Habit of Mind

QUESTIONING AND POsing PROBLEMS

Every problem contains within itself the seeds of its own solution.

Edward Somers

Important June Dates

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School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

Last week I and a number of teachers attended a Professional Development Program on School Wide Positive Behaviour Support. This program will form the basis of our Behaviour Management Program over the coming years.

Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) is a whole-school framework which helps schools to create positive learning environments. This is achieved by developing proactive systems to define, teach, and support appropriate student behaviours.

Data shows that when SWPBS is implemented with integrity it helps reduce problem behaviour and increases academic performance. Through SWPBS, schools implement evidence-based approaches to managing student behaviour support. With an emphasis on data-based decision-making, the framework is evaluated regularly and practices are adjusted to make sure the process is achieving effective results for schools.

A committee has been formed in the school. It is made up of members of the administration, teachers and teacher aides. It would be advantageous to have a parent representative on the committee. If you are interested please contact me for more information.

Uniforms

I am very proud of the way our students have been wearing their uniforms this year. As the weather is getting cooler we are noticing some colourful jumpers and hoodies being worn. Please keep the colourful woollies for weekend wear. School jumpers are available from the uniform shop which is open on Monday and Thursday from 8.00 to 11.00am. Please continue to support our uniform policy by ensuring that your child adheres carefully to the correct uniform, particularly in the areas of shoes and socks. Students should not be wearing black socks with either their formal or sports uniform.

Athletics Carnival

This year the Athletics Carnival will be held on Tuesday 24 June. This is
year 11 court excursion

Reminder: Year 11 camp payments are due to office ASAP!

A group of Year 11 students and teachers went on an excursion to visit the Supreme Court of Queensland on Thursday 15 May. We enjoyed the day out and learnt a few things. We witnessed protocols that date back over a hundred years, such as bowing to the Coat of Arms above the Judge’s bench, swearing in of witnesses, cross-examination, the Judge hearing evidence that could damage the case and the summing up of cases. This is what some students had to say:

“Yeah—it was good!” Tim B

“It was really good and very informative” Mia H

Students sat through court hearings in relation to a review on a sentence, a breach of parole on a schoolies’ conviction and a murder hearing. Since the murder hearing, students have been following the case and discussed the final verdict handed down last Thursday, during class.

The class is currently working on their multi-modal assignment where they are able to put into practice what they have learnt since the beginning of the year by taking on the role of a Junior Assistant Barrister who is representing a client on criminal charges. The students are required to sum-up the case and make recommendations. The excursion assisted the students by extending their knowledge on the proceedings of court as they got to witness the Queensland Justice system in action.

Krystine Detering & Mrs Khan

> Mentors’ Activity

Last Monday the Year 12 Leaderbody headed out to Aspley Bowl to battle their mentors. The competition was fierce – teacher vs teacher; student vs student; teacher vs student. Mr Fallon and Mr Peters even had a friendly wager going; with a playground duty at stake!

There were strikes and spares galore – more often than not, as a result of good luck more than skill. Some had their bumpers up – no embarrassing gutter balls for them! Others took the risk, and “ooohhh” and “ahhhhh” could be heard up and down the lanes; success, failure, and lots of excuses!

After the first game we all retreated to the dining room where we had a chicken, fish or steak meal and lots of good conversation. Sugared up from the soft drink, mentors and mentorees headed out to play one last game.

Mrs Hamilton powered home to win convincingly across the lanes. Her bowling lessons since last year, obviously have paid off. A good night was had by all.

Heather Blake
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School Disco
The Leaderbody is holding a school disco on 25 June from 6.30pm to 8.30pm in the school hall. This is a closed event when only students from our school can attend. More information about the theme of the night will be available soon.

Mentors’ Activity

A normal school day and all students are expected to attend. This event will also be used as a fundraiser for the Leaderbody and has been designated a red food day. This means there will be some special foods available for sale on the day.

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The staff of Mitchelton SHS proved Thursday before last, that they are students too. When the regular day was done and the students had gone home, all the teachers (those who work part time and full time as well as all the pre-service teachers) headed to the Trade Training Centre.

Session 1, led by Ms Bampton, was titled “Data is not a dirty word” and teachers were relieved to find that every day and in every lesson we use data to inform our practice. As she told us, data is not just statistics. We can’t just look at results after a test is completed. This is what she called the “autopsy” and while it has its place, the “examination” where we ‘check vital signs’ is the crucial part of teaching. Every lesson, we, as teachers, ask questions, check for understanding and, by examining our students’ reactions, we learn who needs extra support. We learn whether we need to teach this again or perhaps in a different way. Ms Bampton gave us lots of great strategies to employ in our classrooms and we came away happy that data is not a word that we should fear.

After sharing a few pizzas together, the staff divided into two groups and spent some time with Mr Fallon and Ms Wainwright-Smith and then swapped, working with Ms Milner and Ms AhBoo.

Ms Wainwright-Smith and Mr Fallon delighted staff with a lesson on ‘Comparing’ which fits in well with our Pedagogical framework. ‘Comparing’ is the process of identifying and articulating similarities and differences among items. The complex reasoning processes identified in Dimension 3 will help students extend and refine their knowledge. It is not sufficient to simply ask students questions or give them assignments that require these types of reasoning processes. Educators need to directly teach the process. No in-service would be complete without Ms Wainwright-Smith’s signature cat videos to emphasise her point.

Ms Milner’s session taught staff the importance of questioning in the classroom. She stressed that we need to teach students how to look beyond the literal meaning and work towards more complex, higher order reasoning through interpretive and applied questions. Using a science stimulus on ‘backdraft’ she was able to have staff draw up their own questions within the three level guide structure. Ms AhBoo then continued the session with how to use questioning in a practical way. She introduced the staff to “hot seating” and Ms Hamilton and Mr Schultz were willing volunteers and handled their role as Captain Mike Spalding, well. Then Ms AhBoo deepened the meaning with a Backdraft movie scene stimulus and a guided fantasy of the real life Captain’s experiences. The staff were then ‘thought tracked’ applying their knowledge and interpretation to respond.

So, as you can see, learning never stops. The staff at Mitchelton SHS are dedicated to good teaching practice and we always come away from these sessions, inspired and eager to implement new strategies.
> Community News

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
Email: ljohn166@eq.edu.au Ph: 35501111 or 0411551692

> Special Mention for Junior Students

Last week on Year level assembly several junior students were awarded a special mention after being nominated by their teachers. Melvin L (Year 8), Julio R (Year 8), Liam M (Year 9) and Julina F (Year 9) were named as students who deserved a special mention because of their hard work, effort and patience. Congratulations to these students and we hope they enjoy their Lazerzone prize.

Tracey AhBoo (Year 9 Co-ordinator)
Marilyn Milner (Year 8 Co-ordinator)

> P&C News

Arana Hills Chemmart Pharmacy School Rewards Program

Please remember to link your Chemmart Rewards Card to Mitchelton State High School at Arana Hills Day & Night Chemmart Pharmacy. On presentation of your card when making eligible purchases, the pharmacy will give 5 cents School Rewards Cash for every 5 cents Chemmart Rewards Cash that you earn. Please ask the person 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 enrol for one online (preferred) at chemmart.com.au/chemmart-reward or instore. If you enrol online, you will receive double School Rewards Cash on your first purchase.

The School Rewards Program runs until 12 September and after this date, Michael Garrett, the owner/manager of the pharmacy will present a cheque to the P&C for the amount that we raise through the program. Michael was School Captain at Mitchie High in 1997.

Would you like to help the School Chaplaincy Program & get a Tax Deduction?

The school community has committed to pay $8,000+ to Scripture Union Queensland to support the provision of the School Chaplaincy service at our school. The bulk of this money comes from the P&C. We need your help to fund this payment. Could your family please donate $30 to the P&C in support of the Chaplaincy service? If you would like to donate a larger amount or can only afford a smaller amount, we would be happy to accept your contribution. We will forward all contributions to Scripture Union and they will issue tax-deductible receipts to each contributor. Please send us your contribution by Friday 20 June to allow for processing before the end of the Financial Year.

Help Needed!
The P&C and the school are always in need of help in a variety of areas such as assisting in the Tuckshop and Uniform Shop, selling raffle tickets, and helping with school events. 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. Volunteers are always welcome!

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. Everyone is welcome to attend.

John Creagh
P&C President
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Positive Parenting Program

Find out what 6 million families world-wide have learnt works
Build your confidence as a parent
Work on positive relationships within your family

This 5 session program for parents and carers of kids aged 2-12 is easy, fun and works

Mondays from 28 July 2014 - 25 August
6.15pm - 8.15pm
Picabeen Community Centre
22 Hoben St Mitchelton
Course fee $35 (free for concession card holders)
Book your spot on 3354 2555
For more information about the course contact Miranda 3510 2715

Pave the Way presents
Documenting Personal Information for your Family Member with a Disability

a free 1-day workshop for families of people with disabilities.

- Are you clear about what will give your family member a good and safe life?
- Do other people have enough understanding about your family member with disability to keep them safe if you are no longer able to?
- Have you recorded and shared important information about your family member with others?
- Is your knowledge of your family member stored mostly in your head?

Would you like an opportunity to begin to assemble this information in a way that can involve others and deepen their understanding of your family member?

We invite you to participate in a free one-day workshop, where we will explore some practical ways on how to gather and record this information.

Pave the Way encourages families to share information with trusted others and to involve others in the life of their family member with disability. Therefore, we encourage you to invite a family member or friend to accompany you to the workshop (however, this is not compulsory). Feel free to discuss with us how your family member could be involved also.

For more information or to RSVP -
Contact Pave the Way on (07) 3291 5800; free call 1300 354 402, or email pavetheway@pavetheway.org.au
**When booking your place, please let us know whether or not you have any dietary requirements, e.g. vegetarian, gluten free**

PLEASE NOTE: We require a minimum number of 5 for this workshop to proceed