Habit of Mind
It always seems impossible until its done.

Nelson Mandela

> From the Principal

More Positive Feedback
About the Kokoda Youth Challenge:
“This really is a fantastic program and is a wonderful journey for both the students who participate as well as their families. The support shown by the school has been truly appreciated.” (Parent)

About the Year 10 into Year 11 Subject Selection Evening:
“Thanks for the information session this week—I now feel more informed about the Year 11 and 12 process. It is great the school offers so many opportunities for students and my child is very keen to gain an OP and enter University but equally keen on the Certificate III in Fitness which he hopes to complete as well.” (Parent)

About the Year 11 Leadership Camp:
“Mitchelton State High School is always so well organized and students are very well behaved – It is a pleasure having your school participate in our programs each year” (Maroon Environmental Education Centre Staff Member)

It is always great to receive unsolicited praise about our wonderful school!

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Best wishes,
John Searle—Principal
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Thanks to an initiative by McDonald’s and the Smith Family, students are given an insight to the complexities of the workforce and encouraged to set their goals high and work hard to achieve them. Sean J (Year 8) was chosen as a student with potential to represent students from Brisbane at the conference in Sydney.

Below is a recount of his experience. On 7 and 8 August, I attended a Work Inspiration workshop and breakfast at the Sydney Ivy and stayed at NCIE overnight. I boarded the plane at the Brisbane airport at 12:00pm and arrived in Sydney at 1:30pm. Myself and a couple of other students who had caught the plane from Brisbane were then taken to NCIE where we stayed for the rest of the afternoon and night.

We started off by meeting all the other kids (about 47) participated in ice breakers, then moving on to do a workshop about what was going to happen at the breakfast, the people we were going to meet, and how to use body language in our favour.

The next morning was an early start. We got up at 5:00am to get on a bus to the Sydney Ivy, where we were having breakfast. At the breakfast, I sat at a table with one other girl who attended Work Inspiration and who had done the workshop with me.

We sat with eight other high end business people and CEOs of companies and, as the breakfast went on I was asked to stand up and talk to everyone in the room (about 200 people) about my work inspiration experience. After breakfast, I was chosen to do a media interview and record some future ads for Work Inspiration.

One of the biggest things I got out of the experience was all the new people I met and the friends I have made. It was an awesome experience and I hope I will be able to attend another event like this again.

Sean J
Year 8 Student

On Saturday 14 September, Mitchelton State High School will be running a community BBQ to raise funds for St. Jude’s—a school in Tanzania founded by Australian of the Year Gemma Sisia. St. Jude’s seeks to provide quality education for the poorest children in Tanzania and Mitchelton State High School is partnering with them to see this happen.

When: 9am, 14 September
Where: Bakery section, Woolworths Supermarket, Brookside

Please come and support our amazing students, our great school and this worthy cause.

Vikki Hamilton
Maths Coordinator
Email: vhami4@eq.edu.au

Thanks to CUA Community Care, Mitchelton State High School is eligible to be in the running to receive one of ten $5,000 grants from CUA to go towards some much needed fitness equipment which will give our students an opportunity to learn how to conduct group fitness sessions, how to utilise fitness equipment and also improve the overall health and wellbeing of both the students and the staff at our school.

All projects are voted on by the local community. Mitchelton State High School has entered our project submissions for this year’s Community Care program and are looking for your votes to help us.

To vote, simply go to: http://www.cuacommunitycare.com.au/
click on ‘vote now’ and select Mitchelton State High School from the drop down menu.

We appreciate your help and support.

Alana Torisi
Teacher
Email: atorr20@eq.edu.au
Parents/Caregivers of Year 10 Students

Have you made your appointment to work through your student’s SETP? SETP are being held from 12 August until 6 September. Please ring the office to make an appointment on 3550 1100 or contact Kerry Smith on 3550 1131 if you have any questions.

Kerry Smith
A/HOD Senior Schooling
Email: kmilt85@eq.edu.au

Parents/Caregivers of Year 12 Students

Year 12 students are now making decisions about TAFE and University for 2014. Applications for University and Diploma (and a few Certificate) courses at TAFE are made through QTAC (Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre). The QTAC booklets have been distributed to students and I would ask you to please speak with your child about this booklet. If he/she has not received the booklet they are available from my office.

HOW ARE APPLICATIONS MADE?
The applications for courses are made through the QTAC website (www.qtac.edu.au).

WHEN ARE APPLICATIONS MADE?
On time applications close on 27 September, 2013 for courses starting in February/March 2014.

WHAT IS THE COST?
BEFORE 27 September, the cost is $34. If students apply AFTER 27 September, the cost goes up to $108. I urge all students to apply before the end of Term 3.

WHO CAN APPLY?
OP and non-OP students can apply through QTAC.

APPOINTMENTS WITH THE GUIDANCE OFFICER
I am available to assist students with the applications. Please urge your child to make an appointment to see me. All parents are welcome to accompany their child to the GO appointments. I am available from 7 am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Please email me to set up an appointment before school hours. (My email is pmatt5@eq.edu.au).

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

Items for Tender

Mitchie High has 13 keyboards (music equipment) in good working condition available for sale by tender. If you are interested, please contact the Business Services Manager on 3550 1111.

Loretta Mooney
Business Services Manager

Community Information about Early Voting

The Federal Election has been called for 7 September 2013. By now you should have received information about how to vote if you cannot make it to a polling place on Election Day. If you have not received this information please contact Jane Prentice MP’s office on 3578 1599. You can vote in person at an early voting centre or any Australian Electoral Commission divisional office in the weeks leading up to the election. Early voting will be available from 20 August 2013. The Ryan electorate’s early voting centre is located at the Kenmore Uniting Church on Moggill Road. It will be open between 8.30am and 5.30pm on weekdays.

JB HiFi Chermside
Recruiting for Christmas Casuals!

Positions available:-
Counter Sales
Software Advisers (CD, DVD, Games)
Storeroom persons

Hours:-
Will be between 3 and 30hrs- Monday to Sunday
(includes Thursday nights, Stocktake
and 36 hrs Christmas Trade)

Commencement date:-
22-10-13

What to Bring:-
Your current resume.

Shrifs will commence during the weekends in November and increase at the completion of the School Year. On 29 and 30 October we have stocktake and availability is a must, times will be 5.00pm up to 11.00pm. Availability to work over the Christmas and New Year period and have no holidays planned (includes Schoolies week) is a must.

Applicants must be 15 years of age.

Interviews will take place at JB HiFi Chermside on Thursday 22 of August, commencing at 6.00pm. Please come armed with your best smile. For more information, please contact Jordan Walsh on 07 3350 1033.

Samford Netball

Samford Netball is launching its first ‘Girls Only’ social competition in October and mothers, daughters, sisters, friends, school teams and existing day season teams are all invited! Our regular social mixed season will continue for senior men and women (16 years +), however the ‘Girls Only’ comp is open to players of any standard from 14 years of age. This is a great opportunity for family members, friends, mates from school, current team-mates, coaches, managers, workmates and neighbours to play together socially, without having to be responsible for umpiring, bibs, equipment, uniforms, volunteer hours, and fund-raising. We are looking for a show of interest from all players keen to be involved. Whether you are able to organise a team or just want to join a team, let us know. We play on Thursday nights at Samford Parklands on newly-refurbished courts, and games will be scheduled at 6.30pm and 7.15pm.

Check out our website for details or email me at social@samfordnetball.org.au

Peita McClenaghan
Samford Social Netball Co-ordinator
AIR FORCE FLIGHT CAMP FOR GIRLS

Air Force is excited to offer girls the opportunity to experience Air Force aviation careers.

Dates: 23 – 26 Sep 13
Location: RAAF Base Amberley

What you will get to do:

• Enjoy some hands on flying experience, including mission briefings and flying an Air Force simulator.
• Have a look through Air Force aircraft.
• An opportunity to engage and ask questions of Air Force women pilot and aircrew.
• Experience Air Force life including living quarters, meals, training and some leadership activities.
• A chance to speak with Defence Force recruiting regarding all opportunities for Air Force employment.
• There may be an opportunity to fly in a Air Force aircraft.

What you need:

• Parental permission if you are under 18 years old.
• An Interest in Maths and Science related subjects.
• A willingness to extend yourself and experience things some people will never get to.
• An ability to commit to the full program.

How to apply:

At www.defence.gov.au/workexperience via the ‘Current Work Experience Placements’

Further contacts:
Defence Work Experience Coordinator
Mr Geoff Metcalfe
07 3233 4413 or
QLD.WorkExperience Program@defence.gov.au