Habit of Mind

REMAINING OPEN TO CONTINUOUS LEARNING

“The education of a man is never complete until he dies.”

Robert E Lee

End of Year Arrangements

Let me repeat some information about the arrangements for the final weeks of the school year:

Year 12

Over this fortnight we will farewell our Year 12 students after exam block, with a Final Year 12 Assembly and Awards Night on Wednesday 19 November and Graduation and Formal on Friday 21 November. Congratulations to each of our 70 graduates. We wish you well with the release of OPs and university offers, as well as with the many applications you have made to find work. With 70 students finishing, we will have as many different pathways planned for 2015 and beyond. Good luck!

Year 11

Year 11 students start exam block Monday 24 November and run through till Thursday 27 November. The semi-formal function is scheduled for Thursday evening November 27. Friday November 28 is the last day for 2014 for Year 11’s.

Year 10

Year 10 students also finish on the 28 November. They will be engaged in class work and assessment from Monday to Friday of that week.

Years 8 & 9

Year 8 and Year 9 students finish school on Friday, December 12. Since we complete 2014 assessment by Friday 5 December, we will have a one-week timetable that has students working on extension and enrichment curriculum tasks. It is an opportunity for teachers to cover elements of the curriculum with students that there may not have previously been time for. We expect that this program will provide an advantage to all students moving into next year.

Master Teacher Initiative: Exciting News!

In recognition of our improved performance in the last couple of years, I am pleased to announce that Mitchelton State High School has been allocated an additional staff position for the next 3 years. We are one of only 300 schools in the state to be allocated a Master Teacher, so that the improvement which has begun here at Mitchelton can be strengthened and further developed. This is exciting news for us and will ensure that every student at Mitchelton High achieves to the best of their ability.

The Master Teacher will have responsibility for leading activities and key tasks that include:

- Working with the school’s leadership team to prioritise the
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> Leaving Early During the School Day

Leave will only be granted for early departure for:
- medical/dental appointments
- or specialised instruction.

A signed note from a parent/caregiver must be provided to explain an early departure. This note is to be taken to the office before school to obtain your early departure pass. Students show this pass to their class teacher at the approved time for departure.

No lunch passes can be issued as per the guidelines in the Education Act.

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> 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 in D Block classroom 6. We have the support of Mitchelton State High School staff who have volunteered their time.

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> Awards Night

Parents, family and friends are invited to attend Mitchelton State High School’s Awards Night 2014 on Wednesday 19 November, 2014 at 7.15pm in the School Assembly Hall.

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Supporting all staff in the analysis of, and response to, systemic and student data.

The Master Teacher position at Mitchelton High will be filled before the end of November and I will notify the school community of the successful applicant in the weekly school newsletter dated 3 December.

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Mo Bros at Mitchie

Here at Mitchie, male staff members are preparing their upper lips for their favourite time of the year, Movember. Staff members Josh Johnstone, Mitch Fallon and Bryce Peters are all committing to grow moustaches to promote men’s health.

For those that have not heard about Movember, it aims to get men to grow moustaches and the community to support them by creating an innovative, fun and engaging annual Movember campaign that results in:

- Funding for the Movember Foundation’s men’s health programs
- Conversations about men’s health that lead to:
  - Awareness and understanding of the health risks men face
  - Men taking action to remain well

The Official Rules

1. Must start 1st of Movember with a clean shaven face
2. Must grow a Mo for the entire month
3. No beards, no goatees and no fake moustaches

If you are interested in donating please visit http://moteam.co/thew-money-men
Stay tuned for the Mo-gress updates!

Mitch Fallon, Bryce Peters & Josh Johnstone

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THE BULLY, THE BULLIED AND THE BYSTANDER
BASED ON THE WORK OF BARBARA COLOROSO, 2002

Update Five: The Bystander

Bystanders either get caught in the crossfire, grow up guilt ridden or become desensitised to violence.

Bystanders actively engage with the bully by cheering or encouraging and cause more distress to the targeted individual. Bystanders also support bullying by doing nothing to stop it. The majority of peers become bystanders because:

- They are afraid of getting hurt themselves.
- They are afraid of becoming the new target for the bully.
- They feel that by intervening they will only make the situation worse.
- They do not know what to do.

These fears and lack of skills turn to apathy. Bystanders may become bullies.

Bystanders who do not react or speak out often give the following reasons:

- The bully is my friend.
- It’s not my problem.
- She’s / he’s not my friend.
- She’s / he’s a loser.
- They deserve to be bullied.
- Bullying will toughen them up.
- Who wants to be called a ‘dobber’.
- It is better to be with the ‘in’ group than to stick up for an outcast.
- It’s not that bad, the victim doesn’t seem to mind and sees it as a joke.

Bystanders are often involved in Grapevine Bullying or the spreading of rumours. Whether a student has started a rumour or been involved in spreading the rumour, the following steps should be followed to correct the situation:

- Apologise to the child harmed by the rumour.
- Go to everyone that they told the rumour to and tell them that it was not true.
- Ask them to stop spreading the rumour.
- To the best of their ability repair any harm done to the target because of the rumour.
- Make a positive gesture to the target.

Bullying is challenged when the majority stands up against the cruel acts of the minority. Establishing a potent group of responsible peers, demonstrates to bullies they will not be looked up to, nor will their cruel behaviour be condoned or tolerated. Students need not be bystanders, they can become active witnesses, standing up for their peers, speaking out against injustices, and taking responsibility for what happened by reporting bullying and not engaging in it.

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Guidance Counsellor
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Raffle – one week to go! Can you help us sell some tickets? We have lots still to be sold.

The P&C is currently conducting a fundraising raffle. The major prize is a Weber Q barbecue kindly donated by our local Member for Ashgrove, Campbell Newman. The raffle will be drawn at supper on Awards Night next Wednesday 19 November.

Please contact me if you would like to take a book (or more) of tickets to sell, or would like to buy some tickets. The more tickets we sell, the more money we will make and the more we will be able to help our school.

Awards Night Supper
The P&C provides supper in the Library following the Awards Night ceremony. The supper is open to everyone who wishes to partake. If anyone would like to donate a plate of food (cake, biscuits, slices, sandwiches, fruit, dips or other savoury items) for supper, your contribution would be much appreciated. Please contact me via email or the School Office or Anne Jones at the Tuckshop if you would like to help out or have any queries.

Tuckshop
The Tuckshop is open from 8.00am to 1.50pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. On Wednesday and Friday, the Tuckshop closes at the end of first break (11.15am). Food and drinks (other than water) will only be served to students during authorised breaks. Pre-orders can be placed before school.

Why not pre-order your lunch or morning tea? Pre-ordering enables you to specify what you want (eg delete salad items & seasonings that you don’t want) and also guarantees that you don’t miss out. It helps the Tuckshop by minimising wastage because we don’t have to guess how many of each item we will sell.

Do you feel too hot for hot food? Why not try a nice cool sandwich or salad or fruit? Students can see Anne before school to order what they would like and make sure that it is ready for them at their chosen break. Staff can phone the Tuckshop to place their order.

Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop is open from 8.00am to 11.00am on Monday and Thursday.

There will be additional trading days and hours at the end of the year and at the beginning of the new school year. The first of these will be on Tuesday 2 December (Junior Secondary Transition Day) from 3.00 to 5.00pm. Further details will be provided in coming weeks. We will need volunteers to assist at these times. Please contact me if you are able to help.

Next Meeting
The next meeting of the P&C will be held in the Library on Tuesday 25 November. This will be the final meeting for the year.

John Creagh
P&C President
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> Public Transport Disruption During G20

Travel into and across the city will be affected over the G20 long weekend from Friday 14 to Sunday 16 November and in the lead up to the event. Expect changes to traffic conditions and public transport and allow more time for your trip.

- The South Brisbane train station will be closed from Monday 10 November to Sunday 16 November. Students can use South Bank station as an alternative.
- There will be major bus disruptions from 7pm Thursday 13 November to Sunday 16 November, including the closure of busway stations between Royal CH Herston and Woolloongabba stations and many CBD bus stops. If your child commutes to and from the city and surrounding suburbs by bus, he/she should aim to leave the city before 6pm Thursday 13 November to avoid disruptions.
- Translink is working to ensure Brisbane’s traffic and public transport network will be operational for the morning peak on Monday 17 November; however, disruptions should be expected as services return to normal after the summit. Buses will operate as normal following their regular routes, however delays and congestion in and around the city should be expected. Students should allow extra time for their journey.

Visit translink.com.au or call 13 12 30 for further details of the changes and all the latest information.

> Looking After Schoolies

With Schoolies fast approaching it’s a good idea to talk to your son or daughter before they leave about travel and accommodation, keeping in touch while they’re away and about responsible decision-making. Information is available on www.schoolies.qld.gov.au.
Dear All at Mitchelton State High School,

Thank you for supporting The School of St Jude by donating $3,337! Your generous contribution has been allocated towards helping to pay the salaries of our amazing teachers. St Jude’s offers teacher sponsorship packages for our donors; however, not all of our teachers are fully sponsored. Thanks to your donation we are able to cover the gaps in sponsorship and pay our wonderful teachers their well-earned salaries.

In just over 12 years, our school has grown from one teacher and three students to over 1,800 students and 500 staff. That growth is made possible because of kind supporters like you who believe in our mission of Fighting Poverty Through Education. Because of your support, our students are able to reach their full potential. Thank you investing in the future of our students and the future of Tanzania. We are so proud to have you as part of our growing St Jude’s family!

Asante Sana (Thank you very much in Kiswahili),
From all of us at St Jude’s!
REMEMBRANCE DAY OBSTACLE COURSE