Habit of Mind

If it doesn’t challenge you, it doesn’t change you.

Fred Devito

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Week 1 of the school has progressed well with students getting organised for their subjects with bulk issuing of textbooks and student laptops. 2014 is shaping up to be a busy year as we settle our new students into secondary schooling at Mitchelton High and, as the year progresses, continue our focus on Junior Secondary preparations for our Year 7s and 8s in 2015.

It was lovely to see so many bright and enthusiastic faces on our first School Assembly and reassuring to see those same faces smiling at the end of the week. Our Year 8s are settling in and learning was underway quickly and efficiently in week 1. Open communication with teachers is the key to settling our new students in and I would encourage parents to make contact with your student’s teachers, the Year Co-ordinator and other members of our school community.

The first P&C meeting and AGM will be held on Tuesday 18 February at 7pm– Please come along - if you can give an hour of your time that would be appreciated.

Looking back to our senior student achievement from 2013, I am particularly pleased and proud to share their data with you. 99% of our 2013 Year 12s achieved an outcome – either a QCE (Qld Certificate Qualification) and/or Vocational Certificate. Of our OP eligible students 65% of them achieved an OP of between 1 and 15. The achievement of our Year 12s is testament to the hard work of students, teachers and parents.

On Friday 14 February we recognise our School Leaders at the Leadership Induction Ceremony. On this special Assembly we will formally induct our School Captains, Vice Captains, House Captains and Leaderbody members as well as our Junior Secondary Captains and Leaders. There is an amazing depth of leadership within our student body.

Our current student enrolment is steady and sits around the same number as the past two years at just under 400 including the international students completing the High School Preparation Program. We are a small to medium school, but we still have an exceptional range of subjects and opportunities for students. We say at Mitchelton High that we are “Small Enough to Care, Big Enough to Excel”. I again encourage you to be in contact with teachers and Year Co-ordinators as the year progresses. I look forward to meeting you at the many school events that are held this year.

Best wishes,

John Searle—Principal

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Important February Dates

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One day after his interview, Sean J. (MSHS Year 10 student) was accepted into a two year traineeship in Cert III in Information Technology, to be completed at Pine Rivers State High School. Sean is the first person in 10 years to be accepted into the traineeship outside Pine River SHS as students are usually selected from within their school community.

Sean is looking forward to joining the IT staff through the program and will be learning from the HOD of Learning Technology, Mr Patrick Vale. The traineeship is funded by the government and Sean will receive payment for his work one day a week. We wish Sean all the best in his studies.

The role of the P&C Association is to support the school. The objectives of the Association are to promote the interests of, and facilitate the development and further improvement of Mitchelton State High School, by promoting parent participation, encouraging close cooperation between parents, students and staff, and by promoting positive community support. In practical terms, the P&C operates the Tuckshop and Uniform Shop, is involved in school consultation and decision-making processes, supports the School Chaplaincy Program, and supports the school financially and through voluntary labour.

Being involved in the P&C is also a good way of getting to know other members of the school community and being more aware of what is happening at the school.

**Tuckshop:**
The Tuckshop is open to serve students before school and at Morning Tea (Break 1) and Lunch (Break 2). Last year, the Tuckshop was closed at Lunch (Break 2) on Wednesday and Friday, but with the change to the school timetable, there will be a need to review opening times. Details of any changes will be advised as soon as possible.

**Uniform Shop:**
The Uniform Shop is open from 8.00am to 11.00am on Mondays and Thursdays during school term. Where a Public Holiday falls on one of these days, the Uniform Shop will open on an alternative day. Unless otherwise advised, it will be the next school day (Tuesday ILO Monday and Friday ILO Thursday).

**Volunteers:**
Volunteers are always welcome. Please contact Tuckshop Manager Anne Jones or Uniform Shop Manager Tracey Cahill if you would like to help in either of these areas. If you would like to help in any other way, please contact me via the School Office.

**P&C Annual General Meeting:**
The Annual General Meeting of the P&C will be held on **Tuesday 18 February** in the Library, commencing at 7.00pm. All adult members of the school and local community are welcome to attend and apply for membership of the P&C. No one will be expected to take on any position if they do not wish to. We need ordinary members as much as we need office bearers!

I look forward to meeting as many members of the school community as possible over the coming weeks and months.

John Creagh
Acting P&C President
Email: jcrea16@eq.edu.au
PHOTO DAY

Thursday 13 February 2014

Important Information
Silver Rose Photography will be at the school on the above date to photograph groups and student portraits.
To ensure you have no problems with your order please read your school photo envelope carefully.

- Your child must return their envelope on PHOTO DAY.
- Depending on your school requirements, if your child does not have an envelope in the photographer, they may not be photographed for individual portraits. You are welcome to place a late order with Silver Rose but usually only for group photos.
- You can make your payment by cash, credit card (Visa or Mastercard), cheque or money order.
- If you have any questions about Photo Day please call Silver Rose on (07) 32625798.

Sports and Special Groups
Do not order Sports or Special Groups on your envelope. Order forms will be available to download from our website approximately one week after photo day.

Username: Groups
Password: 285023

Passenger Alert—Bus 916

Changes to the 916 District Route
Following changes to school hours at Mitchelton High School, effective Monday 3 February 2014, the 916 District Route will now depart Mitchelton State High School at 15.15.

As a result, the service will now pass the following schools at approximately the following times:

- St Williams: 15.20
- Grovely State School: 15.25
- Ferny Hills State School: 15.37
- Patricks Rd State School: 15.40

Brisbane Transport apologises for any inconvenience this change may cause.

Homework Club

Homework club will be Tuesday afternoon from 3:00pm to 4:00pm in the Noonga Room. The Homework Club is for students who require help in completing homework, and assignments or general support with areas of concern. We have the support of Mitchelton State High School Staff who have volunteered their time.

Heather Blake—Deputy Principal
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Community News

EVERTON DISTRICTS SPORTING CLUB INC.
EVERTON WOLVES
AFL SIGN-ON
8th & 9th FEB
10am - 2pm
ENOGGERA MEMORIAL PARK
93 MOTT ST, GAYTHORNE

All players welcome from NAB AFL Auskick, U6 - U15 please bring proof of age.
For more information email: evertonjuniors@aflq.com.au
www.evertonjuniors.aflq.com.au

MITCHELTON FOOTBALL CLUB
TERALGA PARK, OSBORNE ROAD, MITCHELTON
GET INTO THE GAME IN 2014
JOIN YOUR LOCAL SOCCER CLUB

U6 to U16 teams available - boys & girls welcome
We look forward to welcoming all our current club members as well as new players to the club in 2014.
2014 Coaching opportunities available in all age groups.

Give your child the best start in 2014!
Confident Kids is a fun, interactive group program for kids aged 5 – 14 years designed to boost confidence, emotional resilience, social skills and brain power. Kids learn simple strategies to reduce worries, anxiety, self-doubt or negative thinking so they can achieve their full potential. The Confident Kids program provides children with self-esteem tools to keep confidence steady and strong throughout their life!

Program includes parent support and workshops. Facilitated by experienced psychologists who are passionate about helping kids be all they can be.
Places are limited so hurry. Groups held at our Paddington clinic. Medicare and Private health fund rebates apply.
For more details visit www.confidentkidsandteens.com.au or email info@positivefamilies.com.au for an Information pack, or phone us on 3368 1307.
Families In Transition
Incorporating the Seasons™ program

This is a 6 week course for parents who have experienced change in their family lives through family separation, divorce or the death of a loved one.

Parents will explore ways to cope with family change and express their feelings in a healthy way. Parents are offered the opportunity to get together and learn more about supporting their children through family change. This course is full of great practical activities for all.

Where: Undurba State School Community Hall,
Ogg Road, Murrumba Downs
When: 6th February—27th March 2014
Time: Thursday mornings
10am—11.30am
Cost: $25 one child / $40 per family for entire course

For more information please contact the Pine Rivers Neighbourhood Centre on 3899 0063 or email christinek@prnc.org.au

P&C Association 2014 Tuck-Shop Price List
SUMMER MENU

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While the majority of students come to school ready to learn, a small percentage do the wrong thing and misbehave, which is why the Queensland Government is strengthening discipline in state schools.

Strengthening Discipline in Queensland State Schools is one of 15 strategies introduced under the government’s new Great Teachers = Great Results initiative to lift standards of teaching and give schools more autonomy so they can get on with the job of providing a safe and supportive learning environment.

The Education (Strengthening Discipline in State Schools) Amendment Bill 2013 provides principals with the authority to develop local solutions to disruptive or challenging behaviour.

Changes under the legislation mean that from January 2014 state school principals will have greater autonomy to manage inappropriate student behaviour through firm responses in a timely manner.

Red tape has been cut, processes have been streamlined and flexibility has been increased so that principals – in consultation with school communities – can determine the best range of consequences for inappropriate behaviour.

Schools want parents and carers to be aware of the behavioural expectations and the consequences for inappropriate behaviour and will talk about these at enrolment and throughout the student’s schooling.

From 2014, schools will be given greater flexibility to choose additional behavioural management options.

- *Discipline Improvement Plans* which will be developed by schools with students and their parents to set out expectations for behaviour. These plans will include strategies to support students to change their behaviour.
- *Community Service Interventions* which require students to perform tasks out of school hours that are beneficial to the community. This exposes students to new challenging environments as well as encouraging teamwork, self-respect, commitment and confidence.

The major changes made to detentions, suspensions, exclusions and cancellations of enrolment include:

- removing prescription so that detentions can occur outside of school hours and on weekends
- shifting the suspension period for short suspensions from 1–5 school days to 1–10 school days
- removing written submission provisions against proposed exclusions
- removing the show-cause process prior to cancelling an enrolment
- expanding the grounds for suspensions and exclusions
- expanding the grounds in relation to conduct to include conduct occurring outside school.

Discipline audits will be conducted in all Queensland state schools by the end of 2014. Experienced principals from high performing schools will conduct the audits. They will assist schools to benchmark their progress in strengthening discipline and provide an independent view highlighting where there is room for improvement.

For more information on Great Teachers = Great Results visit the DETE website