Habit of Mind

QUESTIONING AND POSING PROBLEMS

“We are continually faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as insoluble problems.”

John W Gardner

Welcome Back to Semester 2!

Tem 3 as you know is traditionally the busiest school term of the year and Tem 3 2014 promises to be no different!

This term we have to:

- Host the Nanyo High Study Tour from Japan (June 24 - 29)
- Host students from Fukuoka Musashidai school in Japan (July 4 -8)
- Manage the Year 11 Leadership Camp (Week 4)
- Manage the Year 10 SET Planning Process (Subject selection evening for Year 10 to 11 will be conducted on Monday 4 August)
- Support the District and Regional Athletics Carnivals
- Host the District Intermediate Music Camp (August 12-14)
- Visit local primary schools as part of our ‘Enrolment 2015 Roadshow’
- Manage The Year 12 Core Skills Test (2-3 September)
- Attend to the Parent/Teacher Interviews (11 Sept)
- Host Year 5 local primary school students as part of our “High School Experience” program (25 August)

Staffing Changes for Semester 2

We welcome Ann Howlett as our new Guidance Officer for the rest of the year.

Priorities for Semester two: Moving the school from good to great!

This semester I have asked the Heads of Department and specialist staff to strongly focus their work on curriculum leadership and to work with teachers to ensure ALL lessons are well-planned and engaging and that they cater for the learning needs of the range of individual students we have in our classes. To this end we continue to focus strongly on the following BIG three priorities;

a) Whole School Literacy and Numeracy Strategy
b) Formal coaching and mentoring (teachers) linked to the continued implementation of our Teaching and Learning Program (Dimensions of Learning)
c) Implementing “Agreed Standards of Practice” which involved semester outlines for every subject uploaded onto the school’s web-site; common task-sheets and assessment practices; and clear, common and consistent expectations around Curriculum, Teaching Practices, Assessment and Reporting.

If you would like your copy of Mitchie Moments emailed to you, have any feedback on the newsletter, or would like to contribute an article, please contact Kim Grant on 3550 1111 or by emailing admin@mitcheltonshs.eq.edu.au

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On Tuesday 24 June Mitchelton SHS held their annual Inter-House Athletics Carnival. In what was a beautiful Queensland winter’s day, all students arrived dressed up in the house colours and fantastic costumes ready for a fun and competitive day of athletic events.

The scores were close with all houses being in the lead throughout the day. In the end there had to be a winner with Pegasus being crowned the 2014 champions! Well done to all this students who participated and attended on the day. A very big thank-you to the Leaderbody for providing the BBQ, tech crew for providing audio equipment on the day and all the teachers who helped make the day run as smoothly as possible.

All students who finished in the top two will be eligible to attend the North West District Carnival on 6 and 7 August. These students will be issued a permission note and further details regarding travel and costs.

### Age Champions

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1st Pegasus (2088)  
2nd Centaurus (1994)  
3rd Scorpius (1986)

The students were able to put to good use their skills developed in the module: **AHCMOM203A Operate basic machinery and equipment** to maintain the newly landscaped area next to the science block. The students were given experience in the safe use and maintenance of mowers, leaf blowers and line trimmers. As can be seen in the photos, this is very much a hands-on class giving valuable experience to students who have never had these opportunities before.

### 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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Next Meeting
The next meeting of the P&C will be held in the Library next Tuesday 22 July, starting at 7.00pm. Our Guest Speaker will be Merle Cashman, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Support Officer at our school. Please come along and meet Merle and find out about the important work that she does. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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 next week.

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 – late August (date to be advised)
- Raffle, to be drawn on Saturday 6 September

John Creagh
P&C President
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Nominations are still open for the ADF Long Tan Youth Awards. The Long Tan Awards are open to all students, not just those from defence families, but students do need to be an Australian citizen. 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 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.

Belinda Wicks
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Junior Tennis Fixtures
‘Greater Brisbane Junior Tennis (GB J) T) conducts weekly Tennis Fixtures at the Queensland Tennis Centre, Tennyson and The University of Queensland for children up to 18 years of age. Grading day for new players is to be held on Sunday 27 July at the Queensland Tennis Centre, Tennyson from 3pm to 5pm.

Further information is available at www.gbjt.org.au or by phoning Mrs Peta Davis on 3374 0516.'
deadly futures 2014
Job Placement Community Event

Friday 22 August
10am – 2pm
Brisbane Showgrounds
(Ekka) Exhibition Centre – Hall A, Bowen Hills

Businesses, employment service providers, education access providers and job seeker support services are coming together for this important day.

Come check it out...
- Welcome to Country, traditional Aboriginal and Islander Dance PLUS other entertainment
- Meet employers and job service agencies who can help with skills and training
- Check out the jobs board
- Over 40 exhibitors providing jobs and training opportunities

For more information Ph: (07) 3274 9961
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Samford Football Club & Special Olympics Queensland
FOOTBALL CARNIVAL & COME & TRY DAY 2014

LOCATION
Samford Football Club, Lyle Gray Fields
2149 Mount Samson Road, Samford Valley

DATE
Sunday 20 July 2014

TIME
9:00am to 2:00pm

CONTACT US
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Come & Try clinic is open to all athletes with an intellectual disability over the age of 6.

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