**Habit of Mind**

Even a mistake may turn out to be the one thing necessary to a worthwhile achievement.

*Henry Ford*

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**Important May Dates**

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| FRI 03 | 2015 Enrolment Information @ MSS   | 9:30AM—10:00AM
| WED 08 | Year 6 Experience Day             | 8:30AM—3:00PM
| WED 08 | Mitchelton SHS Open For Inspection | 2PM—6PM
| THUR 09 | Year 11 & 12 Modern History Student Seminar—Somerville House | 12PM—9PM
| THUR 09 | Ozcare Men’s Hostel Visit         | 4PM—7:30PM
| 14-16 | NAPLAN                            | 9AM—11AM
| THUR 16 | Year 11 & 12 Drama Excursion      | 8AM—2PM
| FRI 17 | Physics Field Trip—Dreamworld    | ALL DAY

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**Welcome to term 2. We have very quickly moved into school life and classroom learning!**

**Open Day**

The major event for us in the coming weeks, in fact this term, is the **Open Day on Wednesday 8 May**.

Planning is underway to showcase our school to the community. The program will include school tours, subject displays, talks and presentations and a free BBQ to finish the event.

This year the program will also involve sessions that existing year levels and families will be encouraged to attend about Year 10 SET Planning, Year 11 & 12 OP/VET & Career Planning as well as parent information talks.

**ANZAC Day**

The School ANZAC Day Assembly was on Wednesday 24 April and a large complement of our students will participate in the march and ceremony at the ANZAC Day Parade at the Dawn Service at Gaythorne RSL at 6am on Thursday, 25th. Our school community should be proud of the spirit of our student body, as year in year out they pride themselves in paying homage to the ANZACS and all those who have fought for the freedoms we so enjoy in this great, great nation.

**NAPLAN**

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 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 May, students will undertake the 2013 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. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills, against national standards for all Australian children. All students are encouraged to participate in the tests. Students with a disability may qualify for special provisions that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom.

An individual student NAPLAN report 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.nap.edu.au

**Uniform Blitz**

I would like to congratulate all students for committing to the uniform standards of Mitchelton State High School and thank their families for all their work in ensuring students are always in full school uniform every day. We are a **Formal Uniform** school!

During Week 3 of this term the school will implement a “Uniform Blitz” whereby all staff during care group will refer students who are out of uniform to the administration to manage with follow up strategies. I seek your support to ensure your child complies with the school’s uniform policy.

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Best wishes,

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

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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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At the P&C meeting held on 23 April, it was agreed that we should purchase a 6m x 3m Quikshade shelter for the school. This will be a heavy-duty shelter that is easy to put up and will be useful for events at the school and at inter-school and community events that the school is involved in. With the school name printed on both sides of the shelter, the school will have a very visible presence wherever it is used!

At the meeting, we also decided to support the Chaplaincy Committee and school in the running of a School Disco on 31 May. P&C members will offer their time and energy to help run the event, but all funds raised will be collected by the Chaplaincy Committee.

Open Day: The P&C will be supporting the School Open Day on Wednesday 8 May in various ways. The Tuckshop will be open at lunchtime as well as its usual Wednesday trading hours. After this, we will be selling drinks and some food items from the Hall Canteen. We will also have an information stand and uniform display in the Hall. P&C members will also be assisting with the free Sausage Sizzle that the school will be providing from 4.00pm. We would be happy to accept any offers of help on the day.

Tuckshop: The Tuckshop operates at Morning Tea, Monday through Friday, and at Lunchtime on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. There is only limited service (drinks & placing of orders only) available before school each day.

Uniforms: The Uniform Shop is open before school on Monday and Thursday each week. Alternate arrangements are made when Public Holidays intervene with the normal trading days.

We are expecting to receive the new school bucket hats next week and the new maroon knit-jumpers in the coming weeks.

At the moment we have limited supplies of the zip-up poly-cotton fleece jacket (with the blue collar), the maroon zip-up polar fleece jacket, and the spray jackets available for sale. We have ordered more of the poly-cotton fleece jackets, but we will probably not receive them until later in the term.

Volunteers: Volunteers are welcome at all times. If you would like to help out in the Tuckshop, please contact our Tuckshop Manager, Anne Jones. If you would like to help out in the Uniform Shop, please contact our Uniform Shop Manager, Bev Kurkowski. If you would like to help out in any other way, please contact the School Office.

P&C Meetings: The monthly meetings of the P&C are usually held on the third Tuesday of the month in the school Library, commencing at 7.00pm. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 21 May.

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 that you can also find the experience fulfilling and enjoyable as you help to support our school and get to know other members of the school community better.

John Creagh
P&C Vice-President
Email: jcrea16@eq.edu.au
**MSHS Pink Stumps Day**

On April 17, Mitchelton SHS held its very own Pink Stumps Day to fundraise for the McGrath Foundation which helps place breast cancer nurses around Australia.

A very big thank you to all those who attended the Pink Stumps game that afternoon. Unfortunately we lost but as Nic said on the field, ‘It was all for charity.’

Thank you to Karen and her class for making pink patty cakes, to John Creagh for his help in setting up and packing up numerous things, to Stephen Lowe and the tech crew for providing the audio equipment and thanks to Steve Schultz for coming down and taking some pictures.

The event wouldn’t have been possible without the hard work over the last few months from Nic and Jayson. They should be congratulated on their efforts and truly represented Mitchie within the community in a very positive manner.

**Expressions Of Interest**

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 3 September and Wednesday 4 September.

For an application package please contact Mitchelton State High School Office on 3550 1111. Applications close on Friday 10 May 2013.

**Year 12 students need Special Provisions for the QCS Test?**

If you have a medical condition or impairment, or if another factor could make it difficult for you to sit the Queensland Core Skills Test, you may be eligible for special provisions. Applications close 21 May, 2013.

There are four types of special provisions available:

**Before the test**

- Variations to test conditions – you may apply if your access to the test will be affected by a medical condition, an impairment or exceptional circumstances. Variations such as enlarged testpapers, restbreaks during the test or use of a computer may be approved.
- Exemption – you may apply if you are unable to access the test because of a medical condition, an impairment or exceptional circumstances (available to OP-eligible students only).

**After the test**

- Exemption for unexpected absence from the test – you may apply if you were unavoidably absent from all or part of the test, e.g. because of illness (available to OP-eligible students only).
- Declaring a test grade null and void – you may apply if you sat all four test papers and believe that illness or exceptional circumstances significantly affected your performance during all or part of the test.

To find out if you are eligible please contact Mrs Vicki Hamilton or go to www.qsa.qld.edu.au/1102.html

**Senior Schooling News**

The latest Career Newsletter is available on the school’s website. Please read it as it contains a wealth of information that is pertinent for all students. If you have any queries regarding any of the content, please contact me either by phone (35501118) or email (pmatt5@eq.edu.au).

Just a reminder, I am available for appointments on Wednesdays and Fridays from 7 am. Please contact me personally by email if you wish to make an appointment.

Peta Matthewman
Guidance Counsellor
Email: pmatt5@eq.edu.au

**Guidance Officer News**

Vikki Hamilton
A/HOD Senior Schooling
Email: vhame4@eq.edu.au
Year 11 Leadership Camp

Year 11 Leadership Camp is for all Year 11 students. To be held in Term 3, week 4 Monday 29 July to Friday 2 August at Maroon Outdoor Education Centre (MOEC). Check out the website

[www.maroonoec.eq.edu.au/](http://www.maroonoec.eq.edu.au/)

Approximate cost $185 includes all food, accommodation & activities.

More information coming soon.

Vikki Hamilton
A/HOD Senior Schooling
Email: vhami4@eq.edu.au

Free Workshop

Free - “How to Encourage Your Child’s Reading” Workshop

Education starts at home and parents and families are their children’s first teachers. With this in mind, the free Parent Ready Readers training program provides parents and carers of children in Prep to Year 3 with some key strategies to use at home to support their child’s reading and to develop a love of books prior to developing their reading abilities.

The training runs for approximately 90 minutes and consists of four modules:

- What is literacy?
- Understanding the reading process
- Stages of reading
- Listening to your child read and reading to your child

Participants receive a Parent Ready Readers booklet with training notes, reading activities and additional resources, which will help to build a lifelong love of reading.

**Session times for 2013 -**

**Monday 29 April 2013** 9.30 – 11.00am
Albany Creek State School – Albany Creek

**Tuesday 18 June 2013** 9.30am – 11.00am
Belmont State School - Belmont

**Friday 19 July 2013** 9.30 – 11.00am
West End State School - West End

**Thursday 8 August 2013** 9.30 – 11.00am
Newmarket State School - Newmarket

**Wednesday 16 October 2013** 9.30 – 11.00am
Warrigal Road State School – Eight Mile Plains

Come along and find out how you can help your child enjoy reading! Children are welcome to attend with their Parents/Caregivers. To reserve a place please email sharlene.emanuel@dete.qld.gov.au

Family & Friends Parent Walking Group

With community engagement, health and fitness in mind a Social Parent Walking Group welcomes all family members to join in. From the beginning of Term 2 we will meet on **Tuesday and Thursday mornings** gathering from 8.45am at the bottom gate between the Primary School and the High School to start at 9am. Join us for a walk around the surrounding streets (for a minimum of thirty minutes) and finish with a coffee in Belinda Wicks’ office in E Block.

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

Domestic Violence Prevention Month

May is Domestic Violence Prevention Month. A range of activities and events are being held across Brisbane to raise awareness and provide information to the community.

May 1 National Candle Lighting Ceremony – is a march from the city to Kangaroo point at 5.30pm – for further information phone 3008 8294.

May 21 Out of the shadows – an event with young people finding solutions to domestic and family violence - held in the Queen St Mall – outside the BCC library – 11am – 2pm – activities and performances.

For more information you can contact Melanie, the youth health nurse, at school on Monday, Thursday and alternate Wednesdays on 3550 1141.

- DVconnect – women’s crisis line – 1800 811 811 (24hrs free call )
- DV connect – men’s line – 1800 600 636 (9am to midnight)
- Brisbane Domestic Violence Service – 3217 2544

Melanie Hilder
School Based Youth Health Nurse
Available Monday, Thursday and alternate Wednesdays
Phone: 3550 1141
Each sentence has one word that is incorrect. Write the correct spelling of the word in the box.

Our team was defeaded in the initial stage of the competition.

We wear bicycle helmets as a procuation against head injuries.

Participants in the quiz answered questions on their favourite subjects.

The homicides squad investigated the suspicious death.

Which word correctly completes the sentence.

She snatched it [________] me. I got [________] my feet.

[________] of
[________] from
[________] off of

[________] to
[________] too
[________] up to

Write the ‘after’ versions of these ‘before’ examples:

BEFORE
I could be a champion.
would worry
could dance
should think
must obey
might happen

AFTER
I could have (or could’ve) been a champion.

Answer these questions without using a calculator or a protractor.

What is the value of $3^5 - 5^3$?

Which of these is the best estimate for the angle marker inside this hexagon?

[____] 40°  [____] 140°  [____] 240°  [____] 340°

At a sale, a jacket is marked down from $40 to $28. What percentage discount is this?

[____] 12%  [____] 28%  [____] 30%  [____] 70%

The number of people waiting at the checkout in a supermarket is counted once every hour. The results on Saturday were 4, 2, 11, 16, 14, 11, 5, 12, 6, 9. Which of the statements is correct?

[____] The mean is 9 and the median is 10.
[____] The median is 9 and the mode is 11.
[____] The median is 11 and the mean is 9.
[____] The mode is 11 and the median is 14.
Here’s an important event to cheer us all in 2013 –

YOU

are invited to a

MITCHY HIGH REUNION

All past students who enrolled in Sub-Junior in 1960 – and completed their secondary schooling at Mitchy High any time up to 1963 – are welcome to attend this afternoon gathering to share good company and good stories. Come and enjoy catching up (while we still can!)

For the 1963 Seniors this is a 50th Reunion. Now that’s something special!

Time: 2–5pm (or later if we want… we can order in…) Saturday 18 May 2013

Venue: 59 Keona Drive
       McDowall, Brisbane
       (Ralph Took’s home)

Cost: $20 per person (and partners are welcome)

Afternoon tea, hot and cold drinks included (BYO alcohol)
(Cost also includes admin and hire charges)

THIS IS A GATHERING NOT TO BE MISSED!

RSVP: 30 April

IMPORTANT: Please help the organisers by completing and returning the attached acceptance form by email (scan) or post.
Senior Schooling
– What’s next?

This is an information evening for parents and senior high-school students from Brisbane north side schools. It is targeted at those students from year 10 to year 12 who may not achieve the academic result they are hoping for, or are having difficulty making career decisions. Parents and students will be offered the opportunity to hear from and speak to representatives regarding the labour market, alternate entry into university, apprenticeships and traineeships and as well as career resources.

Information will be provided on:

- The current labour market and skills shortages
  Queensland Treasury and Trade

- Alternate entry into further education
  Kim Lyons – University of Queensland

- Apprenticeships and traineeships
  Maria Maginnis – School Based Coordinator, Sarina Russo

- How parents can help young people make career decisions
  Dr Roslyn Lim – Career Development Association Australia

- Saver Plus Program
  Andrew Green – The Smith Family

Light refreshments will be provided

There is no charge for this event; however registration is required for catering purposes

RSVP: 4 May 2013
Heidi Newton (07) 3267 2201 or Heidi.Newton@thesmithfamily.com.au

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| Venue:      | The Community Centre
              Kedron Wavell Services Club
              375 Hamilton Road (entrance via Kittyhawk Drive)
              CHERMSIDE 4032
Positive Parenting Program
for Parents of Teenagers

Tips on
- Positive Parenting to help you promote your teenager's development
- providing a home environment that guides & supports teenagers
- finding ways to deal with conflict when the views and wishes of parents and teenagers differ
- developing your own approach to dealing with your teenager’s behaviour
- meeting the challenge of raising teens

FOR Parents and carers of children aged 11-16
WHEN 6 – 8pm Mondays 29 April – 27 May 2013 (5 week program)
WHERE The Exchange, Shop 1, Blamey St, Kelvin Grove Urban Village
COST $35 for 5 week program & workbook (free for concession card holders)
register by contacting Heidi: E heidi@communify.org.au P 0448 441 299

OPEN TO THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY AND FRIENDS

Brisbane West Crime Stoppers, Committee, in conjunction with the Queensland Police and Mitchelton State High School will be facilitating an information session for parents and youth on the topic:

Cyber crime
And
Criminal activity associated with social media

Social media has been linked to many crimes involving our youth and adults alike. This information session will address those risks involved with social media and how to protect yourselves and your children from these associated risks.

Cyber crime is also an increasing problem in today’s society. The idea of this session is to protect our local community, in the form of education, as much as possible to prevent falling victim to these known cyber related crimes.

Specialist speaker for the seminar will be:

Detective Senior Constable Cameron Woodall
from Task Force Argos

Task Force Argos is the unit responsible for the investigation of organised paedophilia, child exploitation and computer facilitated child exploitation.

The information session will be held at:

School Hall, Mitchelton State High School
Thursday 9th May 2013 7:00pm to 8:00pm

QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE