Habit of Mind

**QUESTIONING AND POSING PROBLEMS**

“Too often we give our children answers to remember rather than problems to solve.”

Roger Lewin

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**Important August Dates**

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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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**NANRYO SUCCESS**

Our sister school relationship with the Nanryo High School in Japan was strengthened considerably over the last five days. These experiences enrich the education of our students and the school community. Many thanks to all staff, students and the parent community for your support and in particular to Lyn Johnson, our homestay coordinator, Jo Wainwright-Smith – Deputy Principal, Shelley Bampton – Head of Department, Anne Jones, our Japanese teacher and our International Student Program coordinator, Judy Martin, for making the study tour such a success.

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**Year 10: STUDENT EDUCATION AND TRAINING PLANS**

SET plans are completed with all students and parents during Year 10. Students and parents are provided with opportunities to explore and investigate options they have through the senior phase and post-school pathways. Whilst the SET Plan does not replace the Year 10 into 11 Subject Selection Process, the SET Plan becomes part of the process of planning and preparing for life after school.

The SET Plan will help students:
- Structure their learning in Years 11 and 12 around abilities, interests and ambitions.
- Think about the education, training and career options after Year 12.
- Set and achieve learning goals in Years 11 and 12 and beyond.
- Include flexible and coordinated pathway options in the chosen course of senior study.
- Communicate with parents/carers or teachers/career counsellors about preferred post-school plans.

All Year 10 students and their parents **MUST** attend the Year 10 into 11 Subject Selection Information Evening.

Following the presentation, there will be opportunity to **book an appointment** to complete your student’s SET Plan. Interviews will be scheduled in Weeks 5 – 8 of this term, commencing Monday August 11.

**What the SET Plan Interview looks like**

The interview process will include:
- A review of the Semester 1 Report, discussing the identified achievement goals for Semester 2 and the strategies to achieve these.
Year 11 Camp Information

Year 11 camp commences on Monday 4 August and students attending are expected to meet at the Tuckshop at 8.30am sharp. Students are reminded to pack a warm sleeping bag and warm clothes and final payments are to be made to the school office asap. Please note that students will be returning to school on Friday 8 August at approximately 2pm.

Cabin allocations and groups will be posted on the C10 classroom window. All non-campers are expected to be at school as usual. If you have any issues or further questions, please see Mrs Hamilton.

Vicki Hamilton
Maths Co-ordinator
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School Opinion Survey

Parents/caregivers, school staff and the representative sample of students are encouraged to take part in this year’s School Opinion Survey and share their opinions about what this school does well and how this school can improve.

Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey have been sent home with students—their emails are not linked to individuals, and you cannot be identified in the survey results that will be reported back to the school, or by the Department.

Parents/caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online at the school. School computers will be available in the Library. The survey will remain open until 3 August 2014.

If you haven’t received any survey access details by the end of this week, please contact Heather Blake on telephone 07 3550 1111 or email hblak2@eq.edu.au

Heather Blake
Deputy Principal
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Youth Health Nurse News

My name is Donna, and I am the new Youth Health Nurse for Mitchelton State High School. I will be working at MSHS on Monday’s, Wednesday’s and alternate Fridays, so if you are worried about something or want some more information around health and happiness, pop in and say ‘hi’. My role is to provide support, referral, and promote health and I have worked in many areas of health care over the years, but my favourites are working with kids, and promoting health.

I look forward to meeting you all.

Suspected case of rubella

Dear parents and staff,

The school has been notified of a suspected case of rubella (german measles).

Rubella is usually a mild disease that is spread from person to person by droplets during coughing and sneezing. However it can produce serious complications in children born to women who are infected by the rubella virus during pregnancy.

Up to 50% of people infected with rubella, and particularly children, show few or no symptoms. Adults may have a fever, headache, loss of appetite and feel generally unwell from around five days before the onset of a generalised rash. The rash is the most common symptom of rubella and usually lasts 3 to 5 days. If fever is present, the fever usually settles on the first day of the rash. Other symptoms of rubella may include arthritis or painful joints, swollen lymph glands (especially at the back of the neck), cough, runny nose and conjunctivitis.

People with rubella should stay away from childcare, school or work until fully recovered and until at least four days after the rash appears. It is very important that they stay away from pregnant women and crowded areas such as shopping centres while they are infectious.

If you have any symptoms please contact your Doctor, and ask to be tested for rubella.

The measles, mumps and rubella immunisation is given to children at 12 months and 4 years of age as part of the Australian Immunisation Schedule. If your child has missed any immunisation they can obtain catch up vaccinations through your usual vaccination service.

For more information please see the Queensland Health fact sheet http://access.health.qld.gov.au/hid/InfectionsandParasites/ViralInfections/rubellaGermanMeasles_fs.asp

Donna Mason
School Based Youth Health Nurse
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Discussion of career aspirations (refer to QTAC guide, pre-apprenticeship programs etc).

Discussion of options for Year 11 & 12 Program of Study - possible subject choice combinations (refer to achievement pre-requisites), TAFE at school options and deadlines, School Based Apprenticeship/Traineeships.

Completion of the SET Plan on OneSchool.

Please note: a letter has been sent home with all Year 10 students with more information.

John Searle
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Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander News

**Broncos Mentoring Program**

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander students in Year 12 started the Broncos Mentoring Program session on Monday 28 July. The program, facilitated by Paul Dyer, is about career pathways and staying focused on completing Year 12. The next Broncos Mentoring Program session will be held on Tuesday 12 August at 9am to 10.15am in D Block room 6.

**My Future My Plan**

Keith Bichel and James Sandy from the Department of Education presented the third My Future My Plan session. Split into two groups, the session worked on career planning, learning pathways available to students to help reach career goals as their lives change, the need for training and further up-skilling, coping with family problems or crisis, monitoring your health and dealing with work related issues.

Merle Cashman
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Support Officer
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ASSESSMENT CALENDARS

Calendars will be distributed to students in year level on Friday. Electronic copies also available on the school webpage.

TRAINEESHIP VACANCIES

Students are reminded to check the window of Student Services for weekly updates and details of all opportunities advertised. Students are encouraged to express interest and collect details of the application process well in advance of the closing date.

- REDMAKO advertises a long list of Hospitality vacancies weekly
- BUSY AT WORK advertises a list of positions across Brisbane weekly
- GREENCROSS – large Australian veterinary group are offering Cert III Business to students whilst completing their secondary schooling. This opportunity is open to students in Year 10 or Year 11. Applications close August 29.

SCIPS School Leavers Event

**Wednesday 20 AUGUST at St Laurence’s College, South Brisbane**

A great chance for students to register their interest for job vacancies in 2015, speak with local employers and industry experts, have face to face discussions with potential employers for opportunities, hand over their 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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>Senior Schooling News

**SUBJECT SELECTION EVENING**

Monday 4 August 2014

Earlier this week, a letter of invitation was mailed to parents/caregivers with details of the Subject Selection Evening on Monday August 4 in the Library at 6.30pm. Topics addressed at this event will include:

- 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
**Guidance Update**

This term it’s important for Year 12 students to look at a range of options available for 2015 so they can make choices about their future after Year 12. This is equally important for students who are OP eligible and those not receiving an OP.

Last week all students were issued with a QTAC guide and guideline document containing a huge amount of information regarding tertiary study at university, TAFE, and private colleges. Even if students think at this stage they’d like to have a break after Year 12, or look for work, it’s strongly recommended that they have a few different options so they can make choices in 2015. These books are available from Ms McKee if students didn’t receive them.

Tertiary applications open 5 August and close at the end of September.

I encourage all Year 12 students to make an appointment with me at the office over the next few weeks to discuss their future pathway and ensure they have a range of options available to them in 2015. Parents are very welcome and encouraged to attend also. Even if you think you will never be able to get into tertiary education, I’m sure there is a way.

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**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 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.

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**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the P&C will be held in the Library on **Tuesday 19 August**.

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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?

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.

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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!

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