Habit of Mind

When one door closes, another opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us.

Alexander Graham Bell

> From the Principal

WELCOME 2013
The school year has commenced with a 20% increase in Year 8 enrolments from last year and an enthusiasm to continue to work together with families and the local community to benefit our students. We welcome all new 2013 students and families to the Mitchelton State High school community.

SMOOTH START TO THE YEAR
Thanks to whole school community for a smooth start to the year. I am delighted to tell you that I have observed classes getting down to the business at hand quite quickly. When you consider that there is so much to organise from books to uniforms, to computers and individual programs, it’s good to see it come together so quickly, particularly in the current environment of wild weather and flooding that Brisbane has experienced in recent days. Well done everyone!

NEW STAFF
A big Mitchelton State High welcome to Jacqueline Van Alphen who joins our professional teaching staff for 2013 in the subject areas of Mathematics, English and History.

INVITATIONS
All students and their families and friends are invited to the following upcoming events:

CONGRATULATIONS TO 2012 YEAR 12 STUDENTS
Our Year 12 students from last year have done very well in terms of OP results, QTAC offers, VET Qualifications and QCE completion. In the next newsletter, I will provide a detailed report of the results that were obtained. The very good results of the class of 2012 are the culmination of hard work, dedication and commitment from students, their families, teachers and school staff.

We also acknowledge the support from our many community and business partners in working with our students to achieve a bright future and a career pathway.

We look forward to continuing to provide a high quality education to all our students in 2013.

Best wishes,
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The Annual General Meeting of the Mitchelton State High School Parents & Citizens Association will be held on **Tuesday 19th February at 7.00pm in the School Library**.

At the AGM, all positions are declared vacant and nominations are called for officers to be elected to the various positions. These positions are: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-President/s, QCPCA Representative, and any other positions determined by the P&C.

At the AGM, all memberships lapse, except for Life Members, and applications are received for membership of the P&C for the new year. After applications have been accepted, all members (except for paid employees of the P&C) are eligible for nomination for election to any position and all members are eligible to vote in the ensuing elections.

The P&C has an important part to play in the life of our school. The P&C operates the Tuckshop and the Uniform Shop as both a service to the school community and as a source of income to support various programs at the school. The P&C also seeks to raise funds by various other means including fundraising events and Family & Chaplaincy Contributions and these funds are also used to support various programs within the school, including the employment of the School Chaplain.

The P&C also works with the school in the establishment of such things as the Uniform Code and the Behaviour Code, and has the responsibility for signing-off on these policies on behalf of the parents of our students.

All adult members of the school and local community are welcome to apply for membership of the P&C. I encourage you to join so that you can have a say in the running of your school and also so that you have a better knowledge of what is happening at the school.

I hope to see many of you at the AGM.

John Creagh  
P&C Acting-President

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**International News**

**Welcome to 2013, the Year of the Snake from the International Centre. It has been a very busy December and January. Congratulations to our 2012 seniors who are busy finalising their tertiary study options. Most are staying in Brisbane to study at UQ, QUT, QIBT, TAFE but the lure of Sydney University is also strong!**

The High School Preparation section held Term 5 here over the summer break. It was a very, very busy campus especially with the addition of 50 students from Japan in early January. These students were the first from a special scholarship program organised by the Tokyo Government. The students were specifically selected to come to Queensland. This has been a very important venture between Tokyo and Education Queensland International.

On the January 29, the students started their year of schooling at 50 different schools all over Queensland! The purpose of this program is to groom the future leaders of Japan and as such it was a privilege to be part of their introduction to Australia and Australian way of life.

The graduation ceremony from their three week program was attended by Mr Wines our local Council member, various Japanese officials, as well as the Executive Director of EQI, Director of International Programs, Principal of Mitchelton SHS, Mr John Searle and the Director of Studies HSP, Ms Andrea Pugh. Many thanks also go to the homestay families and to the many behind the scenes people who made the program the success that it was. The students all enjoyed their introduction to Queensland!

Welcome to all our returning students as well as our new students. ISP will start Term 1 with 18 students and HSP will start with 15. Make sure that you say hello to our new students: Christine (Philippines) who has joined Year 12, Rou, Sining, Tianci (China) and Jake (South Korea) who have all joined Year 11, Kaoru (Japan), Jack (China) and Sam (Taiwan) who have joined Year 10! This will be a very busy term as we will also be hosting an agent tour in April. Of course Chinese New Year commences on February 10 and the following website is very informative as to all the wonderful activities that are scheduled.


Hopefully, you will be able to attend one or two of them and have a lovely time! Lunar New Year is celebrated by China, Korea, Vietnam and other Asian countries.

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**This is how you say Happy New Year:**  
Kung Hei Fat Choi - Cantonese  
Gong Xi Fa Cai - Mandarin  
Sae Hae Bok Manee Baduseayo - Korean  
Chuc Mung Nam Moi - Vietnamese

**Interesting cultural fact**  
Fortune cookies are not a traditional Chinese custom. They were invented in 1920 by a worker in the Key Heong Noodle Factory in San Francisco

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