Open Day 2012
This Saturday our community comes together for Open Day. It is the combination of lots of work by lots of people who open up our school to show what we are about. I extend a warm welcome to everyone to come and enjoy the market stalls from 8.00am, rides from 9.00am and school tours from 10.00am.

Premier Campbell Newman will give the official opening at 11.00am in the school hall. I look forward to seeing everyone here on Saturday.

Good Luck
I spoke to the students on school assembly last week about making your own luck. It reminded me of an article I read many years ago in a Principal’s Digest. I asked the students how lucky they are …

What Does It Mean To Be Lucky?
A study on luck asked children how much they liked each of the following: Jane, who found $5 on the sidewalk; Jim, who helped his mum make a cake; Sue, who took a toy from her little brother. The researchers were stunned by how much children liked lucky Jane. While they also quite liked helpful Jim, lucky Jane was the most popular. We are all drawn to people who seem to have life going their way, who are happy, optimistic, successful—and lucky!

Do we think that people get good and bad luck through some mysterious process? Do we think we have no control over luck? Some students think they keep on getting low marks because they are unlucky and this somehow influences the questions in the test. Here’s a secret. It’s usually not the test’s fault that the student gets low marks.

However, some people do have a certain state of mind that helps them be lucky. Luck may be another name for the fact that some people make better choices than others. They don’t get in a car with a drunk driver. They look both ways before crossing the road. They do their homework on time. They listen to instructions. They take care in dangerous situations.

Researchers have found that lucky people are far more satisfied with all areas of their lives than unlucky people. They expect good things to happen so they focus on the positive aspects and that is what they remember, not the bits that went wrong. Unlucky people tend to focus on negative aspects of life. Lucky people tend to be more outgoing and friendly, less anxious, and more open to new experiences. Lucky people enjoy new opportunities and look for them. They usually find them too.

Best wishes,

Phil Campbell—Principal
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Habit of Mind

Never lose a chance of saying a kind word.

William Thackeray

William Thackeray (1811—1863) was the English novelist who wrote Vanity Fair.

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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Absences
The school uses a twice-daily text message system to advise parents/caregivers of unexplained student absences. Parents are asked to provide a written note or phone the student absentee line on Ph 3550 1160 to explain absences. (Medical and dental appointments should be made, where possible, outside normal school hours.) Student attendance is closely monitored; the school marks rolls electronically every single lesson.

Students Arriving Late/Laving Early
- Students may enter the school grounds after 7.30am (excluding Band students and students reporting for other organised activities). The school cannot accept responsibility for students who enter the grounds before 8.00am each day since it is unlikely that teachers are present to render first aid in case of accident.
- Students arriving late to school must first report to the Office with a note from home to collect a Late Slip before going to classes.
- Students are not permitted to leave the school grounds without approval from the Principal.
- Students who need to leave the grounds must bring a parental note.
- Students must present this note to the main Office to obtain a Leave Pass.

Phil Campbell
Principal
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North Brisbane USC Information Evening
Are you thinking about studying at university in the future?

Now is the time to investigate your options and have your questions about studying at uni answered. Come along to the North Brisbane USC Information Evening on Tuesday 22 May to speak one-on-one with USC staff and students. You’ll learn about our industry focused degrees, scholarships and financial assistance, support and services, experienced and awarded academics, overseas study opportunities, and relaxed campus atmosphere.

Join us on Tuesday 22 May anytime between 4.30pm and 6pm at the North Lakes Community Centre on Lakefield Drive, North Lakes. Register to attend online at www.usc.edu.au/info

For more info, call 5456 5000 or email options@usc.edu.au

Peta Matthewman
Guidance Counsellor
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Ancient History excursion to Mummy: Secrets of the Tomb
On Wednesday May 2, the students in Year 10, 11 and 12 Ancient History travelled to the Queensland Museum to see the Mummy: Secrets of the Tomb display from the British Museum. While the student’s were keen to see a mummy, they were amazed by the film shown before entering the display.

Through the use of scanning technology, they were able to travel along the spine of the skeleton and into his head to find out about the life of the man who was on display. From the film, they moved in to the display to witness a range of artefacts both small and large including a copy of the famous Rosetta Stone, a massive statue of a god and at least three mummies. There is a tiny foot and hand of a baby as well as papyrus permanently held by the Queensland Museum.

After reading the information that accompanied each of the items, the students came away with an expanded knowledge of the Egyptians and a greater appreciation of their ingenuity and skill. The exhibition is well worth the cost of admission.

Karen Smith
HOD Humanities/IT/Languages
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Pizza Day Is Coming!
The Green Team is holding a pizza day on 22 May. This week there will be order forms in Care rolls. Please get involved as proceeds go to the School of St Jude in Tanzania that Mitchie has supported for the past few years.

Thanks for your support!

Jo Smith
Green Team Coordinator
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Beyond Blue is a website designed for people suffering from depression and anxiety. It is for any age ranging from early childhood to teenagers to adults. Some things on the website, include, information on depression and anxiety, how to seek help or help for someone else and it also has a section on people sharing their own stories.

Website: www.beyondblue.org.au
Beyond blue information line: 1300 22 4636
For further information contact Melanie the Nurse.

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

Nanryo High School, our Japanese sister school, will be visiting us from 23 July to 30 July. They are here to experience school life in Australia. Any Mitchelton High families interested in hosting students from Nanryo High School, please contact Lyn Johnson on 3550 1111 or 0411 551 692 as soon as possible.

Did you know the double-helix structure of DNA was discovered in 1953 by James Watson and Francis Crick? The length of a single human DNA molecule, when extended is 1.7 metres.

Ashlee Finnigan
Grade 11 UQ Science Ambassador 2012

Do you want to work school hours? Help children to learn? Gain valuable skills and knowledge?

CHC30808 Cert III in Education Support (Teacher Aide)

Commencing July 2012 at BUDERIM, NORTH LAKES and STAFFORD Career Keys will be delivering the Certificate III in Education Support (Teacher Aide) course. This Nationally Recognised Course runs 9am – 2.30pm, 1 – 2 days per week. No training during school holidays. Visit our Web: www.careerkeys.com.au and download the enrolment pack, or phone Career Keys on 3200 2700, or email enquiries@careerkeys.com.au. Taking enrolments now - limited places.

Don’t miss out on the Early Bird Special Pay before course commencement and get a $200 discount!!
MITCHELTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN DAY
19 MAY - 10AM to 2PM

PROGRAM
* Positive Parenting with the Guidance Officer (10am)
* Supporting Your Child in Mathematics (10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm)
* Student Performances (10.30am - 11.30am)
* Improving Computer Skills (10.30am, 12pm, 1pm)

MARKET DAY
19 MAY | FROM 8AM

ENJOY A FUN DAY OUT!
STUDENT PERFORMANCES
CRAFT, SPECIALTY, & FOOD STALLS,
GAMES & RAFFLES, RIDES,
BBQ & COFFEE SHOP
+ MUCH MORE!

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