18 August 2014

From the Executive Principal

Thank you to the following staff for stepping up to acting positions due to my emergent leave from week 2 to week 5: Donna Lancaster Acting Principal, Andy Walpole Acting Deputy Principal and Steve Davies Acting HOD Technologies. I hope to return to my position as Executive Principal commencing Monday 18th August.

Cheryl McMahon
Executive Principal

From the Acting Principal

Career and Faculty EXPO and ECP

I would like to thank all staff and parent volunteers involved in the Careers and Faculty Expo on Monday 4th August. I trust that the information provided by faculties and tertiary and other pathway organisations has been valuable in assisting families in the subject selection process at ECP on Tuesday 12th August. These ECP interviews are an opportunity to discuss progress towards subject selection that will support career choices. The key to success at school is maintaining a supportive relationship between school and home and attendance at these ECP interviews is a great opportunity to enhance those relationships to assist your child’s future subject choice and their ongoing learning.

Information about subject selection has also been presented on assemblies and in access lessons to ensure that all students are selecting subjects that support their career options/choices and are aligned with their pre-requisite completion.

Year 12 QCS and COMPLETION

As we approach QCS in week 8, this is the time for our senior students to focus on their performance in this very important state wide test that is used to determine Student Overall Achievement Indicators and Overall Positions (OPs). These final exams before the Verification submissions are sent to panel end Term 3, are particularly important as they are used to determine placement of students in relation to other students in each subject. Although Term 4 assessment contributes to exit results and students must maintain a good work ethic until November, panels will assess school results end Term 3 to ensure compliance with Work Programs and assessment standards.

Those students who are not OP eligible should have completed all competencies in Certificate courses by end Term 3 to guarantee certification by the end of Year 12. It is important for students who are at risk of not completing a certificate course, to make time after the school day to complete work required to gain all competencies.

School Opinion Survey

Thank you to all families who participated in the parent section of the annual School Opinion Survey. Your feedback about school operations is an important part of determining our Annual Implementation Plan for the year ahead. Results from this survey will be available in Term 4.

Athletics Carnival

Thank you and congratulations to Riedwaan Nassiep and Tanya Aspinall who co-ordinated a very successful get active athletics carnival on Tuesday the 29th of August. The carnival was well supported by students in both the junior and the senior school.

And finally, a huge congratulations to Graeme Breen (Acting HOD – Teaching and Learning) who has organised Australia’s first Startup Weekend workshop at Mountain Creek. Earlier this year, Mountain Creek SHS was awarded one of 5 Australia wide Google experiences as a result of Graeme’s successful application and attendance at the Google conference. This workshop demonstrates Graeme’s passion for IT and his commitment to progressing IT opportunities for students at Mountain Creek SHS. Please take the time to read the information in this issue about the Startup weekend and how your student could be involved.

Donna Lancaster
Acting Principal
**From the Head of Senior School**

**Year 12 Students Invited To Graduation Ceremonies 2014.**

The Principal has advised all students from the beginning of the year that the requirements for Graduation are;
- Attendance at 95% of all classes as a minimum, and
- Completion of all courses especially certificate courses and qualifications.

Students who meet these requirements will be invited to attend the Graduation Day Ceremony 20th of November and the Night Ceremony on the 21st of November at the SUNCOAST Auditorium (Parents and Students) and Maroochy RSL (Students only). There is limited seating for guests at this event so the school has determined the following policies around attendance at this ceremony.
- Siblings are not permitted to attend
- Only 2 parents are permitted to attend.

Tickets are limited to one graduating student and two parents only.

**QCS Around The Corner!**

Year 12 students are in the final stages of their preparation program for the QCS test to be held on the 2nd and 3rd of September. Students have received their professionally marked test papers for vital feedback about their weaknesses and strengths. Of particular use to parents is the publication https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/downloads/senior/qcs_student_bulletin_14.pdf

**Future Preparation Pathway Program**

An interesting program of guest speakers has been finalised for NON-OP students in Year 12. The program is as follows. These classes are in the last session every Friday.

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**Caltex All Rounder Applications Close End Of Term**

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

**Best Wishes**

Andrew Stone

**Head of Senior School**

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**From the Head of Junior Secondary**

It has been a busy start to the third term as always. All Junior Secondary students will have received their report cards at the end of week 2. The next progression of these was our Education and Career Planning evening that you would have attended last week. There are two purposes for that evening, firstly to discuss your child’s aspirations and possible career path, but secondly to select subjects for 2015. If for some reason you were unable to attend this meeting last week please ensure you have made contact with your ECP teacher and lodged a subject selection form to ensure your child will have a place in the classes of their choice for 2015.

**Young Scholars**

In weeks 3 and 7 of every term, our school plays host to our young scholars from all of the primary schools in our area. In week 3 our year 6, students were exposed to training in volleyball with the help of our year 9 volleyball class and students in year 7 worked on chemistry activities where they completed experiments in a bag and made glue. From the screams I heard, there were some bags that exploded. Students were learning about exothermic reactions and reactions that gave off gases. From all accounts the young scholars thoroughly enjoyed themselves and realised that learning can be fun.

**The Year 6 And 7 Transition Days**

With the introduction of year 7 to high school in 2015, we will be running transition days for those students already enrolled for 2015 into year 7 and 8. These days will be held separately due to the number of students. The dates are 21st August for Yr 6 into Yr 7 students and 5th September for the Yr 7 into Yr 8 day. Students who have enrolments confirmed a week prior to that date will be welcome to attend these days. All information about how the days will be run will be sent to the primary schools. Could I ask that all parents with students involved on these days ensure that they RSVP as requested.

**Year 7 Precinct**

I am proud to announce that the construction of our Year 7 precinct area has been finally completed and classes are now taking place in these rooms at present. The 2nd phase of renovating internally will be completed prior to the end of the year. 2015 will see 12 newly renovated rooms ready for our Year 7 cohort to take residence.
What’s On!
Monday 18th August – P&C Meeting
Thursday 21st August – Year 6 into 7 transition day
Friday 22nd August – Year 12 Drama Production Evening
Monday 25th August – School Council and Finance Committee Meeting
Monday 24th August – Year 12 IB Mock Exams commence
Tuesday 26th August – Student Forum – 1.10 pm PA Block
Thursday 28th August – Young Scholars 1 pm – 4pm
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- Students need to ensure they have the correct equipment for the two days.
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  - Please refer to the ‘Instructions to Students’ (green QSA sheet)
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International Baccalaureate Update

Finished at last …..

IB students move to a new stage over the next two weeks as they can proudly say ‘I never have to do another school assignment ever again’. This week they celebrated the final submission for English. Students were required to write a 1200 word analytical essay on a topic of their choice on a single text that they had studied in class. History, Psychology, Maths HL and Maths SL, Spanish, Japanese are all finished now. The IB Diploma in fact has few assignment requirements with greater emphasis on exams which come in November of the students’ final year. In fact, virtually all IB subjects require that the students only complete a single assignment during the entirety of the programme.

Likewise, course content has all been taught. The students now have covered all work that is required by their subjects. Some subjects finished as early as end of Year 11 but some continue right up until this third term. As students now prepare themselves for final exams the excitement of piecing all the puzzle pieces, all the learning together is their purpose.

Year 12 students will sit mock exams in Week 7 and 8. This exam session uses past papers and is therefore indicative of what they will face in November. This gives the students the opportunity to test themselves early, review how much of their course they know to help plan their study vac lead up to final exams.

Year 11IB students along with their teachers Emma Hodkinson and Witon Rutherford paddled the reaches of the Brisbane River around Somerset Dam for three days this week. Students tracked the river changes through flood and drought, speculated on changes in land use and its effect of the river, heard from local indigenous traditional land owners about the history and the importance of this water source for their people. Our students merged with students from Murgon State High School to complete these exercises over a three day period before passing their findings via message stick (ipad) to the paddlers down river.

Our students were part of a wider, longer project in which students from across Queensland will paddle, cycle, hike and go boating on the Brisbane River from its source in the Bunya forests of the South Burnett, through to Fort Lytton on Moreton Bay, a journey of some 350 kilometres.

The three-week journey focuses on the health and future of our waterways. This event combines learning about environmental sustainability with physical activity. Students applied problem-solving and critical thinking skills as they completed a range of tasks, including monitoring water quality, litter audits, riparian studies. They then documented their section of the trip through news reporting and photography.

Such an activity is at the core of the IB Diploma programme. All IBDP students are involved with their personal CAS project which sees them learning through doing. Students, as part of CAS are encouraged to be active (the paddling); creative (problem solving) and provide a service (monitoring the health of the waterway). This is just one of their many projects.

Bunya2Bay, including the interviews by our own students will be heard on the ABC. Keep an eye out on the 612ABC website over the next few weeks.

Trisha Valentine
HOD International Baccalaureate/Resources
Maths News

Maths can be fun.

There are many games you can play that help with Numeracy. Here is one that I tried recently with my year 9 class.

I suggest you start with just WIZ and build up to WIZ, BANG, POP.

In groups of 3, 4 or 5, start at number 1 and add 1 each time – rotate to the next person turning clockwise.

When a number is a multiple of 2 the person must say WIZ.

BANG when the number is a multiple of 3 and both if it is both (e.g. 6 is WIZ, BANG) and POP when the number is a multiple of 5 (e.g. 10 is WIZ, POP). Have fun with numbers like 30.

Science Update

Experience Science at UQ

This year, 50 Year 11 Science students were offered the opportunity to attend the UQ Experience Science Day at the University of Queensland. This day allowed us to experience a small part of University life and also gave us some hands on investigative opportunity in the science labs. This involved activities in Maths, Physics, Biology and Chemistry.

The day began bright and early at 6:45am, with a long bus ride to Brisbane, when we arrived the students of the University were very welcoming. Firstly, we attended a lecture on Geology which was given by a lecturer doing research on Australia’s involvement in the Ice Age. This lecture was interesting as it gave us a taste of how a lecture is run at university and the type of research opportunities available to students. It also gave us an insight into the depth of research the students of UQ conduct in Science.

Following this the UQ students each explained their own passion for science and thirst for knowledge. They explained how exciting university is and how many options are available at UQ. After this we attended the Maths, Physics, Biology, and Chemistry activities.

The Maths was very hands on and involved problem solving in puzzles, cubes, pictures and more. The Biology activity was one of the highlights of the day as we were broken up into groups to conduct some forensic investigations into the death of a Ram. Some of us looked at DNA evidence left behind while others got to look at droppings left near the vicinity of the alleged crime. This allowed us to perform experiments in the science labs using various pieces of equipment that had not been available to us before. Lastly, the Chemistry part of the experience was broken up into two activities. Firstly we were able to create some photos using a redox reaction which developed the picture made in a similar fashion to how photos used to be developed. This activity also required sophisticated equipment which was exciting for us to use. The favourite activity of the day was creating slime which only took a couple of minutes to produce but was edible!

Overall the UQ Science Day was a very exciting and informative experience that allowed us to experience university life and gave us an insight into what our future may hold. A big thankyou needs to go to the teachers who went with us, Miss Davenport and Mr Foondun, who made this opportunity possible.

You Can Make Your Ice-Cream And Eat It Too.

It's been described as the five minute way to make amazing ice cream. No cranking… no ice and rock salt mixtures… and you can forget about those electric ice cream makers. All you need is a little liquid nitrogen, some creamy ingredients, and your imagination to make the best ever ice-cream.

Liquid nitrogen is -196°C (in other words, it’s cold). While liquid nitrogen is used for many temperature-related applications, it’s particularly useful for freezing foods because nitrogen is odorless, colorless, and tasteless. The secret to the creamy ice cream is all in the rapid freezing of the mixture. The liquid nitrogen causes the fat and the water crystals to stay very small, giving the ice cream its creamy consistency.

Year 10 Chemistry students have recently been studying intermolecular forces and gas laws and were able to see first hand how molecules behave in different states of matter.

QUT Anatomy Tutorial Program

On Thursday the 24th of July, 28 Mountain Creek Senior Biology and IB students were invited to an informative Biomedical Anatomy tutorial at the QUT Medical Engineering Research Facility in Brisbane. The excursion included ‘hands on’ workshops on surgery skills, providing an insight into exactly how difficult surgery is. It was an exciting opportunity for students to learn more about surgical skills and physiology with an interactive, hands-on set of work stations using equipment such as endoscopes, surgical instrumentation, ECG machines, lung function machines, and sphygmomanometers.

Also, with the utmost respect extended to a body donated to science at the facility, QUT were able to give a very real, and close up understanding that provided a practical perspective of concepts that were taught in students’ classes. The systems covered included the integumentary, respiratory, circulatory, nervous, digestive, renal, hepatic and reproduction. It was also
Science Competition Results

There have been fantastic results achieved from the two major competitions offered in Science throughout the year. Lisa-Mari Breedt was awarded a High Distinction scoring above 95% in the Big Science Competition. Ben Argue, Finlay Gordon, Alexander Hendry, Hayley Mallinder, Bryce Street and Lachlan Thomson were awarded a Distinction scoring above 85%, with several other students receiving a credit.

In the ICAS Science Competition this year several students received Distinctions which places them in the top 10% of students in their year level. Congratulations to Alec Woodward-Mitchell, Jason Humrich, Bryce Street, Archie Borradale, Joey Dumin, Tristan Hauber, Connor Madden, Chloe Travers, Jade Savanh, Piper Lenske, Sarah Gaukroger, Abbey Van de Vorst, Laura Treacy, Annie Gordon and Jazlyn Bauer. Overall students at Mountain Creek received: 15 Distinctions, 74 Credits and 58 Merit awards.

Young Scholars

Mountain Creek Young Scholars were recently treated to an afternoon in Science. In one lab, students were shown how to make glue from milk. Students demonstrated the necessary laboratory skills to complete the experiment including identifying scientific equipment, using a measuring cylinder to measure liquids, setting up the equipment to filter solids from liquids, decanting liquids from solids and using a Bunsen burner.

In another lab, students investigated exothermic and endothermic reactions using simple household substances. Thanks to Andreas Foondun, Witon Rutherford and the student helpers for making the afternoon such an exciting experience.

Lisa-Mari Breedt

Helen Gillis

Head of Science

Social Science Faculty News

SOSE Celebrates their Honour Roll Students

Congratulations to the following students who received outstanding academic reports this term. Congratulations we hope that you keep up this amazing effort.

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Weitenberg
UN Security Council Competition

The Evatt trophy competition is the largest model UN Security Council competition in Australia. Run in pairs, students will represent one country on the security council and debate on resolutions.

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Partick White
Chloe Gulliver
Jayden Black
Corey Britten
Islay
Chambers-Schoeman
Sahara Close
Connor Creevey
Harriet Francis
Maddy Heath
Ruby Lawrance
Jakob Lydford
Laura Magao
Jacob Paterson
Sea Sternbaum
Francesca Testa

Year 9
Partrick Kennedy
Jasmine Macdonnell
Ben Magao
Javon Portman
Jade Savanh
Millie Winkler
Georgie Fedorov
Georgia Kennedy
Taia Richardson
Ashleigh Duplessis
Hannah Brumm
Lucinda Kelly
Indiah Mackaway
Jarrod Zadow
Marissa McColm
Taylah O’Neill

Year 10
Isabella Mayworm
Sarah best
ben murphy
Zoe Cowland
Caity Mullan
Georgia Beaumont
Leah McFedridge
Brianna MacDonnell

This year, the Sunshine Coast round will occur on the 10th August at Chancellor State College. If you are interested in being involved please see Ms Jarman in Bribie sub school. For more information see http://unyouth.org.au/. Registrations for the Sunshine Coast round close on Sunday 3rd August.

Written by: Kate Benfield

Home Economics

Tourism

Nicole Savage, dedicated Year 12, Certificate II in Tourism student, was recently shortlisted as a finalist for the Queensland Tourism Industry Council Salute to Excellence Award.

Nicole applied for the prestigious award earlier this year where she had to complete selection criteria on her knowledge of the Queensland Tourism Industry. She was then shortlisted last term and she attended a skill testing day held at Southbank Institute of Technology where she went through a rigorous interview process. Nicole had to complete an examination on her knowledge of Queensland Tourism and she also had to create and present a PowerPoint presentation to a panel of judges from the Queensland Tourism Industry Council and outline why a cruise liner port should be developed in her chosen area, the Gold Coast.

Nicole was further shortlisted to attend the Salute to Excellence Awards Dinner held in Brisbane on the 25th of July. The awards night was presented by Queensland Education Minister John-Paul Langbroek. Unfortunately, Nicole did not win but it was a huge accolade for her to be shortlisted as a finalist and to attend the Salute to Excellence Awards Dinner.

Skill Centre News!

Students get a taste of living la dolce vita

On Thursday 31 July, chef Ruben Sciberras from Ruby’s Pizza and Pasta in Mt Coolum Shopping Centre generously gave his time and resources to teach the Munch Bunch crew at Mountain Creek SHS SKILL Centre how to make traditional Italian pizzas. Chef Ruben had students entranced as he shaped and threw the dough before each took a turn at the ancient art. Under his expert guidance the students, who are studying for their Certificate II in Workplace Practices, learnt how to design the perfect pie. Students filled the centre with the delicious smell of their original gourmet creations before sharing the pizza with friends and staff.
The AIME program runs from year 9 through to year 12 and has been enormously successful in supporting Indigenous students through high school and into university, employment or further education at the same rate as non-indigenous students. AIME gives Indigenous students the skills, opportunities, belief and confidence to grow and succeed.

Samantha began the program in 2010. When asked to reflect on the experience she commented, “Back in year nine I remember being terrified at the thought of standing up in front of the other kids but today when I was asked to write and present a graduation speech I was very excited and happy to do it.” Samantha has high hopes for the future and will leave high school with direction and self-belief – a very positive outcome for her and we wish her every success.

### Annual NAIDOC Art Competition

**Theme:** Sense of Place

- What is your favourite place?
- What image symbolizes your place?
- What place are you at in your life now?
- In which place do you live?

Let your imagination run wild!!

**Categories:**
- Junior Category-Years 8 & 9
- Senior Category-Years 10, 11, 12

**Prizes:** Winners of each category receive $100 Gift Voucher to any shop of their choice.

Please submit all entries to Jacqui Andrews at the Resource Centre before Monday the 15th of September.

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### Indigenous Education

**First Graduate from Indigenous AIME Program**

Congratulations to Samantha Ladwig, our first ever MCSHS student to complete the full four year indigenous AIME program based at the University of the Sunshine Coast.

AIME stands for Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience, a successful and popular program run across Australia. The program was implemented to encourage indigenous students to remain engaged with education and to connect with their cultural heritage.

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Names from left –right: Stephanie Foster, Jake Waddell, Ms Tania Serrat, Sally-Anne Gidney, Mr Ruben Sciberras and Annette Pyke

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Fraser Hogarth

Jake Waddell

Samantha Ladwig
News from the IT Faculty

Ever wondered what it takes to be an entrepreneur?

The professional and personal challenges, the high and lows, the failures and the success.

First for Mountain Creek - The first ever Startup Weekend for high school students in Australia to launch on Sunshine Coast

The first ever high school Start-up Weekend in Australia will launch on October 31st at Mountain Creek State High School. Exclusively geared for high school students, the event will begin Friday evening, October 31st, and will conclude with final pitches to an esteemed panel of judges on Sunday afternoon, November 2nd

http://vimeo.com/103672009

Considered to be the world’s starting point for entrepreneurship, Startup Weekends are weekend-long, hands-on experiences where aspiring entrepreneurs can find out if startup ideas are viable. This specific event is the first high school focused event that Startup Weekend has sanctioned in Australia.

http://vimeo.com/103672010

As a real world educational initiative, the students will be challenged to identify an issue, formulate an idea for a solution, and work through a process that will ultimately end in a final pitch to an esteemed panel of judges. Throughout the weekend, they will have access to serial entrepreneurs, mentors, and facilitators that will provide professional guidance.

They will also be validating their idea through customer feedback by creating essential questions and/or surveys that will inform the teams of their proposed solution.

Prior to the event, each student team will be given a startup toolkit that will help guide their approach to the entire process, which will include methods and frameworks used by leading entrepreneurs around the world. For the final session (Sunday afternoon), teams will perform final pitches and different categories of awards will be handed out.

http://vimeo.com/103672011

Everyone is guaranteed to leave the event better prepared to navigate the chaotic but fun world of startups. If you want to put yourself in the shoes of an entrepreneur, watch this web site ( http://www.up.co/communities/australia/queensland/startup-weekend/4140 ) to find out more, including tickets for the best weekend of your life!

Here are some quotes from students involved in other countries about what they learned…

Savannah
“I learned how to work with a team. I learned what I was good at and what I wasn’t really good at but what I could still try to do. I learned how to appeal to other people and also what appeals to other people.”

Sydney
“I think for me it was listening, especially working with a team of a lot of different personalities. We all have a tendency to shut everyone else’s ideas off and I think that I had to step back a lot of the times and just listen, hear it out, and see how to incorporate it. When I listened, they were ideas that were monumental in forming our mission. I listened and watched ideas come out…I definitely learned a lot from that.”

About the idea...

Savannah
“We were worried about the money making aspect of it, but once we kind of pushed that aside we were actually able to find a way to make money while doing something good to better the community.”

And from a parent:

“After three days at the first teen Startup weekend program my son came home and told me he learned more there than he has learned in two years at his accelerated high school. I don’t think I have ever seen him as energized, enthusiastic or stimulated by any single activity. Coming from a 10th grader that I had to coerce into attending this is really saying something.”

What Is CS+X, And How Does It Impact My Child?

This refers to a global initiative which recognises that most careers now and in the future will involve interaction with computers and that this will only increase over time. Strongly promoted by Google Outreach Manager, Sally Williams, when she presented at MCSHS recently, the informally-named CS+X refers to combining development in Computer Science with some other area of interest - from humanities to engineering, and so on.
Computing is ubiquitous, with application areas in virtually any field imaginable – from developing gene-sequencing algorithms, to designing methods for high frequency trading, creating computer-generated graphics and special effects, analysing social data from internet communications, and creating embedded real-time systems for medical devices. In fact, according to the National Science Foundation, "Knowledge of computer science and computer programming is becoming a necessary skill... in marketing, advertising, journalism, and the creative arts."

http://cs.illinois.edu/prospective-students/undergraduates/cs-degrees-offered/cs-x

The CS+X initiative is exemplified by the fact that from 2015 all students in Australia will be introduced to computer science principles through the new Digital Technologies course being introduced as part of the next rollout of the Australian curriculum. This will involve students across both primary and secondary, from P-10.

Graeme Breen
IT Coordinator
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News from Creative Industries

Theatre Sports Team performs at the Brisbane Powerhouse!

Our Mountain Creek State High School Senior Theatre Sports Team consisting of Riley Cope, Blaze Bryans, Rachel Breeze, Finlay Gordon and Abi Thorpe have blitzed the quarter and semi-finals to progress to the grand final! The event is to be held at the Brisbane Powerhouse on Monday August 18 at 7pm. Congratulations to our students and to their coach Mrs Sharon McHugh for this fantastic achievement.

Tickets are on sale to the public now at the Brisbane Powerhouse. Don’t miss out! http://brisbanepowerhouse.org/events/2014/08/18/queensland-youth-theatre-sports-grand-final-2014/

With guest presenters such as ARIA Award winning artist manager and triple j broadcaster, Maggie Collins, and Ball Park Music lead vocalist Sam Comack, along with interactive musical performances by The Voice’s Darren Percival and singer-songwriter Sahara Beck, the students really got an insight into this exciting and dynamic creative industry.

Little Big Sound Excursion 2014

On the 21st of July, Year 11 and 12 Music Industry students from the Creative Industries Faculty ventured down to The Edge, Brisbane to participate in a number of industry-based lectures, workshops and enjoy a musical rooftop performance showcase over lunch.

Year 12 VAS Pottery Workshop

On Friday the 25th July and Friday 1st of August the year 12 Visual Art Studies students participated in a pottery wheel workshop as part of their Functional Ceramics Unit. In preparation for the workshop students drew a range of pots, bowls and vases they wanted made on the pottery wheel. The workshop began by students viewing a demonstration of a pot being thrown by our visiting artist, Merv Jefferson. All of the students were keen to participate and were soon up to their elbows in clay. Most students tried their hand at the pottery wheel and managed to make some wheel thrown pots on their own. Well done to all the students who attended the workshop and thank you for your excellent participation. A big thank you to Merv who worked tirelessly to create the 40 plus items on the wheel from the designs the students had provided.

Toni Bielby
Pre-service teacher

Jewellery Competition Wrapped up Week 5

This term Mountain Creek State High School students had an opportunity for 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.

Stay tuned for the winning student to be announced here at school and also on the store’s Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/toholdandtohavejewellers

Sunshine Coast Junior Eisteddfod

The Mountain Creek State High School Stage Band has had a big year! Many hours of rehearsal led by dedicated Director Calvin Hunter saw the group of students receive a Highly Commended award at the recent Sunshine Coast Eisteddfod. As the only State School to place on the night, we are very proud of this achievement.

Buderim Fundraiser Concert

On the 18th of July a charity concert was held at the Buderim Tavern to raise money for skin cancer and showcase some young local talent. Four of the musical acts were either current or past students of Mountain Creek State High School and they included Marnie Purssell (year 10), Ryan Nak and Jesse Jamieson (year 11), Tuscany Mellor (year 12) and Sonya Lutje (graduated 2013). A variety of music was enjoyed by the audience of 120 people on the night. The main and final act of the night was the band X-it 4 with Marnie as the lead singer. Several items were auctioned off as well as a raffle of Marnie’s Grandmother’s home made goodies. The total amount raised for the Cancer Council was $2,877. The night was very successful plans are in motion to do it again next year.

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

Saleable Art Excursion

The year 11 Design and Art students set out on an excursion to explore the many ways that art and craft meet to produce desirable creative works at Eumundi Markets and Montville. There they met both makers and sellers to see a range of jewellery, ceramics and painted works on stalls and in shops and galleries. These visits also served to add inspiration to the work they are doing in a jewellery unit this term.
AFL Brisbane Lions Cup

On Thursday the 7th of September the junior and senior girls Mountain Creek AFL teams competed in the first stage of Brisbane Lions Cup at Maroochydore.

This first stage was a regional carnival against schools north of Pine Rivers and up to Kilcoy. The senior and junior team finished the day undefeated and were named regional champions. The Senior B narrowly missed the final through only one loss at the hands of Mountain Creek A.

The junior and senior team will play the winners of the North Brisbane and East Brisbane regions on Thursday August 21st 2014.

Henderson & Stevenson named by Lions

Mountain Creek SHS for the first time will have two students in the AFL Draft. The Brisbane Lions last week announced that Cameron Stevenson and Daniel Henderson would be nominated for the 2014 AFL Draft. This caps off a great year representative football for Henderson a current year 12 student and Stevenson (class of 2013). Both boys have played for Queensland in the U18 National AFL championship and are becoming regulars for the Brisbane Lions Reserves in the NEAFL.

The AFL Draft is the formal process where AFL club select their new players, approximately 150 18 year olds are nominated and clubs usually pick 4-6 players from the Draft. Both the boys are thrilled about being named and will be eagerly awaiting the 2014 Draft which will be held on the Gold Coast in late November.

Peter Bock
Coach

Count the Creekers!!!!!

1, 2, 3 Creekers represent QLD at National AFL championships.

Congratulations to Mili Reed and Tahlia Randall who both played in the first QLD team to participate in the National U16 Championships. Next year VIC, SA, NSW, ACT and WA will not be so quick to dismiss the new kids on the block. The QLD girls played well in some cold and wet conditions and walked away with a very credible 3rd place medal.

Mili who will be eligible again next year was a versatile player who was an asset to the team. Tahlia played in the centres and was described by AFLQ as ‘very athletic with a vertical leap that is a cut above’. Tahlia’s skills were noticed by the selectors who voted her the MOST VALUABLE player of the championships as well as a member of the U16 All Australian team.

Bayden Goff was a dominant member of the U15 Boys QLD team. QLD were undefeated in the lead up rounds and played VIC in the grand final. Bayden showed his strength, kicking 4 of the 5 goals in the Grand final. Congratulations Bayden for being part of the first QLD team to make the grand final at these championships. Bayden’s strength was noticed and rewarded when he was named in the All Australian U15 team.

Congratulations Mili, Tahlia and Bayden.

Jenny Randall
Coach

2014 Get Active School Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to the entire school community for your wonderful efforts in making our 2014 Get Active School Athletics Carnival, a raging success. Records were smashed, efforts were rewarded, and in the wash-up, Bribie sub-school were justifiably crowned the champion sub-school.
organisation of the carnival followed the philosophy of our Swimming and Cross Country carnivals, by providing opportunities for all students to participate, both in competitive and non-competitive athletic events.

Age champions are as follows –

13 Boys – Joseph Lowe
13 Girls – Lara Vochtelo
14 Boys – Shayden Stevens
14 Girls – Mikayla Williams & Xanthe Beasley
15 Boys – Jack Bowen
15 Girls – Calista McKenzie
16 Boys – Bryce Street
16 Girls – Tahlia Randall
17 and over Boys – Scott Sinclair
17 and over Girls – Emily Wotton

Many thanks to all staff and students for your contributions in making this, another successful Creeker Day!

**Riedwaan Nassiep and Tanya Aspinall**

**Creeker Basketball**

The 2014 season is off to another flying start. Our school has been represented by students in Regional teams—Max Kerle in the Open boys’ team and both Courtney Murphy and Taisha White in the 15 years girls team.

In particular, 2 students- Max and year 10 student Bayden Goff are having a very busy time. Max’s performance in The Regional team resulted in his selection in the Queensland Schoolboys team to contest the National Interstate School Championship later in August. Max follows in a list of Creeker basketballers to be afforded this honour and we all wish him well at the Tournament. Bayden is also achieving great heights in a couple of sports. After representing Queensland South in the u16 Club Basketball Championships in July he followed up a week later to represent the Sunshine Coast Region in 15 years AFL and was selected in the Queensland Schoolboys team, culminating in him being named in the All Australian team. These 2 young men are certainly very talented athletes with great futures ahead and we are very proud of their achievements.

The popular Friday Night Basketball is underway this term. I would very much like to acknowledge the coaches—Mr Harding, Ms Herrero, Ms Nash, Mr Hegarty and Mr Duus -- for their generosity in giving up their Friday nights to allow our teams to play. The school is represented by 6 teams with the Open A boys hoping to continue their 13 year Premiership run. The Open Boys (led by Tyler Morrison and Max Kerle) and Open

Girls (led by Lateisha Kenny and Mikaila Murphy) will contest the State Tournament in September and in December the National Schools Tournament will be held in Canberra and we have entered an U17 boys team in this Tournament.

So all in all it’s another busy year for Creeker Basketball. I hope you all enjoy it!

**Years 8 & 9 Central District Rugby League Champions.**

On Wednesday 25th June at Kawana RLFC both our Year 8 & 9 Rugby League teams were successful in winning the Central District Rugby League Premiership.

The year 8 team continued their undefeated season with a strong victory over a classy Chancellor team. While scores were close at halftime, our year 8 boys were able to run away in the second half and claim the title of Central District Champions. The boys train hard before school, under the guidance of our senior Certificate 3 Fitness students. Their ability to stay in the game and come away with such a strong victory is a testament to that training.
The year 9 team have worked extremely hard to get to Grand Final day with one goal in mind, to make up for last year’s 50 point defeat to Sienna in the Grand Final. The Creekers were focused and committed, putting on a powerful and skilful display to run out comprehensive winners 48 - 8.

The boys demonstrated outstanding teamwork and effort in turning around a big deficit from the previous year. Michael Litau was awarded man of the match in scoring 3 tries, with Tyrone Jones, Shayden Stevens, and Paddy Corrie also outstanding.

**YR 8 Rugby League Wide Bay Champions**

Following a comprehensive 50-4 victory over Nambour in the Sunshine Coast Play Off, the Yr 8 team travelled to Gympie to take on Kepnock SHS, Bundaberg in the final of the Wide Bay Shield.

The Creekers scored early however found themselves behind 10-6 after a string of possession to Kepnock SHS. Outstanding efforts in the middle in attack by Trent Loiero & Alex Baldry and strong defence by Billy Jack Corrie and Blaine Rawlings allowed Joe Lowe and Jay Lanuto to use their speed to take advantage out wide, and allowed the Creekers run in the next 8 consecutive tries on the way to a 48-10 Victory. The highlight of the day was the rampaging Sio Mana scoring off a penalty tap 20metres out from the opposition’s try line.

**Mitchell Woodworth to Play Softball for AUSTRALIA!!**

Mitch has been in softball representative teams since the age of 12. He has represented his school, his region, his state and will now represent Australia in the U23 Men’s International Series in Singapore this week.

Mitch represented QLD at the International Friendship Series held in Sydney in July. Qld finished 5th competing against teams from VIC, NSW, ACT, 2 Australian teams and 2 New Zealand teams.

Mitchell’s skills with the bat and in the field impressed the selectors so much he was named: BEST BATTER of the tournament, MOST VALUABLE PLAYER of the tournament and BEST Short Stop of the tournament. It should not have been a surprise when Mitch was selected as the youngest player in the U23 AUSTRALIAN team.

Mitch, good luck in Singapore.

Jenny Randall
Tennis Lessons @ Mooloolaba Tennis Centre

After School Group lessons now available!
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday afternoons
1.30-2.15pm & 2.15-3pm

Never played before or perhaps you played when you were younger?
Now’s a great time to get back into tennis.
To enrol contact Tristan or Kerryn on 5444 0033
Or email tristan@elitetennisinternational.com

Volleyball Bronze!
The Creeker Volleyballers participated in the Queensland Volleyball Senior Schools Cup in early August in Toowoomba. The four girl’s teams and one boys’ team went with the aim of developing their teamwork and skills to be competitive in the various divisions they were in.

The Senior Girls Honours team was most successful. Playing in the highest division (Honours) meant that they were up against the best teams from the top Volleyball schools in Queensland. The team worked together in an outstanding manner to have a chance to get to the Gold Medal game. Unfortunately they lost a close battle in that game and then had to front up to play for the Bronze Medal. This was a high quality match with some outstanding hitting from Caitlin and Emily while the fantastic blocking of Kate, Keeley and Tahlia was a real feature of the straight set victory to get the Bronze medal. Coach, Mr Wilson, was particularly pleased with the learning and improvement from setters, Hannah and Olivia, as well as the quality of passing coming from libero, Final.

The boy’s Honours team played well but were always struggling against the faster and much more experienced lads from the other schools. The Open girls had the injury worries from Day 1 but worked hard in difficult conditions to finish 7th out of 16 teams in their division. The younger Year 9 and 10 girls had to work hard for their wins but eventually their inexperience showed under the pressure of playing in the older divisions and they finished 7th and 10th again in large groups of teams – so midfield were very good results for these teams.

Tim Wilson
Coach and HOD HPE

News Business Faculty
ABW – Australian Business Week 2014 Awards Evening

Students Fighting It Out!!

Currently, 9 Teams of year 10 Business students are fighting it out to see who will be triumphant as the 2014 ABW Champions.

ABW involves groups of students running a multi-million dollar electronic retail business. The students learn Operations, Marketing and Financial decisions encountered with running such a company.

On this night you will be able to view each teams Trade Display highlighting their unique new product as well as videos of their hard work and Television Commercials. We will present certificates of participation for the simulation as well as outstanding achievers in the areas of the Commercial, Trade Display and Simulation and Most Valuable Company Team Members.

Who will reign supreme? Will it be the go-getters from Get n’ Go Gadgets? The marvels of Misckarl Electronics? The smarts of SmarTech? Or will High Voltage Electronics blow them away with their TNT? Maybe it will be Diztech who will leave them all in a spin? ? Will Pixelbyte eat their way to victory? Could Ecobox wrap them all up? Maybe Lectronics could lick them all? Or could Click snap the lead at the finish?

Their teachers Ms Johnson, Mrs Thomas and Ms Wright can’t wait to find out.
From the Resource Centre

Readers Cup

Year 9 Readers Cup team, Piper Lenske, Amr Ramji, Emma Shields, Zai Stephens, and Abbey Van De Vorst, are flat out reading and creating a book trailer for the State Finals at Brisbane Writers Festival held at the State Library of Queensland on Wednesday 3 September. The whole school community wishes them the Best of Luck in their Quest for the Cup.

Reading Success

Year 9 Reading Success students recently enjoyed a Great Afternoon Out at QBD Sunshine Plaza to select personal reading material. There were some fantastic choices, and after these students have exercised their first option on the books, we a very sure the wider school community will enjoy them just as much. Students have started working their way through the Lexia Strategies reading software at-school and at-home, with some great results. Student access to Lexia has been extended to also include specially invited Year 8 and Year 10 students. iPad Minis will be loaned to Reading Success students this week to increase access at-home and at-school for Lexia Strategies and eBooks.

Book Week

Book Week is 16-22 August with the theme for this year Connect to Reading – Reading to Connect. The Book of the Year Awards will be announced at noon on Friday 15 August via the CBCA website, and social media, including facebook and twitter. For more information about this year’s awards, visit: http://cbca.org.au/awards.htm. The Resource Centre is celebrating Book Week with a range of activities to including:

- displays of Shortlisted and award winning books from this year’s competition
- My Favourite Book … selfies for the My Favourite Book wall.
- Book Swap bring in your pre-loved books, magazines, and DVDs, (in good condition), and exchange them for something you’ve never read or watched before. Time to clean out those shelves and cupboards.
- Year 8 Readers Cup competition

Student Resource Loans

Just a reminder to parents:

- Overdue Resource reminders are no longer printed and distributed to students, but sent via school email. Please encourage students to check their email regularly. Students without laptops can check email in the Resource Centre. Staff noticed that Year 8 students in particular may need regular reminders to check school email.
- Despite receiving regular email reminders, a small group of students still have resources extremely overdue from last year. Having overdue resources prevents students from borrowing new resources they need for class and therefore impacts on learning.
- Thank you to students, staff and parents for your support in resolving overdue loans.

NAIDOC Week

Resource Centre is hosting popular activities to celebrate NAIDOC Week, including:

- indigenous resource displays
- Sense of Place Art Competition with cash prizes in categories for Junior and Senior students. Entries close 15th September.

Winners are Grinners

This month’s featured competitions:

- My Story My Content Short Film Competition. Entries close 14th August. For more information visit: http://mystorymycontent.com
- Screen It! Film and Videogame Competition. Entries close 12th September. For more information visit: http://www.acmi.net.au/screenit.aspx
- Red Room Poetry Object is a free poetry-writing competition for students Years 3-10. Entries close 19th September. For more information visit: redroomcompany.org/projects/poetry-object/

**Study Skills Handbook**

- Login using the school username: formcshsonly and password: 75results
- This month’s featured topic is: Dealing with Distractions. Information and activities are available for Parents and Students to develop strategies for managing distractions such as: TV, radio, music, games, internet, social networking, chat, texting, phone etc.

*Mark Wedemeyer*

*Teacher-Librarian*

**News from the Falcon’s Nest**

**Fraser Celebrates their Honour Roll Students**

Congratulations to the following students who received outstanding academic reports this term. To be on the Honour Roll in year 10, 11 and 12 students must have earned all A grades and no more than two B grades. In year 8 and 9 students must have earned all A grades with no more than three B grades. Congratulations we hope that you keep up this amazing effort.

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**Fraser Feast**

Every term we celebrate those students who have excellent behaviour and industries in their classes throughout the term by hosting an aussie BBQ. This terms group consisted of some amazing kids! We congratulate you for your effort!

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Written by: Kate Benfield
The 40 Hour Famine is on again this year. The official ‘Famine’ date is the 15th -17th of August. Interested students have been issued ‘Famine Guides’ to get involved in this great event. If you would like to be involved/donate, go to Mountain Creek’s official fundraising site at: https://40hf2014.everydayhero.com/au/mountain-creek-state-high-school-official-school-mountain-cr or see Student Services.

You’ll be supporting World Vision projects in countries such as Rwanda, Ethiopia, East Timor, Nepal, Tanzania, Uganda and Malawi.

In Rwanda, for example, 40 Hour Famine funds will help families to:

- improve soil conservation by planting crops that protect the soil
- diversify the crops they grow and plant crops that are suited to the climate
- learn about good nutrition
- improve household decision-making around spending and food production
- learn new ways to earn income
- share resources with their community through co-op farming and livestock initiatives

I have the opportunity to co-facilitate a group with Paula from Integrated Family & Youth Service called Girls Going Great. The girls attending are participating to help strengthen their self-confidence/self-esteem through good communication, conflict resolution & team building exercises. Through the sessions they develop a strong support group and skills to deal with the future demands.

I think we are extremely lucky in the girls who are participating in which they are energetic, honest and open young women who reflect a positive image of our school community.

For further information see: http://www.40hourfamine.com.au/

Sarah Guest and Alex Brain