**Habit of Mind**

Do not forget small kindnesses and do not remember small faults.

Chinese Proverb

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**Important April Dates**

- **FRI 20**: Workshop of Excellence for Combined School Band — ALL DAY
- **TUE 24**: ANZAC Day Ceremony — 8.45AM—9.30PM
- **WED 25**: ANZAC Day Holiday —
- **THUR 26**: Cross Country — ALL DAY

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**Important May Dates**

- **WED 02**: Youth Music Comp The Gap SHS — 9AM-3.45PM
- **THUR 03**: QCS Training Day Writing Task — ALL DAY
- **MON 07**: Labour Day Holiday —
- **TUE 15—THUR 17**: NAPLAN Test — 9AM-11AM
- **TUE 15**: Year 11 & 12 Legal Studies Excursion — ALL DAY
- **SAT 19**: Mitchie High Open Day — 8AM—2PM
- **TUE 22**: Immunisation (HPV 2/Vac) — 1.45PM—2.30PM
- **WED 23**: Maths Team Challenge — ALL DAY

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**Principal Appointment**

As I mentioned in an earlier newsletter the permanent appointment of Principal will be announced during Semester 1. Mr John Searle has been appointed Principal and will take up duty at the start of Semester 2. Mr Searle is currently Principal at Miles State High School.

Term 2 has started with much to do for all members of the school community. Staff and parents are working to prepare for the **Mitchie High School Open Day on May 19** and students are getting fit for the school **cross country** on April 26. The school cross country is not a marathon but a great opportunity for students to work together to achieve house points while exercising and being healthy.

All students should be in full attendance every day and having a cross country that involves less than 30 mins exercise is not reason to stay home. Participation in all aspects of school life is one of our core values and adds much to the school experience.

**NAPLAN** testing is fast approaching for Year 9 students. It is vital that all students eligible to sit the tests are well prepared and ready to give their best across the three days of testing. Activities will continue in various classes and also in CARE activities and students will use the practice tests on May 1 as a rehearsal for the “real” test on May 15, 16 and 17.

I have spoken to the students at the start of this term about three focus areas:

1. **Respect** for other people who share our community. How we speak to other people is a reflection of our own expectations and I have suggested to the students that taking a couple of seconds to think what we are about to say can avoid saying the wrong thing.

2. **Rules** are in place to protect students and help them make good decisions.

   **No students are allowed to leave school without permission.**

   No students are allowed to walk through the primary school unless they have a **Sibling pass** for the purpose of collecting younger brothers or sisters.

3. **Awareness** of how our behaviour and attitudes serve to represent ALL members of the school. Uniform, language, observance of road rules are all areas that the general community use to make snap decisions about Mitchie High and I have asked students to remain focussed on being good representatives of this fine school.

I look forward to working with students, staff and families during the remainder of this semester to achieve the very best outcomes for each student.

Best wishes,

Phil Campbell—Principal
Email: pcamp6@eq.edu.au
The National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008. On Tuesday 15, Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 May, students will undertake the 2012 NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four domains of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. It is not a pass or fail test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian students.

All students are encouraged to participate in the tests. Students with disabilities may qualify for special provisions that reflect the support normally provided to them in a classroom.

All individual student NAPLAN reports will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child’s results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at www.naplan.edu.au

HSP Students Visit Hospitality

Last Term 24 HSP students joined the Year 11 Hospitality class and were taught by Mitchie High students to make iced chocolates. This was part of the Hospitality students’ Work in a Socially Diverse Environment Unit of Competency and Prepare and Serve Non Alcoholic Drinks unit which are part of the Certificate 1 in Hospitality qualification.

The idea was for the Australian students to be able to communicate respectfully with students from another culture even if there was a language barrier in a fun activity. The HSP students worked with the Australian students on a worksheet about the ingredients, utensils and measurements used. This activity, part of Harmony Day, was enjoyed by all.

Karen Fenoglio  
Hospitality Teacher  
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Anzac Day Ceremony

Mitchelton State High School invites all family and friends who wish to attend our school assembly Anzac Day Ceremony Tuesday 24th April 2012 8.45 am to be followed by an Anzac biscuit morning tea in the library

Traditionally each year the school Leaderbody lay a wreath and attend the Gaythorne RSL commemoration service and march. This year we would like to invite all interested students who wish to attend and march behind our school banner to join the 2012 Leaderbody students.

All interested students are to attend in formal school uniform meeting at 6am for a 6.15am march around the streets of Mitchelton from Sid Loder Park in Tel-El-Kebir Street behind the Gaythorne RSL on Wednesday, 25 April, 2012.

Belinda Wicks  
Defence Transition Mentor  
Email: bwick22@eq.edu.au

Changes to Train Timetable

Queensland Rail and TransLink are working together to deliver a more reliable and effective train service.

As a result, new express trains departing Ferny Grove and Roma Street were introduced on 10 April 2012. Most trains travelling through the Keperra station will now travel on a new timetable in addition to the introduction of the new express services.

Queensland Rail asks that customers be aware of surroundings, wait for gates to open completely, look for a second train prior to and take care when crossing these tracks. Avoid distractions and stay safe. For more information on the new timetables visit translink.com.au or call TransLink on 13 12 30 anytime

Did You Know?

Did you know that the air is made up of 78% nitrogen, only 21% consists of oxygen and the remaining 1% consists of carbon dioxide, argon, neon, helium, krypton, hydrogen, xenon and ozone.

Ashlee Finnigan  
Grade 11 UQ Science Ambassador 2012
Raffle Donations Requested
Help us fill the wheelbarrow. Donations of non-perishable household goods are needed to fill the wheelbarrow for the Open Day Raffle. The raffle was one of the P&C’s greatest fundraisers last year. The P&C invites everyone to participate in any way that they can to support this fundraising effort.

Tuckshop
Have you met our new Tuckshop Manager? Ann Jones previously tuckshop co-convenor is now the Tuckshop Manager. Ann has been instituting many changes to the tuckshop and values your feedback. If you have an idea for improving the tuckshop, please email: pandcpresident@mitcheltonshs.eq.edu.au.

The tuckshop now closes after first lunch on Wednesdays and Fridays. Students requiring a meal for second lunch are encouraged to buy a non-perishable item for that period during the first lunch break. I would like to thank the tuckshop and uniform shop volunteers.

Open Day
The P&C has been working toward the Open Day and Markets event to be held on 19 May. A big slide, jumping castle (for all ages) and tiny train will be featured. We are looking forward to the return of the market stalls and lots of food. This is an opportunity to “show off” our school and the community. We would like to show case the businesses and crafts of our parents so please email if you would like to participate.

Special Thank You!
On behalf of the P&C, I would like to give a special thank you to the MSHS Business Manager and P&C lifetime member, Judy Ives. Judy has been supportive and a great liaison to the P&C executive.

The next P&C meeting is 15 May 2012 at 7pm in the school Admin building. I hope to see you there.

Marie Weatherford
P&C President
Email: pandcpresident@mitcheltonshs.eq.edu.au

Headspace at Nundah
Headspace is a new centre that has recently opened up for 12-25 year olds at Nundah. It is a free confidential health service where you can receive help for any type of health problem. That can include concerns about one’s physical health, mental health or usage of alcohol and drugs. Young people can self refer by phone, website or visiting the office. Also, parents can refer their child or myself or the school can refer students there.

Contact details for Headspace are:
Phone: 3370 3900
Email: headspace@aftercare.com.au
Address: 1264 Sandgate Rd, Nundah, 4012
Opening Hours: Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm
Website: www.headspace.org.au/nundah

For more information you can contact Melanie (Youth Health Nurse) on Monday, Thursday and alternate Wednesdays on 35501141.

Melanie Hilder
School Based Youth Health Nurse
Available Monday, Thursday and alternate Wednesdays
Phone: 3550 1141

Past Student Wins Scholarship
Congratulations to past student Ella Craig for receiving the Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarship for Academic Excellence.

The scholarship is our premier offering for high achievers. Over 100 scholarships are awarded annually, worth $2.3 million. In addition to the financial support, the program helps you to make the most of your QUT experience through extra development opportunities, which build your leadership skills and professional networks. We wish Ella all the best in her future studies!

Heather Blake
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