28 May 2013

From the Principal

In this edition of the newsletter I would like to commend the work of all staff and students involved in the production of the school musical Back to the 80's. If you have not bought your tickets, it is not too late to see the incredible talent of our students and staff on show from Thursday 30th May to Saturday 1st June. Although a production this size requires enormous commitment from all involved, the benefits to the school and the individual students cannot be underestimated. Best wishes to all involved in the Musical.

NAPLAN testing involved 1563 papers for our current year 9 students approximately 93% of tests overall. Thank you to all students for the manner in which you participated in the testing schedule and thank you to parents for preparing your students for the test. All faculties have been involved in improving student performance across the five areas tested – Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, and Numeracy, however particular mention should be made of the key learning areas Maths ad English for the targeted teaching across these five areas leading up to NAPLAN.

All year 12 OP eligible students have been provided with their predicted OP range. These students have also sat their trial QCS test which will be marked and the results provided to students prior to the parent meeting early next term. Preparation for the QCS test begins in year 11 and continues into year 12 where the focus is on practicing items that were identified in the pre tests as being weak across the current cohort. Students should also be using past tests at home to improve their skills on an individual basis.

Following ECP interviews, students should be working closely with teachers to ensure that they are working towards the goals they have set in each subject. Please use the online Study Skills Handbook to review with your student, areas of study skills that will help him/her to work better at home on reviewing work, writing assignments or studying for tests and to assist in class with taking effective notes for study and developing assignment writing skills.

At the School Council Meeting on Monday night the School Council was asked to endorse the facilities development program for 2013, which includes redevelopment of 3 science laboratories, preparation facility and independent laboratory space; extensions to the Creeker Café, conversion of a home economics room to a full stainless steel hospitality catering room and the future redevelopment of the G4 portable block into the Year 7 precinct for 2015. I thank the P&C for providing a significant portion of the funding for the Science and the Creeker Café projects. The school has a $100 000 subsidy for Science and the Direct to Market funding has been provided for the hospitality refurbishment.

Expressions of Interest are called from any organisation/ business interested in partnering to develop outdoor hard courts for school use during the day Monday to Friday and community use outside school hours. Expressions of Interest should be addressed to:

The Principal
Mountain Creek State High School
PO Box 827 Mooloolaba or
the.principal@mtncreekshs.eq.edu.au

Cheryl McMahon
Executive Principal

P&C News

The P&C Association has endorsed a proposal to fund a 5 hour/ week grants writing position to support the school in accessing community grants available for development of facilities and programs

The Parents and Citizens’ Association at Mountain Creek SHS is seeking Expressions of Interest for a 5 hours per week Grants Writing position. The position requires capabilities in grants access and grants writing to support the P&C and the school’s access to community grants. Expressions of Interest should be emailed to:

PandC@mtncreekshs.eq.edu.au

Junior Secondary

I would like to thank parents and students in the Middle school for a very successful term 1 and start to term 2. It has been rewarding to see our Year 8 students settle in and some of our Junior Secondary school students shine: whether it has been academically, or in sporting pursuits like the cross country.

Primary School Visits

Term 2 has seen the completion of our visits to our local primary schools. The key purpose of this has been to inform year 7 students and staff about enrolment procedures for 2014. We have also distributed information about applications for specialist programs (Zenith and Creative Industries Academy - CIA - courses) as well as applications for Scholarships.
The first round of auditions for CIA courses for year 8 students (2014), will occur in week 10. Students will be notified early next term re acceptance into these programs. Round 2 auditioning will occur in week 4 of term 3.

Cross Country

I would like to congratulate all of the Junior students who participated recently in the Cross Country. It was great to see the student and staff commitment to this event. Special congratulations to Bribie sub school for being the victorious sub school in the cross country and best wishes to all of those students who will participate in the regional cross county at La Balsa park.

NAPLAN

Our year 9 students participated in NAPLAN from the 14 – 16th of May. The results of these tests provide point in time data about student’s performance (with skills in literacy and numeracy) and hence provide us with a focus for individual goals for improvement. Students will be sent a statement of attainment showing their results in each of the 5 tests next term.

Year 7 into 8 Zenith Parent Evening

On the 3rd of June we will hold an information evening for parents of year 7 students who are interested in finding out more about the Zenith program for 2014. Applications for this program close on the 19th July. Applications forms can be found on the school web site or collected from the main office at school. Young Scholars will be automatically accepted into the Zenith program (however, they do still need to complete a general enrolment application.)

Cyber smart – Parent information evening

Mountain Creek State High School would like to offer to parents in our school communities a free presentation from the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA). This presentation will focus on the importance of cyber safety.

ACMA presentations provide valuable information about the risks confronting children online, and offer tools and tips to help make their internet experiences safe and positive.

Internet safety presentations cover topics including:

- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks for children online, such as cyber bullying, illegal content, inappropriate contact, identity theft, grooming and predatory activity
- tips to help children stay safe online.

The presentation is thorough, non-technical and is conducted by an accredited cybersmart trainer.

The parent session will be held on Tuesday, 4th of June from 5.30pm – 7pm in the school’s Student Centre.

Street address:
Lady Musgrave Drive
Mountain Creek Qld 4557
Ph: 5457 8333

To register your attendance or for more information, please email: enquiry@mtncreekshs.eq.edu.au or phone the school directly. Please include details of how many people will be attending.

Andrea Evans
Head of Junior Secondary

From the Head of the Senior School

Regional Showcase Awards

Mountain Creek State High School Captains Stuart Reddan, Olivia Bateup, Calvert Tisdale and Ebony Blackstone represented the school with great honour after being selected as the masters of ceremony for the Education Queensland Regional Showcase awards in Maryborough’s Brogla Theatre on the 9th of May. The awards recognise the outstanding efforts of schools from across the region from Bundaberg to Pine Rivers in providing programs of excellence in education. Ebony and Stuart also starred in the Big Band performance playing with other outstanding talent from schools in this region.

Regional Office organiser Mark Rewald congratulated the school on their outstanding talent and smooth presentation.

QCS Practice

Students in Year 12 have completed one of the last phases of the QCS preparation program for 2013, the full 2 day QCS practice test on May 20th/21st. The data from the results of the test will be collated and fed back to students in detail in Term 3 as the lead up to the test begins in earnest. Students will be supplied with detailed annotated feedback on their Written Task, and guidance given on their Short Response task from external markers. Students in the QCS cohort will also mark their own multiple choice papers and examine where there are errors that need correction. Students will then spend Term 3 in a targeted program to ensure that they have been able to address their areas of weakness. This program will then afford students the best opportunity to achieve on the actual QCS test, confident that their test skills have been significantly improved.

Students sit the Practice QCS test in the Student Centre

QCE – have you checked your eligibility?

Students in Year 11 and 12 that complete qualifications outside the schooling system need to ensure that their training provider banks the points they receive from this qualification towards their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). Points received from the qualification then contribute to the overall 20
Student Leadership

The next changeover of student leaders is almost upon us, with the election of the core group of sub-school leaders announced on assembly on Monday 27th May. Congratulations to Miss Brockenshire who has done an outstanding job is organising this process. The students will now prepare for camp, and elect the School Captains for the next financial year with the full induction of new leaders, as well as the celebration for the outgoing group, to occur next term. Full details of the new leadership group, the specialist captains and school captains will be available in the next newsletter.

Best wishes
Andrew Stone
Head of Senior School

ANZAC Day School Service

Anzac Day was remembered by students and staff at Mountain Creek State High School through a ceremony held on Monday the 22nd of April. Many special guests attended the ceremony including special representative from the Maroochydore RSL Sub Branch and Kawana RSL/RAAF. Ms Fiona Simpson MP State Member for Maroochydore, Ms Sheree Lyons electorate officer for Steve Dickson MP State Member for Buderim also supported the school by attending the ceremony. The ceremony was a moving one including some amazing talent from the students at Mountain Creek SHS. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the cadets, vocalists, speakers, wind symphony, string ensemble, special guests, parents and students who participated in this solemn event.

On the day of the ceremony all students observed a minutes silence in class as a mark of respect for those who fought or continue to fight in regions of conflict.

On Anzac day a number of our staff members proudly marched with Mountain Creek students at the Maroochydore service.

Mrs Lisa Kempf
A/HOD SOSE

ANZAC Day march at Cotton Tree

Always a solemn time of the year, but made more so this year, MCSHS was well represented with over 60 students and teachers marching in the Anzac Day March from Maroochydore RSL to Cotton Tree. Students and staff were truly reflective of the Anzac Day spirit turning out in full force to pay their respects to all those who so bravely fought to defend the freedom we enjoy today. A huge thank you to parents also who supported us on the day by marching and cheering us along the route. It is always a proud moment as a teacher when marching alongside students from years 8 to 12 who proudly wave the Australian flag as a sign of respect to those soldiers past and present. Well done to everyone involved.

Mrs Lisa Kempf
A/HOD SOSE

Stradbrooke Year 8 Initiative Day Mapleton Centre

A very enthusiastic group of year 8 Stradbrooke students and teachers set forth for a day to breathe in the fresh air and to challenge ourselves both physically and mentally. Students were super excited at what I think was a day out of classes, but I am sure it was also the fact that we were all going to be with friends for the day. Our Straddy year 8 students certainly set a very high standard for other sub schools to follow with exemplary behaviour and positive attitudes. It was such a highlight to all the teachers who attended to see smiles and students encouraging each other. A massive thank you the staff at the Mapleton Centre, for yummy food, great activities and a memorable day. Well done to the wonderful year 8 Strad students who showed me the true spirit of team work and what it is to be a CREEKER.

Mrs Lisa Kempf
A/HOD SOSE

2013 Marine Camp

At long last our year 12 Marine Studies and Marine and Aquatic Practices classes were treated to a clear weather forecast as they headed off to Elliott Heads on their week long camp. Over seventy students camped at the mouth of the Elliott River which provided an ideal location for many of the planned activities such as boating, fishing, snorkelling and plankton studies.

Donna Lancaster
Deputy Principal
The highlight of the trip had to be the day trip to Lady Musgrave Lagoon for several dives and data collection. Even though it took a while for many students to gain their “sea legs”, once at the lagoon students were excited to be greeted by green turtles, moray eels, octopus, giant long toms and more species of fish than you would find in that “Nemo” movie.

The students should be congratulated for their exemplary behaviour and attitude on the camp and many thanks to the teachers and staff who gave up their time to attend and to Glenda and Rhonda for many hours of preparation.

http://vimeo.com/67176346

Andrew Denny

Year 9 Laptops
A reminder to all year 9 parents/carers.

The deadline for return of laptop contracts and payment (or contact with the finance department) is the 7th of June 2013 at 1.30pm. Only students who have returned contracts and payment by this date will receive a laptop by the end of term 2. The next issue of laptops for year 9 students will be the middle of term 3.

Kate Legg
IT Co-ordinator

Creeker Design – logo launch

Creeker Design’s new logo has been launched by the IT Faculty. The logo was finalised this week and will now be included on all product and documentation produced by the mock programming and design firm. The logo, shown below, was designed and developed by Year 11 student Kate Winckle as part of her Term 1 assessment in the OP-bound course Information Technology Systems (ITS).

ITS is the end course towards which all of the IT Faculties offerings lead and includes design and development of the following: Graphic Design (using Photoshop), Game Design (using GameMaker), Web Design (using Dreamweaver) and Multimedia design (both passive display and for interactive touchscreen kiosks). More and more emphasis in the course is being placed on design and development for mobile devices such as Android phones and tablets and the iPhone/iPad markets.

Congratulations Kate! We look forward to many more excellently designed IT products for Creeker Design not only from Kate, but from all students in the ITS course.

Graeme Breen

Programming Challenge for Girls (PC4G)

Key Interest Areas: Girls in IT, Google, UQ, QUT, PC4G

When: Thursday, June 20th, 2013
Time: 10.30am-4pm
Location: On-campus at Mountain Creek State High School

Overview:

Encouraging girls to consider careers in IT is the aim behind a girls-only activity being held at Mountain Creek State High School (MCSHS). MCSHS is delivering a Programming Challenge For Girls for 70 of their year 9 students. The day-long immersion experience will be held on Thursday 20th June on-campus at MCSHS on the Sunshine Coast.

Programming Challenge for Girls (PC4G) is a workshop designed to introduce programming to Year 9 girls who have never programmed before. By the end of the day, students will have learned the basics of object-oriented programming through a hands-on tutorial and challenge.

Sponsors of the day include Google and Tech Girls are Chic – both organisations keen to support the promotion of a career path in IT for the girls. Cate Huston, Google engineer, will be flying in for the day and will be keynote speaker to the girls. The day is also supported by staff at UQ and QUT, with academic staff and their students keen to travel to the Sunshine Coast school to assist on the day and work with the girls in learning the programming involved, and speaking to them about their own experiences and the possibilities available to the students in the years to come in IT.

For further information, please contact the school directly via:

Graeme Breen
ICT Curriculum Coordinator
Ph: +61 7 5457 8354
eMail: gbree3@eq.edu.au

Year 9 Zenith boys and Technology

When: Thursday, June 20th, 2013
Time: 10.30am-4pm
Location: On-campus at Mountain Creek State High School
Cost: NIL

On Thursday June 20th (week 10, term2), while the Year 9 Zenith girls are doing the PG4C Challenge, the boys will be involved in their own day of Technology. The boys will also be provided with specially designed sessions which will expose the boys to a number of different career pathways and give them a greater understanding of the range of options open to them – particularly important given that they will soon be making the Year 11 subject choices.

The day will be broken down into 3 distinct strands, all of which are related to Science/Technology/Engineering/Maths (STEM). The boys will attend all 3 strands throughout the course of the day.

Strand 1 – Engineering
Strand 2 – Robotics presented by the University of Queensland
Strand 3 – Game Design and Development

For further information, please contact the school directly via:

Graeme Breen
ICT Curriculum Coordinator
What’s new in the IT Curriculum
http://vimeo.com/67103106

Young Scholars and IT
The second of 2 Young Scholars sessions on IT with students from the local Primary schools was held on Thursday 2nd May for year 7 students – an earlier session was provided to year 6 students.

The focus of both sessions was an introduction to Game Design and Development. The students quickly learned how to program the game to Jump, Run, Turn, Shoot and Eat - even Swim and Fly!

2013 Science and Engineering Challenge
Enjoy a challenge? What about Science and Engineering? This year’s Science and Engineering challenge, held at Sunshine Coast University Innovations Centre, saw a group of our year 9 and 10 students engage in interesting and challenging design problems. Thirty-two of our best competed against other schools from around the region.

Some were challenged with designing and building earthquake proof towers, ancient catapults, Mars rover vehicles, hovercrafts and fan driven vehicles. Others addressed the problems of efficiently supplying electricity to meet the needs of a community, investigating networks and pathways to minimise waste and stretch their minds to face the challenges that lie ahead for science and engineering in the modern world.

The day culminates in testing the strength of the bridges built on the day. More and more massive loads are driven over the bridges made from balsa and ice-cream sticks until at last only the strongest survives.

Our teams performed admirably on the day finishing third in a closely contested challenge. Keep your eyes and ears open for the return of the Science and Engineering competition again next year and perhaps you could rise to the challenge.

2013 Science and Engineering Challenge

Year 12 Modern History
Chinese comes to Year 12 Modern History students
At the end of term 1, a small group of year 12 Modern History students indulged in Chinese food as part of their end of term study on China. Whilst the Western influence has crept into our Chinese food experience, the night was a wonderful way to celebrate student’s achievements with their teachers and to enjoy catching up over a beef and black bean dish, chatting about goals and dreams outside of the classroom environment.

Year 12 Modern History students visit the University of the Sunshine Coast
On Friday 10th May, 33 students experienced first-hand what university life might feel like as they listened intently, to a two hour lecture by Donna Wicks, who specialises in South East Asian politics. Students were engaged in note taking, whilst exploring their content knowledge in the area of Japanese history, specifically the Meiji Era. Donna further explained the importance of primary sources and the need to collaborate these with other documentation. This linked in with the exam that students will complete during exam block. I would like to thank the students, who proudly represented the school with impeccable behaviour and an attitude to learn.

Year 11 Modern History Go Local to Experience our War Time History
This term in Modern History, we have been learning about Australia’s involvement in World War One, World War Two and the Vietnam War, exploring how foreign policy has changed from 1901 to present. For our excursion, we went to the Centaur War memorial in Caloundra where we were able to learn about the Australian hospital ship, Centaur that was torpedoed off Cape Moreton. We were also given the opportunity to read memorial plaques of men who fought overseas and were able to pay our respects at the Nambour

Graeme Breen

Mrs Lisa Kempf
A/HOD SOSE

Gavin Chaine
Cemetery by visiting the graves of men who fought during battles in WW1 and WW2. In the afternoon, we visited the Maroochydore RSL War Museum, where we were able to learn about the weaponry that was used throughout the various world wars. To conclude the day, Joe, an RSL representative taught us about the history of the Maroochydore War Museum and about the significance of the Cotton Tree Cenotaph. This was a great day had by all.

**Miss Rebecca Williams**

**Young Historians State Workshop**

In late April, Jak Hardy, a Year 12 Modern History student at MCSHS, was selected as one of only ten students across the State to participate in a young historian’s workshop, where skills and expertise were to be challenged and developed. Jak’s research skills are exceptional and his experience is outlined below.

Studying history truly is an investment into the future. My time spent in Brisbane at the Young Historians Workshop was a phenomenal experience that I’m privileged to have been a part of. From touring the state’s biggest archives, to tasting what may well be the state’s most expensive hot chocolate; exploring the shelves and sites of millions of resources and, with only ten of us, we were quick being hushed as we sat eating banquets. The whole experience, save Brisbane’s traffic, was invaluable both academically and socially and I would suggest it for any social scientist or historian in our midst.

**By Jak Hardy and Mrs Lisa Kempf**

**News from the Creative Industries**

And the curtains are raised!

May 30 sees the first official performance of Mountain Creek State High School’s ‘Back to the 80s’ Musical! Many hours have been spent rehearsing, painting backdrops and organising students and staff. Pictured here is student teacher Jess Fitzpatrick, teacher Elizabeth Mulligan and A/Head of Creative Industries Jess Wall on the 80s free dress day. A big, big thank you for leading the charge must go to Directors Kate Benfield and Carly Cook, along with Producer Elizabeth Mulligan. Dance Directors Dimitry Perren and Tiffany Broad need a mention, as does Art Director Tarla Varney and her sidekick John Drake. There have been many others behind the scenes in the lead up to this big event, so thank you! Students we hope you enjoyed the experience, and we thank you for your continued commitment to making the Creative Industries a fantastic faculty!

Tickets are still available, $20 from Student Administration, get in before the sell out.

**A/D Brisbane 2013**

A lucky few students from Year 12 Visual Art Studies travelled to Brisbane on Friday 17th May with teachers Tarla Varney and A/Head of Department Jess Wall to check out this year’s Analogue Digital Design Conference. Presenters included artists such as Bec Winnel, Monster Children and Askew. Each of the presenters spoke about “Doing what you love, and loving what you do”, and told incredibly inspirational stories about pursuing their dreams of being successful in the Art and Design industries.

Up on the big white walls of GOMA

Izzy La Macchia exemplified Quality, Opportunity and Excellence at the Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA) on Friday night 10th May. Her successful Creative Generation Excellence in Visual Art Awards winning work is also featured in the educational package on the GOMA website.

In excess of 500 entries were received from 180 schools across Queensland – Izzy’s work was one of the few selected to exhibit in the Gallery of Modern Art.
Bustin’ A Move

The Senior Dance Company has “began with a bang!” The girls have pushed themselves, choreographing and rehearsing two group pieces of Hip-Hop and Jazz, and thrilling audiences. Their most recent achievement was 5th place at the Sunshine Coast Dance Eisteddfod, where they competed against a strong field of 37 school groups across the region. The Company is looking forward to “bustin’ a move”, when they compete in the Gold Coast Eisteddfod in August. We wish them the best of luck!

Regional Showcase Awards

One of CIA’s stars Matthew Chapman was selected to feature as a performer at the recent Regional Showcase Awards. He was applauded at the event as a talented young performer! Well done Matt!

Music Industry Studio Excursion

Who knew that one of Australia’s top ten recording studios lay amongst the hilly ferns of Buderim? On the 21st of May, our Music Industry students were given the opportunity to venture out to Heliport Studios and have a ‘hands-on’ observation of the recording process; from the acoustic treatment and sound proofing of rooms to digital track layering using Pro Tools.

Students were genuinely impressed with features such as the giant helipad, hence the Studio’s name, and vintage audio equipment like Iranian microphones associated with the Beatles from the 1960’s to come back to school energised and ready to take on more creative musical projects of their own.

La Balsa Cross Country

May 24th saw a beautiful sunrise at Pt Cartwright for the setting of the Inter Sub-School Finals La Balsa Cross Country course for 2013. Special mention and thanks to the Cert 3 Fitness students who set and manned the course under the watchful eye of Mr Brutnell and Mr Roberts. Great job guys.

Age Champions were 13 yrs Kaleb Wynne and Devon Beveridge, 14yrs Sam Benstead and Chelsea Jamieson, 15yrs Bryce Street and Drew Beveridge, 16yrs Jarrah Armstrong and Mikayla Leslie, Open Age Brock Rivenell and Tahlia Maxwell.

Congratulations to all runners. From here a MCSHS team competes on June 4 at Regionals at Elisabeth Daniels Park Buderim. Mountain Creek are defending Overall Girls, Overall Boys and Overall School Champions. We look forward to bringing all titles home again this year and wish all runners fast running legs.

Madonna Reynolds

Amazing Young Creeker

Kai Barnett is a very talented young Creeker. He competed at the National Athletics Championships held at Challenge Stadium Perth in the Under 14 Men’s 90 metre hurdles and 4th (in a photo finish for 3rd place) in the finals.

Congratulations Kai, well done.

Madonna Reynolds
AFL Program

AFL CEO to Watch Creekers
Round 2 of the AFLQ School of Excellence Cup will be watched by AFL CEO Andrew Demetriou and Federal Sports Minister Kate Lundy. Round 2 is against Northern States Cup winners and fierce rivals Palm Beach Currumbin State High School at AFLQ HQ, Yeronga on Wednesday the 29th of May. With both senior teams undefeated and only two teams progressing from the pool a lot is a stake.

Rookie-Search Talent – Nate Dennis
2013 is Nate Dennis’ first season of AFL, playing for the Kawana Park Eagles has made an immediate impact. After only a few rounds Nate has gained Sunshine Coast representation for the recent State carnival. With a solid debut in representative AFL, Nate received a best on ground performance and was selected in the Queensland Squad as a Ruck/Forward. Standing at 200cm and recording an impressive vertical leap, 30m sprint and agility scores Nate is an awesome talent and best wishes to him with his State representation endeavours.

Brisbane Lions Reserves
Cameron Stevenson has continued to rack up North Eastern AFL games for the Brisbane Lions Reserves playing 5 games this season. Also joining Cameron on his lasted trip to Sydney to battle the Greater Western Sydney reserves was fellow Maroochy Roo and Mountain Creek Senior team member Daniel Henderson. The boys both played their roles in the 88 point smashing of the Giants reserves.

Cameron after his good form for the Lions has been named in the Queensland U18 team for the past two games in the TAC Cup.

Henderson and Stevenson are surely names to watch as a bright future beckons.

Girls AFL
Mountain Creek’s U15 Youth Girls have started their inaugural season in the Sunshine Coast Juniors League. The girls have started the season well and are hoping to feature in the final in mid-August.

Year 8 Boys
The Year 8 interschool boys have continued their unbeaten run with a 45-1 win over Caloundra. First timers Rhys Topham, Lachlan Perren, Lachlan Norris, Tom Jones, Corey Green and Dane Paulinich have continued to improve and become key contributors on a weekly basis.

Finlay Sings at Opening Ceremony
Finlay Gordon, pictured below, opened the recent Queensland Schools Volleyball 15 & Under State Championships by singing the Australian National Anthem. Finlay sang this without musical accompaniment in front of the 200 competitors, their coaches and managers and 250 parents and spectators. The rendition was performed really well and the crowd were very impressed with Finlay’s ability! At the closing of the Ceremony, Finlay was presented with a medal by QSV Chair, Mr Ron Mackay. Queensland Schools Volleyball says, ‘Thank you’ to Finlay.

Tim Wilson
HOD HPE

Interschool Sport
Team of the Week - Round 5 - Year 9 Netball
The Creeker Year 9 Netballers are currently dominating the competition, undefeated in both the A and B divisions. With wins against Unity, Meridan, Maleny, Siena and Maroochydore, Ms Sanham’s squad have already got their sights on a place in the finals.

In the A division Darcy Goss and Ali Scholten have been the stand out players more than capable of taking on any role the coach allocates them. Most improved has to go to the “rock” Lucinda Kelly in defence and the pacey Tesh Schofield through the centre.

In the B division Hayley Van den Heuvel is a stand out as a sharp shooter around goal and Keely McCullagh for limiting the opposition’s scoring opportunities. Most improved player is Maddi Sara for her contribution at both ends of the court in shooting and defence.

Coach Sanham says that her girls have all the skills to go all the way to the premiership, but it is the girls ‘attitude and sportsmanship which really sets them apart.

http://vimeo.com/67103108

Team of the Week - Round 6 - Year 8 Boys Volleyball
Fresh from their Trish Buckley victory the Creeker Year 8 Boys Volleyball squad is enjoying their current dominance in the interschool sport competition. With only two rounds to go, both the A and B teams have their sights on the finals day in the last week on term two.
What the boys lack in height, they certainly make up in skill and enthusiasm. In the A team the stand out hitter is “Rockstar” Mitchell Keefe, who is well supported by the energetic passer and Blake Williams. In the B team Jordan Wockner is “Mr Reliable” when it comes to passing and Lachlan Rodgers is the dominant player at the net with his huge vertical jump.

Coach Bettenay and assistant coach Michael Hooper are excited about the early success the boys are experiencing and are looking forward to the challenges the year will bring.

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Andrew Denny

Rugby League

Open Rugby League Team Undefeated

The Open Boys Rugby League team are proving to be formidable opponents in the Brisbane Bronco’s Gee Shield competition. A depleted side played against tough opposition in Redcliffe last week in test that required all the courage each player could muster. With several top shelf players out through injury including Owen Bligh, who dislocated his finger earlier in the day in a training accident, it was up to the remaining players to step up and take charge. And take charge they did. Replacement Captain, Jack Dreger, was a force to be reckoned with in the middle of the field controlling the ruck and getting through a mountain of work in defence, leading from the front as all good captains do.

The Mountain Creek forwards had a particularly big job having to contain one of the Queensland props who was playing for Redcliffe and several dangerous Redcliffe backrowers that continued to threaten the defensive line. The boys took it all in their stride however and once again proved they were more than up to the task. Strong efforts by Harry Elliot-Howell, Dana Pursell and Jake Stanton allowed surrounding players to build in confidence. For example, the silky smooth skills of prop Travis Makarere could have been likened to that of a halfback as he gave the final pass for Year 11 student Brodie Riseborough to stroll over for a vital try. In the end Mountain Creek boys were victorious 26-16 over Redcliffe State High School.

The Mountain Creek Open Rugby League team are gaining momentum in the 2013 season in the hopes a gaining a top two finish which will ensure our school an opportunity to play in Australia’s showpiece schoolboys competition, the Arrive Alive Cup. At this point in the season we are all well placed to make this a reality being undefeated so far. Well done boys.

Year 10 Rugby League Report

The Year 10 Rugby League Team has been steadily improving this season. With two strong wins against Nambour in the trial games, the boys faced tough opposition against St Mary’s College, Toowoomba in the first round. An exciting game saw Mountain Creek down 18-0 early in the second half. The boys showed resilience to fight back to only lose 18-8 and this was an excellent effort by all the players with Liam Taylor earning man of the match honours.

In the second round we travelled to Ipswich to play St Peter Claver and in a solid team effort won the game 36-10, with a standout out performance from Jake Gray-Christison. Our round three match was against Redcliffe at home and in a strong defensive effort we won 46-6, man of the match on this occasion went to Kieran Reekie. In round four we faced Nambour at home and in a comprehensive victory won 56 – 0 in a strong team effort, Jake Gray-Christison was again a standout performer.

The boys have continued to improve every week with their defence being the most pleasing aspect, only letting in two tries in their past three games. The attack is starting to click and support play is also improving. We have also seen excellent performances from Connor McCabe, Cody Harrison, Tom Miles and Liam Fraser who feature prominently in our best and fairest scoring. Next week we face another tough challenge against Harristown of Toowoomba, followed by another away trip to Sandgate the week after.

Volleyball

The final Friday night Volleyball evening was held last week at Caloundra Indoor. On show were the six Mountain Creek teams all vying for top spot in their divisions.

The Year 10 Girls travelled through the tournament undefeated. They accounted for all other teams on two occasions and were the dominant team of the competition. Keeley and Caitlyn were the standouts for this team throughout all matches and excellent improvement was seen across the group with Katie and Tahila showing they have potential to be real forces for the Creekers in the future.

The Year 9 Girls had three matches to move from 5th place to 2nd on the final evening but an earlier loss in Round 1 meant that this was as far as they could go. Taalei, Taisha and Emily were the players that lead this team to a very good result.

The Year 8 Boys also went through the tournament undefeated. They were the real livewires of the event with much cheering and celebrating when they played well and especially when they won their matches. The group played really well as a team with all team members contributing to all matches. Standouts for the team were Adam Kerle and Josiah Bettenay and these boys were really supported by the rest of the team.
The Year 8 Girls, Year 9 and 10 Boys all played very competitively and showed that with some more experience and training that they will be much stronger and more competitive in future tournaments.

Overall Mountain Creek finished in third place in the Schools Competition. There were only eight points separating the Champions and third so it was an outstanding effort to be this close in such a highly competitive event. Special thanks to all the teachers who attended and especially to the Senior coach assistants who came along to help coach and organise the teams!

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

**Competition proves too tough for Titrators**

Six Mountain Creek State High Chemistry students participated in the regional round of the annual Royal Australian Chemical Institutes (RACI) National Titration Competition. Mathew Gilligan, Sean Walsh, David Selvage, Lily Hawkins, Katy Tomlinson and Samadhi Egodage collaborated in teams of three to perform three - five titrations in ninety minutes. The competition was held at the University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) on Saturday 18th of May where the Mountain Creek teams faced competition from other local schools on the Sunshine Coast and surrounding region. The students were enthusiastic in their preparation for the event, practicing during lunchtimes and after school to ensure they would be competitive and uphold Mountain Creeks previous accomplishment’s in this event. The students were keen to immerse themselves in the University’s laboratory and worked very well as a team. Seven schools took part in the event, with a total of 16 teams. Unfortunately the competition proved too tough this year with Caloundra State High taking out the competition.

**Helen Gills**  
**HOD Science**

**Opportunities at UQ**

**OP Guarantee Scheme**

The University of Queensland’s (UQ) OP Guarantee Scheme ensures students who achieve an OP score in the range of 1-5 (or entry rank equivalent) and have completed prerequisite subjects, are guaranteed a place in the majority of UQ’s undergraduate programs, regardless of the published program cut-offs for 2014. The OP Guarantee is limited to the major QTAC offer round held in January and some programs are excluded from the scheme.

**UQ Interaction Design Exhibit - 31 May**

UQ’s Interaction Design Exhibit presents work from Bachelor of Multimedia Design and Master of Interaction Design students from the course Physical Computing and Interaction Design Studio. This year’s theme for the studio is ‘Designing for playful and open-ended interactions in everyday life’. Students took their inspiration from popular science fiction and beyond to develop proof of concept prototypes which explore playful and exploratory physical interactions with digital technologies.

The exhibition will be held at The Edge in South Bank and is open to the public from 5pm-7pm on Friday, 31 May 2013. School groups are invited to attend the Interaction Design Exhibit between 12pm-5pm.

**For information, contact:**
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**Science Ambassador Program - 1 June**

The UQ Science Ambassador program is an exciting program which allows Year 11 students to interact with UQ and will assist science teachers to raise the profile of science within your school. Students must be nominated by the School and more than one student may be nominated per school. Students will receive a Science Ambassador badge, certificate plus regular
science updates and invitations to science events throughout the year. Final nominations will be accepted until June 1st.

For information, contact:
Aimee Parker
Phone: (07) 334 61629
Email: sciamb@uq.edu.au
web: Online registration at http://www.science.uq.edu.au/ambform

Architectural Design Workshop for high school students - 27/28 June

Studio Mitt is a collaborative architectural practice actively involved in architectural design education within South-East Queensland. The two-day workshop ‘What is Architectural Design?’ provides an opportunity for secondary school students to learn more about studying architecture at a tertiary level.

The next workshop will run from 27 – 28 June 2013 at our St Lucia campus. The cost of the workshop is $220 per student.

For information, contact:
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Register now for Future Experiences in Agriculture, Science and Technology (FEAST)

Future Experiences in Agriculture, Science and Technology (FEAST) is a five day residential program 30 June – 4 July 2013 at UQ Gatton, designed to inspire and inform high school students of the range of exciting and rewarding science careers in the agriculture, animal and food sectors.

Explore science disciplines through hands on activities and workshops run by UQ staff and Industry and learn about the career outcomes and opportunities for your future. Experience University life and expand your knowledge of UQ study options, programs, careers and campus life.


Successful applicants will be notified on May 13th.

For information, contact:
Karli Kollegger
Phone: (07) 5460 1279
Email: feast@uq.edu.au

2013 Economics Schools Day - 18 July

Interested in Economics? The School of Economics are hosting an information day for grade 11 and 12 high school students currently studying Economics as a subject. This event is organised on behalf of QETA and will include presentations by current UQ Economics lecturers that relate to real world events/issues, current research and career opportunities. To view the program visit http://www.uq.edu.au/economics/economics-schools-day-2013 .

Date: Thursday 18 July 2013
Time: 10.00am – 2.00pm (lunch included)
Venue: The University of Queensland St Lucia campus

For information, contact:
Queensland Economics Teachers Association (QETA)
Phone: (07) 3365 4959
Email: info@qeta.com.au
Default.aspx?pageId=1405367&eventId=569685&EventViewMode=

REGISTER NOW for Careers that shape the world

Registrations are now open for Careers that shape the world on Thursday 11 July at UQ’s St Lucia campus. Suitable for Year 10, 11 and 12 students, this free event is an exciting student experience day designed to help students choose a career that’s right for them. For more information and to register, visit http://www.uq.edu.au/shapeyourworld . Places are limited, so please ensure your students register early to secure a place at the event.

For information, contact:
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National Youth Science Forum - Apply Now

The National Youth Science Forum is a 12-day program for students who are about to move into Year 12 and are considering careers in science, engineering and technology.

Participants get the chance to visit a number of research and industry facilities, meet people from their field of interest, attend special dinners and fun events, and mix with other top science students from around the country.

Current Year 11s can apply to their local Rotary Club by 31 May 2013 to be considered for the forums in January 2014. In 2014, UQ will be offering an NYSF session at the Gatton Campus.

For information, contact:
Download the application form at http://www.nysf.edu.au/ applying
Phone: (02) 6125 2777
Email: nysf@nysf.edu.au

Teacher Professional Development Day - 2 October

Expressions of Interest from Science and Agricultural Science teachers to attend a professional development day at the Gatton Campus hosted by AgForce and The University of Queensland. The day will feature innovative teaching and assessment ideas and resources to engage senior science students. Practical workshops presented by UQ researchers will help you to enhance your student’s scientific thinking and link the science to tertiary study and career outcomes. Network with AgForce representatives on the day. Program is from 8.30am-4.30pm.

For information, contact:
Register an experieension of interest now. Contact Alison Beaty
SET planning guides now available

SET planning guides for Year 10 students are now available from UQ. These guides will assist your students in planning their pre-requisite subject choices for Years 11 and 12 and their future careers beyond UQ. As part of their planning, students should also check the UQ Programs and Courses website for specific pre-requisite subject requirements, changes and updates. To view this guide online visit - http://www.uq.edu.au/schools/online-publications

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Spin Off 2013 Gym Bike Challenge for Chaplains

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

Spin Off 2013: Gym Bike Challenge was a fundraiser for Chaplaincy which sought to raise some funds to enable us to continue the work we are doing at our school.

Spin Off was held on the 18th May and was a fantastic success with two teams coming from the coast riding for Mountain Creek High Chaplaincy. The event was held in Brisbane and involved teams of people coming together and cycling as many kilometres as they could in 30 minutes on one stationary exercise bike. The Creekers staff team came first in their heat and raised a significant amount of money to support both Stu and I at the school.

Thanks heaps to all those who donated toward the event! And especially to those who competed in the event with Stu and I. We so appreciate your support!!

For more photos of the event head to the Spin Off Facebook page: http://facebook.com/spinoffchallenge

Sarah and Stu

Chappy Week Sausage

Chappy week is set aside as a time to focus on recognising and highlighting the work of Chaplaincy in schools throughout Queensland. As a part of this week we, Sarah Turner and Stu Cran, decided to provide a free sausage sizzle for students. A few folks suggested that we should sell the sausages to help raise money to support the work of Chaplaincy. However we decided not to charge and to provide them freely as a way of saying thanks and that we, as Chaplains, appreciate being a part of Mountain Creek High. We had 500 sausages that took almost an hour to cook and they disappeared in 15 minutes. We also had a bunch of our fantastic volunteers help with organising and distributing the snags. Our role in the school is quite varied. We are a part of the student services team and as well as the many proactive programs we run, we are here as a first base contact for students and parents in supporting them with a broad range of issues. Thanks for having us.

Stu and Sarah
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