



MCSS NEWSLETTER

27 January - Term 1, 2017

A warm welcome back to all our students and families. A special welcome to our many new families who have made Mudgeeraba Creek their school of choice for 2017. Classrooms are full and the school has experienced huge enrolment growth especially in the lower school. There are 113 Preps all present and fully accounted for. Current enrolment sits on 710 with 29 classes plus the school offering specialisation in PE, Music, Japanese, STEM and now Digital Technologies this year.

Our school will focus on three priorities this year:

1. Maintain a sustained trajectory of improvement in Reading, Maths and Science
2. Writing- this focus will encompass an aligned approach to the teaching of writing and improving writing skills across the school
3. Continue to deepen and understand the consistent pedagogy / approaches to teaching in our school



Every day counts

Attendance remains a constant priority of the school and the Department of Education. Please visit the Every Day Counts website for more information regarding attendance. Attendance data is monitored and tracked regularly at our school. This is the first year of Prep being compulsory in Queensland and the same expectations are in place as for all year levels. Regular attendance ensures a smooth academic learning pathway. Students track their own attendance via their Days of Learning Logs which the teachers will share with you on our first Parent Teacher Information night on Tuesday 7 February.

<http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/>

Staffing

A comprehensive list of staffing has been provided in this newsletter. Please refer to it for current staffing and days working .

This year we welcome several new staff:

Adam Rolander- Adam will be our second Guidance Officer (GO) working every Tuesday. **Linda Stindl** remains with us on Mondays and Fridays.

Natalie Parkin will be job sharing with Mrs Mac Uyar -1M

We welcome **Lani Weir** (2W) and **Megan Taylor** (5M) who have transferred into our school.

David Hancock (6H) is on leave for the first term and **Marnie McIntyre** will be the replacement teacher.

Kylie Mooney (2M) is on leave until further notice and **Sam Cliffe** is the replacement teacher.

Our school is also a base for a team of Regional Advisory Visiting Teachers (AVTs). This year we welcome onsite:

Basilia Bensoussan, Jay Ohmsen and her dog Floyd, Jerushka Sutcliffe and Cathie Brennan

We welcome back **Mrs Mac** (1M) and **Ms Dolan** (SEP) who had extended leave in 2016.

School Uniform

I would like to thank every parent and carer for the excellent way our students are dressed this year. The school is always very good and this year we have almost 100% of students with the correct black shoes so a BIG thank you. A reminder that shoulder length hair is to be tied up and adhering to school uniform rules contributes to students achieving their FAR points each week. Thank you once again for making this wonderful effort and instilling a sense of pride for your child in the school.

Date Claimer- Meet the Teacher Information Meetings

Please note we will hold our annual Meet the Teacher Evening on Tuesday 7 February.

Prep-Year 2 classes will hold their information sessions from 5-6pm and the Years 3-6 will commence at 6pm. All sessions are held in your child's/children's classroom/s or year level blocks. We look forward to seeing everyone here.

Is Information Held At School Administration Up-To-Date?

Parents are asked to ensure that all information held in our school records remains current. Should there be a change to a medical condition, family circumstance, parenting order, court documentation affecting a student and/or change made to emergency contacts details, please formally advise the front office or email:

admin@mudgcreess.eq.edu.au

School staff are not permitted to dispense medication nor implement medical procedures, as a parent may do so. This will only be done, at the discretion of the Principal. Parents must complete documentation (available from the front office or on our website entitled 'Administering medication in schools') and provide original written instruction/s either from the doctor or via a chemist label attached to a medication container. All medication must be delivered to the front office and may not be sent to the classrooms. For some conditions, the family doctor will need to provide a Medication Action Plan. Medication is not to be stored in a student's port.

Religious Instruction 2017

Religious Instruction (RI) is generally made available to all Years 1-6 classes by church endorsed volunteers and is an optional choice for students. The class teacher retains general responsibility and supervision of the class during these lessons, but does not participate within the instruction. Parents **not** wanting their child/ren to be involved in Religious Instruction should forward written notice to the class teacher as soon as possible. These students will be provided with consolidation / revision school work and supervised by a teacher in another classroom during the Religious Instruction session. Any parent seeking more information about Religious Instruction should contact the front office. Please note that withdrawal or enrolling in RI may be undertaken at any time throughout the year.

Concerned? Who Do I Contact?

In such a large and dynamic school community, communication and information sharing is critical. Inevitably, there will be times when someone will be unsure, confused or perhaps displeased. Should anyone be concerned over an issue, it is always best to speak with the person, most closely involved with the decision or incident, in seeking clarification or issue resolution. On most occasions, when this discussion occurs, miscommunication is found to be the issue, and the matter is quickly resolved. We all want the same thing! We all want the best outcome for students! We must though work within a framework of rationality and possibility.

1. Speak with the class teacher or staff member involved, first.

They know the issue so can best discuss details with you.

2. If your concern could not be resolved in this way, make an appointment to speak with the Deputy Principal or Principal. Time will be made available as soon as possible or follow up. The class teacher or staff member may be invited to also attend the interview. We want to quickly get to the 'heart of the issue' and resolve it. As a staff, we work as a team to achieve the highest possible educational service standards for our students.

3. If your concern could not be resolved in these ways or perhaps the matter is of an extremely serious nature, make an appointment with the Principal. Again, she will make time available to speak with you as soon as practically

possible. Depending on the nature of the issue, other staff will be invited to attend the interview so that clear, open and honest communication is maintained.

As stated, most issues can easily be resolved through the provision of additional explanation. We are happy to respond in this way. Give us a call. We are keen to resolve any issues that may arise. Additionally, we are always keen to hear compliments and of the good work that staff perform, so that we can pass these on.

Building on the successes of the STEM programme

The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) specialist programme introduced in our school last year has been a huge success. Mrs Hayes has worked tirelessly to ensure students are actively engaged in this wonderful subject. Specialisation has now moved into including Design and Digital Technologies this year under the auspices of Ms Jacqui Kidney. Coding, working with digital devices and understanding that digital literacy is the new 'literacy' and a 'must have' for students is important to us as educators. Classes, as they did with STEM last year, will enjoy these classes for one semester this year.

Extra activities and sport in the school

Last year as part of our Quadrennial School Review we asked parents for feedback about what could be improved in the school. One of the areas was physical activity opportunities. To this end teachers have committed to providing more daily opportunities for physical fitness. These will be clearly marked on their timetables for transparency and evidence that this is occurring. Ms Barrett (Year 6) will commence a Before School Fitness Club for Years 5 and 6 next week on Wednesdays and Fridays. This will start at 8am and run until 8.40am on those days. Mr Szogi will start his 100km Club in Week 5.

Lunchtime Clubs

All students have the opportunity to participate in the school's Lunchtime Clubs on a Wednesday. An array of activities are offered (see below). Students elect to participate. If they miss their chance this term they get another opportunity in the following terms to elect to be in a club. At our school we are always looking at unique ways to be proactive and engage students by offering a wide variety of programmes both within and outside of the classroom. Lunchtime clubs run from Weeks 2-10 each term.

| CLUB | PROGRAMME MANAGER | VENUE | YEAR LEVELS | TERM 1 | DAY |
|----------------------------|---|--------------------|---|---------------|--|
| ART/COMMONWEALTH GAMES | Donald Stewart Linda Cottrill | 3S classroom | YEARS 4-6 STUDENT COUNCIL AND CAPTAINS | YES | WEDNESDAY |
| AUSLAN SIGNING CHOIR | Kym Young | 3/4Y Classroom | Yrs 3-6 | YES | WEDNESDAY |
| BEFORE SCHOOL FITNESS CLUB | Lyn Barrett | Oval | Yrs 5&6 | YES | WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY 8 AM FOR 8.10 START |
| Board Games | Camilla Towers- Florey | 4TF | Yrs 3-6 | YES | WEDNESDAY |
| Chess | Adrian Dickie | Library | Yrs 1-6 | YES | WEDNESDAY |
| Choir | Josh Shelton | Music Room | All | YES | WEDNESDAY |
| Construction with Lego | Claire Peterson | 1P classroom | Yrs 1 and 2 | YES | WEDNESDAY |
| DANCE CLUB | Kate Hamilton | 5H CLASSROOM | Years 3-6 | YES | WEDNESDAY |
| DRAMA CLUB | Kristie Fog | Hall | Yrs 3-6 | YES | FRIDAY |
| GAMES CLUB | Shelley Smith | Games | Years 3-6 | 3SF classroom | WEDNESDAY |
| Homework Club | Megan Taylor | 5T classroom | All | YES | WEDNESDAY |
| JAPANESE CLUB | Cassandra Dau | 6H classroom | Years 4-6 | YES | WEDNESDAY |
| JOURNAL WRITING | Pieta Brieditis | 3B classroom | Yrs 3-6 | YES | WEDNESDAY |
| STEM Garden Project | Megan Hayes | STEM Room | Yrs 1,3 and 5 | YES | WEDNESDAY |
| STARFISH CLUB | Sheree Chamberlain and Tracey Leigh | BAT/Chappy Room | All | YES | TUESDAY P-1 WEDNESDAY YRS 2&3 THURSDAY- YRS 4-6 |
| Table Tennis | Marnie McIntyre | Hall | Yrs 1-6 | YES | WEDNESDAY |
| Technology Club | Jacqui Kidney | DT Lab | Yrs 1-3 | YES | WEDNESDAY |

2017 School Leaders

Congratulations to our 2017 school leaders. We will be holding our badge ceremony on Monday 13 February at 9am. This is a formal ceremony that all family and friends of students in a leadership position (including Student Council) are invited to attend. Student Council speeches and elections will be held by classroom teachers during week 2 and families will be notified.

2017 Student Leaders – (excluding Student Council)

School Captains

Alana P
Joshua M
Georgie P-D
Annie B
Lachlan G

House Captains

Kirri – Ava P and Bridget E
Taran – Ruby B and Samuel A
Kunum – Alyssa Donaldson and Kirra L
Birrigan – Tegan B and Luca S

Strings Captain – Annalise B

Band Captain – Shayna F

Music Captain – Alec W

STEM Captain – Hollie E

IT Technician – Ty Haley

Library Monitor – Pippa L, Darcie B, Brooke F, Darcy M, Emily H, Katie W, Olivia M, Sarah-Jane B and Talia O.

Tuckshop Monitors – Cate D, Ashley G, Jac M, Lou Lou Haas, Makia L-S, Riley F and Rose M.

Payment Window Hours for 2017:

Please note the change of days to our 2017 opening times

Monday 8:15am-11am

This day and time aligns with the uniform shop hours as well as the assembly.

Thursday 8:15am- 9:30am

2017 Student Resource Scheme

Please note that invoices for the 2017 Student Resource Scheme were emailed on Monday. You may have noticed that your child's 2016 class was listed on the invoice. This is due to our finance program not rolling over to the 2017 classes until the following day – but please be assured the invoice is relating to the 2017 school year. Early Bird Discounts and Payment options are outlined on the invoice. If you did not receive an invoice, or to arrange a payment plan or to discuss any finance matters, please email the Business Services Manager, Gaylene Oppermann – goppe2@eq.edu.au

Facility News

We wish to thank everyone for their patience whilst our 2 groundsman work tirelessly to get the grounds back to their usual high standard.

2017 Staffing List

Current at time of publication- subject to change
1.0 Fraction denotes full time –Monday- Friday

Principal: Deirdre von Guilleaume

Deputy Principal: Nicole Page-Dhu

| CLASS NAME | TEACHER/S | Working Fraction |
|------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| PREPW | MARG WAGNER | 1.0 |
| PREPDF | DOM BARRETT KRISTIE FOG | 0.8 –MON TUES WED,THURS FRI |
| PREPL | TRACEY LEIGH | 1.0 |
| PREPES | BROOKE EDWARDS JENNY STEVENS | 0.4 MON, Tuesday 0.6-WED-FRI |
| PREP/1K | KATIE CARTER | 1.0 |
| 1/2D | ADRIAN DICKIE | 1.0 |
| YEAR 1M | MAC UYAR NATALIE PARKIN | 0.4-MON, FRI 0.6 TUES, WED, THURS |
| YEAR 1P | CLAIRE PETERSON | 1.0 |
| YEAR 1GF | JANE GRACE PETA FAHY | 0.8-MON TUES WED FRI 0.2-THURS |
| YEAR 2G | DENIS GRAY | 1.0 |
| YEAR 2M | KYLIE MOONEY | 1.0 |
| YEAR 2B | MEL BARANY | 1.0 |
| YEAR 2W | LANI WEIR | 1.0 |
| YEAR 3B | PIETA BRIEDITIS | 1.0 |
| YEAR 3R | ABBAY ROW | 1.0 |
| YEAR 3SF | KRISTIE FOG SHELLEY SMITH | 0.4 MON,TUES 0.6 WED,THURS,FRI |
| YEAR 3S | DONALD STEWART | 1.0 |
| YEAR 3/4Y | KYM YOUNG | 1.0 |
| YEAR 4D | GREG DEETH | 1.0 |
| YEAR 4H | HELEN DICKIE | 1.0 |
| YEAR 4TF | CAMILLA TOWERS- FLOREY PETA FAHY | 0.8 MON-THURS 0.2 FRI |
| YEAR 5E | SALLY EDWARDS | 1.0 |
| YEAR 5H | KATE HAMILTON | 1.0 |
| YEAR 5M | MEGAN TAYLOR | 1.0 |
| YEAR 5T | BEN TICKNER | 1.0 |
| YEAR 6B | LYN BARRETT | 1.0 |
| YEAR 6H | DAVID HANCOCK (MARNIE MCINTRYE –TERM 1) | 1.0 |
| YEAR 6U | TRACY ULYATE | 1.0 |
| YEAR 6T | WENDY THOMAS | 1.0 |

Special Education Programme

| NAME | POSITION | FTE |
|-----------------------|----------|---------------|
| PAMELA LIDSTONE | HOSES | 1.0 |
| SALLY CHALKER | TEACHER | 1.0 |
| DI BOWERMAN | TEACHER | 1.0 |
| MERCEDES GAMBOA MILNE | TEACHER | 0.4 THURS FRI |
| LINETTE HAGEN | TEACHER | 0.6 |
| JULIA DOLAN | TEACHER | 0.2 |

SPECIALIST STAFF:

| NAME | POSITION | FTE |
|----------------|---|--------------------|
| PETER SZOGI | PE | 1.0 |
| JOSH SHELTON | MUSIC | 0.8 MON-THURS |
| CASSANDRA DAU | JAPANESE | 0.6 TUES WED THURS |
| CAROL RANDALL | MASTER TEACHER | 0.8 Mon-Thurs |
| MICHAEL RHODES | BAT | 1.0 |
| LESLEY DEKKER | CURRICULUM CO-ORDINATOR | 1.0 |
| MEGAN HAYES | STEM Programme (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) | 1.0 |
| JACQUI KIDNEY | DIGITAL TECH AND DESIGN TEACHER | 1.0 |

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Heath Florey- Junior and Senior band programme-Tuesdays and Thursdays

Kylie Krick-Junior and Senior Strings Programme-Mondays

PE Lessons (Term 1 & 2)

Students will be undertaking fun activities and consolidating rules and routines in the first few weeks of this term. All students will working on activities to promote fitness in preparation for the Cross Country Carnival in Week 9.

Term 2 will be athletics focussed for all students. Skills taught and assessed will be done on year level ability and skill requirements.

PE Lessons (What to Bring)

Students MUST wear a hat and appropriate shoes for sport. It is recommended that students wear their sports uniform on their allocated PE Day, however it is not essential.

If a student has been sick or is limited to doing certain activities due to medical reasons, then it is the parent's responsibility to make sure the PE teacher receives a note. This will ensure students do not have their report marks affected at the end of the semester.

Students that require asthma medication, must have up to date medication and appropriate spacers with them whilst attending PE lessons as well as following their management plans. This is especially relevant in the lead up to Cross Country this term.

100km Club

The 100km Club starts at approximately 8:10am – 8:45am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. The 100km club is available to all age groups in the school. Students can walk, jog or run. Students who complete 100km or more will receive an acknowledgement on assembly as well as an award. This club will also help prepare and benefit the more serious Cross Country runners for the upcoming carnival at the end of Term 1 as well as improve the fitness component on their report card.

The club will start in Week 5 (Tuesday 21 February) and conclude in Week 4 of Term 3. There will be no makeup days if there is wet weather. However, if another sporting event coincides with a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, a make-up day will be on a Friday.

All students who wish to be part of the club must wait in the Main Undercover Area. No students are to wait at the Performance Centre or near the oval for safety reasons, unless accompanied by an adult. I will pick up students from the Main Under cover Area and walk them down to the oval to begin the club each morning.

* Helpful tip – on days when 100km club is on, it's always a good idea to send a spare pair of clean, dry socks with your child (and shoes too, if you have a second pair)! Your child may also like to run in more comfortable attire but must have enough time to change into full school uniform before 9am.

Gala Days

Three Gala Days will be held this year. Students in Years 5 and 6 will participate in skill development in their chosen sport each Friday at school. Students will then showcase their skills at the gala days against other schools in our district on Monday in Week 9 of Term 1, Term 2 and Term 3. Week 10 of each term will be our wet weather back up days. Sports on offer this term include Oz Tag, Baseball, Cricket and Tennis. Students will choose a sport to be involved with and learn skills associated with their sport over the coming weeks.

District Sport

Our district is called 'Oceanic District Sport'. The schools we will be competing with include the following schools - Broadbeach SS, Burleigh Heads SS, Caningeraba SS, Clover Hill SS, Coolangatta SS, Currumbin SS, Currumbin Valley SS, Elanora SS, Gilston SS, Ingleside SS, Merrimac SS, Miami SS, Mudgeeraba SS, Nerang SS, Numinbah Valley SS, Palm Beach SS, Robina SS, Springbrook SS, Tallebudgera SS, Varsity College, William Duncan SS and Worongary SS. Non-State schools – Marymount and St Augustine's.

District Trials

If your child participates in club sport outside of school and is of a high standard, he/she may wish to represent our school in a district trial. These trials are generally held after school hours at various venues around the coast, but mainly on various school grounds. Only two students will be selected to represent our school at trials. Students must be recommended from a current sports coach and play 'A' grade or equivalent before being preselected to attend district trials. Trial dates are displayed on the South Coast website. A reminder of trial dates will also be issued in coming newsletters throughout the year. Please have your child see me at least two weeks prior a trial/s to nominate and also receive appropriate paperwork. It is the parent's responsibility to transport and supervise their child during afterschool sports trials. Please note: parents must have personal liability insurance as students will not be covered if an injury occurs.

Design and Technologies and Digital Technologies

Design and Technologies and Digital Technologies are two subjects that the students of Mudgeeraba Creek State School will be exploring in 2017. These technologies are future thinking curriculums, engaging design thinking and digital thinking to create digital and design solutions. Design and Technologies focuses on the contexts of Engineering, Food and fibre, Materials and Technologies specialisation. In the Makerspace, students will design, create, construct, or innovate a product, environment or service to meet needs and opportunities. Digital Technologies more specifically aims to confidently use digital systems to transfer data and communicate ideas in a range of settings.

Listed below are the year levels/classes that will be attending the Design and Digital Makerspace in Semester One and the context of the curriculum:

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| • Year 1 – 'Handy Helpers' | Everyday digital systems and data discoveries. |
| • Year 2B, 1/2D – 'Handy Helpers' | Program this. |
| • Year 3 - 'What digital systems do you use?' | Digital systems and Guessing game project. |
| • Year 4 - 'What digital systems do you use?' | Digital systems and Guessing game project. |
| • Year 6 – 'Hands Off!' | Security systems and electrical circuits. |

Students in Years 1 to 3 may like to join the Makerspace club which will be run on a Wednesday lunch time. As part of this club, students will have the opportunity to explore building and creating with different materials, programming robots and Apps on the iPads.

Student Council

Classes in Year 3 to 6 will select their Student Council Representative by the end of next week. Students nominate themselves and at the start of each year. A representative for each class from Year 3 to 6 will be chosen by their class peers. Each one of the candidates in each class gives a short 2 minute speech before a ballot is taken.

Elected students join Mrs Page-Dhu and Mrs Randall at Student Council Meetings held each Monday at lunch time. Our School Captains take on leadership roles with the Student Council including chairman, minutes secretary, attendance recorder and another takes responsibility for bringing the agenda to meetings. All members of the Student Council report on events and projects to their own class as well as a Junior Class or specialist teacher after each meeting.

Student Council Representatives have opportunities to participate in leadership days and undertake an entrepreneurial project later in the year.



Mudgeeraba Creek State School Facebook Page

Don't forget to *Like* our [MCSS FACEBOOK PAGE](#) and keep up to date with all the exciting things that are happening at our school. If you have not already done so, please [**CLICK HERE**](#) to download a Facebook Consent Form and complete for your child.

Second Hand Uniforms on Sale Outside of the Tuckshop

Outside Tuckshop daily from 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM there is a rack of new and second hand uniforms for sale. Thank you to the many families who have donated their unwanted uniforms to the school. We use these as spares in the office and all excess go to the second hand rack to raise valuable funds for our school.

Donations are welcome anytime at the office



Tuckshop – Open Monday to Friday!

[PLEASE CLICK HERE TO VIEW OUR UPDATED SMART CHOICES MENU**](#)**

Visit [FLEXISCHOOLS](#) to order your child's tuckshop online!

to book your child's order online!

STEM News

Please [CLICK HERE**](#) to view this week's STEM News**

STEM garden Project request

Please help our garden club students by collecting newspapers that can be used in the preparation of our garden beds. Please drop to the STEM lab in readiness for use next week.

Second request!

Scarecrow dressing items including a checked flannelette style shirt and denim overalls in "kid sizing". We have the straw hat and stand. Would love the assistance of a budding artist who can help us create a nice face for the new fellow too!

Get Involved in the School Banking Program!

Mudgeeraba Creek State School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:

- Cyber Handball (term 1)
- Colour Change Markers (term 1)
- 3D Chalk Set (term 2)
- Tablet Case (term 2)
- Smiley Emoji Keyring (term 3)
- Volt Handball (term 3)
- Pencil + Tech Case (term 4)
- Epic Earphones (term 4)



School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives \$5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is Thursday. Each week you need to take your deposit book to the administration office between 8:30am and 9:15am. The deposits will be processed by our lovely volunteer banking coordinators and then placed in their teacher's pigeon hole. Teachers will then hand the deposit book back to your child at the end of the day.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2017 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Term 1 Planner

| Week | Event | When | Where |
|------|--|---|--|
| 1 | Australia Day Public Holiday | Thursday 26 January | |
| 2 | First assembly for 2017 | Monday 30 January | Performance Centre |
| 3 | Meet the Teacher Evening | Tuesday 7 February Prep-Year 2 (5-6pm) Years 3-6 (6-7pm) | Classrooms |
| 4 | School Leadership Badge Ceremony | Monday 13 February | Classrooms |
| 4 | P&C Meeting | Wednesday 15 February 5.30pm | Staffroom in Administration Block |
| 6 | Prep Parent-Teacher Interviews | Monday 27 February – Friday 3 March February (By appointment) | Classrooms |
| 7 | Robina State High School 2018 Information Evening | Tuesday 7 March 5.30pm | Robina State High School Performing Arts Centre |
| 7 | Interschool Chess Competition | Wednesday 8 March 9am-3pm | Caningeraba State School |
| 7 | Year 1 Excursion to the Mudgeeraba Heritage Museum | Thursday 9 March | Mudgeeraba Heritage Museum |
| 8 | National Young Leaders Day (School Captains and Student Council Representatives s to attend) | Monday 13 March | Brisbane Convention Centre |
| 8 | Daniel Morcombe Foundation to address the entire school cohort | Tuesday 14 March 2pm | Performance Centre |
| 8 | P&C Meeting – Annual General Meeting | Wednesday 15 March 5.30pm | Staffroom in Administration Block |
| 8 | National Day of Action Against Bullying & Shave for a Cure Day | Friday 17 March Special Assembly - 2pm | Performance Centre |
| 9 | NO ASSEMBLY Prep – Year 6 Cross Country | Monday 20 March Timetable to be issued closer to the date | School Oval (Prep-Year 2) Franklin Flats (Years 3-6) |
| 10 | Interim Reports sent home with students | Wednesday 29 March | |
| 10 | Prep Easter Hat Parade | Thursday 30 March 9.30am | Performance Centre |
| 10 | Last Day of Term 1 | Friday 31 March | |

P&C VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION 2017

The Mudgeeraba Creek State School Parents & Citizens Association (MCSS P&C) is the main body that represents the school community in support of our wonderful school. Run entirely by volunteers, the P&C provides help, support and community feedback to the School Principal and school leadership team. The P&C works to improve the school in a number of ways including:

- Fundraising to provide better facilities and educational opportunities for our kids.
- Providing an affordable Tuckshop Service – Flexischools is now available for on-line ordering.
- Helping to direct, support and improve school policies and actions in terms of student behaviour, uniforms, teaching methods and professional development, child safety, school chaplaincy services, traffic control, community involvement any other matters.
- Organising or supporting school fairs, discos, award ceremonies, music showcase, Mothers Day and Fathers Day stalls, special events and fundraisers.
- Providing critical feedback to the school as and when issues arise.

To do its works, the MCSS P&C needs your support. Each year we ask all families at the school to make a voluntary contribution to support our work to help your school for the benefit of your kids.

For 2017, we're asking each family to contribute what they can to support the MCSS P&C. The requested voluntary contribution is **\$25 per family**, but we encourage families to give more or less based on what they can afford.

In 2017, your voluntary contribution will help the P&C achieve key priorities including:

- Completing and maintaining the air-conditioning of all classrooms in the school.
- Purchasing new equipment to support the expansion of the music program.
- Offering new, healthy and affordable meal options in the tuckshop.
- Improvements to grounds classroom facilities.



How to pay:

Payment of the MSCC P&C Voluntary Contribution may be made direct to the school on behalf of the P&C by direct deposit using the following account details:

BSB: 064 468
Account No: 10016262

As a payment reference, please enter 'P&C' followed by the family name and class of the eldest child in your family (e.g. 'P&CSmith6A').

Cash and credit payments are also accepted at the school Payment Window on Tuesday and Friday Mornings 8:15 – 9:30 am.

P&C Meetings

Joining our P&C is as easy as attending a meeting. These are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the Staffroom of the Administration building. Meetings begin at 6:30pm.

Thank You

Please contribute \$25 to support the MCSS P&C so that it can continue to help the school to be the best it can be for all our children.

Mudgeeraba Creek State School's

Koala Joeys

From Bump to Big School!

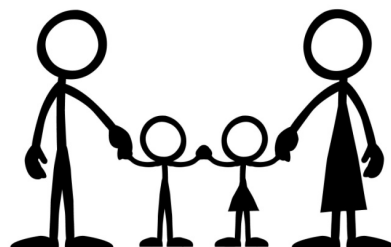
Returning in Week 2!

The **KOALA JOEYS** Family Program, specifically created to deliver in schools, focuses on empowering parents and carers to use nursery rhymes, songs, dance, movement and stories as a tool to form secure attachments.

When: Every Friday (Weeks 2-9 of each term)

When: 9.15am to 10.15am

Where: P/1K Classroom
(Across the bridge in the Bendigo Area)



What to bring: Water bottle, your child (aged 0 to 5 yrs) and a sense of fun!

Contact: Bec Parnell – rparn14@eq.edu.au or 5565 0333



A to Z of Early Childhood e-newsletter

Starting school



This week, children all over Queensland have experienced their first ever day of school.

This is a significant milestone for young children and their families, but the transition to school is more than just a great first day. A successful transition is only complete when the child feels welcome, safe and confident in their new environment.



Families play a significant role in supporting the transition to school, and there are a range of resources available online to support them as they take this journey.

Some simple tips for families at this important time are:

- Be ready to support your child — talk with your child about how they are feeling.
- Encourage independence — assist your child to know how to get help.
- Get involved — go to school events, meet other families and set up play dates.
- Make time to talk, rest and play — making time for children to rest, play and talk about school supports their health and wellbeing.
- Encourage confidence — help your child get to know their new teacher and school to help build their confidence.
- Celebrate together — starting school is a big deal, help your family find a way to celebrate.

For more tips, resources, videos and activities for families, visit the [Department of Education and Training website](#).

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Community Notices

Phoenix Netball Club

Sign-on at Firth Park, Mudgeeraba

Saturday 28 January 9am – 12noon

Wednesday 1 Feb 4pm – 5.30pm

Saturday 4 February 9am – 12noon

Any enquiries please phone Janet Barth on 0401 180558



Gold Coast SUNS Family Day

Come down and join the Gold Coast SUNS players to celebrate everything AFL

Where: Metricon Stadium, Nerang Broadbeach Rd Carrara

When: Saturday 11th February from 8am to 12:30pm

Cost: FREE

Your local Junior AFL club is **Mudgeeraba Spartans J AFC** – sign up on the day or at Somerset College, Somerset Drive, Mudgeeraba on Saturday 4th March from 9:00am – 12noon

For more information on Mudgeeraba J AFC AFL Auskick or Junior AFL please contact:

Kristy on 040419507131 or at spartansjafc@gmail.com

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