Habit of Mind

**QUESTIONING AND POsing PROBLEMS**

“Sometimes the questions are complicated and the answers are simple.”

Theodor ‘Dr Seuss’ Geisel

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**Important July Dates**

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<td>My Future, My Plan (Years 8,9 and 10) 9AM—10AM</td>
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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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**From the Principal**

**Semester 2 Focus**

I am pleased to report that the semester has started well with classes very settled and focussed on the learning ahead on them. All students should have received their new semester outlines and assessment planners from their class teachers by now and these will be posted on the school’s website www.mitcheltonshs.eq.edu.au on Friday this week. As you know, I have a strong focus on improving academic results and the quality of teaching at Mitchelton State High School. To this end, teachers will be working with individual students on Personal Improvement Plans (PIPs), to improve learning and achievement.

**New Student Timetables**

Many of our Year 8 and 9 students commenced the term with new elective subjects and new teachers. I know many of their new teachers will have emailed parents to introduce themselves. I encourage parents to make contact with their student’s new teachers early on to build a positive partnership in learning this semester. The Ediary will also reflect changed timetables and homework requirements.

**Japanese Study Tours**

In a term of international visits, we will shortly welcome our students from our sister school, Nannya High School. Students and teachers will arrive tomorrow (Thursday) and, after a week of lessons and learning activities, will depart the school Tuesday next week. I am sure students at Mitchelton will enjoy the experience and gain many cultural insights, learning new things and make life-long friendships out of the Nannya visit.

The following week (Monday 4 August), we will host students from Fukuoka Musashidai High in Japan who have chosen Mitchellton State High School for their study tour. Like Nannya High, we are looking forward to welcoming them and gaining from the experience.

**Enrolment Roadshows**

This is the term when staff and students go out to our local primary schools and conduct enrolment talks with students across Years 4 to 7. Next year at Mitchellton High, we will see two new groups of students joining us from primary school, as it is the first year that Year 7 starts in Queensland High Schools. In preparation for this, the school has already developed a Junior Secondary Precinct (from Years 7 to 9) which includes newly upgraded classrooms and recreational spaces. We have also identified and trained up high performing teachers who will teach our Junior Secondary Curriculum.
School Opinion Survey

The annual School Opinion Survey starts next week. All families, school staff and a representative sample of students will be invited to take part. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how this school can improve.

Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey will be sent home with students on Monday 28 July, and parents/caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online at the school next week. School computers will be available in the library if you do not access to the internet at home.

Survey queries can be directed to Heather Blake on telephone 07 3550 1111 or email hblak2@eq.edu.au.

Certificate II in Horticulture

The school also benefitted from the activity of the students while they put into practice the skills they learnt in the module: AHCLSC 201A Assist with landscape construction work. They transformed a weed infested, visually unattractive area beside the international centre into an area where the international students could sit and admire Australian native plants.

Grevilleas, wattles, lomandras and melaleucas were some of the plants that were used to enhance the area. A generous layer of mulch was also applied and finally sandstone blocks were manoeuvred into place to provide seating and visual appeal. As can be seen in the photos, the area is already a popular place to gather and relax before lessons.

Media Consent Forms

In Term 2 a Media Consent form was sent home to families. If parents/caregivers have not returned this form yet, we ask that you return it to the school office as soon as possible. If you have misplaced the form, an electronic copy can be found on our school website, under the Support and Resources/Forms and Documents tab.

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.

Heather Blake
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P&C News

Tuckshop Pre-order Promotion

The P&C is running a Pre-order promotion this term.

- Each time a student or staff member places a pre-order for food from the Tuckshop, they will have a ticket entered into a weekly draw for a $10 Tuckshop voucher.
- All tickets will be retained until the end of term when a major prize draw will be conducted. Details of the major prize draw will be advised in coming weeks.
- Students can place a pre-order at the Tuckshop.

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before school. Payment must be made when placing the order.

- Staff members can place a pre-order by phoning the Tuckshop not less than 30 minutes before first or second break.
- Tickets for pre-orders placed this week will be entered in the first draw to be conducted on Friday 1 August.
- Enhanced menu choices for pre-ordered food will be advised shortly. Any suggestions to improve the product and service that we provide are most welcome. Please note that we do have to comply with the Healthy Food Choices Policy of the Education Department.

Please note that the Tuckshop is not open at second break on Wednesday and Friday.

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!

Coming Up:
- Trivia Night - Saturday 30 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 19 August.

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

The School Rewards Program runs until 12 September. Please remember to use your card when you visit the pharmacy and help us to earn some easy money.

John Creagh
P&C President
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MITCHELTON SHS P&C

TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 30 August
6.30 for 7.00pm start
$10 per person
Tables of 6 – 8
Supper provided
Drinks for sale
Prizes to be won & fun to be had!

SUBJECT SELECTION EVENING
Monday 4 August 2014
Parents and caregivers of Year 10 students are invited to attend a Subject Selection Evening on Monday August 4 in Resource Centre. This event will provide information on:
- Importance of returning to undertake the Senior Phase of Learning
- Queensland Certificate of Education
- Senior Education & Training (SET) Plans
- Senior offerings for 2015
- Variety of options available to students in the Senior School

Next week, students will receive a letter detailing the SET planning process. I urge you to attend the Senior Subject Selection Evening on Monday August 4 as the information provided will be of assistance in helping your student develop their Senior Education Training Plan.

TRAINEESHIP VACANCIES
Check the window of Student Services for weekly updates and details and bring your resume to Student Services if you are interested to apply for:
- REDMAKO (advertises a long list of Hospitality vacancies weekly)
- BUSY ATWORK (advertise a list of positions across Brisbane)
- SARINO RUSSO (advertising a list of positions including Business/Retail, Business Cert III, Children’s Services, Hairdressing, Hospitality, Painting)

SCIPS SCHOOL LEAVERS EVENT
Wednesday 20 August at St Laurence’s College, South Brisbane
This is a great chance for students to register their interest for job vacancy in 2015, speak with local employers and industry experts, have face to face discussions with potential employers for opportunities, hand over resume or enquire about training courses. For full details, see copy of flyer published in this newsletter.

Andrea McKee
A/HOD Student Performance & Engagement
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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

DON’T MISS OUT

Where?
St Laurence’s College – Brady Hall
82 Stephens Rd - South Brisbane 4101

When?
Wednesday 20th August 2014
5.00 pm – 6.30 pm

- Register your interest for a job vacancy in 2015
- Speak with local employers and industry experts
- Face-to-face discussions with potential employers for opportunities
- Hand over your resume or enquire about a training course
- Apply for part-time/full-time, casual work, apprenticeships & traineeships
- Loads of different industries & career opportunities
- Come appropriately dressed and bring several copies of your resume
- Parents are welcome to attend

To participate in this event, you must complete
- ✓ registration form
- ✓ your resume to hand over to employers

Return registration form to:
- ✓ school coordinator, or
- ✓ fax to SCIPS office – 3010 1187

School Community Industry Partnership Service
For more information visit
www.scips.org.au or call 3010 1167