Habit of Mind

LISTENING WITH UNDERSTANDING AND EMPATHY
Nature has given men one tongue and two ears, that we may hear twice as much as we speak.
Epictetus

Junior Secondary Peer Review
I am very proud of the work of our Junior Secondary Team. The school was peer reviewed by a team of three Principals on Monday. It was clear from the review findings that we are well prepared when the two new cohorts of students (Year 7 and Year 8) arrive next year. The other two schools involved in the review; Albany Creek (1200 students) and Sandgate (1000 students) were very impressed with our implementation plan.

Open Day
We held our successful Open Day a few weeks ago and already have conducted a large number of enrolment interviews for 2015 with two cohorts of new students arriving (Year 7 and Year 8). Appointments for enrolment interviews are filling fast and we ask families to spread the message to others about the need to contact the school office on 35501111 and make bookings before the end of the term.

National Literacy and Numeracy Tests
NAPLAN was held last week with our Year 9 students well prepared and the tests went off smoothly. We expect to get the results in late Term 3.

P&C Fundraiser
I would like to congratulate the P&C on their successful fundraiser that was held on Sunday. The barefoot bowls was well-supported. Thanks to our President, John Creagh and the P&C for organising the event.

ARD Visit
My supervisor and the Assistant Regional Director for Metropolitan Secondary, Richard English will visit the school for 2 hours on Thursday to see how we are progressing with our school priorities.

Teacher Professional Development
All teaching staff will be involved in a twilight professional program based on our teaching and learning framework (Dimensions of Learning) on Thursday for 2 ½ hours.

Principal Long-service leave
I will be on long-service leave for the last five weeks of the school term. During this time, Heather Blake (Deputy Principal) will be Acting Principal and Vicki Hamilton Acting Deputy Principal.

Thanks for your on-going support

John Searle
Principal
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> Which Way Touch Carnival

On 20 May a group of Mitchelton SHS students attended the Which Way Touch Carnival at Everton Park SHS. The carnival promotes health, community engagement and aims to help “bridge the gap” between our Indigenous youth and police. Our team successfully won four of the seven games placing us 7th amongst the 14 teams. All students put in a fantastic effort throughout the day, especially Yoseina A, Latia S and Ediell E who played every minute of each game. Overall a very successful day! All students involved should be proud of representing Mitchie in such a positive way.

Photo caption: (Back Row) Jacob J, Michael L, Latia S, Jim W, Tredance T, Masiles A (Front Row) Yoseina A, Ediell E, Nathan W-C, Denzel K (absent)

Mitch Fallon
Sports Coordinator/Teacher
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> Classroom Music Senior Showcase

The annual Classroom Music Senior Showcase was held on Thursday 15 May and was a great night. Performers were supported by parents, friends, siblings and teachers and, after the superb performances, we enjoyed supper together. It was a fun experience for the senior students to perform in a no-pressure situation, purely for the enjoyment of entertaining others and audience members were given a real insight into what happens within a senior music class.

Katherine Cowan
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> Homework Club

The Homework Club is for students who require help in completing homework and assignments or general support in areas of concern and runs on Monday afternoon from 3pm to 4pm in the Noonga Room (N Block). We have the support of Mitchelton State High School staff who have volunteered their time.

Heather Blake
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> MSHS Students Visit Prep Class

On Friday 9 May Mitchelton High students visited a Mitchie prep class to run some activities with them. The students had planned and practised how to teach a number of games to the prep children and it was great to see the little preps so engaged in the activities with the older students.

MSHS Students will visit again in Week 5 and the prep class can’t wait for them to come back!

> Unexplained Absences

Families will regularly receive a list of unexplained absences for their students on a regular basis. This is to ensure our attendance records are accurate. Please return the list of absences with the reason for the absences so we can correct any errors.

Heather Blake | Deputy Principal
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Senior Gifted & Talented Conference
On May 12, a small group of Senior students were chosen to participate in a conference for Gifted and Talented students at St Laurence’s College in South Brisbane. These lectures included topics such as Justice, Truth, Beauty and Mathematics and the Origins of the Universe. The sessions were designed to stimulate student interest and encourage participants to make relevant connections between the different areas of study. Julie Arliss, Principal Examiner at Cambridge was key note speaker. Her presentation focussed on the role of emotional intelligence in recognising one’s ability to identify, understand and manage our emotions in order to get greater results. Overall, we found the day to be most impressive.

Mia H & Jinny K
Year 11 students

Spark Engineering Camp
Spark Engineering Camp is a not for profit, Youth Without Borders initiative that provides an opportunity for Year 10-12 students facing barriers, to experience university life and see what engineering has to offer. Over the week long camp students stay on university grounds at a residential college, and partake in a week of personal development and engineering education. In 2014, Spark is being held in Brisbane, 30 June – 4 July [first week of the June holidays]. The camp targets school students from non-traditional backgrounds to engage in university life, in particular introducing the direction that engineering can take them. Other key info:
- Free
- Accommodation and food provided
- Mentored by high performing current students and recently graduated engineers.

Sign up closes 30 MAY

Latest SAT Opportunities
- Greencross Vets are offering school-based traineeships in Certificate II in Animal Studies for the 2015 intake. Students who are currently in Years 9 and 10 are encouraged to apply if they have an interested in Animal Care.
- Each week a number of agencies release updated list of school-based traineeship and apprenticeship vacancies. These are posted on the window outside the Student Pathways & Engagement office, E Block. Students are encouraged to keep checking the listings.

New Secretary
At the P&C meeting last night, Tania Paterson was appointed as our new Secretary. This followed the resignation of Heidi Smith as Secretary at the previous meeting due to personal reasons. Tania is a parent of one of our Year 8 students. We look forward to working with her through the rest of the year.

Arana Hills Chemmart Pharmacy School Rewards Program
Arana Hills Day & Night Chemmart Pharmacy is conducting a School Rewards Program from 12 May to 12 September. It will work in conjunction with their Chemmart Rewards Card and will give 5 cents School Rewards Cash for every 5 cents Chemmart Rewards Cash that you earn.

If you are an existing Chemmart Rewards Card holder, please tell the pharmacy that you would like to support Mitchelton State High School and they will fix a unique school identifier to your card. Show your Chemmart Rewards Card at each purchase and ask the staff member who is serving you to place a copy of the docket in the School Rewards Bin.

If you do not have a Chemmart Rewards Card, you can apply for one online (preferred) at chemmart.com.au/chemmart-reward or in store. If you enrol online, you will receive double School Rewards Cash on your first purchase.

Barefoot Bowls Day
The Barefoot Bowls Day on Sunday 18 May was enjoyed by all who attended. It would have been nice to have had a few more people there, but unfortunately a number of people who might have been there had other commitments on the day.

Please let me know if you would be interested in attending another Barefoot Bowls event in the future or any similar event. We would like to have more social events that school families could attend. Please let me know if you have any suggestions.

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.

Andrea McKee
Student Pathways & Engagement
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URGENTLY REQUIRED:
HOST FAMILIES FOR JAPANESE STUDENTS

**NANRYO High School**
(Saitama Prefecture)
16-17y.o.

**ARRIVAL DATE:** 23 July (Wed) 2014
**DEPARTURE DATE:** 30 July (Wed) 2014

**ATTENDING SCHOOL:** Mitchelton High School

**HOST FAMILY REQUIREMENTS:**
- No other Japanese staying in family
- 3 meals per day
- Own bed but can share a room with host child
- Over 18’s hold blue card or willing to apply
- Safe travel to and from school

*Single Placement, Remuneration Provided*

**AUSTRALIA JAPAN STUDY PROGRAMME (AJSP)**

Please contact Lyn Johnson, Homestay Coordinator MSHS

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**Ph:** 35501111 or 0411551692

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**Are you a parent of a child with type 1 diabetes?**

Every day, thousands of Australian children suffer the effects of type 1 diabetes and families struggle with illness management and children’s behavioural and emotional adjustment. Positive Parenting for Healthy Living is an adaptation of the successful Triple P - Positive Parenting Program offering practical ideas and support for parents of children with type 1 diabetes.

This innovative group program is designed to help parents manage their child’s illness, assist children in coping with their illness and emotions, and prevent and manage difficult child behaviour.

Over the next few months and for a limited time only, parents of 2-10 year old children with type 1 diabetes are able to access Positive Parenting for Healthy Living Triple P as part of a University of Queensland research project. Parents will be able to attend the program free of charge, and will be asked to complete 2 sets of assessment measures (questionnaire and family observation) over a 6 month period, as part of the study.

Contact Aditi Lohan on (07) 3346 7689 or email diabetes.healthyliving@uq.edu.au, or visit https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/t1diabetes for more information.

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**Next Meeting**
The next meeting of the P&C will be held in the Library on **Tuesday 17 June**, starting at **7.00pm**. Our new Guidance Officer, Kym Barrett will be our Guest Speaker (Kym was unable to attend the last meeting as advertised). Everyone is welcome to attend.

John Creagh  
P&C President  
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