From The Acting Principal's Desk

Maths Tournament

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Maths tournament last week. It was a very exciting time for our students and they represented the school very well.

BAM

This was a fantastic event to have in a primary school. As a newcomer to the school, I was very impressed with the whole event. It was lovely to see students participating in a whole week of activities focused around The Arts. It began on Friday 21 August with a special Book Week Assembly with all the students looking great in their costumes. Congratulations to mums and dads who helped prepare the costumes. The Book Fair began on Monday 24 August and ran for a whole week. I enjoyed my visits to the library where I came across children with such excitement on their faces as they showed me their new books. During the week, there was special sessions including Poetry Reading, Recorder Concerts, Portraits, Dance, Art Activities and Storytelling. Wednesday night came and we had the big event. A concert showcasing our students in Band and Choir. This also included a very exciting auction of the truly amazing class paintings. It was joy to visit the Art Gallery and see the work on display from all of the children. Thank you to all the staff and parents who were part of these events. It was a very inspiring event.

Remember if you purchased one of the class artworks please come to the office to arrange payment and collection.

Prep Motor Show

The excitement of Father’s Day builds at school as our prep students prepare to spend this special event with their dads. They have been busy preparing invitations, learning about cars and looking at all aspects of putting on an event. I am looking forward to seeing the looks of excitement from the dads at this event this evening.

This week is set aside as School Support Staff Recognition Week. August 31 to September 4 is to celebrate all support staff in our schools. Without the support of office and administration staff, facility officer, cleaners and other support staff our schools would not function as smoothly. This is the time when give these people a special thank you for all their help.

Teacher Aide Day will be celebrated on Friday 4 September. This day gives the school community a chance to recognise the skills, abilities and flexibility that teacher aides contribute to the daily life of the school.

School Absences
This Term we have had a lot of absences due to illness, in particular influenza. It is important our absence records are up to date and accurate. If you child is absent for any reason please notify the school as soon as possible. This can be done by phoning the Student Absence line on 3550 2366 or by sending an email to student.absence@mitcheltss.eq.edu.au

Year 6 into High School

I have visited the year 6 students to find out which high school they will be attending in 2016. Some students indicated they have not had an enrolment interview at a high school yet. It is important for parents to contact the high school of choice and make an appointment for an enrolment interview. This is most helpful as schools are already determining staffing for 2016.

Music News

Congratulations to all of our choir, band and strings groups who performed really well last week at our BAM concert.

Expression of Interest Forms - INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM 2016

Last week expression of interest forms were sent home to current Year 2 and current Year 3 parents. Don't forget to send these into our office ASAP.

Practical Testing for the Woodwind, Brass and Percussion program will be taking place on Tuesday 15th September.

Don't forget lessons and rehearsals with Mrs Hall and Miss Melvin will resume in Week 1, Term 4.

Woodwind, Brass and Percussion lessons and beginner band rehearsal will start again with Mrs Hall on Tuesday 5th October.

Strings lessons will start again with Ms Melvin on Wednesday 6th October.

For all string queries contact Miss Jamie-Lee Melvin at jfmel0@eq.edu.au

For all band queries contact Mrs Penny Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au

Choir News

The choir will be singing at Assembly next Friday September 11 so come along and enjoy the talents of our choir members.

Library News

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended the annual Book Fair last week. Thank you also to The Book Warehouse for providing such a wonderful range of books at fantastic prices. We sold $4,800 worth of books! Amazing! This means the Library will receive new books to the value of $1,450, approximately 150 new books for students to read. On behalf of MitcheltonSS Library and students, I’d like to extend a huge, heartfelt thank you to everyone who bought a book.

Book Returns

We are fast approaching the end of Term which means all books will need to be returned to the Library so we can keep them safe over the holidays. This week will be the last week for all borrowing, including Home Readers. There will be no borrowing in Weeks 9 and 10. Overdue notices will be sent home at the end of next week. Could you please have a good look for missing books – in the car, under the bed, in the classroom book collection, in tidy trays, at OSHC, at Grandma’s. If you are positive the book/s have been returned, please see Mrs Udovich or Mrs Jeffrey in the Library. Thank you for your cooperation.

National Science Week

This year for National Science Week we celebrated “The Science of Light”.

Mitchelton State School held its yearly science competition and we invited science curriculum leaders, Steven Low and Grant Smith from our nearby High Schools, Mitchelton High and Everton Park High alongside our acting Principal Mrs Blake to act as guest judges. So many magnificent entries! Winners were announced at Assembly last Friday.

Dinosaur News

1/2B Creative Dinosaur Descriptions

Rachanaosaurus
Rachanaosaurus was named after Rachana. She has a colourful frill on top of her tiny, small head. In the food chain she is on the top. Her mighty tail fights off prey. At midnight she tiptoes to her door, but it sounds like thunder. When she swoops down to the sea to catch fish for her family, the daddy takes care of the babies. Her skin is purple. She has whiskers on her nose and a crown around her neck. Her habitat is the land. Rachanaosaurus has sharp claws. Rachanaosaurus means very quiet fish eater.

By Rachana H

Harrisonosaurus

Harrisonosaurus has a big, huge club on the end of his tail. He is the hugest dinosaur in the world. Harrisonosaurus is a meat eating dinosaur. He loves to eat raw meat. When he attacks other dinosaurs his club jingles. He lives on land and he likes to hang around the water. Harrisonosaurus had sharp teeth and sharp claws. He lives in a volcano that erupts a lot. Harrisonosaurus is blue all over the body and he has a small head. Harrisonosaurus means sharp teeth.

By Harrison C

Skyeosaurus

Skyeosaurus is a carnivore. She is a small, light dinosaur. It has purple plates and purple spikes. She lives in the shallow part of the sea. She has a crest on her head and it is green and her whole body is a nice aqua. Her favourite thing to do is roaming through the shallow end of the sea. She moves very fast on her sharp feet. She has two blue spots on her soft scaled neck. She uses her sharp teeth to catch prey. Skyeosaurus means fast, speedy swimmer.

By Skye S

Cameronosaurus

Cameronosaurus is a big, large, thumping dinosaur. He likes to eat fish and meat. He has been in a fight and now he has scars. He has two wings. Cameronosaurus lives in the water and in the sky. He has one hump on his back. When he is on the ground he is slow, but when he flies he is very fast. Cameronosaurus is a carnivore. He uses his spikes to protect himself. He is brown, orange and red. Cameronosaurus’s eyes are red. Cameronosaurus means sharp teeth. He has lots of plates.

By Cameron D

Wishosaurus

Wishosaurus eats meat. It lives in the ocean. It has a super large tail. The Wishosaurus has brown hair. She has a bow in her hair. She likes to swim so much. She has a friend. It looks like a big dinosaur. Wishosaurus has s lot of stripes. Wishosaurus means terrible lizard.

By Wish W

Defence News

Did you know that you can view the DCO Brisbane Bulletin online? You can also subscribe to receive the newsletter straight to your inbox!

Follow this link to view the August edition:


KidSMART Courses

Gallipoli Barracks Community Centre

Please contact dco.brisbane@defence.gov.au or 07 3354 0500 for further details or to register your interest.

KidSMART Deployment

Tyler Turtle and Sam Super help children to learn how to manage change and how to stay connected during parental absences.

9am - 12 noon on Friday 25 September
KidSMART Relocation

a program for primary aged children designed to help manage relocation and settlement into a new community.

Thursdays 22 October, 29 October and 5 November - 3.30pm - 5 pm

Christine Jones
Defence School Transition Aide (DSTA)
cjone404@eq.edu.au

P And C News

Thank you to everyone who attended BAM especially those that helped out in the kitchen. It was a wonderful night with performances from the choir and instrumental groups. The auction was a huge success, thank you to all that purchased the children’s art work.

This Friday is the Father’s Day Breakfast and craft stall. We hope to see many of our school Dad’s there with their children to celebrate their special day. Any Mums who can assist with the breakfast or the craft stall please complete the tear off section on the flyer that went home or jump onto Mitchelton P & C facebook page and let us know if you can help.

Don’t forget to send your children with a few dollars on Friday for the Father’s Day Stall. There will be a great selection of presents to buy for Dad ranging from .50c to $10.00. It’s not too late to donate items that we can package up and sell. Some suggestions have been – Chocolates/lollies, toiletries, gardening equipment, plants, photo frames, sporting gear, mouse-pads, ginger beer, homemade items such as chutneys, fudge or brownies. Please drop all non-perishable items & homemade food items to the office by Thursday 3rd September.

YWAM have contacted the school to offer assistance with any gardening work that needs to be done around the grounds. They have graciously offered 20 helpers for the next 3 Fridays to tidy up the grounds, garden and move the mulch from the top oval. Because of this we have postponed the working bee in September until 4th Term so we can see what else needs to be done around the school.

Please make a note of these dates in your diaries.

- 4th September – Father’s Day breakfast & Father’s Day stall
- 13th September – School working bee - Postponed to Term 4 if necessary
- 16th September – Fancy dress bush dance

Please note – Due to the school holidays our next P & C meeting will be held at 7 pm on Monday 14th September 2015 in the school library and you are all welcome. The meetings generally take 1 to 1 1/2hours. If you would like to discuss any of the above or raise any other matters which are of interest or concern to you or the school please join us at the meeting or email mitcheltonpandc@gmail.com.

Fundraising

Thank you for contributing to our fundraising events this year. We are looking to spend this year’s fundraising dollars on the cricket nets (putting up the chain wire fencing) and also contributing to the upgrade of the hard surface and shade cover between B & C buildings.
Please email mitchiepandcevents@gmail.com if you can help out with any of the up & coming events listed above.

Tuckshop

A flyer went home this week for the Tuckshop special – A hotdog and frozen yoghurt for $5.00. If you do not have a flyer please ask at the office.

Helpers are still needed in the tuckshop on a regular basis. There are many jobs that only take 20-30 minutes that you could assist with after morning drop off. Please see Ella in the tuckshop either Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.

Uniform Shop

If you have any unwanted school uniforms or other items such as library bags, swimming bags etc and would like to donate to the uniform we would greatly appreciate them. Please drop any items to the office clearly marked uniform shop.

Just to let you know we have some brand new items for sale at a heavily reduced price. You can either purchase these online through Flexischools or drop into the uniform shop on Monday mornings. Below is a list of what is marked down.

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Mitchelton OHSC Vacation Care

We are excited to announce that we have been approved for extra spaces in our Before School Care program! We provide a healthy breakfast as well as fun filled activities for children attending our service each morning. During our After School program we run a variety of activities and provide a healthy afternoon tea option, usually this will be baked fresh in our service. We also ensure children are able to attend extra-curricular activities that are provided on site including tennis, soccer, dance and AFL to name a few. On a Friday afternoon, we enjoy inviting the children of the school community into our service to enjoy some of the activities we offer in our program during second break. We welcome families to come along and have a chat with us about how we can assist your family with your before and after school care needs and your Holiday needs.

Julie Melton   |   YMCA Mitchelton OSHC Coordinator
YMCA BRISBANE   |   47 Glen Retreat Road, Mitchelton 4053
T (07) 3355 6016   F (07) 3354 0445
E aml@ymca.org.au   W www.ymcachildcare.org.au/oshc

Mitchie Playgroup

Sunshine Tennis

If you would like your children to learn tennis during the school year, please contact Jesse Parker by email sunshinetennis@y7mail.com or phone ph 0438 725 376 www.sunshinetennis.net

Piccabeen Community Centre

Healthy Lifestyle Program - Mitchelton - Term 4

Families in Brisbane North can now sign up the free healthy lifestyle program called PEACH™ - Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health. Registrations are open for a new group to commence in term 4, 2015.

The program is fun for kids and helps parents and carers make healthy eating and activity a part of every-day life. It is available to families with a child aged between 5-11 years who is above a healthy weight their age and consists of 10 group sessions that run for 90 minutes each.
Topics covered include nutrition skills, reducing screen time and being more active as a family. While the parent sessions are taking place, children enjoy active play with a trained child physical activity facilitator.

**What:** PEACH (Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health) program

**When:** Term 4, Tues 4-5.30pm (weekly)

**Where:** Mitchelton State School

**Cost:** FREE

The program is funded by the Queensland government and being delivered state-wide by the Queensland University of Technology.

If you would like more information about the PEACH™ program or to register please contact free call 1800 263 519 or visit [www.peachqld.com.au](http://www.peachqld.com.au)

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**Showcase For Success Free Seminar**

*Showcase for Success – Parenting Diverse Learners* is a free community event focusing on educating, connecting and supporting students with disability and their families in our extended community held on Sunday 13th September.

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**Sensory Movie Day**

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