**Habit of Mind**

Every person you meet and everything you do in life is an opportunity to learn something.

*Tom Clancy*

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**Dear Parents/Caregivers,**

We are nearly 4 weeks down in our 10 week term.

Over the past fortnight, our teachers have enjoyed the opportunity to meet many parents at the Welcome BBQ for new students and families and at the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Welcome BBQ. I would like to thank parents and community members for supporting these parent events.

**Home School Communication**

Communication is the key. We are all partners in your student’s education journey, maximising your student’s outcomes and opportunities is our goal. There are some practical things that you can do as a parent to support your student and their achievement on a daily/weekly basis.

Email is often the best form of communication between parents and teachers, especially for routine requests. You have probably received email communication from some of your student’s teachers this year, outlining the course they are undertaking and what type of assessment they will be encountering. If your request is not a routine request or is sensitive in nature, telephone the Head of Department, Year Co-ordinator, Guidance Officer or Deputy Principal. We work in a co-ordinated manner to best support you and your student.

**New P&C Executive**

Last night at the Mitchelton State High P&C AGM the following office bearers were elected:

- **President:** John Creagh
- **Vice President:** Gregg Cook
- **Secretary:** Heidi Smith
- **Treasurer:** Sharon Costello

I would like to congratulate the new members of our P&C executive, and thank the outgoing executive for all their continued support of our school. The contact details of the newly elected P&C executive can be obtained from the school’s website.

**Student Leadership**

On Friday 20 February we recognised our School Leaders at the Leadership Induction Assembly. At the ceremony last week we will formally inducted our School Captains, Vice Captains, House Captains and Leaderbody as well as our Junior Secondary Captains and Leaders. There is an amazing depth of leadership within our student body. I would like to congratulate all students who have taken on leadership roles in 2014 and wish them a successful year.

Best wishes,

John Searle—Principal
Email: jsear13@eq.edu.au
No mobile phone. No iPod. No regular classes. Just two days of fun, games, thinking and learning.

Year 8 Camp was a chance for our students to move outside their comfort zones. The challenging activities provided opportunities for students to work together, to have fun and to learn – about themselves, some of their teachers and their ‘new’ classmates.

In the bush setting at Camp North Pine, we experienced the thrill of the giant swing, the support of our ‘spotters’ on the low ropes, the adventure of orienteering, the good fun of playing together in the great outdoors, the excitement of a night walk, the simple challenges of keeping a balloon unpopped, sharing meals and sleeping in dorms away from the comforts and routines of home. We played traditional games and learned about making ‘Deadly Choices’ with the inspirational young men from The Institute of Urban Indigenous Health.

This group will be the last to be the littlest fish in the big pond in Year 8, as next year, Year 7s join us.

The staff who accompanied the students were impressed with the positive way that students conducted themselves, and participated in all the activities.

Mrs Blake (DP Junior Secondary), Merle Cashman (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Support Officer), Belinda Wicks (Defence Transition Mentor), and teachers Ian McDade, Sharon Stacey, Bronwyn Bamford, Bryce Peters, and Marilyn Milner (Year 8 Co-ordinator for 2014) found the camp to be a great way to engage with the Year 8s as they embark on their high school journey.

Marilyn Milner
Year 8 Co-ordinator 2014
Email: mmiln6@eq.edu.au

As with all our swimming carnivals it was yet another beautiful day with lots of colours, yelling, team spirit and of course – swimming. This year was literally a fight to the end with the overall winning house results coming down to the last event of the day (the Open Boys 4 x 50m Freestyle relay). Scorpius was victorious at the end of the day by a mere 2 points. Second place went to Centaurus, with Pegasus in third position.

CONGRATULATIONS SCORPIUS!!!!

Age Champions:

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Alana Torisi—Teacher
Email: atorn20@eq.edu.au
At the Annual General Meeting held last night (Tuesday 18th), the following Officers were elected:

- President: John Creagh
- Vice-President: Gregg Cook
- Secretary: Heidi Smith
- Treasurer: Sharon Costello

We will be working hard over the next 12 months to support our school and to engage with the whole school community.

We will need the help of all members of the school community. We need people to be involved in discussion and decision making and making sure that we are aware of needs and concerns that parents, students and staff have in regards to school programs and facilities, and also in dealing with the challenges of living in an adolescent world in our technological age.

We can always use more hands to help in the Tuckshop & Uniform Shop; to sell raffle tickets; and, to help organise and run fundraising and other events.

Please join us on our journey and get to know other members of the school community and learn more about what is happening at our school.

The next meeting of the P&C will be held on Tuesday 18 March in the school Library, commencing at 7.00pm.

Tuckshop:
The Tuckshop is open to serve students before school and at Morning Tea (Break 1) and Lunch (Break 2). The Tuckshop will not be open at Lunch (Break 2) on Wednesday and Friday.

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.

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

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

Looking at the Future

On Tuesday the Year 10 students were given the opportunity to visit QUT – Kelvin Grove Campus for an Explore Uni Day. The purpose of the day was to make students aware of the wide range of courses available through QUT and that there are a variety of paths to gain entry into University, not just straight from school. It was interesting to hear from current QUT students what career they thought they wanted in Year 10 and how their choices had changed to what they are studying now. The QUT students identified some of the obstacles that might stop students from future study at University and provided some solutions to overcome these problems.

After lunch students participated in a range of course focused activities including Science and Engineering, Creative Industry, Law, Business and Health Sciences. Students built, encrypted words, considered business and leadership models, discovered more about Optometry, played Brisbane survivor to mention a few of the activities. Students were all given a bag of gifts including a water bottle, hat and an information sheet for parents to read.

Some thoughts from the students:

‘I can hardly wait to finish Year 12 so I can go to uni’
‘Creative Industries has so many possibilities that I am interested in’
‘The experience! I loved learning about different areas and what it contributes to when you leave Uni.’

Elizabeth Cameron
Student Pathways & Engagement
Email: ecame10@eq.edu.au
**A reminder to Year 9 parents that NAPLAN will be occurring 13 – 15 May. Students will be involved in a range of national tests including writing, language conventions, reading and numeracy. We are required to report absences so if possible avoid making appointments or taking holidays at this time. Attending school all day, each and every day is the best preparation for NAPLAN. There are sample questions on the Queensland Studies Authority (QSA) website if you are interested in seeing how your child will be tested.**


Elizabeth Cameron  
Student Pathways & Engagement  
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**The ICAS competitions are excellent opportunities for students around the world to compete in selected areas of interest. At Mitchelton SHS we will be supporting students to participate in the ICAS competitions. Some students will be asked to participate but all students are encouraged to participate by nominating. There will be further information and nomination forms will be included in upcoming newsletters.**

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Elizabeth Cameron  
Student Pathways & Engagement  
Email: ecame10@eq.edu.au

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**If your child is interested in learning any woodwind, brass or percussion instruments, please don’t hesitate to contact me at phall35@eq.edu.au. Lessons are held during the school day on Tuesdays across the road at Mitchelton State School’s music room.**

**Concert band for students in their second and third year is held on Tuesday mornings at our school in room J3, in J Block Performing Arts Block at 7:45 am.**

Viva la Musica!

Penny Hall  
Woodwind, Brass and Percussion  
Instrumental Music Teacher  
Email: phall35@eq.edu.au

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**The Mitchell State High School LEO Club was chartered in 1995 and is sponsored by the Lions Club of Brisbane Bunya. The club over the years has provided many members of the Leaderbody as well as several school captains.**

LEO Clubs are junior service clubs and are part of Lions Clubs International, the largest community service organisation in the world.

LEO Clubs can engage in a whole range of community service activities. These include environmental projects (eg. Clean Up Australia, Bush care, Tree planting); helping disadvantaged people (eg. Helping at Ozcare Hostel); and raising funds for various community groups, both local and wider.

Last year, members of the Mitchie High LEO Club participated in the “Walk for an Aussie Kid” project that was conducted by Bunya Lions Club. This project raises funds to provide walking devices for children who are unable to walk unaided.

There are no fees to join or be a member of the Mitchie High LEO Club as these costs are paid by Bunya Lions Club.

Being a member of the LEO Club is a good way of meeting new friends, developing leadership and other skills, and helping the school, local and wider communities.

New members from all year levels are most welcome!

The LEO Club currently meets every second Thursday at Morning Tea (Break 1). The next meeting will be held on Thursday 27 February.

**LEO = Leadership, Experience, Opportunity**

John Creagh  
LEO Coordinator  
Email: jcrea16@eq.edu.au
CALLING ALL SWIMMERS!

There is a newly formed swim club at Mitchelton State School and the P&C are inviting the Mitchelton Community to join. Registration Fees of $66 per swimmer must be paid before anyone swims. This fee is non-refundable and covers insurance with Swimming Queensland.

The Mitchie P&C Swim Club, in conjunction with Healthstream Swim School, meets every Friday at Mitchelton State School Pool at 6:15pm. It is a social night where children participate to beat their own personal best. Children must be Prep to Year 12 to swim and adult participation & supervision is required. Events include noodle races, 25m & 50m strokes plus there is some free swim time. As the club grows we will introduce longer distance races.

Entry is free, a sausage sizzle & drinks are available for purchase on the night. The swim club will run until 7 April for the 2013/2014 season.

For more information contact Adele Urry at theurrys@bigpond.com

ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVE AND GIVE BLOOD

The Blood Service Donormobile will be visiting:

Mitchelton
The Brook Hotel, Osborne Road

Wednesday 4 June 9.00 am – 4.00 pm
Thursday 5 June 9.00 am – 4.00 pm

Call 13 95 96 or visit donateblood.com.au

Try Rugby Union

Everton Park Junior Rugby Union (Enoggera) is looking for boys and girls aged 5 to 16 to play a team sport where they can get fit, and make great mates.

Rugby is an exciting, fast and free flowing game combining the skills of passing, catching, running and evasion.

No experience is necessary. Our accredited coaches will teach all aspects of the game in a family-friendly club.

New Under 9 to Under 16 players receive a FREE uniform worth $80.00

Registrations closing soon.

For more information:
Email: rugby@epiru.com.au or
Visit: www.epiru.com.au

School-based traineeships and apprenticeships.
These are a great ways for students to start their careers in the industry of their choice.

School-based apprenticeships and traineeships enable students to undertake an apprenticeship or traineeship while studying Years 10, 11 and 12. This gives them the opportunity to work towards a nationally recognised qualification while remaining at school.

These are available for any Queensland student attending a recognised secondary school in either Years 10, 11 or 12. We also encourage students to undertake work experience in the vocation of their choice prior to entering the apprenticeship or traineeship.

The qualifications needed to start a school based apprenticeship or traineeship are:

- For Years 11 and 12, minimum Year 10 passes in Maths and English.
- For Year 10, reasonable results in Maths and English.

A school based apprentice/trainee must do a minimum of 50 days paid work per year. The student will get paid according to the relevant award or workplace agreement covering the trade or occupation chosen.

I receive many emails offering traineeships and apprenticeships. If your child is interested they need to register their name, username and industry area on the list outside the rooms at the bottom of E block. As opportunities arrive I will email the information to all the students interested in that career. It will be the responsibility of students to regularly check their school email account for information. Generally all information is provided and how to apply for the traineeship or apprenticeship and contact details. Help is provided to assist students in the application process but they should be starting to ready their resume.

Students need to know what industry area they are interested in eg. Hospitality – front of house or back of house/commercial cooking; fitness; business administration or retail.

The following links have general information about traineeships and apprenticeships

See the end of the newsletter for further examples of traineeships.

Elizabeth Cameron
Student Pathways & Engagement
Email: ecame10@eq.edu.au
SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Training Direct Australia
Job Opportunity - Chalk Hotel

Applications close Thursday 20/02/2014

A quick reminder for all students interested in the front of house positions at Chalk Hotel. Applications close Thursday at 5PM. Interviews will commence the following week.

Job Ref# TDA002
Certificate attained: Cert 3 Hospitality
Comments: Perfect for Year 11 Students

Please send your resume and email of interest to TDA at admin@trainingdirectaust.com.au

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Bring your resume, patent & dress to impress

2. Visit:
http://jobs.sizzler.com.au
& complete a quick online application

4. Sign Up Day
To be announced once successful
Sizzler Toowong
Sign up - Induction - RSA

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Certificate III in Hospitality