Habit of Mind

**QUESTIONING AND POSING PROBLEMS**

“A problem is your chance to do your best.”

Duke Ellington

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**Important June Dates**

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**School Holidays**

28/06/2014—13/07/2014

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> From the Principal

Tuesday saw all students gather on the oval for our annual Athletics Carnival. Although it was rather cold and overcast, the atmosphere amongst the students was terrific with students striving to win points for their house.

Today the oval is being used by Mitchelton State School for their sports day. We wish them all the best for their special day.

As a school we are looking forward to the school dance tonight. It will be great to see the students dressed up in their black and white and enjoying the music.

It has been very pleasing to see so many of our students wearing the correct uniform with such pride. With the cooler weather approaching it is important that all students have the correct school jumper. Students who come to school with an incorrect jumper will have it swapped for a school jumper from our second hand collection. They can exchange it back at the end of the school day.

The uniform shop is open Monday and Thursday from 8am to 11am.

Other areas of concern are piercings and hair colour. Please do not allow your student to have facial piercings or hair coloured in a fashion that contradicts the school dress code. The code states the following in relation to piercings:

“...one pair of sleepers or stud earrings...Students with extra earrings will be expected to remove them or replace with clear plastic retainers. Other facial piercings are not permitted.

As for hair colouring the code states: “...only natural hair colours are acceptable."

The final reminder regarding uniform is with regards to footwear. Please ensure that your student has plain black leather lace-up shoes to wear with their formal uniform. Your help with these matters is most appreciated.

The primary school is concerned with the number of students taking a short cut through the primary school grounds. Please remind your children, that our students should only be in the primary school grounds if they are collecting their younger brothers and sisters otherwise the need to walk around.

By Friday, you will have received your students report card and other important information related to the start of Semester 2. There is no Student Free Day after the holidays. All students will resume classes on Monday 14 July.
REMINDER: All outstanding forms or payments for Year 11 Camp—bring to the office ASAP!

Years 8, 9, 10 at 9.00am – students report to the hall at 9.00am and new timetables will be issued.
Years 11 & 12 at 8.25am – students report to class as per Semester 1 timetable.

For the start of Semester 2, there will be some staff changes. Mr Ian McCade will be returning to school. This means we will farewell Mr Alan Maher at the end of this semester. Mr John Searle will return from long service leave at the start of Semester 2. I will return to my role as Deputy Principal and Mrs Vicki Hamilton will return to her role as Maths Co-ordinator and we will also farewell Ms Jessica Pommeranz. I would like to thank both Alan and Jessica for their work with our students and wish them all the best for their future endeavours.

Finally I would like to thank the whole school community, staff, student and parents, for your support over the past few weeks in my role as Acting Principal. I have enjoyed my time as principal but look forward to returning to my role as Junior Secondary Deputy as I work closely with your students.

June Student of the Month: June award recipients:

Heather Blake
Acting Principal
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> National Collection of Date on School Students with disability

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability.

In 2013, 10% of Queensland state schools participated in the first year of implementation. In 2014, two thirds of Queensland schools will participate and all schools will be collect data from 2015. Our school will be involved in the nationally consistent collection of data from this year.

Please be reassured that the Department will not pass on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

• number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
• level of adjustments we provide for those students;
• and broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please let me know.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:


Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.

Sue McCallum
Head of Special Education
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> Early Childhood Studies Class Hosts Teddy bear’s Picnic

On Friday in our Year 10 Early Childhood Studies class, we hosted a Teddy Bears picnic. Students brought a teddy bear from home and explored the ways that children play and how a variety of activities support their development. We introduced our teddies through show and tell, read a story “Big, Smelly Bear” and practised reading with expression, danced to the Teddy Picnic song, and made chocolate Tim Tam Teddy cars. Everyone seemed to enjoy revisiting favourite childhood experiences. “It was something different and unexpected. The chocolate was nice, too!” said Tyrone Hughson.

Catherine Roos
Early Childhood Studies Teacher
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> NAIDOC Celebrations

Staff, students and community member are invited to attend Mitchelton High School’s NAIDOC celebrations this Friday, 27 June 2014.

This year’s NAIDOC theme honours all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who have fought in defence of country; from our warriors in the Frontier Wars to our warriors who have served with honour and pride in Australia’s military conflicts and engagements across the globe. We proudly highlight and recognise the role they have played in shaping our identity and pause to reflect on their sacrifice. We celebrate and honour their priceless contribution to our nation.

The program for the day is as follows:

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<td>Miriwlugli Company – Performers Troy Allen &amp; Trace Allen</td>
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<td>Linda McBride Tribute “My Family who served in Australian defence Force”</td>
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<td>Slide Show paying tribute to serving and still serving Australian Defence Force Navy – Army – Air Force</td>
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<td>Special Guest – David Williams Graphic Designer - Gilimbaa</td>
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<td>Traditional Games Rotations – Keiron Lander -IUIH</td>
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Merle Cashman
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Student Support Officer
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> Mitchie Munchkins Playgroup

What a wonderful year we have been having at Mitchie Munchkins Playgroup! The year was a little slow starting as I felt like I had been thrown into the deep end! I had just returned from maternity leave after having a year off to look after my daughter Savannah and was given the task of taking over teaching the Cert III in Children’s Services and Education Support. Along with these subjects comes the responsibility of running Mitchie Munchkins Playgroup. I was in for a surprise as I had never attended a playgroup before so I didn’t really know what to expect.

I was totally surprised as to how warm and supportive the members of the playgroup were and they have continued to support me in my role throughout the year.

We have had such a lot of fun painting, playing, reading, dressing up and creating. We have painted pictures, telescopes, egg shells and even the puppet show theatre box that Phil was kind enough to create for us. We have glued on sand, cotton balls, googly eyes, stickers and coloured paper to many different items such as jewellery boxes that we made for our mums for Mother’s Day. Isaac was really interested in puppet shows so we built a puppet show theatre and all of the children have had their turn at putting on a show (some of them just love being in the box and surprising us when they open the window – Grace!) No one loves the sandpit more than our other Grace and Christian – you can almost bet your money that this will be the first thing they will play with –and sometimes they never come out! We have all enjoyed doing these activities – but the best part of the year has definitely been the warmth and community spirit that has been shared throughout our time together. We’ve welcomed new members to our group and enjoyed getting to know each other and sharing our stories and parenting tips. It is amazing to watch the development of the children and what new things they have accomplished throughout the week – and to see what colour boots Sibella will be wearing each time!

As some of our children are growing older and starting to attend Kindy, a few spaces are starting to open up so if you know of anyone with children who would like to join us, please pass on my details so they can contact me as new members are always welcome. We run every Wednesday from 9am – 10:30am. I look forward to seeing what the rest of the year holds for our little Munchkins and continue to see their friendships develop and grow.

Sally Scholtz
Mitchie Munchkins Playgroup Coordinator
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Before deciding on the university you wish to apply to it is very useful to attend the Open Day and ask any questions and collect as much information from the people who teach your courses of interest. Below are the dates for the Open Days of universities that have been of interest to your cohort to date. Please refer to the websites of any university that may not be listed below for information about their Open Day.

**TSXPO:** general tertiary study expo where all the universities and private institutions have stalls. Sat 19th & Sun 20th July Exhibition Building, RNA Showgrounds, 10am-4pm free admission  
http://www.tsxpo.org

**QUEENSLAND:**
- **QUT:** Sunday 27 July 9am - 3pm Gardens Point  
https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events/qut-open-day
- **UQ:** ST LUCIA – Sunday 3 August, 9.00am – 3.00pm. IPSWICH – Wednesday 6 August, 2.30pm – 6.30pm.  
http://youruq.com/openday
- **Griffith:** Sunday 10th August Gold Coast, Nathan and South Bank(QCA)  
http://www.griffith.edu.au/open-day
- **USQ:** Sunday 24 August 10am-2pm Springfield  
http://www.usq.edu.au/future-students/open-day
- **ACU:** Saturday 26 July 9am-3pm  
http://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/courses/applying_to_acu/useful_links/events/open_day

**VICTORIA:**
- **Uni of Melbourne:** Sunday 17 August 10am-4pm  
https://openday.unimelb.edu.au
- **RMIT:** Sunday 10 August 10am - 4pm  
http://openday.rmit.edu.au

**NSW/ACT:**
- **University of Sydney:** Saturday 30 August 2014 no current web site available
- **UTS:** Saturday 30 August  
http://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/open-day
- **ANU:** Saturday 30 August http://students.anu.edu.au/events/openday/

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The ADF Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Awards started in 2006 to recognise students who demonstrate leadership and teamwork within both the school and the broader local community. At the same time, they recognise those who display strong values, such as doing one’s best, respect for others and “mateship”, characteristics that are integral to Australian society.

See the attached Selection Criteria form for guidance on your nomination. Please Nominate Year 10 or 12 students who you believe have proven to strive towards their best and meet a range of the selection criteria. The Long Tan awards are open to all students not just those from defence families but students do need to be an Australian citizen. Nominations close Friday 18 July for a 25 July submission.

Belinda Wicks  
Defence Transition Mentor  
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Have you linked your Chemmart Rewards Card to Mitchelton State High School at Arana Hills Day & Night Chemmart Pharmacy for their School Rewards Program?

You can earn 5 cents School Rewards Cash for our school 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.

**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!

**Tuckshop Pre-ordering Promotion**

The P&C will be trying to encourage staff and students to pre-order their purchases from the...
Tuckshop in Term 3. The aim is to minimise wastage of food items, customise what is provided to what people want, and to better utilise the resources of the Tuckshop.

For each pre-order placed, the purchaser will be given an entry in a weekly draw for a voucher from the Tuckshop. Further details will be provided at the start of Term 3.

Any suggestions to improve the product and service that we provide are most welcome. Please note that we do have to comply with the requirements of the Healthy Foods Policy of the Education Department.

Coming Up:
- Trivia Night, Saturday 2 August
- Raffle, to be drawn on Saturday 6 September

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the P&C will be held in the Library on Tuesday 22 July, starting at 7:00pm. Please note that this a week later than normal due to the school holidays. I have been speaking to a potential Guest Speaker for the next meeting and will advise in the next issue of Mitchie Moments of who it will be. Everyone is welcome to attend.

John Creagh
P&C President
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ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2014

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You are invited to attend a special assembly to help us celebrate this event

Time: 8.45am – 11.45am
Date: Friday 27 June 2014
Place: Assembly Hall

After the Celebration in the Hall, please join us for Morning Tea in the Library Courtyard

RSVP Monday 23rd June 2014 to mcash23@eq.edu.au or MSHS 35501111.