Habit of Mind

Every person you meet and everything you do in life is an opportunity to learn something.

Important February Dates

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Great Start to the Year!

Junior Secondary Focus
2015 is shaping up to be a busy year as we settle our new year 7 & 8 students into secondary schooling at Mitchelton State High School and, as the year progresses, continue our focus on Junior Secondary integration for our Year 7s and 8s into High School. It was lovely to see so many families attend our Welcome BBQ & Parent Information Evening last week. Thanks for your support of our school and a reminder that new parents are encouraged to attend the first P&C Meeting of the year which will be held in the school library next Tuesday 17 February starting at 7pm.

Our Year 7 and 8s are settling in and learning was underway quickly and efficiently on day 1. Open communication with teachers is the key to the smooth transition of our new students into High School and I would encourage parents to make contact with your child’s class teachers.

Junior Secondary Camp
I made a brief visit to the Year 7 and 8 Camp last week out at Petrie. It was great to see so many bright and enthusiastic faces! I am confident that this camp has helped all of our new junior students make a smooth transition into High School life.

Student Leaders Induction
Last Friday 6 February we recognised our School Leaders at the Leadership Induction Assembly. At this Assembly we formally inducted our School Captains, Vice Captains, Leaderbody and House Captains. Our Junior Secondary Leaders and Peer Supporters were also Inducted. There is an amazing depth of leadership within our student body. It’s never too early for our current Year 7, 8 and Year 11 students to start thinking about ways to get fully involved in student life at school.

Swimming Carnival
The swimming carnival was held yesterday. Student attendance was terrific and the day was a great success. Success at the carnival relies on good swimming and great participation. Well done to all people who competed in the events. One staff member gave me feedback that “it was the best swimming carnival they have attended in the last 20 years!” Well done to all students for demonstrating our school values of Participation, Accountability and Respect and to all staff for their wonderful support on the day lead by our sports coordinator Alana Torrisi.

Best wishes,
John Searle—Principal
Email: jshear13@eq.edu.au
If you have a child who is interested in learning a woodwind, brass, bass guitar or percussion instrument at our school, please ask them to see me on Tuesday 17 February at 1.20 pm in room J3 in the Performing Arts block. Lessons are held on Tuesdays and will be starting on Tuesday 24 February. There will also be a parent information afternoon being held soon. For any further information please don’t hesitate to contact me. Regards Penny Hall

phall35@eq.edu.au

Penny Hall

It was wonderful to meet a number of parents of new students at the Welcome BBQ last week. I look forward to getting to know you better over the coming weeks and months.

The P&C Association serves to support the school through operation of the Tuckshop and Uniform Shop; through financial and material support; and by participating in planning and decision making processes. The P&C has the responsibility for signing off on various policies on behalf of the parents of the school. The P&C also supports the School Chaplaincy Program. The P&C needs the support of school parents to effectively support the school in all these areas. Being involved in the P&C is also a good way of getting to know other members of the school community and being more aware of what is happening at the school.

**Tuckshop**

The Tuckshop is open from 8.00am to 1.50pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. On Wednesday and Friday, the Tuckshop closes at the end of first break (11.15pm on Wednesday, 11.35am on Friday). Food and drinks (other than water) will only be served to students during authorised breaks. Pre-orders can be placed before school.

Why not pre-order your lunch or morning tea? Pre-ordering enables you to specify what you want (eg delete salad items & seasonings that you don’t want) and also guarantees that you don’t miss out. It helps the Tuckshop by minimising wastage because we don’t have to guess how many of each item we will sell.

Do you feel too hot for hot food? Why not try a nice cool sandwich or salad or fruit? Students can see Anne before school to order what they would like and make sure that it is ready for them at their chosen break. Staff can phone the Tuckshop to place their order.

**Uniform Shop**

The Uniform Shop is open from 8.00am to 11.00am on Monday and Thursday of each week during School Term. Where a Public Holiday falls on one of these days, the Uniform Shop will open on an alternative day. Unless otherwise advised, it will be the next school day (Tuesday ILO Monday and Friday ILO Thursday).

Supplies of socks and ties have been received and are available for sale during normal trading times. Please note that ties will be distributed by the school to all Year 10 students.

**Volunteers**

Volunteers are always welcome. Please contact Tuckshop Manager Anne Jones or Uniform Shop Manager Tracey Cahill if you would like to help in either of these areas. If you would like to help in any other way, please contact me via the School Office.

**P&C Annual General Meeting:**

The Annual General Meeting of the P&C will be held on Tuesday 17 February in the Library, commencing at 7.00pm. All adult members of the school and local community are welcome to attend and apply for membership of the P&C. No one will be expected to take on any position if they do not wish to. We need ordinary members as much as we need office bearers!

Jan Lowis will be at the school as the Guidance Counsellor on Mondays. If parents/guardians have concerns about their students, appointments can be made at the school office. Students can make appointments at the School Office too or directly with her on a Monday. On Mondays, she can be contacted directly on: 35501118
e-mail: jlowi1@eq.edu.au
The internet, social media, smart phones and devices provide wonderful opportunities for you to learn, be creative and socialise online. But, just like in the real-world, not everyone is your friend and some may use these tools to send nasty and inappropriate messages to others.

Below is a list of some simple tips and strategies to help you to have a safe and have a positive experience online.

* Only accept friend or follower requests from people you have met in the real world. Don’t chat or webcam with people you don’t know or trust.
* Check your privacy settings. Make sure your profile is private and accessible only by the people you want looking at your information.
* Regularly update general privacy settings – social media websites and apps often add and remove security and privacy settings without notifying users.
* Review locations services on your phone and other mobile devices. Turn off the ‘location services’ or ‘location settings’ features on your mobile device and turn off GPS for the camera, chat and other social media apps.
* Protect your privacy. Limit the amount of personal details when registering to a social media site/app. Hide key personal details like your date of birth, phone numbers and your address from being openly viewed.
* Create strong passwords. Strong passwords should consist of a variety of upper, lower case letters, numbers and symbols.
* Avoid having the same password for all your social and education accounts.

* Think before you share. Ask yourself, is it true, useful and positive?
* You need to remember what you post online, you post to the world and this information can be there forever.
* This is known as your digital footprint. Consider the outcomes of messages before you share them online.
* Things you say online could affect your friendships, other relationships and even your prospects for study and a job in the future.
* If you think you’re being bullied or encounter negative or offensive content online, find someone you feel safe talking to like a parent, relative, teacher or trusted adult and get them to help ignore, report and block the person. Never bully back.
It’s FREE!!!

Come along and get help with your homework!
For ages 10-13
Every Thursday during the school term
3:30pm-4:30pm
At Picabeen Community Centre
22 Hoben Street, Mitchelton
To register, please call Amy on 3354 2555

Samford Netball Club
2015 Season Registration
When: 31st January 9am - 2pm
Where: Samford Netball Clubhouse Samford Parklands
Enjoy a Snow Cone while you Sign up & attend to uniform fittings
Also available Online: http://samfordnetball.org.au
Squad Training commences on
10th February, 2015
Season Commences on 21st March, 2015
Registration Fees for Season 2015
$300 per player
Further Enquiries Phone: 0428 648 154

Closet Cleanout / Market Morning
When: Saturday 28th February 2015
Time: Doors open at 9.00am - 11.30am
Where: SANDBAGS, 153 Rainbow Street, Sandgate, 4017
(near Sandgate Train station)
Cost: $2 entry into the market

Morning Tea and drinks will be on sale! Please bring along friends and family to grab a bargain! If you would like to have a stall please contact Danni on dannifox@gmail.com ASAP as spots are limited. Stalls are $30 which includes your table and entry into the market. 100% of the stall money goes to supporting Breast Cancer patients in North Brisbane. Your old clothes could be someone’s new while supporting a great cause.

100% goes to Be Uplifted Breast Cancer Charity
While the majority of students come to school ready to learn, a small percentage do the wrong thing and misbehave, which is why the Queensland Government is strengthening discipline in state schools.

Strengthening Discipline in Queensland State Schools is one of 15 strategies introduced under the government’s new *Great Teachers = Great Results* initiative to lift standards of teaching and give schools more autonomy so they can get on with the job of providing a safe and supportive learning environment.

The *Education (Strengthening Discipline in State Schools) Amendment Bill 2013* provides principals with the authority to develop local solutions to disruptive or challenging behaviour.

Changes under the legislation mean that from January 2014 state school principals will have greater autonomy to manage inappropriate student behaviour through firm responses in a timely manner.

Red tape has been cut, processes have been streamlined and flexibility has been increased so that principals – in consultation with school communities – can determine the best range of consequences for inappropriate behaviour.

Schools want parents and carers to be aware of the behavioural expectations and the consequences for inappropriate behaviour and will talk about these at enrolment and throughout the student’s schooling.

From 2014, schools will be given greater flexibility to choose additional behavioural management options.

- *Discipline Improvement Plans* which will be developed by schools with students and their parents to set out expectations for behaviour. These plans will include strategies to support students to change their behaviour.
- *Community Service Interventions* which require students to perform tasks out of school hours that are beneficial to the community. This exposes students to new challenging environments as well as encouraging teamwork, self-respect, commitment and confidence.

The major changes made to detentions, suspensions, exclusions and cancellations of enrolment include:

- removing prescription so that detentions can occur outside of school hours and on weekends
- shifting the suspension period for short suspensions from 1–5 school days to 1–10 school days
- removing written submission provisions against proposed exclusions
- removing the show-cause process prior to cancelling an enrolment
- expanding the grounds for suspensions and exclusions
- expanding the grounds in relation to conduct to include conduct occurring outside school.

Discipline audits will be conducted in all Queensland state schools by the end of 2014. Experienced principals from high performing schools will conduct the audits. They will assist schools to benchmark their progress in strengthening discipline and provide an independent view highlighting where there is room for improvement.

For more information on *Great Teachers = Great Results* visit the DETE website
