Habit of Mind

QUESTIONING AND POSING PROBLEMS
Fear paralyses; curiosity empowers. Be more interested than afraid.
Patricia Alexander

Important June Dates

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This is a very busy week for all students as it is revision time for end of semester assessment. It is essential that all students are in every class, every day. Year 11 and 12 students will have a formal examination period next week commencing on Monday 16 June.

Students will have a timetable for the exams for next week. With parent permission, students in Year 11 & 12 may stay home to study if they are not required for an exam. Students are welcome to come to school and study either in the library or Senior Schooling Room. All students attending for either exams or private study must be in full school uniform. Any student with outstanding assessment will not have any study leave and must attend between 8.30am and 3.00pm every day until all assessment is satisfactorily completed.

Year 8, 9 and 10 students will be completing assignments, presenting orals as well as completing exams in some subjects.

The next round of Brisbane City Council Immunisation for HPV and Boostrix will occur at 9.00am on Wednesday 18 June. This will involve students in Years 8 and 10. Parent permission is essential for immunisation. Forms were handed out and returned at the beginning of the year. If you think your child has not returned the form, extra copies are available from the school office.

Next week staff will be busy with their normal teaching duties as well as marking and completing report cards. Reports will be emailed to all parents and caregivers during the last week of this term. Please ensure the school has the most up to date details for contacting you.

Heather Blake
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REMINDER: Year 11 Camp payments are due to office ASAP!
> Drama
Just “Clowning Around”

In what has become a tradition here at Mitchie, last Thursday over 100 preps and Year 1’s from Mitchie State School joined us in our annual “Clowning Around” show.

For the past few months the Year 9 Drama students have been learning about clowns. Students have learnt the types of clowns, how to stylize these characters and how to create slapstick comedy routines.

Scripts were written early in the term: a boxing gag, some magic tricks, a sticky situation, a lonely clown, some dancers, a unique café experience and some acrobats, all introduced by our Ringmaster and her assistant.

A few weeks ago a professional makeup artist Jan Huggett, visited the class and taught them how to apply the tricky, messy, but very necessary greasepaint to their faces.

With scripts written, costumes and props found, and makeup applied, our Year 9 Drama class was nervous but ready. Then the 100 or so young ones descended noisily into J2. Having just finished their athletics’ carnival, they were warmed up and needed little encouragement to yell, scream, dance or volunteer to come up on stage. Our Year 9’s handled this well and delighted the young audience with their routines.

Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us for the afternoon. It is always a pleasure to welcome you into our classrooms and for you to see your children in another light. Many parents were amazed by their confident sons and daughters and, in fact, some found it difficult to even recognize them under all that colour. Thanks to my pre-service teacher Ms Aisthorpe for her assistance. Special thank you to Ms Dianne Kingston from the Primary school and the wonderful teachers there who allow us the opportunity to perform each year for their youngsters.

Tracey AhBoo
Drama Teacher & Year 9 Co-ordinator 2014
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> National Sorry Day

On 26 May, staff and students from several schools in the north-west of Brisbane, including Mitchelton State High School, attended the National Sorry Day dawn service in Teralba Park.

The event was a moving commemoration of the Stolen Generation and included reading the wording of a special plaque and the words of the Apology to the Stolen Generations spoken by the former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, music played by indigenous musicians and personal stories of members of the Stolen Generation. Thank you to the community group who organised the event and to the school community for their support.

Merle Cashman
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Student Support Officer
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> Instrumental Music News

Members of our concert band will be attending a band tour to a number of different childcare centres as well as Regis Nursing Home on Thursday 26 June during the school day. Information was posted home two weeks ago. Please return your child’s permission slip to our school office by Thursday 12 June.

Please note that there will be no instrumental music lessons and no band rehearsal on Tuesday 17 June.

Penny Hall
Woodwind, Brass and Percussion
Instrumental Music Teacher
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Tertiary Pathway

This is the time of year that many senior students are making key decisions about their future career and the students are about to make important decisions concerning the next phase of their learning.

I highly recommend that students and their parents attend the annual Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO). This expo is a very comprehensive event that provides an opportunity for students from Years 10, 11 and 12 to have one-on-one discussions about their study, career and employment options with representatives from a wide variety of exhibitors. The expo provides the chance to gather valuable information that could assist in tertiary course selection and planning a career path. It is the ideal forum for students and their parents to gain an insight into the vast array of courses and graduate career opportunities on offer from a wide range of institutions in Queensland, interstate and overseas.

One of the highlights will be the representation of all faculties from The University of Queensland, Griffith University and Queensland University of Technology. A significant number of Government agencies including QTAC, QSA and HECS and FEE HELP information, professional associations and employers will also be on hand to provide details on professional employment opportunities, graduate recruitment, scholarships, bursaries and financial assistance. You will also have access to more than 85 seminars over the two day event.

Please note the event details below:

ADMISSION is FREE!!

Dates: Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 July
Venue: Exhibition Building, Brisbane showgrounds
Time: 10am-4pm
More information: www.tsxpo.org

How to make the best use of a career expo

To make the most of your visits to an expo, you need to have a plan. Career expos can be a total waste of time without one. The following are resources that may help you organise your information gathering at the expo:

Career market: Student questionnaire http://education.qld.gov.au/students/service/career/handouts.html
myfuture career expo activity sheet http://www.myfuture.edu.au/

QTAC updates

QTAC is the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre, an organisation that processes applications for the majority of undergraduate courses at Queensland universities, Medicine at Bond University, the Australian Maritime College in Tasmania, and to some courses at universities in Northern NSW, TAFE Qld, Southbank Institute of Technology and some private providers of post-secondary courses.

Website: http://www.qtac.edu.au
Address: The QTAC office has moved from Park Road, Milton to Level 4, 154 Melbourne Street, South Brisbane.
Phone: 1300 GO QTAC (1300 467 822)

QTAC, 2014 – 2015 application and offer key dates

- 5 August 2014 – applications open on the QTAC website
- 30 September – due date for on-time applications ($35 fee); many courses with fixed closing dates close
- 1 October 2014 – higher application processing fees apply ($130 for Year 12 students)
- 15 January 2015 – major offer round for most courses commencing Semester 1 2015

Tertiary Open Days:

- Bond University
  Sunday 13 July (10am – 3pm)
- Queensland University of Technology
  Sunday 27 July (9am – 3pm), Gardens Point Campus
- The University of Queensland
  Sunday 3 August (9am – 3pm), St Lucia Campus
- Griffith University
  Sunday 10 August, Nathan Campus

UMAT - (Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admissions Test)

UMAT registration due date is June 6 http://umat.acer.edu.au/

To meet the prerequisites for some medical/health science undergraduate courses applicants are required to sit for the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admissions Test (UMAT). The 2014 UMAT information booklet can be downloaded from the UMAT website at http://umatweb.acer.edu.au.

The timeline for UMAT in 2014 is:

- Friday 6 June - on time registration due date
- Friday 20 June – the late registration due date (a late fee applies)
- Wednesday 30 July – UMAT test date
- Late September – results released.

Kym Barrett
Guidance Officer
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> Community News

**URGENTLY REQUIRED:**
HOST FAMILIES FOR JAPANESE STUDENTS

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

ARRIVAL DATE: 23 July (Wed) 2014  
DEPARURE 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 MHS  
Email: ljohn166@eq.edu.au  
Ph: 35501111 or 0411551692

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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 N Block. We have the support of Mitchelton State High School staff who have volunteered their time.

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Acting Principal  
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> P&C News

**Arana Hills Chemmart Pharmacy School Rewards Program - have you linked 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 next **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  
Email: johnlcreagh@bigpond.com

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> 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.

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Triple P
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
vision to action through planning
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 554 402 or email pavetheway@pavetheway.org.au

**When booking your place, please let us know whether or not you have any dietary requirements, eg vegetarian, gluten free**

Should you require support/consideration or things such as dietary, mobility, auditory, visual, interpreter or cultural needs, please let us know when you book your place and we will endeavour to assist you if possible.

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