Habit of Mind
We learn wisdom from failure much more than success.
Samuel Smiles

Important December Dates

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Important January Dates

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From the Principal

High Standards @ Mitchelton High to continue in 2013
The high standards that are now being set at Mitchelton State High School in regards to attendance, behaviour and uniform will be more strongly enforced in 2013.

Attendance - The school has tightened up and improved our internal processes dealing with absences and truancy. The school administration and house co-ordinators will strongly enforce consequences around attendance if students are in breach of the requirements as outlined in the Education Act.

Behaviour – The school’s Responsible Behaviour Plan has been reviewed and an “Expectations Matrix” has been included aligned to the Mitchelton State High School Values of Respect; Participation and Accountability.

Uniform - A copy of the School’s Dress Code will be mailed out to each family shortly. Every student is expected to wear the school uniform and abide by the P&C endorsed uniform policy, each and every school day. Unless your child is enrolled in a Health and Physical (HPE) subject including sport, then the only school uniform required is the Formal Dress Uniform.

Please note that on the first day back next year ALL students are required to wear the Formal Uniform as there are no HPE or sport classes scheduled that day.

Semester Two Report Cards
Semester two report cards are contained with this newsletter in the “Bulk End of Year Mail-out”. Report cards tell a variety of stories about the student’s semester—achievement, development areas, effort and behaviour. It is important to spend time going through what is written in the reports with your sons and/or daughters. At the end of the discussion it is often good to talk about learning goals for next year.

Successful End to a busy school year
As another school year comes to a close, I find myself reflecting upon the challenges and great accomplishments of all of the students at Mitchelton State High in 2012. We have had a busy finish to the school year as well as many successful events and activities taking place during the last few weeks. We have held a successful Junior Secondary Parent Forum (Remember Year 7 students will attend High School from 2015); Student Social Event – Celebration 2012 (attended by over 100 students across Year 8-11); Year 11 Mentor and Leaderbody Training Days; Year 5 Grovely State School Experience Day; Year 8 – 2013 Orientation Day and Final Week (Excellence Week) program.

Best Wishes
This is the last newsletter for the year. Many thanks to each parent,
each volunteer and each supporter for the part you have played in the success of Mitchelton State High this year. Your efforts, words of encouragement and support have meant a great deal to me and the teaching staff. Thank you!

Our students have done us proud whether they have been an award winner this year or simply working hard at doing the best they can do. Our students have enjoyed excellent support from the teaching staff and we cannot overstate the support all our staff provide.

I’d like to extend my best wishes to all families and students over the coming holiday season. I look forward to working with you once again or hearing of your exploits as you move on to new ventures.

Start of Term 1, 2013
Please be advised that the first day of school for 2013 for all Mitchelton State High School students is Tuesday 29 January 2013, at 8.45am.

Best wishes,
John Searle—Principal
Email: jsear13@eq.edu.au

Thank You!
A big thank you to Jarred S and Angus H who have helped all term with the Breakfast Club. They have now learnt all the jobs and can carry them out without too much input from me. Angus is a super fast butterer of toast and Jarred can wizz up the frothy milk with the stick blender. They both attend to the students when I am busy with other jobs. Thank you boys.

Sandra Quincey
Teacher Aide

Safe School
Keep a watch on our school these holidays
Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88.

By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school.

If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Karen Fenoglio
Hospitality/Home Economics Teacher
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International Food Day
A great success!
Students and staff enjoyed a choice of eight delicious dishes from around the world that students in the Year 10 Hospitality class prepared to sell at the tuckshop as their final assessment task.

Their task was to plan a menu of savoury dishes to meet nutritional needs of teenagers and comply with the Education Queensland Smart Food and Drink Strategy. The dishes had to be tasty, freshly made, affordable, appeal to the teenage market and could be added to the tuckshop menu.

The Year 10’s took ownership of and pride in the project and were involved in all aspects of the venture. This involved costing the dishes, collating shopping lists, advertising the project on assembly, producing advertising posters and cooking and serving the dishes at the school tuckshop.

It was a great success with long queues forming at morning tea and happy students and staff enjoying the fresh, healthy dishes. The Year 10 students are to be congratulated on their hard work and the Mitchie community should be very proud of their efforts. I know I am.

Karen Fenoglio
Hospitality/Home Economics Teacher
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2013 Uniform Shop Hours
The Uniform Shop will be open for additional hours during the 2013 summer holidays. These dates are listed below:

- Monday 14 January (7am-11am & 3pm-7.30pm)
- Thursday 17 January (7am-11am & 3pm-7.30pm)
- Saturday 19 January (9am-1pm)
- Monday 21 January (7am-11am & 3pm-7.30pm)
- Thursday 24 January (7am-11am & 3pm-7.30pm)
Amazingly, the end of the year has come too quickly! The last few weeks have been a blur of activities focused on the graduating Year 12 students. They were farewelled at the Year 12’s last assembly and a powerpoint was presented on Assembly as a snapshot of their lives with us.

Then came Awards Night and congratulations to the following students for their excellent achievements, diligence and enthusiasm in learning and participating:

Year 12
- DUX - Evan Park
- Accounting - Evan Park
- City Smart Award for an International Student who has made a real effort to participate - Evan Park
- English for ESL Learners - Alejandra Hurtado
- Japanese - Yuko Yonezawa
- Mathematics B and Mathematics C - Felix Sun

Year 11.
- English for ESL Learners - Heejae Kim
- City Smart Award - Yuxing Shi

We are especially happy for these students but our other students also are to be congratulated for working hard and overcoming challenges.

Also we have farewelled our two Study Abroad students from Japan who will return home very soon - Takumi in Year 11 and Karen in Year 10. We will miss their happy smiling faces and we hope that they will keep practising their English!!

Most of the students will be returning home for the summer break but there are some who will remain in Australia and who will experience our Summer and Aussie Christmas with their homestay families. And so we reflect on 2012 and look forward to 2013.

Judy Martin
Teacher/International Student Coordinator
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On October 18, 25 and 26, Ferny Hills Oztag visited Mitchie to run their Lunchtime Legends program. The program consisted of students participating in professionally managed Oztag games over three lunch breaks. Students were exposed to the excitement and challenge of Oztag with all students relishing the chance to get out and run around.

Thanks to Susan Salmon from Ferny Hills Oztag for visiting the school and running the program. Congratulations to Bryce S and Mimi C who were awarded MVP’s for the games. If anyone is interested see the detail below.

**Senior**
Seasons - Autumn (Jan), Winter (May), Summer (Sep)
U15s – 50s ++

**Junior**
Season - Summer (Sept) U5s – U15s

For more information Contact
Susan Salmon Mb: 0427899190
Email: fernyhills@oztag.com

Get Tagged, You’ll Love It!

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Queensland Health is urging families to take care of their health as the state heads into summer holidays. Measures such as staying indoors or in the shade in very hot weather, taking cool showers or baths, limiting strenuous outdoor activity and drinking plenty of fluids can help to prevent heat-related illness.

It is equally important to monitor family, friends and neighbours who may be more prone to heat-related illness. These include the elderly, infants, overweight and obese people, pregnant and breastfeeding women, and people with some pre-existing health conditions. Queensland Health is also urging families to avoid any summer tragedies by remembering how quickly the temperature inside a vehicle can rise. If you have to leave the car always take children and/or animals with you. For further information on staying healthy and safe during hot weather visit www.health.qld.gov.au.
As we are bringing a close to the year the Junior Secondary area has been very busy. On Monday the Year 11 mentors for 2013 (just completed Year 10) had an intensive training day. These students gained skills and knowledge that they will be using on Thursday for the Year 7 Orientation day, for those students enrolled at MSHS for next year and as they continue to work with the Year 8 students of 2013. We are looking forward to getting to know the students on Thursday and the students getting used to the idea of coming to MSHS next year.

Tuesday this week saw the first chance we have had to invite Year 5 Grovely SS students to the school for an Experience Day. The students had the opportunity to engage in Science, Visual Art, Robotics and Drama. The students saw these subjects in a different setting and provided a great opportunity for them. The Grovely students had many questions about the options that would be available to them when entering high school. I enjoyed meeting these students and the teachers from Grovely SS and look forward to continuing these Experience Days with our surrounding primary schools.

As the last week approaches, a program has been handed out to all Year 8 and 9 students on assembly this morning. This is an opportunity for students to be involved activities that have not occurred during the year. It is expected that students are in full uniform each and every day. Some students have been invited to attend full day programs providing extension opportunities. If you know your child is going to be absent please let the school know as we will be continuing to send SMS messages for absences.

I have enjoyed my first year at MSHS and look forward to continuing to work with the students and parents next year.

Elizabeth Cameron
HOD Junior Secondary
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Break-up Breakfast
A special thank you to Lucy DM, Alex P, Lauryn J, Andrew R, Kts C and Danielle D for helping and providing food at our end of year band breakfast for 2012.

If your child is interested in learning a woodwind, brass, percussion or stringed instrument in 2013, please contact Penny Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au

For all violin, viola, cello or double bass queries please contact Terri Giesen at tgies1@eq.edu.au

We thank you for a great year and look forward to an exciting 2013 musical year.

Viva la musica

Penny Hall & Terri Giesen
Instrumental Music Teachers
Email: phall35@eq.edu.au

Use the school holidays to get ahead and stay ahead in 2013!

Psychology services to help students and families these school holidays:
Programs for anxious students and their parents
Program for students with reading difficulties
Popular parent courses for parents of 2-17yr olds
Student assessments to address concerns and help improve educational outcomes
Individual and family therapy, teen-parent mediation, consultation, psycho-education and more...

Plan ahead and book now before the new school year begins. Special offers apply. See professional flyers available at the school office or visit:

www.qpsych.com.au or call 1300 QPSYCH

New practice opening in the former Grange Medical Centre

**If your child hasn’t already returned their school instrument please return it to Penny Hall (who works at our school on Thursdays) by Friday 7 December.****

Lessons will resume with Penny Hall on Thursday 14 February 2013.

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CELEBRATION 2012