Habit of Mind

Take calculated risks. That is quite different from being rash.

George S. Patton

George S. Patton (1885—1945) was an officer in the United States Army, best known for his leadership during WWII.

> From the Principal

Participation

On Wednesday 21 March Mitchelton State High School hosted the 2012 Band Bonanza. This event was a day of musical excellence where a guest conductor, Marg Overs, worked with young musicians from many of our local primary schools and Mitchelton SHS to produce a fantastic musical performance for a suitably impressed audience. What was produced in one day shows the incredible musical talent nurtured by our instrumental music teachers working across many schools. I congratulate Penny Hall and her team for a fantastic effort yet again.

I have been very pleased with the willingness of students to become involved in many varied activities that have been happening this term. The Leaderbody and Green Team have begun planning activities to raise funds and contribute to the community with several charities being supported by year levels. Rock Eisteddfod rehearsals continue, interschool sport has started and many of our students have been busily training for Metropolitan North sports teams.

Accountability

With a longer April vacation than previous years, the holiday offers students the chance to recharge their batteries and do some preparation for a successful Term 2.

REMEMBER THAT TERM 2 STARTS ON MONDAY APRIL 16.

I always encourage staff and students to “read to themselves” in holiday times and two full weeks gives us an excellent opportunity to do this. I ask all students to commit to reading for 1 hour per day over the holidays. It doesn’t necessarily matter what they read as long as it is appropriate and they are able to concentrate on reading for the sake of reading.

Respect

This week we have celebrated our diversity with several activities on school assembly. Mitchelton is a school with a proud history of welcoming and supporting all people and this aspect continues to impress everyone who comes in contact with the school. Our “Welcome to Mitchie” team is just one example of students who volunteer to help new students settle in as quickly as possible into our school.

I wish all members of our community a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 16 April. Remember there is no Student Free Day after term holidays in 2012.

Regards,

Phil Campbell—Principal

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If you would like your copy of Mitchie Moments emailed to you, have any feedback on the newsletter, or would like to contribute an article, please contact Kim Grant on 3550 1111 or by emailing admin@mitcheltonshs.eq.edu.au

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The Queensland Studies Authority (QSA) invites expressions of interest from members of the community to nominate for appointment to the positions of chief community representative for the QCS Test. To maintain the accountability, security and proper conduct of the test, the QSA appoints members of the community to each test centre to carry out duties on behalf of the QSA.

A test centre is a secondary school, or another place approved by the QSA, where students may sit the QCS Test. All test centres are located within Queensland. Each centre has a chief supervisor, who is usually the school Principal or a person acting in that capacity, to administer the test on behalf of the QSA.

This year the test will be held on Tuesday 4 September and Wednesday 5 September.

For an application package please contact Mitchelton State High School Office on 3550 1111. Applications close on Friday 11 May 2012.

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Kids Helpline is a confidential and anonymous telephone and online counselling service for kids and young people between the ages of 5 and 25. Young people can call about any issue such as problems at home, not coping at school or just feeling down or unhappy.

How to contact Kids Helpline:
1. By phone it is 24 hours a day, seven days a week to speak to a counsellor.
   1800 55 1800
   It is a free call from a landline and from some mobiles. However, other mobiles will have a fee. It is best to ask them first!!
2. Web or email counselling
   Web counselling is available Monday to Friday from 3pm to 9pm and weekends 10am to 5pm. This method is a better option than emailing as email can have a slower response.
   www.kidshelp.com.au

For more information, please don’t hesitate to contact Melanie using the phone number below.

Melanie Hilder
School Based Youth Health Nurse
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Starting in Term 2, the tuckshop will no longer be open during 2nd break on Wednesdays and Fridays.

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