Habit of Mind

One important key to success is self-confidence. An important key to self-confidence is preparation.

Arthur Ashe

Important October Dates

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> From the Principal

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John Searle—Principal
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> QUT Extreme Science and Engineering Van Visits MSHS

In the last Chemistry Lesson of Term 3, the QUT Extreme Science and Engineering Van, along with Engineering Ambassadors, came to Mitchelton SHS to run a workshop on water treatment.

In a culmination of what has been a term of Extended Experimental Investigations on “Water for Life”, students tested the effectiveness of adding the flocculent, alum, to a dirty water sample and then filtering the sample. This is how our drinking water is treated but how much alum do you really need? This researchable question was answered during the workshop.

Jodi Gulley
Teacher
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> Instrumental Music News

Our final performances for the year will be on:
- Thursday 31 October at 3:45 in J3—Summer Concert
- Wednesday 13 November—Mitchelton State High School Awards Night Ceremony
- Tuesday 26 November—Mitchelton State School Instrumental Music Concert (combined schools band only)

If you have any children who are interested in being part of our Instrumental Music Program for 2014 please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Penny Hall
Instrumental Music Teacher
Email: phall35@eq.edu.au

> Homework Club

Need help doing your homework? Every Tuesday afternoon from 2.45pm in R block, university students are available to tutor and assist students. Afternoon tea provided—all welcome! We also have UQ volunteers assisting students throughout the school this term.

Heather Blake
Deputy Principal
Email: hblak2@eq.edu.au

> From The Guidance Officer

Strategies for Parents to help their teenager get an apprenticeship.
(Taken from the Latest Career Newsletter)

- Your resume – Spend time developing your resume. Include any work experience, part-time work and a list of your skills. If you have undertaken hands-on subjects at school (e.g. Furnishing, Business, Tourism, Creative Arts) you will have a lot of tool and/or process skills. These and other subjects also help you develop communication, teamwork, organisation, time management and computing skills. Skills you

Mitchelton State High School has endeavoured over the years to assist and fundraise for the School of St Jude’s—a school in Tanzania which seeks to deliver high quality education, develop leadership, promote critical thinking and instil high moral values in its students, the majority of which are from very poor families or are from disadvantaged circumstances.

On 23 October, Felix (the visitor coordinator from St Jude’s) will be joining us to share during our school assembly. Felix is looking forward to sharing about how he came to work at St Jude’s, his family, his Maasai tribe and growing up in Tanzania. He is also looking forward to thanking students and staff for their fundraising efforts this year. Members of the public are most welcome and encouraged to attend our assembly as well.

Vikki Hamilton
Maths Coordinator
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> School of St Jude’s Says ‘Thank You’
genuinely believe you have should be listed, with examples of how you have used them (ask your parents and teachers if you have trouble coming up with your skills). Don’t forget to include names and contact information for referees (people who are willing to talk to a potential employer about your skills, aptitudes, and attitudes). Visit http://www.myfuture.edu.au/ (Click on ‘The Facts’/ ‘Work and Employment’/ ‘Get that job’) for resume tips and examples.

- **Networking friends and family** - Tell people you know that you are looking for an apprenticeship. They might know a potential employer (or they might be a potential employer).

- **Cold canvassing door-to-door** – Visit potential employers. Practice your greeting and handshake before you go (look neat and friendly). Ask if you can leave a resume in case anything comes up. Do a second lap if needed.

- **Pre-apprenticeship courses** – Many of these are offered by SkillsTech Australia (telephone 1800 654 447; web http://www.tafe.qld.gov.au/courses-and-campuses/institutes/skillstech/index.html). These courses can cut months off the apprenticeship period. They make you more useful to an employer because you already have some skills before they take you on as an apprentice. It is a good idea to put in an expression of interest to SkillsTech for courses starting in 2014.

- **Group training organisations** – These organisations employ groups of apprentices and hire them out to host employers. For more information, visit the Group Training Australia website at http://www.grouptraining.com.au/.

- **Australian Apprenticeship Centres** – These centres are contracted by the Australian Government to provide one-stop shops for people looking for an apprenticeship and employers looking for an apprentice. Visit http://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au/australian-apprenticeships-centres to find a centre near you.

You can get other ideas to help you gain an apprenticeship from the following websites:

- Australian Apprenticeships http://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au

**Digital Footprint**

Looking for a job? Be very careful of your digital footprint. These days, your digital reputation precedes you. Employers, potential friends and partners, banks, universities – people in all walks of life check you out online and make assessments about you, often before they’ve even met you. What they can see, even years into the future, is everything you’ve ever posted, and anything anyone else has posted about you too.

The web doesn’t forget or just show the good bits. It’s all there, forever. Your digital footprint is more than just your Facebook page, twitter feed or blog, it is all the information online about you, whether you meant it to be seen or not, whether you posted it or not.

Do an Internet search of yourself to see what potential employers might see. View a video that warns of online dangers for young jobseekers at http://www.probonoaustralia.com.au/news/2013/09/video-warns-online-dangers-young-jobseekers#.

**Parenting Resources:**
- You can do it online training for parents: http://youcandoitparents.com/
- Raising children website information: http://raisingchildren.net.au/

Also, I am available for parents who may want to complete a Triple P parenting program.

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

> Community News

**DON’T MISS OUT! HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR Mitchelton State High School**

You receive these 3 items for $25

Location: Mitchelton State High School
Date: 20/10/2013
Contact: Heidi Smith
Phone: 0413 328 015
Email: h2004au@hotmail.com

(to prepay and book your photographic session)
Dear Parents,

As you are no doubt aware, in 2013 Mitchelton State High School implemented the roll out of one to one technology to every student in Year 8. This roll out took the form of individual iPads for all students. Much research, preparation and training was completed to ensure the School could successfully implement the use of the iPad as a tool for enhanced education.

Over the last 6 months, the School has continually reviewed the implementation of the iPad and its use by the students in the classroom. One area of consideration was the ability for students to appropriately store games and social networking applications on their iPad without the applications causing a distraction for the student during the school day.

On obtaining feedback from parents, staff and students, the Leadership Team and the Technology committee of the School have decided that as of today all extra applications and the ability to add applications to the iPads will be disabled at Mitchelton State High School.

I understand that this decision may cause some students concern. Please understand that the decision by Mitchelton State High School to provide iPads was that they be used as a tool for the delivery of enhanced education, not a tool for entertainment or distraction. This decision has been made in consultation with many stakeholders and is believed to be in the best interest of your child’s education.

I trust that all families will assist in supporting this decision.

Regards,

Heather Blake
Deputy Principal
Subject Selection
For 2014
For Year 8’s and 9’s
Tuesday 15 October
6.00pm to 7.00pm
Library

All parents and students are invited to attend a presentation in the Library to assist with choosing elective subjects for 2014. On-line subject selection will be open on the night. Teachers will be available to discuss subject options.

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Start your career in Aircraft Maintenance Engineering in 2014.

Aviation Australia is an accredited world-class training facility established to support the development and growth of the aviation and aerospace industries in Australia. Our aircraft engineering courses provide you with the essential training required to begin your aviation career in Aircraft Maintenance.

Aviation Australia is hosting the following Enrolment Days for our 2014 course intake. Interviewing and aptitude testing will be conducted for applicants wishing to enrol on the day.

➢ Location: Aviation Australia Technical Training Centre
              25 Boronia Road Brisbane Airport

➢ Enrolment Days: 9am to 12pm, Saturday 12th October 2013
                  9am to 12pm, Saturday 26th October 2013
                  9am to 12pm, Saturday 9th November 2013

To start your aviation career register your interest now, email us at aero.info@aviationaustralia.aero

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Scan this QR code to find out more online about how we can help your aviation career take off.