Habit of Mind

REMAINING OPEN TO CONTINUOUS LEARNING

“Life is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Welcome to the third last week of a very busy school year. Last week saw our Mitchelton State High School graduating class of 2014 involved in a successful final week program which culminated with their Graduation Ceremony and Formal. Below is copy of the graduation speech I gave at Friday’s ceremony.

“Good evening to all the parents, family, staff and students who have come to share our Graduation ceremony for Year 12, 2014.

This year’s Year 12s have been characterized by their collaborative and caring approach to school life. Whether it was in supporting each other at school, helping staff or organizing the school’s charity and fundraising projects, the class of 2014 really made a big contribution to the tradition of service at Mitchelton State High School.

Parents, friends, staff and the whole school community should rightly feel proud of their contributions in molding these unique citizens. In particular, I would like to express my thanks to all staff who have worked with the Graduating class of 2014 over their years at Mitchelton High School, and for the wonderful opportunities that they have given to these students.

As you leave formal schooling behind and take responsibility for your own future education and training, I am sure that the quality learning experiences and the skills acquired at Mitchelton State High School will stand you in good stead – time and again. I am also sure that in the years to come you will look back to your school days here at Mitchie and it will be your teachers that you will remember most fondly.

Our thanks must also extend to your parents and guardians. They have remained committed to your education, but more importantly, that have remained committed to you.

Someone once said “the only constant in our lives is change”.

What a great statement that is and how relevant it is to all of us today. Today marks the culmination of years of hard work and is a worthy way to celebrate your success. Graduation day is also a day that many of us turn our attention to the future and what we see as the challenging changes that lie ahead.

Today, your Graduation Day, is a day of change. You leave school today and tomorrow that familiar institution where you all get together is no longer part of your lives. Of course you will cope with

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this change, and tonight our celebrations will go a long way to helping us say goodbye properly.

Tomorrow you can look forward to the next set of changes. Life does not offer us a smooth path. Ahead will be tough times, regrets and failures as well as success, reward and happiness. All of it is part of a real life.

In closing, I would like to say that it has been my privilege to be your Principal. Good bye and good luck.”

Congratulations to the following special award winners on the night:
- Champion House—Scorpius
- Sportsperson of the Year—Kelly Cook
- The Mitchelton Rotary Club Best All Rounder Award—Angela Dwyer
- The Caltext All Rounder Award—Adam Cook
- School Dux—Rou Zeng
- Principal’s Award—Tracey Ah Boo, Alannah Edwards, Karen Fenoglio and Merle Cashman

For those student who finish at the end of this week (Year 10 & 11), the 2015 school resumption date is Tuesday 27th January.

John Searle
Principal
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On Thursday 6 November a group of 11 students and three staff members enjoyed an all day excursion to the Petrie Fire Safety House. Fireman Bill gave an excellent presentation on storm and fire safety and provided some great resources we were able to take back to school with us.

After the presentation, we were able to put into practice all we had learnt with a tour of the house, and pinpointing any safety hazards. We also got to practice an evacuation in the smoke filled house and had to “Get down low and Go Go Go!”.

Once we were all safe and accounted for, Bill demonstrated just how quickly a small pot of hot oil can catch fire! It was amazing to feel the heat from the demonstration and see Bill in action extinguishing the fire with a fire safety blanket. Some students even had a turn at extinguishing some flames using the technique Bill had taught us. It was a very enjoyable day and we appreciated Bill’s time, effort and passion in educating all ages about fire safety.

We were very saddened to hear the safety house will be closed as of February 2015. It is a unique opportunity to learn, experience and practice important safety skills. We felt very privileged to be one of the last groups to visit the house and were very thankful to them for opening it up especially for us.

Sarah Campling
Teacher
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Our Year 12 students have been busy discussing options to gain additional employment support for next year with Anthony Corrie (Employment Coach/Indigenous Mentor from Sarina Russo) now that they have finished Year 12.

Tredence T, Denzel K, Edell E and Jacob J were given packs about employment assistance and we are proud to announce that Jacob J has been offered a school based apprenticeship with All Trades/Broncos doing Cabinet Making.

We would like to thank Anthony Corrie from Sarina Russo for all his support this year.

Merle Cashman
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It has been both a very busy and a very successful year in the International Centre. This includes the HSP section which has expanded into four classes and is a hive of activity under the leadership of Andrea Pugh.

Mitchie students have been participating positively in many of the school’s activities. Yu Fei represented Mitchie High and Queensland at the National Schools Constitutional Convention in Canberra. She has also just finished a very busy year in the 2014 Leaderbody. Sho was one of the Centaurus House Captains. Sungmin led the field at the Swimming Carnival in the Open age group and also participated at the District level. Rou and Sining participated in the SPAR-Ed program which gives students real life experience in a real research laboratory for a week. Linc, Sayaka, Kaho, and Chisaki all joined Leos and participated in a great range of activities, some held at the school and others outside in the community. These activities ranged from working at the Ekka on the Lions strawberry ice cream stall, to planting trees at a local park, completing an 8km walk for Aussie kids and helping with the Christmas Child Appeal. Chisaki, Ruixin and Linc also volunteered at the St Jude’s fund raising BBQ. Nearly all of the Year 10 and 11 students have also volunteered their time at the OzCare Men’s Hostel a number of times during the year.

Linc participated in the Lions Public Speaking Night and won with a passionate speech about Uluru. Tianci, Sho, Dylan and Yu Fei were part of the group who participated in Ecoman and did extremely well, nearly winning the competition. All students participated in the Walkathon, Cross Country, the Great Race and had a fun time experiencing indigenous games and culture on Naidoc Day. Jock, Linc, Will and Ichigo helped to make poppies for Remembrance Day. Lisa and Rou represented us at the International Agent Familiarisation mini fair. Timir, Lisa, Rou and Yu Fei also very capably lead groups of agents around the school helping to showcase us to international markets. Will choreographed a dance which was performed on Assembly. Many students have received Positive Behaviour Awards as well as Student of the Month Awards and certificates of Credit and Distinction in the ICAS Maths competition. All have participated in excursions...
At the Annual Awards Night last week, we celebrated the achievements of our Academic, Sporting, Cultural, and Community Service award winners. Congratulations to all of the award winners and to all students who strive to do the best they can in various fields of endeavour. You do our school, your families, and most importantly, yourselves proud by your efforts and achievements.

We farewelled our Year 12 students on Friday and we thank them for their contributions during their time at Mitchelton State High School. We wish them well in their future lives and hope that they look back fondly on their time at our school.

This week, we farewell our Year 10 & 11 students for the summer break and we wish them a safe and happy holiday. We look forward to seeing you back for the new school year in late January.

Raffle
The raffle was drawn at supper following the Awards Night ceremony last week. The winners were:
- First prize: Greg Shirvington (Weber Q barbecue)
- Second prize: Mitchell Searle (wheelbarrow, potting mix, & gloves)
- Third prize: Lyn Johnson (Radio-controlled mini-UFO helicopter)

Thank you to everyone who supported the raffle.

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 on Weds, 11.35am on Fri). Food and drinks (other than water) will only be served to students during authorised breaks. Pre-orders can be placed before school.

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. We will need volunteers to assist at these times (please see roster table below). Please contact me if you are able to help.

The Uniform Shop will also be open from 8.00am to 12.00noon each day (Tuesday 27 to Friday 30 January) of the first week of term.

Next Meeting
The next meeting of the P&C will be held in the Library on Tuesday 17 February, starting at 7.00pm. This will be the Annual General Meeting and will be followed by the first General Meeting for the year.

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P&C President
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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.

Heather Blake | Deputy Principal
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Building Industry Transition Program.
HIA is working with other stakeholders to assist young people to find a pathway into construction. This is fully funded by the Queensland Department of Education, Training and Employment and suitable Year 11 students will be given the opportunity to get real-life experience on a construction site. The object is to give students more self-confidence and more appeal in the job market by giving them on-the-job experience. No cost involved. Expressions of interest are currently coming in for students to participate in Cert II Light Automotive. This will be delivered by RTO - Autoskill at BNW Trade Training Centre in 2015.

I have spoken with the students at various forums and, if students are still interested and have not received an EOI form, they are asked to collect a form from Student Services this week.

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Free Microsoft Software
Spread the word — Free Microsoft software for students’ personal computers

All state school students from Prep–Year 12 can now download multiple free copies of the Microsoft Office 2013 Suite to their personal home and mobile computer equipment. Students who want the free software will need an active Managed Internet Service (MIS) login, school email account and password — those who don’t should contact their school’s MIS Administrator or class teacher. The administrator will help students activate their MIS login.

Currently, MS Office Suite 2013 is available for students’ personal equipment only — not equipment which is part of a school network. Negotiations are underway to potentially permit staff access to the same suite early in the new year.

To find out how students can download their free copy of Microsoft Office 2013 Suite, visit https://mishelp.eq.edu.au/studentadvantage/Pages/default.aspx

Important Information for 2015 Year 11 Students

Community News

AFL with the EVERTON WOLVES

Sign On
Sat 7th & Sun 8th Feb 10am – 2pm
or at Training from 10th Feb
Tues & Thurs 5.15pm – 6.30pm
or join us for
NAB AUSKICK
Sat 7th Feb - Sat 25th Mar 8am – 9am
ENOGGERA MEMORIAL PARK
93 MOTT ST, GAYTHORNE
All boys and girls turning 5 to 12 welcome.
For more information
email: evertonjuniorafl@juno.com
www.evertonjuniorafl.com.au

Sign On Day 2015
Saturday 31 January 9am-11am
Downey Park Netball Courts
Northey Street, Windsor
www.dpnaraiders.netball.asn.au
Sausage sizzle & giveaways for new & current players

As part of their end of year celebrations, Year 10 students were treated to a spectacular minion themed cake, made by our very own Mrs Campling. Complete with funny expressions on each minion and every student’s name, the students hard work throughout 2014 was celebrated as we wished them well in their final weeks of assessment and learning.

Farewell Year 10’s

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