Habit of Mind
LISTENING WITH UNDERSTANDING AND EMPATHY
I like to listen.
I have learned a great deal from listening carefully.
Most people never listen.
Ernest Hemingway

Welcome Back to Term 2!
Welcome back to Term 2 of the school year. I hope all students and their families enjoyed the Easter Vacation. We have a busy start to the Term with a Vocational Education and Training audit taking place over the next two days. This week also sees a number of Anzac Day Events taking place. Today the School Captains, Junior School Captains and myself attended the commemoration ceremony in ANZAC Square. On Thursday, we hold the school ceremony in the hall starting at 9am and on Friday, students and families are invited to march behind the Mitchelton State High School Banner at the ANZAC Day Dawn Service held at the Gaythorne RSL starting at 6.30am.

Discipline Audit: Important Information
As part of an initiative to strengthen discipline in Queensland state schools, Discipline Audits will be conducted in every Queensland state school by November 2014. Mitchelton State High School’s Audit was held at the end of last term. The purpose of the Discipline Audits is to provide quality feedback on how the school is ensuring a safe, supportive and disciplined learning environment and to inform school behaviour management planning processes. During the audit, an independent, experienced school Principal visited the school to collect a range of data and information about school-wide programs and procedures in the area of discipline. Interviews were also conducted with staff, students and parents to gather a range of perspectives on school strategies and practices in relation to behaviour management. The Discipline Audit usually takes one to two days, depending on the school’s context and size. The school received the auditor’s report and key findings will be discussed with the Principal, the school’s Leadership Team and school staff. The report’s Executive Summary and five page Profile are available to parents and caregivers on the school’s web site. Please be advised that these documents are now available on the school’s website at www.mitcheltonshs.eq.edu.au. The Principal will work with the school community to include any recommendations in the school’s forward planning around strengthening discipline.

No Parking/Drop off at Samford Rd Carpark on Monday 28 April
Please be advised that there will be no parking or drop off at all in the top car park (off Samford Rd) on Monday 28 April. Please drop students off or park in Dundall Street.

Student of the Month—March
Congratulations to the following students:

REMINDER: Year 11 camp deposit of $75 due to office by Monday May 5!
Invitation to MSHS Anzac Ceremony—24 April
Mitchelton State High School invites all family and friends who wish to attend our formal School Assembly to commemorate Anzac Day 2014.

Thursday 24 April 2014 9:00 am
to be followed by an
Anzac biscuit morning tea in the library

Anzac Day Tribute
We honour ANZAC day and all of our families who have a connection to an Australian Defence Force member both currently serving and also those who have served in the past.

Anzac Day March
All students (please attend in full formal uniform), staff and parents of Mitchelton State High School are invited to come and join us and the Gaythorne RSL veterans to march in honour of ANZAC Day. Gathering at 6.15am on Friday 25 April in the Sid Loder Park behind the Gaythorne RSL. Come along and join us, be proud and march behind our school Leaderbody students and the Mitchelton State High School banner. The march will be followed by an Anzac Day Ceremony where our school community will lay a wreath to honour our country’s soldiers both past and present.

Belinda Wicks
Defence Transition Mentor
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The next meeting of the P&C will be held on Tuesday 29 April in the school Library, commencing at 7.00pm, delayed two weeks due to the Easter break. Our new School Chaplain, Justin Pfeffer will be guest speaker. Please come along and meet Justin and learn more about the role of the School Chaplain.

The School Open Day will be held the following day on 30 April. The P&C will be selling tea, coffee and cold drinks from the Hall canteen. Please contact me if you would like to help out in any way.

Barefoot Bowls
We will be holding a Barefoot Bowls day at Gaythorne Bowls Club on Sunday 18 May, commencing at 10.00am with a barbecue lunch included. The cost will be $25 per adult (bowls + BBQ); $10 per school student (bowls + sausage sizzle) or $15 (bowls + BBQ); and, $5 per child under 10yo (bowls + sausage sizzle). Drinks will be available at the bar at normal bar prices. Please contact the school office or me if you would like to know more or would like to book in for a fun day. We will need to know how many people will be attending by Tuesday 13 May.

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 each Monday and Thursday during term, except for Public Holidays.

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.

John Creagh
P&C President
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Congratulations to Jack B (Year 9) for winning first prize in the 2014 ANZAC Day Writing Competition for his age group—what a fantastic effort!

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MITCHELTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN DAY

Wednesday 30 April 2014
2pm to 6pm

School Assembly Hall
Samford Road, Mitchelton

Come and see for yourself why Mitchelton State High School is the best choice for excellence in education:
- Proven academic records, traditional standards for behaviour and uniform
- School of Excellence in Business, Childcare, Electrical Engineering and Trades
- An exceptional range of subjects, all offered in a supportive environment

Consider Mitchelton for your child’s secondary education, including Year 7 placement in 2015 and beyond with scholarships available.

Program commences at 2pm with:
- An address by the Principal
- A multi-media presentation followed by
- School tours commencing at 2.30pm and running half hourly until 5pm

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mitchelsonshs.eq.edu.au
PH: (07) 3550 1111

Small Enough to Care - Big Enough to Excel
presents
Planning for Now Tomorrow and the Future

a free short presentation for families of people with disabilities.

Aimee McVeigh, consultant with Pave the Way is offering a presentation for families and friends that explores the issues of preparing and planning for the future and keeping people safe in the long term.

The presentation will look at a variety of issues – developing a vision and building networks of support; guardianship and administration and wills and trusts. It may also be of interest to adult brothers or sisters, or other members of your extended family.

Aimee has worked and volunteered at a range of community legal centres, a non-government organisation in the Philippines and has been engaged as a consultant by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples. Until recently Aimee was the Principal Solicitor of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women’s Legal and Advocacy Service.

Aimee’s interest in legal matters relating to families and people with disabilities has been demonstrated in a number of ways. In her work as a lawyer she has acted for numerous clients with disabilities and for family members who have children with disabilities. Until recently, Aimee was a board member of Queensland Advocacy Incorporated.

For more information or to RSVP –
Contact
Pave the Way, 07 3291 5800 or
free call 1300 554 402

You can also email: pavetheway@pavetheway.org.au
When you book your place, please tell us whether or not you have any dietary needs, eg vegetarian, gluten free.

There is a minimum required of 10 people booked in for this presentation to proceed.

Date and Time:
Saturday
10 May 2014
9am - 12 noon

Location:
Mamre
40 Finsbury St
NEWMARKET

★ Morning Tea Provided

★ ★ Although attendance at the workshop is free, bookings are essential ★ ★