A big thank you to the surrounding community!
Towards the end of Term 2 (June long weekend), the school held the annual Mistake Creek Fun Run! Not only was it a huge fundraising success, we all had a great time!
Thank you very much for the support and kind donations that were made to the P&C. The surrounding Clermont, Alpha and Mistake Creek area all pulled together to support our little school. Thank you thank you thank you!
The money fundraised will go towards our school excursions, creating an improved outdoor learning and play area, to support and allow our students to participate in activities that we would not otherwise have the opportunity to. I truly am impressed by the constant support from the parents and community for this little school in the scrub!

Work around the school
The P&C had asked me to create a list of work around the school and to assign it to each family. This was in place of having a working bee. While this may seem like a large request, all the work has been listed is intended to improve and maintain the school which is the community of Mistake Creek.
An extra special thank you goes to Shane Benney who has already FINISHED his tasks!

Excursion Updates
ICPA Sporting Camp
Dates: Sunday 24th August—Friday 29th August
Students in 4-7 attend this camp. Parents are responsible for getting their children to the camp and collecting them.

History Excursion for P-3 students (during ICPA Camp)
Tuesday 26th August from 11-2:30.
We will start the day at MCSS and then head to Clermont for Lunch at noon followed by a visit to the Clermont History Museum. The P-2 students are learning about our community’s history and it would be a valuable educational experience to see what life was like in the past by visit the museum. More information will follow. Please keep this excursion a secret for the students for the time being 😊
**Brisbane Camp**
*Dates: Monday 13th October—Friday 17th October*
We have received an updated itinerary for students and parents. Please see the office for a copy.

**Day excursion for P-2 students**
*Tentative date is Thursday 16th October*
Our Day Excursion will either be to the Capella or Emerald for a day of Swimming and possibly a visit to the Movies. We would also like to have a picnic with lots of games and fun activities. At this time, the hope is that the school and maybe the P&C will cover the costs of this excursion.

**School Opinion Surveys**
Thank you for taking the time to complete the school opinion surveys. They provide valuable feedback to both the school and Education Department on how the school operates. If you wish to discuss anything in regards to the school opinion surveys or of any other nature, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

**Welcome, Kaori Waerea!**
I am pleased to introduce our new Japanese Teacher, Kaori Waerea also known as Sensei to our students. Kaori joins us from Hughenden State School with husband and 2 children. She will be here every second Monday for LOTE and teleconferences on alternate weeks. We look forward to getting to know her in the coming months!

**Another wonderful Playgroup Day!**
Our Pre-Prep friends visited us again on Friday and had heaps of fun...again! This has been a great opportunity to get to know some of the future Mistake Creek students! By learning school rules, classroom routines, and expectations of the school, the children will become more comfortable and confident when they begin school. This is also a great opportunity to begin learning some letters and sounds and enjoying lots and lots of stories. With our new library bags, parents and students are reminded that they are welcome to come up any day after school to swap and change library books. We all love reading at Mistake Creek State School! A big thank you to our Mums Rhiannon, Loretta and Renee who did a fantastic job running our first 2 playgroups! We can’t wait to see you back again in a few weeks. Please read the Playgroup section (below) to find out more information and dates of the next playgroup!

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**Curriculum update**

**Explicit Instruction**
We have been focusing on our Explicit Instruction pedagogical practices at Mistake Creek. Over the past few months we spent time developing our warm-ups and setting up each lessons using WALT (We Are Learning To – or learning intention) and WILF (What I’m Looking For – or success criteria). Students and staff are also becoming more familiar with this language. We have challenged students to remind staff to tell them the WALT and WILF for every lesson they do!
Why WALT and WILF?

WALT (We Are Learning To…)
- Research shows that students are more motivated if they understand the learning intention of the task.
- The main benefit for students is that by focusing on the learning intention, students begin to fully understand what they are learning rather than doing.
- We hope our students will go home describing school activities as ‘We were learning to …” rather than ‘We did…”.

WILF (What I’m Looking For…)
- By explicitly stating what we are looking for, we hope students will be clear about how their work will be judged and what the teacher wants to see in the finished task.
- Students need to know WHY they are learning something so that they can see how their work fits into the ‘BIGGER PICTURE’.

**TOPIC: Cross Checking**

When reading a book for pleasure or for information, chances are you will come to a word or two you are unsure of. You probably will use the accuracy strategy of **cross checking** without even thinking about it, because it is second nature to you as a reader to read accurately. Accuracy is not second nature to children learning to read. It is something that needs to be taught using a variety of strategies.

Your child has been introduced to the accuracy strategy of **cross checking**. It is important to slow readers down when they come to a word they don’t know and teach them to apply the strategy of **cross checking** so they are able to fix the meaning and not just skip the word. **Cross checking** requires a person to constantly think and monitor meaning. It is a strategy for ensuring the words and pictures read make sense and match the letters on a page.

**How can you help your child with this strategy at home?**

1. Listen to your child read. When they come to a word they are unsure of, remind them to cross check. Ask:
   - Does the word you are reading match the picture or letters written? (they cross their right arm over their body*)
   - Does it sound right? (their left arm crosses over their body* making an X)
   - Does it make sense? (both arms come down with hands pointing to the ground*)
   
   *Doing physical movements with each question helps children to remember the questions.

2. If your child is having difficulty with this strategy at home, break down the process:
   - Have them to stop reading when meaning breaks down.
   - Tell them to look at the letters and say the sounds or look for word chunks in words.
   - Remind them to use the pictures to help.

3. To make your child aware of using this strategy, give him a piece of paper and tell him to make a tally mark each time he uses the **cross checking** strategy.

*Thank you for your continued support at home!*

*Ideas and strategies are taken from : The CAFE Book, written by Gail Boushey & Joan Moser*
School and community

Jeans for Genes Day

Friday the 1st of August was Jeans for Genes Day! The kids wore their favourite denim outfit and donated money to the Foundation. The Jeans for Genes foundation supports the Children’s Medical Research Institute. The kids received a Jeans for Genes Day pin, pen and pack of coloured pencils for their donation. All up we raised $71.00 which is a fantastic and generous effort for our small school.

Conveyance Committee Meeting
When: Thursday 4th September 2:00-2:30
Where: Library at MCSS

P&C Committee Meeting
When: Thursday 4th September 2:30-3:15
Where: Library at MCSS

Playgroup – semester 2

For the latest updates on Playgroup, please continue to refer to the most recent newsletter.
(1) all non-school age children + Distance Ed children
We will still run our RAFS Playgroup every term that will be open to all non-school age children and distance/home schooled children. See the dates below:

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**NOTE DATE CHANGE**

(2) students starting Prep in 2015 & 2016
This playgroup is open to students entering Prep in 2015 and 2016 only. As this will be more structured, we kindly ask that all other children are not join in the activities and parent involvement will be limited to those scheduled/volunteered on the day. That said, we understand that special circumstances arise and conditions will be made to accommodate accordingly.

**Dates and helpers**

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What to bring:

- closed-toe shoes
- sun safe hat
- school bag
- extra change of clothing in a sealed plastic bag (extra shirt, shorts/dress, underwear and socks)
- lunch (with a healthy snack for fruit break)
- please refrain from bringing any toys unless asked to bring show-and-tell
- energy and excitement 😊

Health and happiness

"Celebrate your uniqueness!"

This newsletter I was planning to write about some of the many tips and tricks I’ve learnt over the past few years that can help to boost energy levels and aide overall health, however, at the last minute my intuition has steered me in a different direction, so that juicy blurb will have to wait until the next newsletter.

I’d like to go into recognising and celebrating your uniqueness. You’ve got unique qualities and talents that are in support of your personal purpose in life.

At times we question our self-worth if we are at odds with others - feeling misunderstood or alienated occasionally. Let me re-assure you that just because you have these differences, doesn’t mean there’s anything wrong with you. This fortnight, celebrate your uniqueness.

The more that you own your singular qualities, then the more you will feel at ease with others, but more importantly, yourself. One of the most appealing characteristics one can have, is being comfortable in your own skin.

You don’t need to change yourself in any way to fit in or belong, just celebrate being who you are. The following affirmation here will assist you greatly even if this particular topic doesn’t resonate with you.

"I am loveable for who I am. I have wonderful friends who like and respect me, and I am very much cherished."

Repeat out loud/write this down each day for the next couple of weeks and notice the shift in how you feel... about everything!

I truly believe, whatever we choose to believe about ourselves, becomes true for us. Daily affirmations are a very simple and easy way of training our subconscious minds to cultivate beliefs about ourselves that are more uplifting and helpful in place of any negative thoughts that we sometimes have without even realising. Our thoughts create our experiences, so it’s very helpful in our daily lives to regularly choose prosperous thoughts.

I do hope that you have a happy next couple of weeks, enjoying being your unique self!

By Dave Pyne
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<p>| 1 | 6 OCTOBER Public Holiday | 7 TERM 4 STARTS | 8 | 9 Mrs Martyn teaches | 10 HPE/Music in Clermont |
| 2 | 13 3-7 CAMP LOTE Visit PRE-PREP Playgroup | 14 3-7 CAMP Isaac Region Round Table Meeting at MCSS | 15 3-7 CAMP Mrs Martyn teaches | 16 3-7 CAMP P-2 Day Excursion | 17 HPE/Music in Clermont 3-7 CAMP |
| 3 | Student Free Day | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 Mrs Martyn teaches | 24 HPE/Music in Clermont |
| 4 | 27 LOTE Visit Teaching &amp; Learning Audit Pre-Prep Playgroup CANCELLED | 28 | 29 | 30 Mrs Martyn teaches | 31 HPE/Music in Clermont |
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  **All Ages**  
  **Playgroup (RAFS)** | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27  
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| **1 DECEMBER**  
  **Pre-Prep Day** | 2 | 3  
  **Yr 6 Transition Day**  
  @CSH 9am-3pm | 4 | 5  
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  **Playgroup** | 9 | 10 | 11  
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  **Christmas Concert**  
  **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 2014** | 12  
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