From The Acting Principal's Desk

Wireless Upgrade
This week we are excited that our wireless upgrade has begun. This will give the whole school wireless access. Each classroom will be able to use mobile devices eg iPADS connected to the school network and the internet. This will allow students to experience a wider range of learning experiences.

This may result in some disruption to classes. Classes may be asked to move to alternate rooms during this time for short periods of time. There should only be a one day disruption for each room in which the wireless point is installed. Where possible, installation will occur before school and during lunch breaks. But the disruption will be well worth it, as within a couple of weeks we will have wireless coverage across the whole school.

Choir excursion
On Wednesday a group of approximately 40 students who are members of our choir made their way to Mitchelton Day Club. The students presented a lovely program of music to the members of the club. Mrs March has done an amazing job developing these young voices. The students were then rewarded with a very appetising lunch during which time they could mingle with the adults. I was very proud of our students who presented themselves so well.

National Science Week
Hot off the presses!! Congratulations to Danielle Spencer who has been awarded the Peter Doherty School Science Award. This will be presented to Danielle in October at a ceremony at Customs House.

During this week our children have been exposed to a variety of hands on science experiments with the assistance of students from Everton Park State High School. They also entered brilliant projects into the Science competition that explored a variety of different Scientific themes. Two expert judges were on hand to make the final decisions and chose the winners - Grant Smith from Everton Park State High School and Stephen Low from Mitchelton State High School. Thank you to Mrs Spencer for all the planning preparation that went into this project.

BAM
A reminder that BAM is on next week 26 August. Everyone is welcome, with the evening concert beginning at 6.00pm. The Art Gallery opens from 5:30pm and there is also a Book Fair in the library from 4.30 pm. Come and enjoy a Hot Roast Roll for dinner with the school community (available from 5 pm).

Children's Book Week 22 – 28 August
Children’s Book Week starts next week and students of all ages can find a good read on the 2015 Book of the Year shortlist [http://cbca.org.au/ShortList-2015.htm](http://cbca.org.au/ShortList-2015.htm). This year’s theme is ‘Books Light up our World’. In preparation for this event our Book Character Dress Up Day is on Friday 21 August (gold coin donation for Make-a-Wish foundation).

The reading period for the Premier's Reading Challenge closes on 28 August. All registered students please make sure you are on track to meet your reading target before the deadline. Please returned completed forms to the office.

Some useful links for you.


**Student leadership process for 2016**

In week 8, 31 August – 4 September, Year 5’s will meet with teachers and administration to commence the leadership process for selecting captains for 2016.

Positions available

School Captain: 2 positions

School Vice-captain: 2 positions

House captains: 2 for each house

House Vice-Captain – 2 student per house

Music captains: Choir captain  Band captain  Strings captain

If students wish to be eligible for nomination for a leadership position in Year 6, 2016, they must complete and hand in an application to their class teacher who will then date it and hand to Mrs Berriman for consideration. Students applying should have a Behaviour level of C or above from their last report card.

Application forms and information will be handed to students soon with forms being due early in 4th term.

We look forward to the students active involvement in this leadership process.

**Chappy News**

Wow, we are well into Term 3 and Talent Quest is upon us!

Auditions start next week so if your child has not signed up yet please make sure they have put their name down on the sign up sheet in the office.

If you have any questions about how it all works or an special equipment needed please don’t hesitate to contact me.

**Pancake Brekky**

Our Chaplaincy Brekky Club has changed days! Please be advised that it will now be held on a Wednesday morning every second week. The next one will be on the 2nd of September.

We have been serving warm Milo in takeaway coffee cups with lids while the weather has been cooler and the students love it! I am sure it makes them feel really grown up and important carrying around their "coffee cups". So trendy!

**National Science Week**

This year for National Science Week we are celebrating “The Science of Light”. Mitchelton State School is holding our yearly science competition and we have 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. Judging from what we have seen so far, it will be a tough competition. Competition entries include models of the solar system, a working solar-powered house, we have collections of feathers and plants and investigations including which ball bounces the highest to what makes people lactose intolerant. So many magnificent entries! Winners will be announced at a later date.

Also during National Science Week, will be our hands-on afternoon for our SC@M parents and students. Time to show our parents just how much fun we have during our weekly SC@M sessions. Watch out for the next newsletter for the highlights.

A perfect way to become involved at home is to join a citizen science project. During August, Galaxy Explorer is asking for people to get on board and help classify over one thousand galaxies. All you need is a computer and an interest in observing the universe to be involved. A great project to do with your children. Check out more information here:

https://www.galaxyexplorer.net.au/about/

“Galaxy Explorer is an online citizen science project undertaken by ABC Science in conjunction with the International Centre for Radio Astronomy Research, WA.”

Library News

BOOK FAIR

The Library’s annual Book Fair will be held next week – from Monday 24th August to Friday 28th August. We will have an enormous selection of books! Prices range from $2 to $20, with the average price being $5. The Book Fair is a fantastic opportunity for the Library to receive new books. We receive 30% of total sales in books (that we select). Last year we received over $1000 in free books! We will be open each morning from 8:15am – 8:45am. On Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons we will be open until 4:00pm. On Wednesday (BAM night) the Book Fair will be selling books from 4:30pm through to 8:00pm.

All classes will have an opportunity to visit the Book Fair next Monday and Tuesday. Each student will be given a “Wish List” to write down their favourite books. If you would like to buy these books for your child, simply return the Wish List with payment, or come along to BAM and purchase the books there. Thank you for supporting Mitchelton State School Library!

OVERDUE BOOKS

All students who have overdue books will have received a notice regarding these books. It is Library policy that students who have overdue books are not able to borrow new books until the outstanding books have been returned. Please have a good look at home for these books. Places books are often found include bedroom bookshelves and underneath the car seats. Please check your child’s classroom as well. Books are often left in tidy trays or become mixed in with the classroom books. If you believe the books have been returned, please come and see either Mrs Jeffrey or Mrs Udovicich in the Library. Thank you for your assistance.

HPE News

Friday Sport

Years 5 and 6 students have been enjoying a variety of sports on Friday afternoons. The softball and touch football teams are enjoying playing competitively with other local schools. Water polo students will be participating in land-based activities this term (the pool is freezing!). Next term they will progress to the pool. As always, the tennis students are loving learning new skills with Jesse.

Sporting Schools

Our Sporting Schools activities have commenced for this Term. Year 3 students are enjoying learning softball skills each Friday afternoon. We are lucky to have a qualified coach from Softball Qld taking these classes. Touch Football coaching has also commenced and is held every Monday morning at 8am. For next term we are looking at using the grant money to employ a netball coach to provide training after school. Watch this space!

Music News
BAM - WEDNESDAY 26th AUGUST

Don't forget that our BAM performance for all of our choirs, string and band groups is on WEDNESDAY 26th AUGUST.

Please make sure your children are properly dressed for the concert.

All children need to meet Mrs Marsh, Mrs Hall and Miss Melvin NO LATER than 5.30 pm as the concert starts at 6.00 pm.

Letters have been sent home about our uniform and about BAM two weeks ago.

There will also be a rehearsal during the day on Wednesday 26th August - so band parents please remind your children to bring their instruments!

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

Thank you to those parents/guardians and children who attended our information afternoon about the Instrumental Music Program for 2016.

If you would like information about our band program (this is for year 4 students and up in 2016) please contact Penny Hall our band teacher at phall35@eq.edu.au.

If your would like information about our strings program (this is for year 3 students and up in 2016) please contact Jamie-Lee Melvin our strings teacher at jfmel0@eq.edu.au.

Viva la Musica!

BAM News

Our BAM Festival is fast approaching!

As well as our choir and music performances and the Book Fair on Wednesday evening, 26th August, the students will once again have the opportunity to showcase the artwork they have completed this year.

The students in Prep to Year 3 are particularly excited about BAM this year as they have been enjoying specialised Art classes as part of their curriculum. They have been busy exploring new materials, learning about different artists and techniques ... and making messes! These students have made wonderful artworks so far this year and I’m so proud of their efforts.

The Art exhibition - featuring the artworks of all the students at Mitchelton - will be held in the Art room, upstairs in F Block. Be sure to take the opportunity to come on up and have the children show off their hard work!

Prep News

Last week we had a wonderful time planning for the Ekka to visit Prep. We organised rides, stalls for side show alley, favourite Ekka foods, tickets and money. We also designed showbags which were then filled secretly with a wonderful variety of 'samples'!

Thank you to all the parents who were able to contribute to the showbags and a HUGE thanks to the parents who stayed to be stall holders, ride attendants and balloon prize makers!

Great fun and learning was had by all.

Defence News

For Partners of Deployed Members, there is an information session covering "Managing ROCL - Tips and Strategies". Tuesday, 18 August, 12pm - 2pm and 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm at Gallipoli Barracks Community Centre. Please call 3354 0500 for further information.

this month, the Gallipoli Barracks Family Day is on the 23 August from 10 am - 1 pm. Contact Major Palmer on 0438 043 511 for further details.

Girls Night In is held on the last Friday of each month. There is a different theme each month, and costs apply. The next event is on August 28th. For further details, see the DCO Bulletin.

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 came and helped at the “Father’s Day Crafternoon”. Some great progress was made for gifts that the children can purchase at the Father’s day stall on the 4th of September in their classes allocated time.

We still require more gifts, so we are asking families to donate items that can be used for gifts. 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 to the office by Friday 28th August and homemade food items by Thursday 3rd September.

BAM is on in a little over a week. This is always a great night!! Children’s artwork will be on display, performances from the choir & instrumental groups, books for sale in the library and an auction of each classes artwork.

Kavena Stumner who is a parent at the school and Author of ‘Bopple Nut Baby’ will have her book and figurine on sale at the library. She has generously donated a gift basket to the P & C to raffle on the night so remember to buy your raffle tickets at the library.

This year we will be selling lamb rolls and hot dogs, so you can come along relax, feed the family and enjoy a night out. Remember to pre-order through Flexischools which is available now, instructions are on the reverse of the flyer which has been sent home.

Please make a note of these dates in your diaries.

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26th August - Books, Arts & Music (BAM) 5 to 8pm
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4th September – Father’s Day breakfast & Father’s Day stall
•
13th September – School working bee 9-11am with a free sausage sizzle from the P & C
•
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 1/2 hours. 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
Helpers are needed. Please see Ella in the tuckshop either on 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 to the office with them 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

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E am@ymca.org.au  W www.ymcachildcare.org.au/oshc

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

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**Mitchelton Library**

**Mitchie Playgroup**