With just two weeks of term two remaining, students will be preparing for end semester exams. An exam timetable was provided to students earlier in the term to enable an appropriate study schedule leading up to this exam session. This exam session and any summative assessment conducted during the term will provide an indication of student progress towards exit at the end of the year.

For year 12 students this will be a clear indication of their progress towards their QCE, VET qualifications or their OP/IB Diploma. For Years 8 – 11, your end semester results provide an opportunity for a review of your education plan for Semester 2 and beyond.

At Education and Career Planning Interviews in August, you will be asked to select your education program for 2015 and pre-requisites for study will be applied to your course selection. It is important that where pre-requisites have not been met, students set goals to meet prerequisites during Semester 2. This may mean more time on task in class, better review processes at home, more targeted attention to assignments or subject change negotiated with the appropriate Head of Faculty.

Thank you to all parents for your continued support of the school throughout Term 2. The programs we offer parents and students are aligned with our purpose of ensuring effective communication between home and school to ensure the best educational outcomes and social emotional development for the students we enrol. During Term 3, we will offer information evenings on Queensland Core Skills Test and Tertiary Applications for Year 12 (QTAC), Subject Selection ECP Interviews for all students, Careers Expo and Information Night and Year 4/5 Young Scholars’ information night. The dates will be published in the first newsletter next term.

Recently the school was involved in a Discipline Audit that is part of the requirements for all State schools. The audit required a current Principal to audit our processes for managing student behaviour in the school including our teaching and learning focus. I am very pleased to advise that at the exit meeting the auditor congratulated the school community on the very posite processes that we have in place for ensuring that students are able to study in a safe secure and supportive school environment. The full report will be available in a few weeks at which time I will release this report via the school website.

Thank you for providing the support that is so important in the successful education programs that we offer at Mountain Creek State High school.

Cheryl McMahon
Executive Principal

From the Head of Senior School

Graduation

The arrangements for Graduation have not been finalised but the following guidelines are definite so that parents and students can begin to make the bookings they require for this event.

Thursday 20th November – Day Ceremony and Guard of Honour, this is a uniform event and students will be guided about acceptable standards and behaviour so this is safe, enjoyable and respectful.

Friday 21st November – Night ceremony, students will not be required to be at the graduation venue until 4.45pm, at Suncoast Auditorium.

QCS

Students in year 12 who have completed the second practice have had this data now sent away for marking. The data will be available to the school in Week 10, and to students after the holidays. The individualised rotational classes continue until 22nd August.
Uniform

With winter now here, there are increasing issues with uniform variations. Please be aware that students MUST wear the approved uniform to school each day. Failure to do so without the appropriate documentation will result in a detention should their non-compliance be consistent. Winter uniforms are available from the uniform shop at Student Services.

Study skills tip for June – Having set times for schoolwork

Many students when they come home from school end up just waiting until they might ‘feel’ like doing schoolwork. Or else they drag the work out over the whole night. A much better way to work is each night have set allocated times for schoolwork, 2-3 half hour blocks. During this time students should do homework first, then work on any assignments or upcoming tests, then use the rest of the time allocated for schoolwork to independent learning activities. All distractions should be removed during this time, so students learn to focus for 20-30 minute blocks of time.

Some of the benefits for students of having set times allocated for schoolwork are:

• You are more likely to do the work if you know when to start and when to end.
• You will be more effective when you remove distractions and learn to focus for 20-30 minute blocks.
• In all the times NOT allocated to schoolwork you can do whatever you like without feeling guilty about it.
• Having set times stops arguments between students and parents as everyone has agreed when the timeslots allocated to students will be.
• You know that you are definitely doing enough work for school.
• Keeping schoolwork and personal life separate means you will be able to manage all of the distractions in your life and still complete your work for school.

Learn more this year about how to improve your results and be more efficient and effective with your schoolwork by working through the units on www.studyskillshandbook.com.au.

You can also print a sheet outlining independent learning activities (click on the More menu then on Things to Print). Our school’s access details are:

Username: formchshsonly
Password: 75results

Year 12 Outcomes report

The Queensland Studies Authority recently released the Year 12 Outcomes report. This report lists the results for the 2013 Year 12 graduates from each school in Queensland.

Mountain Creek State High School graduated the third highest number of Year 12 students (341) in 2013 behind Brisbane State High (388) and Kirwan State High School (351). Our outcomes have ensured that 94% of our OP eligible and IBDP students (201) received a tertiary placement offer; 183 VET Certificates were awarded and 38 School Based Apprenticeships.

These outcomes provided this very large and diverse cohort of students with relevant and viable certification for further education, training or employment which is the desired graduation outcome for this school.

Best Wishes

Andrew Stone
Head of Senior School

From the Head of Middle School

From the Head of Junior Secondary

As term 2 draws to a close please ensure that your year 8 and 9 students complete all assessment and exams prior to the holiday break. Students need to be ‘putting in’ their maximum effort towards achieving their best possible outcomes for the end of this semester. In week 5, term 3 they will be asked to choose subjects for 2015. Hence, results at the end of semester 1 will provide the evidence to support weather or not prerequisites for senior subjects, in particular, have been met.

Opportunity - Google experience

I had the great pleasure of seeing our year 8 Zenith students working with staff from our school and staff from Google Australia last week. This was a fantastic opportunity, initiated by Mr Graeme Breen, for students to interact with technology and for parents and staff from both our school and our key partner primary schools to find out more information about Career pathways in Computer Science. This will certainly be an exciting future pathway.

Opportunity – Aspire USC Experience

On the 12th of June, some selected (by their teachers) students from our Aspire classes (Mid band) 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.

Excellence - Junior Secondary leaders

Our year 8 and 9 class leaders have been involved in some training to support them in their position. We certainly have some outstanding ambassadors in our Junior Secondary cohort of students who have already started working with their HOSS on projects and ideas for school improvement. 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.

Quality – in the classroom

I have had the great pleasure of being in a range of classrooms in the last week. It is amazing to see the work that students are completing - both in the senior and junior school. Teachers are to be commended on their commitment to excellence with
their teaching practice, which is something that our school community should be very proud of.

I wish you a safe and restful holiday

Andrea Evans
Head of Middle School

Senior School
Leadership Camp 2014

On Sunday the 1st of June 33 aspiring year 11 leaders travelled to Emu Gully, an adventure camp in Toowoomba. We stayed in barracks and participated in activities based around the ANZAC values of mateship, courage, perseverance and sacrifice.

To start off and bond with our teammates we split into teams (Alpha and Bravo) and did a timed hoop activity. Afterwards we joined together again and after some balancing activities, we grouped together in order to escape a (fake) German prison. We had to crawl through a tunnel, pull each other out then boost people up over a high wall.

On the second day we really had to challenge ourselves. Once again, we failed an activity called the ‘Western front’ by falling in the water as well as ‘Hellfire Tunnel’ where we had to build a train track, but from there we learnt from our mistakes and regrouped. We learnt to work together as a team and listen to one another, in preparation for our next activity, the ‘Bridge over the River Kwai’ where we had to climb over a wobbly bridge and swap over in the middle. We went in partners and had to swap over in the middle on a very wobbly plank. Whilst most people got over with little problems, some pairs struggled and ended up falling in the water.

Next, we went to the ‘Tunnel Rats of Tobruk where we worked together to carry people and drag them out of the tunnels as they went through. People really showed leadership in this activity- Jason especially lifted everybody in a certain place which made sure we weren’t stuck down in the tunnel for eternity. Our leaders, Dave and Adam were proud of our teamwork and perseverance which meant we passed this activity (that was a first!). Later that afternoon, we attempted a mock Kokoda track, where we carried a patient (Jess) on a stretcher through a long mud track. By the end of it we were all filthy and covered in mud but we got our patient through the course safely.

We were all exhausted that night but we persevered to carry another patient (Tahila, this time) on a stretcher during our 2.5km night walk. This wasn’t just any walk, as we went down a 30m slide then up and down some hills in stealth mode (no talking) which improved our communication greatly and we worked as a cohesive team for the rest of the camp. Finally, we climbed up a rock face with the stretcher but the patient barely noticed. We made it back to camp safely that night.

The next morning we were all drained but the camp leaders had one more challenge to throw at us. We pushed and pulled a 5.5 tonne truck 1km up a slightly inclined airstrip. It was tough but we succeeded, somewhat outside the time limit but we were proud that we made it anyway.

We drove back home after that and basically collapsed on the bus ride home. We wanted to thank the teachers, Mrs Brockenshire, Mr Thompson, Miss Johnson and Ms Mullighan who organised such a great camp for us and accompanied us all the way as well as the Emu Gully camp organisers for providing us with a great opportunity to learn about leadership. The year 11 aspiring leaders learnt a lot about teamwork and mateship which we are excited to apply in order to better our school community.

By Orla Mckibbin and Manon te Riele.

International Baccalaureate Update

Year 9 into Year 10 IB preparatory pathway

A number of Year 9 students recently asked me what subjects are studied in the IB. The IB Diploma Programme offers many subjects from which we have chosen a range that have proven most suitable and popular for our students, meeting requirements for university study and ensuring that students are prepared for these subjects in the junior school.

| 1. English | Students all study English – which is a study of literature written in English and some literature that is translated into English as part of the World Literature component |
| 2. Second Language | Japanese and Spanish are offered at the entry level (Standard Level) for second language acquisition and this is the option that the majority of our students take. However upon request students in the past have sought to study the language of their family or perhaps they have lived overseas and acquired some language already e.g. Russian, French, Dutch. Alternatively some students seek to study Japanese or Spanish at a more advanced level. All of these language options are possible. |
| 3. Humanities (Studies of individuals & societies) | Students here have the option of studying: Psychology, History (20th century history), Business Management, Environmental Systems and Societies |
| 4. Sciences | Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Environmental Systems and Societies |
| 5. Mathematics | This subject is offered at three levels to suit student needs and abilities. Both HL and SL maths will prepare students very well for Maths at University and meet pre-requisites |
| 6. The Arts | Visual Art, Theatre Arts, Music, Film, Dance |

A number of new subjects will be offered for Year 10s in 2015 to gauge their interest. Firstly, Theatre Arts, catering to CIA Drama students, gives students the opportunity to study theatre as an actor, director or script writer.

Secondly, Computer Science will also be offered (based on demand) to provide an option for students with a keen interest
in ICTs, mobile ap development and perhaps information technology at a tertiary level.

Environmental Systems and societies is offered as a Science or as a Humanities. ESS incorporates science, scientific method, ecology but also evaluation of issues from a humanities, economics and human perspective. ESS is available only at Standard Level.

There are some rules around subject selection that must be considered.

1. Students must select one subject from each group
2. ESS can be selected as a Group 3 or Group 4 or as a second Group 3 or Group 4 i.e. a student may select History, Biology and ESS or Physics, Chemistry, ESS or Business Management, ESS, Biology.
3. Students will (in Yr 11/12) study three of their subjects at a higher level and three at a standard level. ESS and entry level languages are only available at standard level.

Exceptions - Instead of a Group 6 (The Arts) students could select another subject from Group 3 or 4
Note - Not all subjects will run as student numbers need to be considered.

Trisha Valentine
HOD Resources/IB Coordinator

The Importance of Being Earnest – IB English Excursion

On Friday the 30th of May, year 10, 11 and 12 IB students attended The Importance of Being Earnest being performed by some of the top young actors at the Buderim Youth Theatre of Excellence, including one of our C.I.A. captains, Riley Cope.

The play centres on Ernest and Algy (who is played by Riley), both of whom adopt another name when in the country to allow themselves to indulge in ‘pleasures’ without ruining their reputations. They pretend that their counterparts are their brothers, providing alibis to escape to the country with. Ernest’s name in the country is ‘Jack’, which is actually his true name. This is a complication when the woman he loves, Gwendolen, says that if his name weren’t Ernest she would be hard pressed to love him. Matters are even more complicated when Algy pretends to be Jack’s counterpart of Ernest and asks for the hand of Jack’s eighteen year old ward, Cecily, whom also admits that she would struggle to love him if his name weren’t Ernest. Ensuing is a side-stitching tale of being Ernest and true love.

All the students had a great night and were thoroughly amazed and entertained by these young and tremendously talented actors. In year 12 some of the students will be studying this play, so this was a very valuable experience.

By Wayne Schowalter

News from the IT Faculty
Stay Safe Online
Top 10 IT security tips for schools

Looking for a way to remind your students about the importance of being vigilant when working online? Check out the department’s top 10 IT security tips for students. Available on the iSecurity website, the tips cover everything from how to protect your password and personal information to the importance of backing up your data.

News from Creative Industries

Fanfare 2014 North Coast Region Heats

On Tuesday June 3 the Mountain Creek State High Instrumental Music Department competed in the biennial Department of Education and Trainings Fanfare Competition. Our students performed exceedingly well and were rewarded with two gold awards and one silver award on the night. The Mountain Creek State High School String Ensemble received a silver award in Division 3 performing ‘La Vita Bella’ by Loreta Fin and ‘Polovtsian Dances’ by Alexander Borodin who were described as ‘fine relaxed and pretty sounding’ who were ‘very together and tight’. The Mountain Creek SHS Wind Symphony took out a gold award in Division 2 for the second time in a row. They performed ‘Vortex’ by Robert Longfield, ‘Algorhythms’ by Gary Fagan and ‘Awakening Hills’ by Richard L. Saucedo. Adjudicator Mick Morgan called the Wind Symphony ‘an outstanding ensemble’ and offered congratulations to all adding that he loved the performance. The stage band played ‘Alianza’, ‘Deep’ (a drum feature for Jordan Seirlis) and ‘Le
belleclaire Blues’. The adjudicator comments included: “Wow! Great tight ensemble playing, nice rhythm section, great job saxes, fantastic kit work, great punchy brass and awesome dynamics.”

It was definitely one of our best performances; an excellent result for everyone. Thank you to Instrumental Music staff Kylie Hinde, Alex Lehmann and Calvin Hunter for their exemplary work with our students.

Local Jeweller Creates Opportunities for MCSHS Students

Term 3 will see an opportunity for Mountain Creek State High School students to work to a brief provided by local Jewellery store ‘To Hold and To Have’ to design a piece of jewellery. The winning student will receive a $200 voucher to spend in store, with two runners up students each receiving $100 vouchers. In addition to the voucher, the winning student will have their design made, with store owners Shiree Hobson and Jo Saxelby-Balisky donating the piece back to the school to raise funds for the Creative Industries.

Together, at To Hold and To Have, Jo and Shiree have created an inspiring and creative boutique and manufacturing location, with an extensive range of handcrafted and locally produced jewellery pieces. We would like to thank them for this opportunity and we look forward to seeing the student designs!

Stay tuned to our student notices, the newsletter, our facebook page and also the store’s own facebook page for more information on the competition: https://www.facebook.com/toholdandtohavejewellers

The Art of Hitting Things

On Friday 30th May all Music students from years 9 – 12, Year 8 Academy Music and Visual Art and Year 9 Academy Dance classes were involved in a world music drumming workshop called “The Art of Hitting Things.” Two professional percussionists, Mark and Gus performed for the students on a variety of percussion instruments from different cultures including Cuban, African and Spanish. A highlight for many of the students was the electric drum kit performance which produced all kinds of differ sounds, from orchestral instruments to space age electronic sounds. A number of students were selected to experiment on these instruments and had a “jam session” with Mark and Gus. The students responded excellently to the occasion, proving to be very attentive audience members and active participants. The workshop was a thoroughly enjoyable experience for all involved, which gave the students the opportunity to learn about different cultures music and instruments.

Drawing from Life

Year 11 Visual Art students participated in a Life Drawing Workshop on Wednesday 28th May as part of the ‘Embodied’ unit this term. These drawings will be used as part of students’ folio of work submitted in Semester Two of this year.
TGIF Primary

Year 11 and 12 Creative Industries students have been taking our ‘Thank Goodness its Friday’ program across the road each Friday to the Mountain Creek State Primary School to entertain Year 5, 6 and 7 students and teach them a little more about Drama. The students have responded exceptionally well to the program, which continues every Friday this term, and then moves to every Friday fortnight in Term 3. Thank you to Riley Cope, Blaze Bryans, Harry Thompson, Ellyn Gwillim, Miki Hall and Ashleigh Hawkins for their involvement in the program.

Creative Industries parents… we need you!

If you would like to be involved in the Creative Industries, we are looking for parents to be a part of our Creative Industries Sub Committee (a Sub Committee of the P&C), who meet just once a term to work on various projects, each raising the profile of the Creative Industries at Mountain Creek SHS. All interested parents and community members welcome. Please contact Head of Department Jess Wall on jwall77@eq.edu.au or 54578337 for more details.

Jess Wall
Head of Creative Industries

News from the Resource Centre

Readers Cup Competition

Winners are Grinners: Mountain Creek Year 9 Team Blitz local private schools at Readers Cup Regional Finals

At the Sunshine Coast’s premier academic competition on Tuesday 10 June, the Mountain Creek SHS Year 9 Readers Cup Team, Piper Lenske, Amr Ramji, Zai Stephens, and Abbey Van De Vorst, triumphed against 15 other local state and private schools from the Sunshine Coast region. Four schools survived the elimination rounds: Immanuel Lutheran College, St John’s Catholic College, Glasshouse Country Christian College and Mountain Creek SHS. In a nail-biting finish, Mountain Creek trailed the leaders at half-time by 3 points only to blitz the competition in the second-half and take out the trophy by ONE point, breaking an almost 20-year drought since Mountain Creek last won the Final. The winners will now represent the Sunshine Coast in the State Finals at Brisbane Writers Festival

held at the State Library of Queensland in September. When you see these awesome students today, congratulate them and wish them the Best of Luck in their Quest for the Cup.

Resource Centre is also proud to organise the Year 8 Readers Cup competition. Teams from Year 8 English classes will be invited to nominate for the Year 8 Readers Cup inter-sub-school competition held during Book Week in Term 3. The winning team will represent the school at the Sunshine Coast Year 8 Readers regional finals in October. More information to follow …

Reading Success

Resource Centre was successful in securing Great Results Guarantee grants funding for the student Reading Success project. This project includes installing a dedicated reading area in the Resource Centre with building modifications, seating and furnishings. A select group of identified students in Year 9 and Year 8 will be personally invited to join Reading Success. Those who accept the invitation will gain access to:

- specialist staff
- student-selected resources
- support with developing reading and comprehension skills
- dedicated reading software (Lexia Reading) for at-school and at-home practice
- iPad Mini hand-held devices for loan to student, for reading and writing apps
- reading and writing workshops with visiting best-selling author Tristan Bancks
- and much more …

Resource Projects

Resource Centre is pleased to be sponsoring many new resource projects at the moment. We believe these projects will provide the school community with invaluable learning and teaching tools for planning, research and student achievement.

Oliver v5 Software Upgrade

Resource Centre has recently successfully upgraded the school’s library management system (Oliver v5), with many new and exciting features, including:

OPAC (catalogue searching)

- The Resource Centre OPAC catalogue will soon be available to all students as a desktop shortcut on student laptops and desktops. This function will be added during the next software update, over the winter vacation.
- As cloud services are introduced to schools, the catalogue will also be available on home computers and mobile devices via an app.
- More information will follow as these options are added to the system.

Digital Resource Delivery

- Oliver v5 integrates delivery of digital resources via OPAC.
Initially, the Resource Centre will focus on adding delivering existing digital resources, such as ClickView videos, SCIS school’s websites and online databases.

In the future, we intend to add eBooks (depending on Digital Rights Management); audio files (e.g. from the school’s iTunes library); documents, and other digital resources.

More information will follow as these options are added to the system.

Student Overdue Notices

- The new system has been configured to send notifications of Student Overdue Notices via email.
- Printed Student Overdue Notices will no longer be distributed to students via roll class teachers.
- Please encourage students to check their email regularly.
- Students without laptops can check email in the Resource Centre.

Thank you to students and staff for your patience and understanding during the upgrade process.

ClickView Digital Video Library

Resource Centre is managing the progressive upgrade to the school’s ClickView digital video library hardware and software. Students and staff can now access ClickView Online, which provides off-campus access to our school’s ClickView Library, plus much more.

Visit ClickView Online at: http://online.clickview.com.au

Login to ClickView Online

- For your first time login (or if you forget), use the Forgot Password link on the home page to setup your password.
- Use your EQ email address as your login.
- If you are new to the school, ask your ClickView Manager (Resource Centre) to setup a user account for you.
- If you need to reset you password, use the Forgot Password link to manage your own password.

Getting started with ClickView Online

- ClickView Online can be accessed from most web browsers, on most devices.
- The videos available are the same as our on-campus ClickView Library.
- There is a Favourites section for your favourite videos or you can make customised Playlists.
- As well as access to ClickView Library videos, you can also access free-to-air and pay-TV content on ClickView Exchange. Ask you teacher to request any video you think would be valuable, to add to the school’s ClickView Library.

Education Week

Resource Centre sponsored a range of really popular displays and activities to celebrate Education Week:

- Awesome Education Experience: students and staff shared their Awesome Education Experiences submitting written recollections and narratives to add to the awesome wall.
- IB Display: with resources, videos, posters and information about our very successful IB program.
- Inspirational Quotes: our favourite inspirational quotes about education were shared, presented gallery-style, and added to during the week.
- Info-graphics Trail: students and staff followed a trail of our favourite education info-graphics, to learn more about technological and social trends.
- Faculty Displays: Faculties were invited to celebrating student and staff achievement, and links with the wider school community.
- History Club Competitions: Thanks to the school’s History Club for running the very popular Guess Who competition of Influential Women and congratulations to the successful entries.
- and much more …

Reconciliation Week

Resource Centre sponsored more popular displays and activities to celebrate Reconciliation Week:

- Reconciliation Week Display: with resources, videos, posters and information about the aims and activities of Reconciliation Week. A highlight was display of the school’s copy of the federal governments Apology document.
- History Club Competition: Thanks to the school’s History Club for running the very popular Guess Who competition of Influential Indigenous People and congratulations to the successful entries.
- and much more …

Winners are Grinners

This month’s featured competitions:

- NAIIDOC Week Writing Competition. Entries close 27th June. For more information visit: https://www.aisnsw.edu.au/Publications/whatsnew/Documents/NAIDOC Week 2014 Entry Forms - NSW.pdf
- Mark Tredinnick True Story Award for Young Writers. Entries close 1st July. For more information visit: http://www.realitybitesfestival.org
- Ipswich Poetry Feast student categories for the International Poetry Writing Competition. Entries close 1st August. For more information visit www.ipswichpoetryfeast.com.au
- My Story My Content Short Film Competition. Entries close 14th August. For more information visit: http://mystorymycontent.com
Monday Night Netball

Congratulations to all our girls that played Monday Night Netball this season. It was a great spectacle of netball and school spirit. Nine MCSHS teams were entered into the competition with five of these being coached by parents. Special thanks to these parents for giving up their time to coach and support our MCSHS teams: Jakki Goodall, Shannon Dawes, Jana Kemasley, Sharon Blake, Marcia Logan. Huge thanks to teachers Rebecca Williams, Loretta Olsen, Helen Young and Madonna Reynolds for giving up their valuable time also.

Five teams made the semi-finals and 4 of these earned a spot in the Grand Finals that were played at Caloundra Indoor Stadium on Monday night, May 26th. The Creeker spirit was very much alive and all girls tried their best. We finished a commendable Runner-up in all divisions with Rebecca’s team going down in a nail-biter to PLC 25-22. Jakki’s team played Grammar and went down 18-11. Jana’s team came up against strong opposition Meridan and went down 34-17 and Sharon’s team being top of the table all season, met a very determined Matthew Findlers team that would not give up and they went down fighting 35-25.

Thanks to all our parent supporters and to Xanthe Beasley who nearly cooked in the Creeker suit at the Grand Finals.

Madonna Reynolds

Queensland Sport Representatives

Congratulations to Max Kerle and Luis Helfersdorfer on their selections in Queensland School Sport teams to compete at School Sport Australian Championships later this year.

Max was selected in the Open Boys Basketball team after being a standout performer for the Sunshine Coast team at the Queensland Championships. Max is a talented player who works very hard to ensure that his team mates have every opportunity to be successful on court – this, combined with a pretty sweet jump shot, makes Max an invaluable player for Queensland.
Luis was selected from over 100 other Hockey players to represent Queensland from his State Championship. Luis had a fantastic tournament and thoroughly deserved his selection in the Queensland team. Speed to the ball and excellent control saw Luis shine through to make his mark with the selectors!

We wish both lads all the very best for their Australian Championships!

Gold Medal for the Creeker Girls

At the recent Queensland School Volleyball 15 & Under Championships held at the Logan Metrodome, the Sunshine Coast Girls came home with the GOLD MEDAL! Two Creekers were in this team, Taisha White and Emily Baldry. The team went through the tournament without losing a match – a fantastic result against some really high quality opposition.

Taisha, playing in the position of Setter, was responsible for organising the attack for the team. She was very successful in this position and created many excellent opportunities for her teammates to ‘kill’ the ball. This role takes a lot of energy and calmness on court and Taisha was very successful in this for her team. Emily, playing Middle Blocker, was dominant on the net and stopped many of the opposition’s attacks while being an attacking weapon for her own team. Emily was fortunate enough to be selected in the Queensland School Girls U/16 Team that was announced at the Closing Ceremony of the Tournament.

Congratulations to these girls on their wonderful achievement in their chosen sport of Volleyball.

The overall success of the Creeker Volleyball Program is really shining through in 2014!!!

Get Active Athletics Carnival

The Mountain Creek SHS Get Active Athletics Carnival will be held at the Sunshine Coast University Athletics Track on Tuesday 29th July (Term 3, Week 3).

This is a whole-school event. The senior carnival will run from 7.30am to 12.55pm. The junior carnival will run from 10.30am to 4.05pm.

The program will include both competitive and non-competitive events. Students will participate in a rotation of Athletics events for the duration of the day. Competitors will participate in their “Competition Events” while non-competitors will rotate through “Athletics Events” such as Long Jump, Shot Put, Turbo Javelin, Mini-Hurdles, Relays and Soft-bar High Jump. All students will have a break for lunch. The program will be advertised on the school website closer to the date.

Sub-schools are currently taking nominations for the “Competition Events”. If your son/daughter was absent from school for their nominations, they have not missed out. Students need to go to their sub-school and see their Sub-school Sports Co-ordinator (listed below).

Bribie – Ms Nash and Mr Denny
Fraser – Ms Reynolds and Mr Soward
Moreton – Mr Baker
Stradbroke – Mrs Aspinall and Mr Roberts

This is a compulsory school day. All students are required to come to school as normal. They will assemble in their sub-school assembly areas for roll marking. Students will then be transported to the University track by bus. Students will complete their rotation of events at the track and then they will be transported back to school. On return to school students will once again assemble for roll marking before departure from school. All students must travel to and from the venue by bus. Students cannot be dropped off and picked up from the track.

The 1500m and Javelin events will be conducted prior to the carnival. The dates and times of these events will be advertised in the morning notices and on the school website.

If you require any further information, please call Riedwaan Nassiep in Fraser on 5457 8326 or Tanya Aspinall in Stradbroke on 5457 8346 (Monday & Tuesday only).

Riedwaan Nassiep & Tanya Aspinall
HPE Department

Annual Visit to Tin Can Bay State School

Every June the Creeker Volleyball Program takes a group of students to visit Tin Can Bay State School. This is a valuable day for both schools as it provides a day of quality Volleyball Competition for everyone. On the final Thursday of term about 60 Year 8 and 9 Volleyball students leave the Creek early for the almost 2hour bus trip.

The day is spent competing against a variety of teams from Tin Can Bay – being a very small school they are always astounded by the fact that we arrive with only a small percentage of our school but almost double the numbers of their entire school
community! Tin Can Bay has a strong Volleyball history with a number of both Queensland and Australian Schools Cup Medals. They travel to Melbourne each year to participate in the Australian Schools Cup Volleyball Competition in December.

The visit is reciprocated in September when most of the Tin Can Bay school visit Mountain Creek and have the experience of a much larger school (and a school canteen that is open every day!)

These valuable experiences for both schools are thoroughly enjoyed and are always very successful!

Queensland Representative Honours for Tyson Smoothy

Congratulations to Tyson Smoothy for being selected in the QLD Maroon U/15 Schoolboys Rugby League team.

Tyson was selected from his outstanding performances playing in a new position of hooker in the recent State Championships at Wynnum.

Tyson will now prepare for the Australian Secondary 15 Years Rugby League Championships in Tamworth from Sunday 22 June -Friday 27 June.

Other Mountain Creek State High School students that were successful in gaining selection in the Sunshine Coast U/15 team at the State Championships in Wynnum were Connor Luhan, Luke Waddups, Quentin Bligh, Carlos Swasbrook-Murray, and Jarrod Zadow.

Year 10 Rugby League remain Undefeated in Broncos Challenge

The Year 10 Rugby League team has qualified for the finals of the Big ‘8’ South East Queensland Competition after going through the Michael De’ Vere Shield undefeated.

The Year 10 Creekers are starting to build momentum after beating Beenleigh SHS 50-0, Redcliffe SHS 22-18, Nambour SHS 58-6 and last round coming from behind to steal a 14all draw against heavyweights Cavendish Rd SHS in a very high standard of football.

Outstanding players for the Creekers so far have been Jarrod Zadow, Quentin Bligh, Cody Coulter, and Carlos Swasbrook-Murray.

Congratulations to Coach Brenden Newcombe and his team on their achievements so far.

Dan Roberts
Rugby League Development Program

News from Student Services

Masquerade Ball

Combined Chaplaincy Fundraiser

Mountain Creek State School and State High School have combined to bring you an enchanted evening of live entertainment, fine dining, silent auctions and prizes. The inaugural Masquerade Ball will be held at the Mountain Creek State School Hall. This event is a fundraiser for the Chaplaincy service.

Date & time: 30th August, 7.30pm till late.
Cost: $80 per person or $750 tables of 10.

Tickets available each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from the State School Hall foyer. Call Priscilla for more information on 0488 486 290.

USC Parent Information Evening - Thursday 3 July

Do you have a child in high school considering university study? Get information and tips on how to support them through the process and much more including guest presentations on understanding your teen!

Presentations include; Uni from a parent’s perspective, understanding the developing teenage brain, experiences of young drivers, approach vs avoid: how to build motivation and resilience and how healthy is kids’ supermarket food?

To register for your preferred seminar complete the online form at www.usc.edu.au/events or phone 5456 5000. Places are limited and provided on a first in, first served basis.

Date: Thursday 3 July
Time: 5:45pm (for 6pm start)
Venue: Lecture Theatre 2, Building K, University of the Sunshine Coast
Parent Space

Parent Space is a community collaboration project lead by IFYS Reconnect in collaboration with United Synergies and Headspace Maroochydore, with an aim of connecting & supporting parents of adolescents on the Sunshine Coast.

Parent Space group is planned for every 2nd Tuesday 5.30-7pm (5.30-6pm will be for parents to have a coffee and connect with each other)

Venue: Headspace - Evans St Maroochydore - (entry at the rear of the building)

Please contact: Louise Bowden-IFYS Reconnect
Ph. 5438 3000 or Mob 0438 146 172 or email - lbowden@ifys.com.au

News from the Falcons Nest

Fraser Chocolate Drive

Students in Years 8 and 9 have been madly selling chocolates in the annual Fraser chocolate drive. The chocolate drive raises funds for the wonderful things that happen in Fraser, such as Fraser Feasts for students displaying exemplary effort and behaviour.

This year’s major prize is a skateboard which was generously donated by Boardstore. A big thank you to Boardstore for your support of our wonderful students.

Sarah Sargent
Fraser Teacher