Dear Students, Parents, Teachers and Friends

Congratulations to Harrison Kerr and Josh Collis who placed 1st and 2nd respectively in the U15 Queensland Iron Man Championships. They will both compete against Alex Wright who won the U15 NSW Championships. Three MCSHS students in the same age group, completing for the top spot, in the Australian championships! We wish them all the best. Not forgetting the girls, congratulations to Teisha Jenkins who placed second in the U17 Queensland Iron Woman Championships after her competitor caught a lucky wave to nose past her. Teisha will compete at the Australian Championships at Kurrawa next week also. Great work creekers! We are proud of you!

Madonna Reyonlds

Mountain Creek State High School subscribes to the website www.studyskillshandbook.com.au..

Below is are details of how students can access the website for free at any time, followed by a useful study tip

Our school’s subscription details are -
Username: formcshsonly
Password: 75results

You will also find a great new personal development unit: “Live Your Best Life” on the ‘For Students’ tab.

Andrew Stone
Head of Senior School

STUDY SKILLS TIP FOR MARCH: 7 COMMON MISTAKES IN APPROACHES TO STUDYING

Every time you have a test, quiz or exam this year, refer back to this list during your preparation to ensure you are not making these common mistakes in your approach to studying:

1. Not making study notes on a regular basis, instead, waiting till just before the test or exam.
2. Not finishing the study notes early enough before the test so there is not enough time to learn them properly or do practise.
3. Not making the study notes brain-friendly and structured in a way that makes them easy to learn.
4. Not testing yourself to see if you know the content or not, just reading your notes over and over.
5. Not using a wide range of study techniques, being lazy and just using the same old techniques, regardless of whether they are working for you or not.
6. Not doing practise for exams under exam conditions (ie time limits and not looking at notes or answers).
7. Not doing questions from a wide enough range of sources.

The aim should be that by the end of the year you have eliminated any of those common mistakes that you are prone to. To learn more about effective studying visit the Summarising and Active Studying unit of www.studyskillshandbook.com.au.
**NAPLAN Tests**

The 2012 National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy tests will be conducted across the 15th, 16th and 17th May 2012 and will include more than 200 000 Queensland students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 undertaking the same tests as students at these year levels in other states and territories.

The 5 tests will assess the areas of language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation); writing; reading; and numeracy (number, measurement, chance and data, space, working mathematically, algebra function and pattern).

Following the tests, MCSHS and all year 9 students will receive a statement of performance in relation to the national benchmarks. The results will also be used to form a national overview.

The timetable for year 9 students at MCSHS completing the National Tests is as follows:

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For more information visit the website: [http://www.qsa.qld.edu.au/8017.html](http://www.qsa.qld.edu.au/8017.html)

Andrea Evans
A/Head of Middle School

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**World’s Greatest Shave 2012**

At 1pm on the 16th of March 2012 Mountain Creek SHS’s World’s Greatest Shave took place in Creeker Central. Four students and two teachers courageously volunteered their golden locks to be sacrificed in full view of the school community. Mr Nassiep shaved his head, and Mr Pritchett courageously waxed his legs for the cause. The money raised by their brave acts will sponsor the search for a cure for cancer. Many other students also participated in the big event by colouring their hair and making donations to the cause. We would like to thank our hairdressers for volunteering their time and talent, all staff who helped supervised the event, and our student body for getting behind such a great cause.

Nadine and Rainer, on behalf of the Year 12 Fraser leaders.

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**ANZAC Day School Service - Monday the 23rd of April**

Parents and relatives are invited to attend Mt Creek State High School’s Anzac Day Service to be held in the Student Centre on Monday the 23rd of April from 10.45am until 11.40am.

All Year 8 students, International Students and Year 12 students are invited to attend the Anzac Day Service, as well as those students who have nominated a relative for the Anzac Day Honour Roll.

All other year levels will have an ANZAC presentation as part of their assembly in the first week of Term 2.

As part of the service there will be a tribute to the relatives of Mt Creek SHS - students and staff who have served in times of war. Students will receive these on assembly during week 9.

If your child did not obtain one of these forms and if you would like a relative to be recognised during our school ceremony, could you please ask your child to collect a form from front office. The form must be returned no later than 10.30am Tuesday the 17th of April.

If you have any questions please contact Deputy Principal – Mrs Donna Lancaster 54578333.
Creative Industries

**Lucky Dance Students put through their paces**
The year 9 Dance Academy students were put through their paces this term working with the 2009 So You Think You Can Dance (SYTYCD) top 8 contestant Gianne Abbott. Gianne’s energetic teaching style was exciting and motivating for the students as they were engaged for two hours and learnt a very fast, up-beat Afro-jazz piece. The students worked extremely hard and clearly loved the experience of working with such a professional artist who brings a unique style to Mountain Creek SHS. The time with Gianne was extremely challenging but very inspiring and the students were very lucky to have such a ‘one off’ experience with her.

**The Australian Voices Tour**
Music students had the opportunity of being in the audience on Friday, 9th March for a special performance by several members of The Australian Voices touring group. The group performed a range of numbers, showcasing ancient and modern classical music.

**Sandip Durman Music Workshop**
Year 12 Music and Year 9 Academy Music students were transfixed by the Sandip Burman workshop held on Tuesday 13th March. An international tabla and sitar player from Durgapur, India, Burman treated our Music students to a workshop unlike any other. An incredible experience for our students, Mountain Creek thanks Sandip Burman and his manager John Gardner for making the trip; it was amazing!

**Two Minutes of Madness**
This year’s musical alternative will be a talent quest! Students should be starting to prepare their entries for the term 2 registration and heats. The final performances will be held in week 5 of Term 3. For more information, please see Miss Sargent or Miss Wall in Fraser.

Jessica Wall
A/Head of Creative Industries

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**Year 8 Term 2 Pastoral Care - Bullying**

Having spent Term 1 assisting our year 8s to become more familiar with the operations of MCSHS, getting to know each other and their teachers, being introduced to our year long charity project Operation Christmas Child and undertaking their first career planning activities, the focus in term 2 will be on bullying. While we will be spending the majority of our time on bullying at school and in other aspects of life, we will also spend time covering the relatively new phenomenon of Cyberbullying. Recent years has seen an increasing in “online bullying” through the use of social media such as Facebook, Twitter, etc.

As part of our work on Cyberbullying we have arranged for renowned presenter and former policeman Brett Lee (not the cricketer!) from Internet Education and Safety Services to present to our students and staff during the school day on Tuesday, May 22. We understand that this topic is a major concern to parents so have organised for Brett to present to parents on the evening of May 22 from 5.30 – 7pm. MCSHS is committed to providing support to parents in this area of risk for their children, and so are fully funding the evening presentation. As a result, entry will be free to parents.

While this is specifically targeted at Middle School parents (years 8 and 9), we will be providing another parent presentation in Term 3 for parents of year 10-12 students.

**Cyberbullying: Parent Presentation**

Who: Year 8 and 9 Parents
When: Tuesday, 22 May 2012
Time: 5.30-7.00pm
Where: Student Centre
Cost: FREE (funded by MCSHS)

Graeme Breen
A/HOD Middle School
P&C News – Executive members required

MCSHS P&C successfully raises funds for our school largely by operating the Uniform Shop and Creeker Café as business units. However, we would like to establish subcommittees to further our fundraising activities for the benefit of MCSHS students. We can see the need for a general Fundraising Committee and an Instrumental Music Committee. Subcommittees require a President, Secretary and Treasurer and operate under the direction of the P&C. If you are interested in becoming a subcommittee member please contact us at pandc@mtncreekshs.eq.edu.au

Our AGM on Monday the 19th of March was unable to form a new P&C executive. Please contact the Secretary Jo Reid on 5457 8333 should you wish to take up any of the following available positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer.

Cherie Humrich
Past P&C President

Student Forum

Our first Student Forum for the year occurred on Tuesday 13 March. Senior leaders spoke about various issues at the forum including: Fans in the Student Centre, possible fundraising ventures, more water coolers in the school and anti bullying week.

Our sub school representatives gave a report of the achievements of senior leaders for term 1. The highlight for Fraser sub school was winning the swimming carnival and for Stradbroke, their very successful Valentines Day roses project.

Student Forums occur once a term and they are an important part of our school program as they enable students to have a voice and hear about some of the activities that occur in the school.

Andrea Evans
A/Head of Middle School

YEAR 8, 2013

Timelines for Excellence Programs, Scholarships, Skills Development Testing and Orientation Activities

1. Year 8 General Enrolments for 2013
   • Application packages due Friday 4th May 2012 (Week 3, Term 2)
2. Creative Industries Academy in (Music, Visual Art, Drama or Dance)
   • Expression of interest due Friday 25th May 2012
   • Auditions – Week 8 Term 2 (4th – 8th June, 2012)
   • Notification of acceptance – Term 3 2012
3. Zenith Program
   • Parent Information Evening – 5.30pm on Monday 4th June 2012
   • ‘Expression of Interest’ - Friday 20th July 2012
   • Notification of acceptance – Term 4 2012
4. Year 8 ‘All Rounder’ Scholarships
   • Applications due Friday 27th July 2012
   • Notification of acceptance – Term 4 2012
5. Year 7 into 8 Orientation Day
   • The school will host an orientation day for those students who have enrolled at MCSHS for 2013
   • The orientation day will be on Friday 31st August from 10.30am – 4.00pm.
6. Welcome to High School Evening 2013
   • An introduction to MCSHS for parents and Year 8 students will be held in Week 2, 2013.

Note: All Expression of Interest pro formas are available on-line at www.mtncreekshs.eq.edu.au or visit Mountain Creek SHS for an information package or brochure.

Andrea Evans
A/Head of Middle School
Year 8 Initiative Days

An integral part of the Year 8 induction program at Mountain Creek State High School is the Initiative Day. The Initiative Day is designed to expose students to a wide variety of experiences and situations, which are aimed at developing interpersonal skills that will assist students in reaching their full potential.

Bribie and Stradbroke students were involved in a number of activities, including team initiatives, rock climbing, leap of faith (climbing to the top of a telegraph pole and jumping out to hit a ball above them), abseiling, giant flying fox, and the crowd favourite the giant swing.

The day gave the students the opportunity to get to know each other and their teachers better, teamwork was encouraged and it is clear that most students valued the experience.

Graeme Breen
A/HOD Middle School

International Baccalaureate

Australian Brain Bee Competition 2012

On Tuesday 13th March the Year 10 International Baccalaureate Biology class participated in Round 1 of the Australian Brain Bee Competition. Round 1 involved an online multiple choice quiz which was completed by individual students on their own laptops.

This competition is sponsored by the Queensland Brain Institute at the University of Queensland, which is where students will compete in Round 2 in July, if successful. During the term, students have been studying ‘The Nervous System’ as part of their Biology course and have been challenged by studying the resource booklet in readiness for the competition.

Miss Claire Butterworth
Teacher – Year 10 IB Biology
IB Date Claimers

April 13 2012
The conference, *Boats, Camps and Barbed Wire Fences - Forced Migration and the Law*, will be an interactive exploration of complex contemporary human rights challenges facing the global community, focusing on armed conflict, displaced persons and refugees.

Through a combination of keynote lectures, workshops facilitated by UQ academic staff and students, and a storytelling session, students will engage with the global, regional, and local dimensions of refugee and humanitarian law issues. The day will conclude with an expert panel discussion and Q&A with the audience chaired by Paul Barclay from ABC Radio National. The panel discussion will be recorded for broadcast. This conference has specially been designed for students in Years 11 and 12.

Date Friday 13 April, 2012 (last Friday of school holidays)
Time 9am (registration) - 4.30pm (lunch will be provided)
Fee The event is free of charge however places are limited
Venue UQ Centre, The University of Queensland, St Lucia, 4072
Phone (07) 3366 7851 (Dr Peter Billings, TC Beirne School of Law)
RSVP via Email p.billings@law.uq.edu.au by Monday March 12, 2012

July 12 2012
*Careers that Shape the World* day will take place at the UQ St Lucia campus on Thursday, 12 July 2012. Developed specially for Year 11 and 12 students, this university-wide initiative provides a variety of workshops focusing on career outcomes across all fields of education including engineering, business, health, science, arts and behavioural sciences. Detailed information will be distributed to schools in April regarding student nominations and the event program. Visit www.uq.edu.au/shapeyourworld for further details.

For further details contact:
Phone 07 3365 8820
Email shapeyourworld@uq.edu.au
Web www.uq.edu.au/shapeyourworld

July 27 2012
*Theory of Knowledge - Student Conference 2012*
Term 3 Conference for International Baccalaureate Diploma Students is a compulsory event for all Yr 11 and 12 IB students, covering such topics as:

- Does a snail have consciousness
- Resilience and Self-Esteem
- The Philosophy of Sex
- Does time really bend?

Date 27 July
Venue PA Block, Mountain Creek SHS
Payment $40.00 (MCSHS Student Admin)

IB Psychology students experience University lecture

On Monday the 5th March Dr. Geoff Lovell from the University of the Sunshine Coast visited our year 10 IB Psychology class. He engaged the students with activities, research and stories from his personal experiences to enhance their understanding of psychology. Dr. Lovell is the co-ordinator of the Psychology Honours program at USC, and is a Sport and Exercise Psychologist who has conducted extensive research on why certain groups disengage from being physically active. He has also worked with many elite sporting teams across the world, including the Australian Paralympic team in Beijing.

Student, Mimi Tran found the lecture quite fascinating as Dr Lovell actually did some experiments with the students to illustrate how the brain works. Mimi described one of the demonstrations, ‘Dr Lovell presented the class with a list of words on a PowerPoint. All words somehow related to the concept of ‘study’ however this word was not listed. When students were asked to write down as many words as they could remember, just about all of them included the word ‘study’ in their list’. From this experiment, Mimi said, ‘I got a better understanding of how our brain works to remember things by grouping and categorising’.

Trisha Valentine
HOD IB
What's Happening in Home Economics

Sunshine Coast: Hospitality from Range to Coast

Our Year 11 Hospitality students travelled to Flaxton and Montville to explore a variety of businesses to learn more about the hospitality industry. The first stop was the beautiful Flaxton Gardens, an exceptional wedding venue and restaurant, from which students had a breathtaking view of the Sunshine Coast. Owners, Georgina and Alan, along with their wine manager Ben, were impeccably prepared for our visit and opened the restaurant and function centre two hours before the usual start time. Students were accommodated in the “Barrel Room”, where they were given a history of Flaxton Gardens in its current form, staffing, the various dining areas quality assurance, legislation regarding hospitality, insurance, environmental impacts and strategies, menu planning considerations and the advertising and promotional aspects for such a venue. After this, students were challenged to cover the dining chairs with a cover for a wedding that afternoon. From here, the students were shown the impressive “Winery” which was set up for a formal wedding reception, through to the kitchen and bar area and onto the “Terrace” for a plate of high tea treats, at no cost to the students. The teachers were impressed when two tables of students offered to clear the tables and stack crockery and cutlery in the scullery because “the staff shouldn’t be expected to clean up after us, after providing such a wonderful morning tea free of charge”. Georgina and Alan, who actively promote the training of motivated young adults in the industry, encouraged the students to approach them regarding work experience, which could lead to paid casual positions. The fact that they don’t find it necessary to advertise for staff says mountains about the culture of the staff team and location of this beautiful function centre.

The next stop was Montville Coffee, a local coffee roaster which supplies many of the cafés and restaurants on the coast with freshly roasted coffee beans. Richard explained and demonstrated the roasting process for the students, after which Karen educated the students about the main philosophy behind the management of the business. “Fair trade” and the environment are key considerations for this husband and wife team. Karen explained the importance of fair trade and students were asked to suggest the financial breakdown of a non-fair trade coffee at a café, compared to one with a fair trade philosophy. Karen and Richard are continually upgrading the roastery to reduce the impact of their business on the environment and their neighbours. They also stock environmentally friendly takeaway coffee cups, made from biodegradable, compostable material. The cup lining and lids are produced from corn starch. It is great to see local companies actively incorporating fair trade and environmentally friendly ideals into the day-to-day running of their business. Karen is also a qualified barista trainer, and while we did not utilise these skills on the visit, we look forward to inviting Karen to assist with the training of students in the espresso coffee competency in term 2. The willingness of Karen and Richard to assist our students by opening their roastery for us on a day when they would normally not be roasting, was greatly appreciated.

For our last stop of the day, students were divided into groups to visit two fudge makers and confectionery stores, Chocolate Country and Fudgyboombah, both of Montville. Here, students learned about the process of making fudge in a commercial environment, along with many of the factors which were discussed at the first venue, but with very different responses because of the nature and size of the business. Renee, of Chocolate Country, and Greg, of Fudgyboombah gladly answered the many questions posed by the students and both stores treated the students to a delicious array of fresh fudge, with some students even trying some exquisite Belgian chocolate. Greg had one “fudge kettle” underway so that our students could view the process from start to finish. We really appreciated that such small businesses welcome us so that the students could learn more about food and the hospitality industry in our local area.

Feedback from students before the excursion indicated that many of them had little or no previous experience with the wealth of successful hospitality-related businesses in this area, which rate as a “must see” for overseas and interstate visitors. We have provided them with a small sample of what the range has to offer and we sincerely hope that students and their families will take some time to revisit these businesses and explore the rest of what our region has to offer, in terms of dining experiences, food and careers.

Helen Young
HOD Business and Home Economics

Upcoming Events

- 30 March: End of Term 1
- 16 April: Start of Term 2
- 23 April: ANZAC Day School Ceremony
- 8 May: ECP Interviews
GUIDELINES for ELECTRONIC DISTRIBUTION of TSXPO DOCUMENTS to STUDENTS and STAFF

The following table provides some straightforward procedures for the electronic distribution of specific information for the upcoming TSXPO on 21st & 22nd July, 2012.

You are welcome to forward this document to parties you feel may have an interest in visiting the TSXPO. This process will minimise our carbon footprint and be a more efficient way of relaying important event information throughout your network.

Please note that this is a FREE ADMISSION event.

Please click on the item links below to access the documents or visit www.careersevent.com for additional information.

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