Habit of Mind

APPLYING PAST KNOWLEDGE

Accessing prior knowledge; transferring knowledge beyond the situation in which it was learned.

Use what you learn!

Mitchelton State High School has received our 2014 NAPLAN results and have been encouraged that the hard work by students and teachers has paid off with massive improvements across the board.

Our results are as follows:

- **Reading**: 79.3% (2013) to 91% in 2014 (12% increase)
- **Writing**: 51.9% (2013) to 72% in 2014 (21% increase)
- **Spelling**: 81.5% (2013) to 92% in 2014 (10.5% increase)
- **Grammar and Punctuation**: 77.8% (2013) to 85% in 2014 (8% increase)
- **Numeracy**: 69% (2013) to 95% in 2014 (26% increase)

We continue to place high importance on literacy and numeracy in all aspects of school life and challenge our students to keep striving for excellence in everything they do.

Our results are even more impressive when compared against other schools in Queensland and around Australia.

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Primary Links

On Monday we welcome Year 5 students from our local primary schools who will participate a High School Experience day.

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Year 11 Camp Report

68 Year 11 students and six teachers spent a fabulous week at Maroon Outdoor Education Centre. The weather was absolutely beautiful although a little chilly at nights, especially on camp-out night!

The students experienced a range of activities that they certainly do not encounter in the classroom but which are key to building characteristics like resilience and teamwork. Many braved unfamiliar situations, embraced the challenges and really learnt a lot about themselves and their peers.

The camp formed another setting where the Mitchie values of Participation, Accountability & Respect could be embedded, whether it be whilst hiking up a mountain or participating in Kitchen Duty. The three core values were evident in all aspects of camp life.

Some of the activities that the Year 11’s participated in included:

- Hiking with full pack
- Camping in tents
- Stories around the camp fire
- Canoeing
- Team building games
- Progressive dancing
- Clearing tables & washing up
- High Rope challenges including the Giant Swing & the Leap of Faith
- Sharing cabins

Congratulations to the Year 11 students for getting involved in this fantastic opportunity and for conducting themselves in a mature manner that is a credit to their families. On behalf of the staff who were involved (namely Ms Wicks, Mrs Torrisi, Mrs Stacey, Mr Peters, Mr Fallon and myself), I would like to thank the students for a wonderful week and acknowledge that it was a pleasure to accompany a group of students who are very obviously proud to be Mitchie!

Vikki Hamilton
Year 11 Co-ordinator 2014
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QSchools App

Queensland school communities can interact with their favourite state schools using the QSchools smartphone app. The QSchools app is a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information from and about schools.

While all Queensland state schools are searchable using the app, the full app features are designed to integrate with the Department’s preferred school website platform, to allow users to see when news, events and newsletters are posted to their selected school website. Users can also see other useful information provided by the school, such as tuckshop menus, uniform shop information, class times and the school’s and the Department’s social media feeds.

The school community can also receive emergency announcements such as natural disasters and school closures through the app.

The QSchools app is particularly useful to parents who have students in different schools, as the app manages updates from multiple schools.

QSchools Version 2.1 for iOS and Android are available for free download from the iTunes store and Google Play.

QSchools Version 2.0 for Windows 8.0, Windows 8.1 and Windows phone 8 are available from the Windows Store and Windows Phone Store.
Thank you for the warm welcome to Mitchelton State High School. My role as a Youth Health Nurse enables me to work with school staff, parents and students, to promote health and well-being in the school community.

I provide health information on a range of topics, such as emotional wellbeing, depression, body image, stress management, relationships, sexual health, smoking and drug and alcohol use.

I am available for health advice and information for students, parents or school staff and can refer to appropriate community health services as required. All consultations are confidential according to Queensland Health policy.

I am available for consultations on Monday, Wednesday and alternate Fridays in E block. Appointments can be made with me directly, and by calling Ext 141. If I am not here, there is a red clipboard at the front office where students can make an appointment by initialling an available time slot.

I look forward to working with the school community.

Hearing Awareness Week
Sunday 24 and Saturday 30 August

Hearing loss can reduce the capacity to communicate and participate in social situations and can affect a person’s education and employment opportunities. One in six Australians is affected by hearing loss. Exposure to noise is a known cause of approximately one third of the cases of hearing loss.

Loud noise can cause irreversible hearing damage because it harms the delicate hearing mechanism in the inner ear. Noisy occupations were always a common cause of hearing problems, but nowadays it’s also recreational noise, especially from personal music players and noisy clubs and concerts. That’s why hearing loss is increasingly affecting younger people.

Another major cause of hearing loss is the natural ageing process. Over half the population aged between 60 and 70 have a hearing loss. Three in every four people over the age of 70 are affected.

An estimated 3.5 million Australians are affected to varying degrees, half of whom are of a working age.

If you’re concerned that you may be losing your hearing, tackling the problem early can improve both your hearing and your quality of life, including your relationships. People who are fitted with hearing aids early are likely to get more benefit from them than those who put up with hearing loss for years before seeking help.

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Bunnings Sausage Sizzle @ Stafford

Following on from the great participation rate of camp, the next venture for Year 11s is to do a fund raiser for The School of St. Jude’s. This is a school in Tanzania that was founded by an Australian woman by the name of Gemma Sisia 12 years ago. The school operates totally on donations and Mitchie has been a supporter of this project for some years now. Last year we had Felix come and address the students on assembly. He is from the Masai tribe and now works at St Jude’s. He told stories about how St Jude’s is helping break the cycle of poverty through education and also thanked Mitchie for their support. More information on St Jude’s can be found on their web site http://www.schoolofstjude.co.tz/

We hope to raise funds through a sausage sizzle at Bunnings, Stafford on Sun 31 Aug. The stall will operate from 7.30am until 4.30pm and interested Year 11s have been asked to come and see me to be part of the roster. As Year 11 coordinator, I see this as not only a fund raising exercise but an activity that promotes participation of our students in the wider community and an avenue for them to develop a sense of responsibility.

In an attempt to increase our donation to St Jude’s, I am asking that all parents consider donating to the sausage sizzle. There are a number of ways you may be able to assist. The first is to come to Bunnings at Stafford on Sun 31 Aug and buy a sausage or two. The second is by donating some consumables required for the day. The biggest cost for us is the sausages and bread so if anyone is in a position to donate either of these in large quantities I would ask that you please contact me ASAP. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

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STUDENT EDUCATION AND TRAINING PLANS - SETP.

It was great to meet so many of the Year 10 parents at the Subject Selection Evening earlier this month. SETP interviews for Year 10 students are now well underway. If you have not yet scheduled an appointment for you and your student, please contact the Administration Office as soon as possible. Interviews are scheduled between Monday August 11 and Friday 5 September.

Please contact Andrea McKee if you have any queries about the process on amcke24@eq.edu.au.

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 closing date.

- REDMAKO advertises a long list of Hospitality vacancies weekly
- BUSY ATWORK 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. 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, hand out resume or enquire about training courses.

2014 AVIATION CAREERS EXPO

Saturday 23 August, 10am – 4pm
Aviation Career Expo is recognised as one of the major event on the Queensland aviation calendar, offering a unique opportunity for students, graduation and parents and those seeking a career change to explore the range of career pathways available in the aviation and aerospace industries. This event is hosted at Aviation Australia world class training facilities – 25 Boronia Road, Brisbane International Airport. Free entry.

Has your student though about a career as a tradie?

“Try a Trade” Day on 2 September is an ideal opportunity for students to get a close up look at a number of industries, including electrotechnology, automotive, construction, engineering and logistics. Industry experienced educators will be on hand to answer questions and help students gain an understanding of the opportunities available to help them to their dream career.

Starting Time – 9.30am. Morning tea and sausage sizzle provided
Venue – 9.30 – 12.30pm Bowen Hills Campus, 1.00pm – 2.45pm – Salisbury Campus

For information about this opportunity contact Andrea McKee on amcke24@eq.edu.au, 35501131.

2015 UQ Enhanced Studies Program

For current Year 11 students
UQ’s Enhanced Studies Program [ESP] provides talented students with an opportunity to extend their studies by completing a university subject in the 1st Semester of Year 12. Students can select from a range of courses including: Maths & Accounting, Popular Culture & Journalism, Economics & Marketing, Philosophy & History, Writing & Languages.

Students who successfully complete an ESP course receive one bonus point towards their university entrance rank through UQ’s Bonus Rank Scheme.

Successful students who later enrol in a relevant UQ program may receive credit for their completed course.

Applications opened August 1 and can be made via the online application form available at www.uq.edu.au/esp.

Applications close Friday 31 October 2014.

For more information or copy of brochure please contact the Student Services office [lower E Block].

Andrea McKee
A/HOD Student Performance & Engagement
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Studying at Uni while in Year 12

Applications are now available for current Year 11 students to study a subject at university next year while completing Year 12. Depending on the university, students in Year 12 in 2015 are able to study one subject each semester at university while they complete Year 12. This would normally involve reducing the study load at school to enable time to compete tertiary subjects.

Students will need to be able to demonstrate good academic results in Year 11 and a commitment to study. The advantages of this opportunity are:

- the study is free – no HECS debt for the subjects
- successfully completed subjects count towards a degree (if relevant)
- in many cases, successful completion will guarantee entry into the related degree regardless of OP

A range of programs are available at QUT, University of Queensland, and Griffith University, and applications close at the end of October. Please see the websites below to apply and for further information. Make an appointment with the Guidance Officer to discuss in more detail if interested.

UQ Enhanced Studies
http://www.uq.edu.au/esp/

Griffith Guests Programme
http://www.griffith.edu.au/pathways/guests-program

QUT Start
https://www.qut.edu.au/study/high-school-programs/start-qut

Happy 11 Information from the Guidance Officer

Trivia Night

We are holding a Trivia Night on Saturday week, 30 August (see separate notice for details). Supper will be provided, but if any members of the school community would like to help out, any contributions would be gratefully accepted.

Raffle

The P&C will be conducting a raffle over coming weeks. The major prize will be a Weber Q barbecue kindly donated by our local Member for Ashgrove, Campbell Newman. Tickets will be available at the Trivia Night and the raffle will be drawn at supper on

Awards Night on Wednesday 19 November.

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. The first three winners have been John Maddox, Eliza Bennett, and William Porter.
- 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.
- 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!

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the P&C will be held in the Library on Tuesday 16 September. Our guest speaker will be Merle Cashman. Merle will tell us about her role as Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Student Support Officer at our school.

Have you linked your Chemmart Rewards Card to Mitchelton State High School at Arana Hills Day & Night Chemmart Pharmacy for their School Rewards Program? It is not too late!

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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> Future Leaders Lunch

On Tuesday 6 August, two of our school leaders (Adam Cook and Holleigh Stacey) attended the Future Leaders Lunch as special guests of the Premier.

The Premier had a great time hosting Adam and Holleigh and took particular delight in giving them a private tour of Parliament House following lunch. Both Holleigh and Adam enjoyed themselves and gained some insight into what our state leader’s job entails.

> Community News

Are you harbouring a future Aussie Hero?
Join the Ferny Fireballs Junior Cricket Club
Sign-On for Ages 5-17

Sunday 24th August, between noon-2pm.

Games start Fri 10th and Sat 11th October.
Tramway Street, Ferny Grove (take the Tramway Museum entrance opp Police Station)

Super6s format for U8-U9 available on Friday nights played at Brendale.

Sign up and payment available online.

For more details Email – registrar@fernyfireballs.org.au

New web pages for further information at:
www.fernyfireballs.qld.cricket.com.au

> Is it feeling like the FLU?

Brisbane Northside Emergency (BNE) is conducting a clinical trial to study the safety and effectiveness of an investigational medication with or without Oseltamivir (Tamiflu®) in treating uncomplicated influenza (better known as the flu). To do this we need your help...

**How can you get involved**

You may be able to help us with this trial if you’re between the ages of 13 and 65 years, have a fever of at least 38°C and are experiencing flu symptoms such as cough, tiredness, stuffy nose, sore throat or headache.

If this sounds like you – we MUST see you within 48 hours of the onset of your symptoms for you to participate.

All out-of-pocket expenses, time and travel costs related to your care will be covered.

To find out more phone us today.

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