Habit of Mind

Undertake something that is difficult; it will do you good. Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow.

Ronald Osborn

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BOOK YOUR 2014 ENROLMENT INTERVIEW!
Call 3550 1111 any time from the week beginning 20 January to make an appointment.

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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> From the Principal

This is our final school newsletter for 2013. This year has been outstanding with students achieving particularly well on a wide range of fronts. Our focus this year as in other years has been on achieving the highest learning outcomes possible for all students and I am delighted to say our staff and students have lived up to this goal. There has been exceptional teaching and learning right through the year with our students achieving record levels of performance. Congratulations to all involved. It is truly remarkable.

Our activities and programs this year have been underpinned by our school’s values system based around “Participation, Accountability and Respect”. It emphasises the importance of values driven and ethical behaviours in all partners in our learning community. I am proud to say that our students met our high expectations admirably and will, in the future, be fine assets for our community.

The many successes this year are due to the hard work and dedication of so many people. Firstly our staff, both teaching and non-teaching, deserve the highest praise. Truly outstanding! Our Parents and Citizens Association and our families are to be congratulated for the support you provide your students and our staff.

Our students however need the greatest acclaim of all. For it is they who have worked so hard with their studies, on the sporting field and on the stage to achieve wonderful learning achievements.

Our Year 12 students were farewelled four weeks ago at an emotional and very sincere Graduation Ceremony. They are a marvellous group of young men and women and we as a staff look forward to hearing of their many accomplishments in the years to come.

2014 Start-up
In 2014, we will again have a strong focus and high expectations around the school uniform, attendance, behaviour and work completion. Your support in assisting your child to meet these expectations is appreciated. All students across Years 8 to 12 will start back on Tuesday 28 January 2014 at 9am in the school hall for a full assembly.

All students will be required to wear their full formal school uniform. Parents and Caregivers are invited to attend the assembly and stay on for morning tea with the Principal and key staff.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my best wishes to all families and students for a happy and peaceful Christmas season. I hope that you enjoy the break and I look forward to seeing you all again in the 2014 school year.

Best wishes,
John Searle—Principal
Email: jsear13@eq.edu.au
Oz Care Homeless Men’s Hostel Visit

On Thursday 28 November a group of Mitchie staff volunteered at the Oz Care Homeless Men’s Hostel at South Brisbane. The facility provides accommodation, support and meals to men aged 18 years and over. During our visit, hundreds of eggs were cracked and salads made before serving up dinner. A big thank you to Mrs Bamford, Mrs Hamilton, Ms Crawford, Mrs Hansell, Ms Stacey, Mrs Williams and Ms Stewart for giving up their time to volunteer at the hostel. Visits to the hostel for students will resume next year and will be held each fortnight.

Jo Smith
Oz Care Co-ordinator
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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.

News from Visual Art

Last week saw the erection of scaffolding and the installation of the final pieces of the 5.3m mosaic mural created by the students participating in the Certificate II in Visual Arts. It was a school, family and community effort with the scaffolding kindly being donated by Mobile Scaffolds Queensland. Many thanks go to Chris Sweedman for lending the school his scaffolding – without which, we would have never been able to safely install the remaining four panels. Many thanks also go to my family for helping out across two weekends to hammer drill and screw the panels into place, along with a little bit of cleaning and buffing at the end!

Thanks also must go to our Facilities Officer, John Creagh for his assistance in installing the initial panels with me. Final thanks must go to the students in this course for adding their ‘artprint’ here at the school – your contribution will be valued for years to come.

Alison Rose
Senior Teacher, Art
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Hope City Church presents
"Christmas Light"

Grovely SS  Primary School Hall
200 Dawson Pde, Keperra
6pm - 7pm

Join us for a special free one hour service on
Tuesday, 24th December to celebrate
Christmas Eve! bring the whole family
for a night out of carols, games,
Christmas celebration and
a cool Christmas treat.

John Creagh
P&C Vice-President
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> Orang-utan Adoption

During the term the Year 8 SOSE class have been
studying rainforests and the impact palm oil
plantations have on these environments. Students in
8B enjoyed the unit and were keen to support
organisations that help animals that are affected by
deforestation.

Liam, Jayde, Ewan and Hunter financially supported
the adoption of Monti, who is a 4 year old orphaned
orang-utan. Monti was rescued at two months of
age after her mother was killed. Monti currently
resides at the Orang-utan Emergency Centre in
Ketapang in Indonesia which was set up by the
Australian Orangutan Foundation. Our $65 adoption
fee will help fund Monti’s medicine, veterinary care,
food and forest training school for one year.
Congratulations to all the students who were
proactive and adopted Monti.

Jo Smith
8B SOSE Teacher
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> P&C News

Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop will be open from 9.00am to
1.00pm and 3.00pm to 6.00pm on Thursday
12 December.

The Uniform Shop will be open for additional hours
during the two weeks before school recommences
at the following times:
• Monday 13 January  9.00am to 3.00pm
• Wednesday 15 January  12.00noon to 6.00pm
• Friday 17 January  9.00am to 3.00pm
• Monday 20 January  9.00am to 3.00pm
• Wednesday 22 January  12.00noon to 6.00pm
• Friday 24 January  9.00am to 3.00pm

Opening hours for the first week of Term 1 will be
8.00am to 1.00pm each day (Tuesday 27 to Friday 31
January) after which they will revert to the regular
times of 8am to 11am on Mondays and Thursdays.

Tuckshop
The Tuckshop will be open until 10.45am on Thursday
12 December and will then be closed until school
resumes in 2014.

I would like to thank our Tuckshop Manager, Anne
Jones; Uniform Shop Manager, Tracey Cahill;
Treasurer, Sharon Costello; Secretary, Heidi Smith;
and Vice-President, Tabitha Egan for their hard work
throughout the year. I would also like to thank school
administration and staff and everyone else who has
supported the P&C during the year. I wish everyone
a safe and happy Christmas and New Year and I
look forward to working with you all in 2014.

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> Community News