From the Principal

Congratulations to all those families who have finalised the very important discussions around subject selection for 2014, including the Year 12 students who are applying for further education through QTAC or an apprenticeship or traineeship post-secondary. There is a very clear alignment between career pathway articulation and performance in the secondary phase of education. For families who have not finalised subject selection, I would ask that this process be completed and forms returned to the school administration. If any further discussion around subject selection is required please do not hesitate to make an appointment with the appropriate Head of School.

As we approach the end of another very busy term, I would like to remind students of the requirement to be in attendance for exam sessions scheduled for both the senior and junior students. Exam schedules are available for all year levels in preparation for the end of term assessment. Our Year 12 OP eligible students sit the Queensland Core Skills test on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday the 4th September. The QCS Test contributes information for the calculation of Overall Positions (OPs), which are used to rank students for tertiary entrance. All students in year 12 should be focussed on completion of courses of study in all strands to ensure that the next step in their education or career pathway is successfully achieved. Our goal is to ensure that our students exit the school with a relevant certification to enable them to have access to employment or further education and training.

240 eager Year 7 students attended our transition day on Friday 30th August. Students were able to participate in a range of activities and tour our school site and facilities in preparation for their transition to Year 8 in 2014. For some students the transition experience is an opportunity to experience a large school context and to see the specialist facilities that support the programs available to secondary students. These students will participate in a more in-depth transition program when they commence secondary school in January 2014.

Looking further ahead, parents of students in Year 5 in our feeder schools were invited to attend the Year 7 into secondary forum held at Mountain Creek State School on Monday 2nd September. Parents and students had access to specialist staff and to information directly relating to the first year of transition of Year 7 students to secondary. Of particular interest was the pastoral care, curriculum and facilities planned for our first group of students. Thank you to the Principal Robert Van Den Heuvel, Deputy Principal Noel Baggs and the Mountain Creek SS P&C for hosting the forum.

In the past week, with the assistance of our newly appointed Grants Writer, we have submitted 2 applications for grants to support the provision of large fans in the Student Centre in preparation for summer and for the refurbishments to our school canteen. If successful, these grants or subsidies will assist with the list of planned projects which were presented to the Finance Committee and the School Council on Monday 26th August.

Thank you to the parents who volunteered to share their career information with students at our recent Careers Night. Your experience is a valuable resource for our school community. I am delighted with the opportunities available to our hospitality students through a reciprocal partnership with Via Italia in Mooloolaba. Thank you to the staff at Via Italia for their support and to our own hospitality staff for their commitment to our students.

Students in our Allied Health Certificate III program shared with me their experiences in a range of settings completing their work placement in a variety of allied health facilities. Many of the students indicated that the placement allowed them to experience first-hand the scope of careers in Allied Health. For some it was a little confronting but also very rewarding and confirmed their decision to follow this career pathway either at a paraprofessional or professional level. We continue to look for opportunities to partner with business large and small, school and local community organisations on the Sunshine Coast. I would be interested to hear from any business or organisation about potential partnerships for providing reciprocal advantage for our school and the business/community.

And a final reminder that Term 3 finishes on Friday 20th September and full attendance is required up to and including this day.

Cheryl McMahon
Executive Principal

From the Head of Senior School

OPAL MAKING AN ECO IMPACT

An outstanding graduate from 2012, Opal Stembaum is making a real impact on the conscience of Young Australians with her appointment as State AYCC QLD State Coordinator. Here is her story.

Hey, my name is Opal and I graduated from MCSHS last year. In year 11, I went to a three day summit in Brisbane called Power Shift, hosted by the Australian Youth Climate Coalition (AYCC), who are building a generation-wide movement to solve
the climate crisis. I was so inspired to take action that I grabbed some friends and formed what is now EcoYouth, the school’s environmental committee. While in year 12, AYCC developed my leadership skills through regular public speaking and networking events, and I even travelled to Melbourne for leadership trainings. After graduating, I moved to Brisbane to undertake a Bachelor of Engineering at UQ, and became the Volunteer Support Coordinator for AYCC QLD. While finding work-university balance was a challenge, I was able to take part in all sorts of stuff, like speaking on live radio, or chasing Tony Abbott and the Prime Minister around, dressed in a Nemo costume before the election. Over time, I realised how important the climate crisis was to me, and eventually took on the role of AYCC QLD State Coordinator.

If there’s anything that this experience has taught me, it’s that the time to act is now. Don’t wait until you graduate high school or university to do what you are passionate about. Do everything you can now, and I promise you won’t regret it. EcoYouth is doing some amazing things at school, you should definitely get involved if you’re even the slightest bit interested!

AYCC has become an integral part of my life over the past two years, and I’m so glad I could share my journey with all you Creekers!

CALTEX ALL ROUNDER APPLICATIONS CLOSE END OF TERM

Any students in Year 12 wishing to apply for the Caltex All Rounder Award for Awards Night are asked to complete and submit an application to the office before the end of term. The categories and application guide are attached to the form. Applications are available at the administration office.

Best Wishes
Andrew Stone

Junior Secondary

I am currently acting in the position of Head of Junior Secondary in the absence of Mrs Evans while she is on leave until the end of the term. The term to date has been an extremely busy one from the athletics carnival, to the Fraser Initiative days. It has been great to see so many junior students involved in the Student Forum last week where they all put forward their ideas of how they could make their school a better place.

Year 7 Transition Day

Thank-you to all staff and students that were involved in the transition day last week where we had over 240, Year 7 students come to the Creek to learn about what to expect in the coming year. They sampled some of the sports on offer and had the opportunity to visit some of the faculties within the school. The students to whom I spoke had a wonderful time and that is because of the warm welcome they received from the students here at the school.

Junior Secondary Forum

This week we saw a large number of Year 5 students and their families from across the coast attend a forum to discuss the transition of Year 7 students in 2015. This was well received and all families went away with answers to a lot of questions about the process at Mountain Creek SHS. The school’s aim is to make this a smooth transition for this first group of year 7 students, including the creation of a distinct Year 7 precinct where students will be studying their core classes.

Craig Hegarty
Acting Head of Junior Secondary

Senior School News

Headstart Program Information Evening – 4th September

Is your student keen to experience university and prepare for future studies? USC’s Headstart program has seen over 900, Year 11 and 12 students from across the Sunshine Coast and surrounding regions study university courses while still
VET IN SCHOOLS OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2014

The Sunshine Coast TAFE Vet in Schools Website is currently being updated with new course information and will be available for Direct Entry Expressions of Interest as of 29th August 2014.

Courses are listed below

Direct Entry – From August 29th students can complete an expression of interest on line at the following link: http://www.sunshinecoast.tafe.qld.gov.au/Schools/Pages/ Course-Information.aspx to find detailed information on the courses and lodge their Expression of Interest.

Students and VET Coordinators will then be contacted when the courses are open for enrolment and it will then be a first come first served enrolment basis. Any students who have already submitted an expression of interest for 2014 courses will also be contacted in this process.

Applications –

Health Applications and Music Application – Students need to obtain an application form from Donna Lancaster and return completed application form to administration no later than 20th September 2013.

Every new student enrolling with Sunshine Coast TAFE will require a completed and signed (by parent or guardian) New Student Details form and a signed Letter of Authorisation from the school.

Please contact Donna Lancaster on 54578333 for further information, application forms and letter of authorisation.

Direct Entry Courses – I day per week

Certificate III in Fitness
Certificate III in Applied Fashion Design and Technology
Certificate III in Hospitality
Certificate III in Tourism Certificate II in Makeup
Certificate II in Kitchen Operations
Certificate II in Hairdressing
Certificate II in Nail Tech
Certificate III in Information, Digital Media and Technology
Certificate III in Technical Production
Certificate III in Music Business
Certificate I Construction (Doorways to construction)
Certificate II Electrotechnology

Courses via Application Only

Cert III Health Administration
Certificate III Allied Health
Certificate IV in Music Business

Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths and Urban Development Holiday Workshops

23 September 2013

QUT has a range of FREE engaging and inspirational events and workshops for year 10 - 12 students covering all experience levels. Students will have an opportunity to experience the STEM disciplines with practical and innovative workshops delivered by QUT STEM students. Numbers are limited for all workshops, registrations required.

Wednesday 25 September - Discover QUT

A full day of dedicated information sessions for parents, course information sessions for year 10, 11 and 12 students and hands-on 60minute workshops across science, technology, engineering, mathematics and urban development to choose from:

Create a City: Students will test their town planning and collaboration skills to create a miniature city.

Little Bits: Receive an understanding of electronics through demonstration of concepts, with each bit having a specific
function: light, sound, responsive sensor, switch, threshold, pulse, or motor.

**Processing 101**: Design by numbers: Receive an introduction to computational design and programming through the instant gratification of visual feedback, such as images, animations and interactions.

**Exploration of the Science and Engineering Centre**: The centre is a sustainable showpiece, certified with a 5-star Green star rating, the centre offers an environment that all future QUT students will want to be immersed in!

**Monday 30 September - Engineering and Technology at QUT**

Developed especially for Year 11 and 12 students, this faculty-wide initiative will combine facilities tours, keynote lectures and interactive workshops to explore real-world research in engineering and technology (Monday) and science and mathematics (Tuesday).

Modelled off the first year science and engineering degrees, students will collaborate and apply their creativity and investigative skills on complex research topics such as: addressing environmental issues; solving problems in the energy, food and medical sectors; and improving information dissemination and security. They will work in teams of 3-4 and present their findings at the conclusion of the day.

**Tuesday 1 October - Science and Mathematics at QUT**

Using the Brisbane City plan, year 11 and 12 students will work collaboratively and compete against each other in the 'create a city' urban planning challenge. The one day workshop aims to increase awareness and positive perception of urban development and engineering courses and will include Industry mentorship.

For the full program and to register, visit [www.qut.edu.au/science-engineering](http://www.qut.edu.au/science-engineering)

**Resource Centre**

**With a Little Help from your Friends….**

Staff from the Resource Centre would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the ongoing support from students both past and present who have volunteered their services over time. Courtney Jones has been volunteering in the Resource Centre for just under two years assisting with shelving. Stephanie Foster also joins us weekly on a Friday as a part of her Certificate II Workplace Practice. Stephanie has completed her Induction into the Workplace with us, which includes knowledge of OH&S procedures, knowing who to ask if assistance is required and finding your way around a new workplace.

The girls have very different personalities and bring a wonderful sense of pride and satisfaction into the workplace. Both young ladies demonstrate commitment and a clear understanding of the value of a strong work ethic.

In addition to Courtney and Stephanie, Quinn Kerr is a student from the past who, after an extraordinary amount of study – most current being, her Masters Program in Information and Technology Advanced Library and Information Science has continued to support the Resource Centre staff. Quinn has been involved in cataloguing and shelving and creating charity boxes of old/unrequired texts for Buddies Buderim that go off to a Welcome Hub in Brisbane. Quinn has assisted in the Resource Centre and provided valuable access to community contacts that have provided a new life for old resources. Quinn is also negotiating with Trisha Valentine the development of databases that will be extremely helpful for students.

Please make the ladies feel welcome when you see them around the Resource Centre – it just goes to show that so much can be achieved with a little help from your friends. Quinn has brought insight into the Resource Centre and is fast becoming a valued presence.

Welcome Ladies and thank you for your ongoing support.

**Elizabeth Mullighan**

**Resource Centre**

**News from the Creative Industries**

**The Creek cleans up at CGEN Art Excellence!**

2014 will see yet another one of our Mountain Creek SHS Visual Art students’ names up in lights. Year 12 student Nathan Griscti’s series of three beautiful drawings will adorn the walls of the Gallery of Modern Art as part of the 2013 Creative Generation Excellence in Visual Art Awards Exhibition. Year 12 students Kristy Barker and Cathy McKenna were also shortlisted for the Excellence Awards. Congratulations Nathan, Kristy and Cathy!
Year 9 Visual Art students see what it takes to win big

Year 9 Art classes travelled to the Caloundra Regional Gallery to view this year’s Sunshine Coast Art Prize, a national competition attracting many of the country’s best artists competing for $40,000 in prize money. Students viewed firsthand the exciting work of the 40 finalists and spent the afternoon viewing and discussing the art from many different perspectives.

Music to your ears

Our saxophone quartet is a busy group of ladies! The girls performed at one of the recent Via Italia Restaurant nights, and as always, were a credit to our thriving Music Department. Thank you to Calvin Hunter for coordinating the students, and also to our young musicians Ashleigh Howell, Alyssa Pagomenos, Georgia Rolls and Ebony Blackstone.

Sonya Lutje takes the stage

Year 12 student Sonya Lutje entered the Sunshine Coast Eisteddfod recently. As well as receiving 1st place for the 16-18 yr Musical Theatre vocal solo, she also won the Alison Goodwin trophy for the highest score for 14-18 yrs Musical Theatre, and furthermore, placed 3rd in Contemporary 16-18 yrs vocal solo. Sonya’s achievements this year continue, also receiving two bronze medals while representing Australia at the World Championships of Performing Arts which was held in Los Angeles in July this year for solo performances in Country and Contemporary. Some fantastic achievements Sonya, well done!

Jess Wall
A/Head of Creative Industries

SCIENCE

Dreamworld Excursion

On Monday the 29th of July, 52 lucky physics students and four even luckier teachers went on an excursion to the Dreamworld theme park located on the Gold Coast. The day started off cloudy but, as if by fate, the clouds parted and light shone from the firmament as the bus speedily rolled over the Gateway on its two hour journey.

The students spent the day at Dreamworld taking precise measurements, trekking between rides, and putting their very lives (not to mention their lunches) at risk all in the name of science. The teachers oversaw this fervent activity from the relative safety of the café patio, providing encouragement and guidance when needed.

The sky only became clearer and the students’ enthusiasm and excitement only became more intense as the day wore on. At 3 pm, everyone gathered and the bus left the wondrous land of thrills and spills. The exhausted students, content in themselves and satisfied by a hard day’s work took the opportunity for well-deserved naps as the bus smoothly glided back across the Gateway from whence it came. Perhaps symbolically, much in the same fashion as its opening earlier that day, the sky abruptly closed and the rain came down upon the intrepid bus as it drew nearer to its destination.

All in all, the perfect day to be a physicist.

National Youth Science Forum

The NYSF is a unique 12-day program that offers students entering their final year of secondary school the opportunity to test drive careers in the fields of science, engineering and technology. Sessions are run in Canberra and Perth, where students have the opportunity to live on campus as a university student for twelve days. Students gain an insider’s perspective
on campus life, and experience real science at a range of laboratories and workshops.

Students have the opportunity to see how study links into careers by engaging with scientists from universities, industry and research organisations, whose operations are built around innovative science and engineering.

Students will discuss and debate hot topics and key challenges in science, and pick up the knowledge, skills and perspectives that will take them successfully through year 12 and into a future of their choosing. The January session is a gateway to many unique events and opportunities such as the NYSF Next Step Program and the NYSF International Program. This year Rotary is supporting two of our Mountain Creek students. Congratulations to Finlay Gordon and Kaelan Lockhart who were both selected to attend the Canberra Forum in January 2014. This is the first year we have had two successful applicants for this elite program.

Science Competition Results

There have been fantastic results achieved from the two major competitions offered in Science throughout the year. James Bury and Katie Genn both scored above 85% and received a Distinction in the Big Science Competition, with several other students receiving a credit.

In the ICAS Science Competition this year Finlay Gordon, Abbey Van de Vorst, Liam Canvin and Griffin Kooy all received High Distinctions which places them in the top 1% of students in their year level. Overall students at Mountain Creek received: 4 High Distinctions, 32 Distinctions and 115 Credits testament to the outstanding quality of our students, the opportunities available to students and the quality of science teaching at the Creek.

Maths and Art – A Wonderfully Creative Mix

At the end of term 2, the Maths faculty conducted a cross curriculum competition for year 8 and year 9 classes. The brief was to design a Mandala, Tessellation or Flag. Students were given a background on the Mathematics involved in all of these areas and examples of each that are widely used across many parts of the world. There were many entries and students had a lot of fun participating in these artistic fields of Maths in the last week. The work has been displayed in the library and will remain on display for the remainder of this term. The overall winners were:

Mandala - Courtney Murphy 8S, Krista Stock 8M, Courtney Whitehead 9J, Angelica Choppin 9N.
Tessellation – Katie Gaukroger 8S
Flag – Isabella Blackstone - 9S, Brittany Malcolmson - 8S.

Social Science

An Indian Feast

This term the year 12 Ancient History students have been delving into the inventions, innovations and technologies of ancient India and what better way to celebrate a successful term with a trip to an Indian restaurant. Not only did these students get to feast on vegetarian samosas, chicken teriyaki, butter chicken, Dahl and lamb madras they also learnt a little bit more about the Indian culture and heritage.
Third Annual SOSE Photo Competition

With so many of us sporting SLR cameras it seemed only natural to hold a photo competition at school. This competition, run by the Social Science department, aimed to challenge students and teachers ideas and to challenge them to think outside the box in order to snap the winning photo. This year’s winners are:

Megan Smith – Category Animals
Maddie Kealey – Category Spirit
Hannah Lindsay – Category Dreamtime
Laura Hudson – Category Landscape
Claudia Fontania – People’s Choice Award
Andrew Soward – Teacher Competition Winner

Thank you to all who made this an amazing event - can’t wait to see all the entries for next year.

Kate Benfield
HOD Social Science

Young ICT Explorers

A group of 4 students attended the ICT Explorers competition on Saturday 10th August, accompanied by Mr. Gary Humm who had coordinated the group to develop their project.

Over a period of 6-8 weeks the group spent their lunchtimes working together to plan and develop a computer game aimed at Middle and Senior Primary Students with a focus on protecting the environment. Some of the other competing schools had worked on projects ranging from developing robotics solutions, robotic games and high-end programming and considering the brief time spent on our project (some schools had spent 1-2yrs in the project development) we experienced a great outcome. The feedback from the judging panel was very positive and encouraging.

This was the first year MCSHS had entered the competition and considering the limited time we had to prepare, it was very revealing to see what other schools were involved with. With a number of other students already expressing interest in being involved next year, there is a degree of confidence that we can again put together a team(s) for next year and find another challenge to tackle.

We will be looking for current Year 8 & 9 students to contact Mr Humm (Fraser) or Mr Breen (Stradbroke) if they are interested in being involved for the competition for 2014. Planning will commence in early Term 4.

IT Support for the Laptop Program

Turnaround times for repairs to student laptops continue to be very quick and responsive. After talking to parents over the last few weeks though, it appears that many students are not bringing their laptops in for repairs as they are concerned they will be without it for an extended period of time while it is being repaired.

Please note that we have dedicated loan laptops that we provide to students if we cannot repair their device within 24 hours. It is extremely important that laptops are repaired as soon as any damage is sustained.

The IT Support team is very keen to reassure all students and parents that we are constantly striving to deliver a timely and quality support process for all of our IT fleet, including for the several hundred student laptops.

Young Developers

Over the past 5 weeks MCSHS has been running a special program for students from the local primary schools called Young Developers. It was an opportunity for students from primary schools to experience the digital design courses offered at Mountain Creek State High School (MCSHS), specifically mobile apps.

The students from Year 7 are all interested in the design and development of apps for mobile devices, such as smart phones, tablets, etc. During the program they showed they also have the capability to work independently and enjoyed the problem solving required. The mobile app created was determined by the student.
The sessions were held weekly on-campus at Mountain Creek State High School each Wednesday afternoon. Some excellent apps were produced and students produced quite detailed designs followed by evaluations of their apps. Topics covered by students in their apps included: Health App for Accident Victims, West-Tigers app, Health and Beauty Tips, Game Reviews, Console Reviews, Fishing Guide, Geek Weekly, Buderim Mountain State School, and many others.

Students were rewarded for their hard work and excellent app development skills with drink bottles from the University of Queensland, watches from Google and various other items.

Graeme Breen
A/HOD IT and Teaching & Learning

Sports Department

Red Lion Cup Success

This week saw our boys qualify, for the second successive year, for the Final Series of the Queensland wide Red Lion Cup Football. Coach, Mark Thompson, was glowing in his report of the play and attitude shown by the Creekers in the qualifying match against Rockhampton Grammar. Rocky Grammar is a school of excellence in Football and has a strong and proud tradition of success on the pitch. The Creekers, for the third year in a row, managed to keep our own tradition of playing outstanding Football on the road by defeating Rocky 2 – 1. The match was played in excellent spirit and the defining moment was the penalty saved by goalkeeper, Jake Margerison late in the game to ensure the victory.

The team has now qualified for the Queensland Finals and unlike 2012 when we travelled to Cairns, this weekend tournament is being hosted here on the Sunshine Coast. This will be held early in Term 4 – good luck to the team for the Finals.

Mountain Creek drew 4th ranked Marsden SHS in what was a very physical, fast paced game that proved to be the closest and best game of the day.

After a tough opening 10 minutes of end to end footy, Marsden were the first to score, however the Creekers soon hit back with good ball movement from Harry Elliot-Howell and Dana Purssell that had Nat McGavin score in the corner to level the scores. Marsden scored next to go to a 8-4 lead, however a clever piece of play between halves Devlin Long & Jayden Clissold should of seen the Creeker’s take the lead at half-time, if not for the last bounce of a chip kick going astray.

Marsden took the score to 14-4 with a try 10 minutes into the second-half, however when Nat McGavin scored his second and Devlin Long converted from the sideline, the Creekers were back. The next piece of play could only be described as amazing. A precision cross field kick from Devlin Long and an absolutely spectacular leap by Nat McGavin to score his 3rd try had the scores tied up once again at 14-14.

With a large crowd watching on, both teams played out the next 10 minutes. Something had to give and Marsden finally cracked our defence with 5 minutes to go. The Creekers had one last opportunity through a set move in which the lightning fast Jayden Clissold sliced through, only to be pulled down 1m short of the try line.

In a truly amazing effort against a Schoolboys Rugby League heavyweight the Creekers were narrowly defeated 20-14. Both myself and Mr Cam Boaza are so proud of their effort and achievement. In getting to this stage , the team were undefeated in their previous 12 games against the biggest and best rugby league schools in QLD. Well done boys.

Mr Dan Roberts.

Outstanding Sporting Success.

Mikayla Williams 8M competed at the Qld State 2013 School Marathon Kayaking Championships at Currumbin on the weekend of August 23rd. She competed for Mountain Creek State High School and wore school colours whilst she raced. She received a Bronze medal for the Female Under 13 K1 3000m event and won a Gold medal in the Female Under 13 TK2 3000m event with her partner. Congratulations Mikayla.

OPEN RUGBY LEAGUE-GIO CUP (QLD QUARTER-FINALS)

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Moreton Year 8 Initiative Day

On Friday August the 16th the students from year 8 in Moreton attended an initiative day with several teachers from Moreton at Mapleton outdoor Centre.

This was an incredible day with so many wonderful activities and experiences the students will never forget. Students participated in Abseiling, Flying Fox, Gliding Possum, Leap of Faith, Climbing Wall and the Giant Swing. As their HOSS, I was so impressed with the way students supported each other and encouraged their friends to challenge their fears and go beyond their normal experiences. Some quotes from the day about what students enjoyed:

Supportive comments from people: “Getting to know people better” “ Activities”, “ Everything”, “Everyone had a go and helped everyone out”, “Everyone got along kindly”, “Know my limits a bit better”, “Got to know myself better”, “Got to know people in my class more”.

Thanks 8M, 8N, 8O, 8P students for a fantastic time.

Mrs Naydeen Soward
Moreton Year 8 HOSS

Chess Champions

The 2013, Sunshine Coast Interschool Chess Championships was a great success. The 8 boys entered into the competition were a bit nervous but I was confident we had a competitive team as our lunchtime practice sessions over the last week demonstrated their chess abilities and provided an opportunity for the team to fine-tune their tournament strategies. I identified Mathew Flinders as the team to beat, however Chancellor State College was the defending champion school. We had 2 teams entered and they were both very competitive.

All of the boys who competed were a credit to the school and really enjoyed the experience. Our top team finished on 15.5 points which secured the Bronze medal and was only 0.5 points off Chancellor who finished second. Mathew Flinders finished in first on 19 points. Matthew Gillis was our most successful competitor. Matthew lost his last game which was a playoff for the gold medal against the highest rated player competing. He was a year 12 student from Matthew Flinders and went through the competition undefeated with his toughest opponent proving to be our Matthew Gillis. This was the only game Matthew lost all tournament and for this tremendous effort, he took home the bronze medal. Our boys impressed all today with the way they conducted themselves and their performance as a team. A team and individual Bronze medal is a great result for our first attempt.

Todd Brutnell

Student Services

40 Hour Famine

Thank you all for your support of the 40 Hour Famine 2013. We had a huge number of student participants this year, all wanting to make a difference for world hunger. We are currently reminding all students to return their Famine Guides and all money collected in a marked envelope to Student Services as soon as possible.

For more information and to make a donation, go to: www.40hf.com.au/MountainCreekSHS

No Limits program 2013

Each year the Chaplains Stu and Sarah run a leadership development program for a group of Grade 10 students. This year’s program involved 10 male students and 10 female students who participated in the program over Term 2 and 3. The program focuses on leadership and achieving potential through a range of challenges and activities. Term 2 involved activities in class that focused on different values such as trust, respect and resilience. The students then participated in a ropes day at Luther Heights campsite in Coolum.

Term 3 involved the students heading out on a 3 day wilderness trek at Sunday Creek Environmental Centre (out past Kenilworth). The students spent three days, hiking just under 50kms, up and down hilly terrain, carrying 12kg backpacks with all their food and belongings for the trek. It proved to be a fantastic but very challenging experience for all involved.

All students put in an exceptional effort over the last two terms and have achieved many positive outcomes for both themselves and those around them.

Sarah Turner – Chaplain