



*Living through Learning*

# News from the Creek

## Mena Creek State School

A Member of the Canecutter Cluster of Schools

Friday 13th February 2026

Term 1 Week 3

### Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### Welcome back – already 3 weeks in!

We are only three weeks into the term and have already achieved so much. Our P-2 and 3-6 classes are settling in beautifully and establishing strong routines. It has been wonderful seeing students return with such enthusiasm for learning.

#### What is your child LEARNING this term?

Inside this newsletter you will find an overview of our learning focus areas. There is plenty ahead, and our students continue to impress us with their curiosity and effort.

#### Communication

We value our partnerships with families. Whether it's a quick chat after school, a conversation at the shops, or a scheduled meeting, we are always happy to connect. Please contact us by phone or email if you would like to discuss your child's progress.

#### Welcome Ms Schep



We are excited to share that Ms Julie Schep, our Support Teacher, has increased her time with us. After joining us for one day per fortnight last year, she is now working with us five days per fortnight in 2026. Ms Schep will be providing additional support to students we have identified as benefiting from extra assistance.

#### What EVENTS are happening this term?

Keep an eye on our school Facebook page for reminders and snapshots of the fantastic events and learning happening across the school. There is so much planned this term, and we look forward to sharing these highlights with you. Have a look inside this newsletter for some of the great events that are on offer for our students.

Here's to a wonderful start to Term 1. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours in education, Ms Mac (Jenni McDonald)

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 20th February

Senior Leaders Badge Ceremony

Wednesday 11th March

NAPLAN

Friday 20th March

Harmony Day



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# SOME MORE DETAIL ABOUT WHAT EVENTS ARE HAPPENING in TERM 1

## Year 6 Senior Badge Ceremony

Our Year 6 students will be officially recognised as school leaders during a short ceremony at Assembly on Friday, February 20. We are proud of our senior students and look forward to celebrating this milestone.

## NAPLAN

Students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in NAPLAN testing between March 11 and March 28. We encourage students to simply do their best and approach the tests with confidence.

## Harmony Day

Join us on Friday, March 20 for a morning of fun and togetherness. Students are invited to wear orange as we celebrate inclusion, respect, and belonging.

## Mamu Ranger Visit

Later this term, we will welcome the Mamu Rangers, who will share their knowledge, traditions, and culture connected to the original custodians of the land. This will be a valuable and meaningful learning experience for our students.

## Swimming

Our senior class will attend swimming lessons at the Innisfail Pool in Week 9. Permission letters will be sent home soon. Families may like to use their "Back to School Boost" funding to assist with this activity.

## Easter Egg Hunt and Hat Parade

Please save the last Friday of term for our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Hat Parade — a joyful tradition that all families are welcome to attend.

## Celebration of Learning

In Week 10, we will host our Celebration of Learning. Families are invited to visit classrooms where students will proudly share the work they have completed this term. We look forward to welcoming you into our learning spaces.



*Dear parents and carers at Mena Creek State School,*

My name is Julie Schep and I am the Support Teacher at Mena Creek SS. I will be working in the Junior (P-2) and Senior (3-6) classroom and support students with diverse needs. I help children in various ways so they can learn most efficiently and therefore have equal access to the curriculum. Teaching is my passion, and I am excited to catch up with old students and meet the new ones and get to know them.

I have two sons of my own, both grown up to work and study, so I often spend my time with friends, hitting the gym or walking some of the wonderful tracks around Far North Queensland.

I will be at school on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and I am looking forward to seeing you soon. At the end of the day, I try to accompany the students to the gate to say good-bye. It would be lovely to meet you then or otherwise you can call the school to arrange a meeting or phone call with me.

Yours in teaching, *Miss Schep*



For student absences please call 4065 3221 before 9:30am

# What is your child **LEARNING** in Term 1?

## Years P-2

English	<b>Writing:</b> Spelling, punctuation, grammar and handwriting. <b>Reading:</b> Reading for accuracy, fluency and comprehension. <b>Speaking and Listening:</b> Speaking in front of a small group about a favourite book.
Maths	<b>Number</b> (number facts, addition, subtraction), <b>Space</b> (position, location, direction), <b>and Statistics</b> (simple data collection).
Science	<b>Biological Science</b> – Growth of living things.
HASS	Changing life and communities.
The ARTS	<b>Visual Arts Elements</b> – colour, line and design.
PE	Fundamental movement and ball skills.
Health	<b>PAUSE program</b> – Wellbeing, persistence and getting along with others.
Digital Technologies	Digital devices and their uses.

## Years 3-6

English	<b>Writing:</b> Spelling, punctuation, grammar, morphology (how words are formed) and handwriting. <b>Assessment task:</b> Writing an alternative ending to a familiar narrative. <b>Reading:</b> Reading for accuracy, fluency and comprehension. <b>Speaking and Listening:</b> Speaking and listening skills for whole class interactions and public speaking (assemblies).
Maths	<b>Number and Algebra</b> (whole numbers and decimals), <b>Space</b> (mapping skills and grid references), <b>Statistics</b> (data collection and graphing).
Science	<b>Space</b> – Investigating the solar system.
HASS	Changing life and communities.
The ARTS	<b>Visual Arts Elements</b> – line and shape.
PE	Movement skills, swimming and tennis.
Health	<b>PAUSE program</b> – Wellbeing, resilience and persistence.
Design Technologies	<b>Sewing unit</b> – designing usable items from recycled material.
Japanese (Year 5 & 6 only)	<b>Me, Myself and I</b> – Beginning Japanese interactions.

## SCHOOL VISION

Mena Creek State School is committed to delivering explicit learning opportunities in a safe environment, embracing and respecting students and families to nurture students who believe in themselves and value learning.

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
4	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
5	16	17	18	19	20 Senior Leaders Badge Ceremony	21	22

# Sew much fun!



School Times: First Bell 8:45 am - Morning Tea 11:00-11:30am - Lunch 12:55-1:45pm  
- School Concludes 3:00pm