Three weeks into term 2 and there are significant events that have occurred to start a very busy Term. The most significant to date has been the issuing of reports and the follow up by students and staff on results and setting goals for the short term (term 2) and the long term (career goals). Students have been advised in each class that they should have written goals for each class, clearly documented in their notebooks or on their computers in subject notes. Easily accessible, written goals ensure that both the student and parents can regularly refer to the goals to determine progress. These goals will be the focus of the ECP interview on Tuesday 7th of May. Teachers have also reviewed their class results and set individual (differentiated) goals for students in relation to data about the student’s learning.

This school is focussed on providing an holistic education for students to ensure that on exit from Mountain Creek State High School students have achieved academically, they have developed citizenship skills and they are socially and emotionally prepared for life beyond secondary school. Examples of the extra-curricular programs provided to develop these skills are: Year 8 Initiative Days which have been rescheduled for Term 2 following extensive rain in Term 1; Year 11 Health and Wellbeing Conference Week 1, Year 11 Leadership day Week 3. Thank you for your support in ensuring student attendance at these development programs.

Year 9 parents were invited to a 1-1 Laptop meeting on Monday 29th April to determine the viability of a Year 9 program. It is disappointing that the attendance at this meeting did not allow us to make a judgement about the viability of a Year 9 program for 2013. To move the proposal forward, Craig Hegarty will be emailing all Year 9 parents to provide them with the opportunity to have a say about the proposed program. I would encourage all Year 9 parents to complete the emailed survey to communicate your participation.

The school in conjunction with the P&C and the School Council is currently developing plans for 4 facilities development projects. Those projects are identified priorities and are part of the Master Plan for development. They are:

- Extension and expansion of the Creeker Café (one of the P&C major businesses)
- Development of the Year 7 precinct in place of the old General Studies 4 area.

These developments are a significant cost to the school and I thank the P&C Association for the continued financial support it provides to the school in facilities development.

As an Independent Public School, the School Council is the key governance group endorsing school operations. The structure of the School Council provides for 4 parent representatives and 4 staff school staff representatives. As of June 2013, there will be 2 parent representative positions vacant and 2 staff positions vacant. If you would like to nominate for a position on the School Council, nomination forms will be available from the front office. To be eligible for election as an elected parent member you must:

- Complete a nomination form prior to the parent meeting (P&C)
- Attend the P&C meeting Monday 17th June 2013.

School Musical tickets go on sale on Monday 13th May. This will be an awesome presentation so please support the students and come along and enjoy a trip down memory lane with Back to the 80’s.

Cheryl McMahon
Executive Principal

Applications are open for any parent for community member wishing to apply for the position of Chief Community Representative or Community Representative at the QCS test held at the school on 3rd and 4th September. A position description, declaration of undertaking and other documents are available from the admin office for collection. The tasks assigned are not difficult and successful applicants are
remunerated for their time. The closing date for applications is this Friday the 10th May.

Each year it is vital that the community become involved in this important process.

**Talkin ‘bout a Healthy Generation**

A successful venture targeted at the Year 11 students has now been able to inform and educate on a range of topics including adolescence, drugs and risk taking behaviours is part of the clear message that Mountain Creek State High School is taking the initiative when it comes to education the whole person in the senior school. The day was well attendee and ably supported by the Student Services Team of Tania Hill and Alex Brain (Guidance Officers), Stu Cran and Sarah Turner (Chaplains) and Kerry McLenaghan (School based Youth Health Nurse). This will now become an annual event as part of the Leadership Day for Year 11 students.

**Leadership Day**

Congratulations to Bree Brockenshire who has successfully run another Leadership Day for Year 11 students. The day recognises the official entry into the school of all Year 11 students and that their role in the school is one of leadership for all senior students, that their image to younger students is far more powerful than any words from a teacher and that the high expectations of completion, attendance and behaviour have begun. From this day students nominate for official leadership roles including school and subschool captains and specialist program leaders.

Best wishes

**Andrew Stone**  
Head of Senior School

**The pursuit of excellence with Numeracy**

In 2013 staff at Mountain Creek State High School have continued to pursue excellent outcomes for all students with their literacy and numeracy development.

Our Year 9 students have completed a numeracy diagnostic test, which was marked and analysed by a team of our Maths teachers with the support of our regional numeracy expert Rob Profitt-White. The results of these tests will be used to support students with areas of deficiency and extend students in areas in which they excel.

We would like to thank all of our Maths teachers for their commitment to excellence at Mountain Creek State High School.

**Naydeen Soward and Andrea Evans**

**Promoting Opportunity at Mountain Creek State High School**

In Week 10 of Term 1, we had the great pleasure of taking some of our Senior Leaders and year 8 and 9 students to visit our partner primary schools. These student representatives were great ambassadors for our school and promoted the excellent programs and unique organisational structures that this school offers. Our target audiences were year 7 students who will potentially be our year 8 students in 2014. We will complete our school visits by week 2, Term 2. I would like to thank all of the students who volunteered their time (some performed in front of primary school audiences) and the staff who escorted them on these school visits: Mr Graeme Breen, Ms Jess Wall and Mr Lindsay Baker.

**Andrea Evans**  
Head of Junior Secondary

**Bribie Year 8 Initiative Day**

On Friday 26 April the Year 8’s from Bribie Sub-School, under the guidance of Day Leader Ms Lee Bruynius and HOSS Mr Tim Wilson, attended a day of Challenge and Adventure at the Mapleton Camp.

The day started early with all students and teachers meeting at 6:30am for the bus trip up the hill. After an uneventful journey we were greeted by camp staff who briefed the group on some safety aspects and started to mentally prepare us for the day ahead.

The groups were divided across a range of activities including Rock Climbing, Abseiling, the Giant Swing, Leap of Faith and the Flying Fox. Each group spent 2 hours with three of these activities and the challenges that were part of participating. There were some tears and trepidation from many students who found the challenge of heights and trusting safety gear a little difficult. It was wonderful to see so many students stand up to these challenges, overcome some of their fears and suddenly find that these activities were excellent fun and very worthwhile.

There was also a very strong group feeling on the day because you had to trust your class mates because they were the ones responsible for you during the activities. The belaying at the Rock Wall was a very good example where students learnt to trust while overcoming the physical challenge of the climb and the emotional challenge of the height.
A healthy morning tea and lunch was provided along with some time to reflect and recover before fronting the next activity. Students thoroughly enjoyed the wire bridge and the various movements that they could make it do – up, down, left, right, sideways – you had to hold on! The physical nature of the day combined with the mental strain of the activities meant that the bus ride home was pretty quiet.

Many thanks to the staff at the camp for an excellent day and also to the teachers who attended – Ms Bec Williams, Ms Michelle Williams, Mr Graeme Harding, Ms Libby Richardson and Mr Andrew Soward. Our Senior Leaders, David Selvage, Beth Tolputt and Stuart Reddan provided fantastic help during the day and also thoroughly enjoyed themselves through their participation and encouragement of the younger students.

A fun day with some really excellent learning experiences for all our students!

Tim Wilson
HOD HPE

News from the Creative Industries

IB Art students’ flying start to 2013

The recent Easter holidays offered world class visual art exhibitions in Sydney this year. A group of nine students packed their bags and charged their cameras in anticipation of Australia’s most famous and controversial art prize, The Archibald. With huge Australian names like Del Kathryn Barton, Imants Tillers, Vincent Fantauzzo and Abbey McCulloch the exhibition exceeded student expectations. Joined by Mrs Chris Jefferson, Miss Tarla Varney and Ms Valentine, Year 11 and 12 Art students also viewed student exhibition Art Express, Ben Quilty’s Afganistan, 13 Room and collections at the Museum of Contemporary Art and Brett Whiteley’s Studio. This exciting opportunity will fuel ideas for art works in response to Australian culture.

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For interested Music students

The Sunshine Coast Symphony Orchestra will be performing the 7th Annual Symphony by the Sea Concert on Saturday, 11th May at the Coolum Civic Centre 2-4pm.

This outstanding, popular annual concert hosted by Development Watch and Sunshine Coast Environment Council is now in its 7th year. The Sunshine Coast Symphony Orchestra conducted by the talented Adrian King will be performing world class, magnificent music performed by exceptional, semi and fully professional musicians. Also included in the afternoons entertainment is a free generous delicious afternoon tea full of home baked goodies and wine and cheese.

Tickets are available now. Pre purchase tickets are $20 and Concession $18. Tickets at the door are $25 and $22. Tickets can be purchased online at www.developmentwatch.org.au, or in person at Bank of Queensland at Birtwill Street Coolum, Annie’s book shop at Peregian Shopping Centre and Sunshine Coast Environment Centre at Porters Lane Nambour. For more information call Sherry! on 5446 2615.

Jess Wall
A/Head of Creative Industries

It’s Almost Show Time – Back to the 80’s

As you all probably know this year is musical year at Mountain Creek State High School and tickets are about to go on sale!! This year we have included a fabulous EARLY BIRD offer but you will have to be quick to take advantage of this!! Tickets are available from Student Administration as of Monday 6th of May (week four) until 1:30pm.

6th– 10th of May: early bird week with tickets costing only $15 each!
13th of May onwards tickets are $20 each.

Show Dates:
Thursday 30th of May - 7pm start
Friday 31st of May - 7pm start
Saturday 1st of May - 2pm Matinee start, 7pm start

Yummy food produced by our Home Economics hospitality students and drinks will be available for sale at the night time performances. Hope to see you there for Back the 80’s: The Totally Awesome Musical... a musical about looking back on your high school years remembering your friends, the problems of being a teenager and your first true love!

Kate Benfield
Musical Director

AFL Program

The Mountain Creek SHS Academy welcomes a new sponsor in Suncoast Home Loans. Suncoast Home Loans along with Montezuma’s Mooloolaba support the program by donating some funds to assist with travel and uniform costs.

Future Lions Stars

Senior AFL and Mountain Creek High Sports Captain, Cameron Stevenson, has recently played four games for the Brisbane Lions Reserves. Most recently he played on ANZAC Day in Mackay against the Gold Coast Suns. In this match Cameron played alongside Lions Premiership player and Brownlow medallist Simon Black. Cameron is a part of the U18 Brisbane Lions Academy with fellow Creeker, Daniel Henderson, who both are only 16 and playing senior football for their local Maroochydore club. If these boys continue to develop their skills a bright future is ahead for both of them.

Creeker Girls Club Team Launch

Mountain Creek SHS U15 Girls AFL team has been busy training for the Sunshine Coast AFL Youth girls club competition. The Creekers will be up against established local AFL clubs from Noosa to Caloundra. The season commences with a carnival competition on Friday May 3rd at Nambour and runs through to September.

Randall Family Achieve Queensland Honours

Recently at the 16 &U AFL Queensland Championships Tahlia Randall was selected in the Queensland Team. Tahlia’s brother Adam, who was umpiring at the championships as a Sunshine Coast representative, was also awarded Queensland Honours being named as the Queensland Umpire for the National Championships.

School of Excellence

Rounds 2 and 3 for the AFLQ Schools of Excellence competition will be this term with both games being away from home in Brisbane. These are tentatively booked for Week 7 against Palm Beach Currimbin High and Week 8 against Helensvale High.

Power and School Rep Players

Congratulations to the boys that have been named in the Sunshine Power and School boys teams.
Congratulations to all our Representative players and we look forward to the Academy games later in this term.

Mr Peter Bock
AFL Coordinato
Justin Pritchett
AFL Curriculum

Interschool Sport

Team of the Week – Round One
Year 8 Boys Rugby League

The year 9 Boys Rugby League team has had the perfect start to the Central District Winter competition with a dominant performance over Unity College. The Creekers commenced the match with three tries in as many minutes. Unfortunately for the Unity boys, this set the trend for the rest of the match, with Mountain Creek clocking up sixty-two unanswered points. To Unity’s credit they tried hard to the very end in quite warm conditions.

Many of the Creeker boys shone, however it was full-back Carter Wed who was named “Man of the Match”. Carter’s try from the kick off was almost “Slater-like” and his conversion kicking was also exceptional. Bayden Goff kept his try scoring record perfect, as the big centre scored his second try in as many outings. Tom Tricky also had a great match in his final game for the Creekers. We wish Tom well as he heads to the Northern Territory to wrestle some real crocodiles.

Coach Newcombe said that overall it was a solid effort from the boys as both teams played the match in good spirit. He was especially happy with the talk in defence, giving the Unity boys very little opportunities; however he warns the boys not to get too far ahead of themselves for it will be a long and competitive season.

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**Team of the Week – Round Two**

Year 9 Girls Volleyball

Keen to defend their title as Central District Champions the Year 9 Girls Volleyball team are certainly off to a great start. Both the A and B team have clocked up 2-0 victories against Unity and Meridan and are excited about continuing their winning streak.

Hannah Smith, Maddi Spencer and Emily Baldry are fantastic acquisitions to an already strong team and have already made their mark with Hannah’s rocket overarm serve and Emily’s dominance at the net leading the way to these two strong victories. Taisha White is still the team’s most consistent all round player, while Taalii Fakraufon’s excellent passes have set the team up for many attacking plays. Coach Wilson is very pleased with the progress of the team as they are starting to play some solid volleyball with a great depth of skilled players in both teams.

This team has enormous potential given their athleticism and their fast improvement. It is also the attitude of the girls that shows how much they enjoy the game and the effort they put into it.

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**Volleyball B** W 2
**Andrew Denny**  
**Sports Coordinator**

**Trish Buckley Volleyball**

Over the past two weeks our intrepid Volleyballers have been competing in the Trish Buckley Shield competition. This has been held at the Caloundra Indoor Centre with Mountain Creek providing six different teams with one team in each available division.

The young Creekers have, so far, acquitted themselves very well. The Year 10 Girls and the Year 8 Boys remain undefeated in all their matches. The Year 10 and 9 Boys have been working really hard and are extremely competitive with a mix of wins and losses. The Year 8 Girls have improved dramatically and have a won a couple of matches against more highly fancied opposition. The Year 9 Girls also have a mix of wins and losses but are playing with much more confidence and are quickly developing into a very competent team.

The older Creekers assistant coaches have been awesome – the program is certain fortunate to have this group of Year 11 and 12’s who are prepared to give up their time to come along and help with coaching and organising. The students include Lateisha Kenny, Ash Arrowsmith, Lachlan Hooper, Jaimme-Lea Dishington and former students Katharine Needham, Ben Abbott and Jess Wheatley.

The final round of this competition will be held on Friday 17 May and results on this night will determine final placings for all the teams. Good luck to all our Volleyballers!

**Representative Volleyball**

Five of our girls and two of our boys have been selected in the Sunshine Coast 15 & U Volleyball teams. These students will be playing at the Queensland State Championships at Caloundra from May 9 to May 12. These students are: Tim Palk, Jacob Hutchinson, Keeley Hamilton, Delfina Sutjiadi, Olivia Carlisle, Kate Kershaw and Caitlin Bettenay. Go get ‘em Creekers!!!

Two of our girls have also been selected in Volleyball Queensland teams to contest the Australian Junior Championships in Canberra in July. Caitlin Bettenay has been chosen in the Queensland #1 Maroon team while Jaimme-Lea Dishington is in the White team. These girls will do the Creek proud on the National Championships level.

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

**Spin Off 2013 Gym Bike Challenge for Chaplains**

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

We have an upcoming fundraiser- Spin Off 2013: Gym Bike Challenge which seeks to raise some funds to enable us to continue the work we 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!

We have one staff team entered in the competition so if you would like to support any of the staff in their efforts head to this website: https://event.goregister.com.au/spinoff2013/fundraise/page/100057157/
Thanks heaps for all your support!

Sarah and Stu
Chaplains

Healthy Lifestyle Tips

With the season changing it is a good time to remind students, parents and the school community not to be complacent about the flu as it is a highly contagious and serious disease.

Symptoms may include sudden fever, cough, muscle aches and pains, fatigue, headache, sore throat or a stuffy or runny nose.

If your child has flu-like symptoms, the following is advised:

- keep your child at home and don’t send them to school;
- avoid letting them visit aged care facilities and hospitals, if possible, so that they don’t pass the infection to others who may be at risk of complications;
- ensure your child washes their hands regularly with soap and water or uses a alcohol based hand gel;
- encourage them to cough into a tissue;
- make sure they dispose of tissues quickly and wash their hands;
- if a tissue is not immediately available, sneeze or cough into elbow, not hands;
- use warm water and a neutral detergent to keep surfaces such as door handles, kitchen bench tops, phones and toys clean;
- ensure they drink plenty of fluids and get lots of rest; and
- If symptoms persist, please consult your GP or call 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) if you are concerned about their symptoms.

Children with some existing medical conditions are at increased risk of complications and parents are recommended to have them vaccinated against influenza each year. These conditions include:

- heart disease;
- severe asthma;
- chronic lung condition;
- chronic illness requiring medical follow-up or hospitalisation in the past year;
- diseases of the nervous system;
- impaired immunity; or
- diabetes

Kerry McClenaghan
Youth Health Nurse

Kaelan Deserves Your Support

Kaelan Lockhart one of our Year 11 students has made it as a finalist for the Qld Healthy Water Ways Awards in the category of School and Education Group Water Warrior Award – Secondary. The award that led to his nomination was a result of his involvement in the 2 week Bunya To Bay adventure he participated in last September which had a focus on environmental science, as well as a great component of adventure based activities including kayaking, mountain bike riding, hiking and camping out. Along the way there was a lot of water testing and analysis, interesting after the Brisbane floods!!, and the assignment that Kaelan produced and extended during the school holidays, plus his enthusiasm during the adventure, led to him being awarded the SEQ Water Grid Young Water Leader Award, and the school receiving $500 in gift vouchers to be used for an environmental project and a trophy as a school award from Kaelan’s efforts and now he has this nomination.

The award will be presented at a Gala Dinner in Brisbane on the 31st May – Best Wishes Kaelan!

The competition is tough but we would love you to support Kaelan with a vote for him in the People’s Choice award!

If you use the link below it should take you to the website. Have a look at the profiles for the various awards and if you scroll down towards the end you will see a photo of Kaelan on the back of a boat. There is also a paragraph about Kaelan’s efforts and some personal details. At the start of the first page, on the right, is a chance for you to vote for your people’s choice (we are hoping it is Kaelan!!), and by voting you also go into the draw for a cash prize!

Please provide the link to anyone who would be happy to support him!

http://healthywaterwaysawards.org/award/
peoples-choice-award/

Cheryl McMahon

Gideons International offer New Testaments for year 8 students

As Parents, you may recall receiving one of these little red New Testaments yourself, particularly if you went to school in Australia. Each year, Gideons offer each year 8 student a free New Testament of the Bible. The Gideons are an international movement of Christian business men and woman who provide free Bibles in many locations such as Hotel rooms, different forms of transport such as cruise ships and also to school students around the world. This term during a year 8 pastoral care assembly, members of the local Gideons will come to the school to make available a free Bible. Please note that your student will not be obliged to take a new testament if they or you as parents do not wish them to. This New Testament is made freely available from the work of the Gideons.

Stu Cran and Lindsay Baker

Request for Nominations for positions on the School Local Chaplaincy Committee

What is a LCC?

A Local Chaplaincy Committee (LCC) is an advisory body to the principal of a school for the development and implementation of
the school chaplaincy program. At Mountain Creek, our LCC is needed to cover 3 Chaplains (2 in the High School and 1 in the Primary).

The Mountain Creek LCC will meet once a month throughout the school year.

Please consider being part of this committee which supports a very valuable resource - 2 Chaplains MCSHS and 1 Chaplain at MCSS.

**Secretary** (may be combined with role of the treasurer)

- Distribute agenda to LCC members prior to each LCC meeting.
- Record and distribute minutes for each LCC meeting in a timely manner.
- Maintain a register of attendance at LCC meetings.
- Receive and present chaplaincy correspondence at LCC meetings.
- Distribute the Chaplain’s quarterly newsletter to supporters, including all local churches. This can be done via Church Liaison (where one exists) and/or Church Representatives where appropriate.
- Other administrative tasks as required.
- This role may be combined with the role of Treasurer if required.

**Treasurer** (may be combined with the role of the secretary)

- Receive and analyse financial reports from SU Qld Finance Dept.
- Prepare and present a financial overview at the monthly LCC meetings.
- Ensure that all fundraising activities and events comply with GST requirements.
- Liaise with SU Qld Finance Dept.
- This role may be combined with the role of Secretary if required.

**Marketing Coordinator**

- Facilitate and coordinate Chaplaincy profile

**Fundraising Coordinator:**

- Facilitate and coordinate fundraising initiatives, events and activities.

These two roles may be combined.

If you are interested in applying for the LCC please contact Student Services on 5457 8304 and speak with either of the school chaplains, Stu and Sarah.