand what is being taught. You may have seen written or electronic versions of Cornell notetaking in your student’s work. All of these strategies are part of the Art and Science of Teaching, a framework that is based on over 40 years of research.

“Robert J Marzano (2007) presents a model for ensuring quality teaching that balances the necessity of research-based data with the equally vital need to understand the strengths and weaknesses of individual students. The outcome of the implementation of this framework is to produce exceptional teaching and outstanding student achievement.”

The focus for this semester is the use of learning goals and formative assessment. Learning goals allow students to clearly know what they need to know (knowledge) and be able to do (skills and processes) by the end of the unit of work. Students should be able to identify if they are on track to reaching the learning goals for each of the subjects they study. The learning goals should be clearly stated/written in the student’s notebook/electronic records.

We will continue to provide professional development for teachers as we roll out the framework. Many teachers have taken on this model with enthusiasm and we are seeing the results in the level of student engagement and learning in the classroom. For many teachers this is not a new concept but a refresher of practice that is currently being used in a slightly different format to supplement the great teaching that is already occurring. Please ask your student about the use of the strategies in their classes and the learning goals they had for term 1.
News from the Creative Industries

Music Trivia Night a success!

The Creative Industries Sub Committee’s first major fundraiser was the Music Trivia night, held on Friday, March 8, raising funds for the school’s first ever Instrumental Music and Vocal Group uniform. We had an impressive turn out for the event, drawing a crowd of over 110 people. Well done to all students, parents and staff involved in making the night a success. It is expected that the uniforms will be in place for the Eisteddfod in August this year.

We would especially like to thank the following sponsors for their kind donations on the night: Alex Surf Club, Ocean Orthodontics, Mooloolaba Music, Howell Constructions, Aspec Asbestos, Via Italia Restaurant, Velo Project, Smile Clothing, See Restaurant, Yoga in Daily Life Maroochydore, Montezumas, Cats Whiskers, The Creek Tavern, Fruit Factory, Café Envy Cotton Tree, Rics Deli Mooloolaba, Raw Energy Mooloolaba, Fish on Parkyn, Augellos, Mountain Creek Meats, Boost Juice, Minyama Meats, Watermelon Red, Maroochy RSL, Ashdown-Ingram Auto Electrical and South East Self Defence.

Visual Art Students visit APT7

Year 12 Visual Art students got a taste of what’s happening in contemporary Art within the Asia Pacific on Friday March 1. All three classes visited UQ Art Museum, the Queensland Art Gallery and the Gallery of Modern Art on a recent excursion to Brisbane. Students were preparing for their first written assessment, however they had a lot of fun while doing it!

Jess Wall
A/HOD Creative Industries

What’s happening in the IT curriculum?

http://vimeo.com/62675537

Bundaberg Flood Relief

Many smaller communities in Queensland have been affected by flooding this year. Kylie Johnson, one of our staff members, initiated a CAS project of support (Community, Action and Service) for the Flood Relief effort in Bundaberg.

Staff member Kylie Johnson and two other community members assembled all kinds of items donated by the Mountain Creek State High School community. On February 17th, all items were packed and delivered to the Tom Quinn Centre in Bundaberg via a rental vehicle kindly donated by Budget. Mountain Creek High School Community and would like to thank all those who have generously donated.

Kylie and our school community would like to personally thank all those who parted with cherished items and kindly donated new ones.

Witnessing such acts of kindness affirmed the notion that “together we can make a difference to the lives of so many.” As a community, we can stand proud that we have taken part in a cause that will ensure Bundaberg recovers from its worst-ever flood.

Kylie Johnson and Andrea Evans

AFL

ALF Program

Again in 2013, Mountain Creek SHS AFL Program will be running a mixed class for year 9 and 10 students to improve their AFL skills as well as doing theory units that are requisites for senior physical education.

The program would like to congratulate students that have been chosen for representative honours recently. Firstly the girls named in the Sunshine Coast Regional School Girls team; Tahlia Randall, Calista McKenzie, Emma Day, Mel Ingall, Tayla Gesch and Ashlyn Robb.

Secondly the program is fortunate enough to have had two boys selected in the U18 Queensland Squad, Daniel Henderson year 11 and Cameron Stevenson year 12. Both Daniel and Cameron have been training three times a week in Brisbane at high performance centres and participating in weekend trial games against senior NEAFL teams. We wish these boys the best of luck with their pursuit of playing AFL at the highest level.

In regards to AFLQ Academy games the MCSHS senior team were successful in their first round beating Narangba Valley by 6 goal and the junior team had a narrow lost to Narangba. Rounds two and three will be played in term 3.

Stay up to date with the AFL program by following @creekerAFL on twitter.

Unbeaten Girls

The senior girls AFL team has continued their unbeaten run from 2012 into 2013. Last year the girls were unbeaten in two separate competitions. Firstly in the 9 a-side Youth Girls cup the Creekers won their regional carnival without conceding
a goal. This win progressed the girls to a regional winners carnival where they were dominant in their 5 matches. Mountain Creek was awarded the Youth Girls Cup Champions and Samara Christmas won the ‘Best On Ground’ medal.

Later in the year the girls contested the 15 aside Brisbane Lions Cup and again the girls progressed through the regional pool without conceding a goal. The team then moved its way through the other Queensland regions to progress to the final. For the second time in three years the senior girls lifted the Brisbane Lions Cup, Chelsea Scarff was named BOG in the final.

Recently the girls have contested the regional carnival for the 9 aside Youth Girls Cup and for the second year in a row did not concede a goal. The girls will contest the regional winners’ carnival soon and later in the year the girls will defend their Brisbane Lions Cup title.

Well done Creekers!

**Tim Wilson**
**HOD HPE**

**Volleyball Bounces into Success**

Last week saw the finals of the Senior Trish Buckley Volleyball Cup competition. The Creekers played fantastic Volleyball throughout the three weeks of this tournament and at the finals three of the four teams were playing for the Gold Medal. Unfortunately, all three went down in these matches but all were very close tussles with some awesome play by the Creekers. The Open Boys were unlucky to lose in a points count back as were the Open Girls. The Senior Girls, after going through the tournament undefeated, fell at the last hurdle to arch rivals Caloundra. All players thoroughly enjoyed the tournament and will only be hungrier for more success at Schools’ Cup competitions later in the year.

Well done Creekers!

**Tim Wilson**
**HOD HPE**

**‘headspace’ launch**

On the 28th of February I had the honour of attending the new ‘Headspace’ facility launch. This is the tenth facility of its kind now in Queensland. The Sunshine Coast community has worked together to launch an outstanding facility to support young people on the Sunshine Coast. Mr Alex Brain referred to this facility in our last newsletter.

‘Headspace’ National Youth Mental Health Foundation Ltd is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing under the Youth Mental Health Initiative program.

At ‘headspace’ you can get help for mental health and other health issues. ‘Headspace’ has services online, by telephone and face to face and centres across Australia provide information, support and services to young people aged 12 – 25 years, and their families.

This facility’s online service is called ‘eheadspace’. To access this for the first time you need to register at eheadspace.org.au or phone 1800 650 890.

Alternatively, you can pop in to the 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
The easy way to get a tax file number

The Tax Office, with the cooperation of schools, offers students aged 13 years or over the opportunity to apply for a tax file number (TFN) through school. This is a voluntary program and makes it easier for students to obtain a TFN.

Students need a TFN for employment, applying for Centrelink benefits, opening a bank account, managing their superannuation or deferring university fees.

Applying for a TFN through school is easier because students do not need to show identifying documentation to the Tax Office. The application form is available from the school from Mrs Quilty at Student Services or the main office and students can complete it at home. The form requires information such as the student’s name, address and date of birth. Students also need to provide the following details:

- birth certificate number
- state of issue
- year of registration

students born overseas will need to provide their

- overseas passport number and country of issue, or
- Australian citizenship certificate number and date of issue.

It is important that the application form is completed correctly and in full, and signed by the student. All information provided on the application form will remain confidential.

The school will certify the application form by cross-checking against the information held on their records.

Forms must be returned to Mrs Quilty at Student Services who will certify the application form by cross-checking against the information held on their records. Students are not required to show identifying documentation to school or the Tax Office.

Students will receive their TFN via a notification letter sent to their postal address within 28 days of the application being received by the Tax Office.

Enquiring on your child’s behalf

Due to privacy provisions, parents of children aged 14 or older may enquire about their children’s tax affairs only if they are registered as an authorised contact with the ATO. After your child has received their TFN they can authorise you by phoning the ATO on 13 28 61 between 8:00am and 6:00pm, Monday to Friday.

Caroline Quilty
Student Services

School Based Youth Health Nurse at Mountain Creek SHS

Hi my name is Kerry McClenaghan and I have been working in the above role for 11 years.

I am extremely happy to say this role will continue in the school community after a review by our local Hospital Health Service recognising the importance of the joint venture between Education and Health (MOU).

Whilst the role is not medical (no first aid) it is about building relationships with young people and the wider school community to ensure they have the opportunities to make informed decisions around their health. This comes in many forms; individual, families/carers, groups, curriculum activities and referring, linking/working with the wider community (IFYS, Mental Health, Alcohol & Drug, and Sexual Health Services etc.)

For further information re my role:
https://mtncreekshs.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Studentservicesandsupportprograms/Pages/Youth-Health-Nurse.aspx

Kerry McClenaghan
Youth Health Nurse

Spin Off 2013 Gym Bike Challenge for Chaplains

30 Minutes: 5-10 people: 1 bike- How far can you go?

Chaplains Stu and Sarah have an upcoming fundraiser- Spin Off 2013: Gym Bike Challenge which seeks to raise some funds to enable them to continue the work they are doing at our school.

Spin Off will be held on the 18th May and will involve teams of people coming together and cycling as many kilometres as they can in 30 minutes on one stationary exercise bike. Participants can ask family, friends, co-workers to sponsor them to raise funds for the efforts- every little bit counts!

If you are interested in being involved in any way or want more info, please contact Stu or Sarah at Student Services: 5457 8304 or check out the Spin Off Website: http://spinoff.org.au/

Sarah and Stu
Chaplains
Uniform Shop

The P&C Association and Uniform Shop convenor would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers that assisted in the uniform shop during our back to school sales days. We could not run efficiently or effectively without you.

The Uniform Shop is now fully stocked with winter pullovers $36 and jackets $49 in time for the cooler weather. Boys may wear navy trousers $36 and girls may wear navy opaque tights $8 and there is also a knitted scarf available for girls $16.

The Year 12 students have ordered their Senior Jackets and they will be delivered after the holiday break.

A reminder that we happily take phone orders with credit card details if parents find it difficult to come to the uniform shop during our normal trading hours.

Monday 9am to 2pm
Wednesday 9am to 2pm
Thursday 9am to 12pm

Enjoy your holiday break.

Michelle Sampson
Uniform Shop

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Operation Jump Street was released to the media on 12th March 2013 by Officer In Charge, Senior Sergeant Shane PANAHOL. This media release was published in the Sunshine Coast Daily on Wednesday 13th March 2013 in an effort to warn motorists of the upcoming operation.

In an effort to give further warning to parents attending school drop off zones during peak times, it would be appreciated if this matter can be raised in any school newsletter, explaining the focus of this operation. There will be zero tolerance on any breaches detected during this operation, meaning that if any breaches are detected, offenders can expect action to be taken against them.

The objective of this operation is to make the streets surrounding the schools safer for all road users, parents and students attending the school.

The officers of Sunshine Coast District Traffic Branch appreciate your assistance in helping us to create a safer environment for all during peak times.

Regards,

Mick JOHNSTON
Senior Constable 9658

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Health Heroes Family, Community and Job Seekers Invite

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Queensland Police Service

Health Heroes is an interactive information session designed to let you and your family meet real Health Heroes – professionals working in the industry, employers and training providers. You will get a chance to talk to them about what they do, and what everyday life is like in the exciting health services industry.

Family, Community and Job Seekers are invited to attend
9:30-12:00 AM
3 May – Rosslea State High School, Tully Street, Conron
30 May – Maryborough State High School, Maryborough, Maryborough

Individuals are asked to register to let Health Heroes in Queensland know how many people to prepare for the volume of guest attendance. Please register your interest to health.heroes@qld.gov.au or phone 5441 4255.

Yes I would like to come on

□ 3 May at Rosslea State High School
□ 30 May at Maryborough State High School

Contract Name

Number of people in your group

Family □ Community □ Job Seeker □

Foreign

Phone

Email

This is an initiative of the Australian Government’s National Partnership Brokers Program delivered by Queensland Health Industry Skills Inc.

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