The Mitchell High School P&C Association meets on the second Wednesday evening each month at 7.00 pm in the Mitchell High School Common Room. All parents and friends are welcome to attend.

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**Dates to Remember in March/April**

- **P&C Meeting**: Wednesday – 13 March, 7.00pm
  Staff Common Room
- **Year 11 Half Yearly Exams**: 25 March to 12 April
- **Year 12 Half Yearly Exams**: 25 March to 12 April
- **Good Friday**: Friday 29 March
- **Easter Monday**: Monday 1 April
- **Whole School Cross Country**: Thursday 4 April
- **P&C Meeting**: Wednesday – 10 April, 7.00pm
  Staff Common Room
- **Last Day Term 1, 2013**: Friday 12 April
- **Staff Development Days (Pupil Free Days)**: Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 April
- **Day 1, Term 2 2013 (Students)**: Wednesday 1 May
- **NAPLAN Years 7 and 9**: 14-17 May

**Principal’s Report - Mr B Harper**

Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country.
(Words from the inaugural address of President John F. Kennedy, delivered in 1961)

In 2013 the words of President Kennedy ring true as ever for our community. Last Sunday many thousands of Australians volunteered their time to help Clean up Australia. Many Mitchell High School students and teachers were among those thousands volunteering their time. I often see, hear and read in the media about Generation Y and how self centred and selfish this generation is. However my experience at Mitchell High School is the opposite, I see on a daily basis our students going out of their way to help others. Our community would be a lesser community without those who so willingly give of themselves to our community. It may be through coaching and managing sporting teams, volunteering in our local SES, church group, Rotary, Lions, Guides or Scouts, mentoring young people or visiting elderly folks in nursing homes. I believe that as parents it is vital for us to lead the way for our children, for us to demonstrate that in our very busy lives that we find and make the time to give a little back to our community.

**School Fees**

Invoices have been mailed out recently for subject fees and general school contribution. The great majority of our school families show their support for the great education their children receive at Mitchell High School by paying these fees. Subject fees cover subject consumables while the general school contribution is used to purchase library resources and to help cover the ever mounting cost of photocopying resources for students in all subjects (over $4,000 per month). The school takes cash, cheques, credit cards and phone credit card payments.

**P&C**

This group meets on the second Wednesday of the month during school terms in the staff common room at 7.00pm. Parents meet in a friendly way to give my staff and myself a window into the local community and to learn more about school programs. I would love to see a huge rollup of new faces as well as the regulars.
Student Use of the School Internet

All students have a user name and password to enable them to access their school computing resources such as email, internet and for saving their electronic work on the school server. The use of these computers is contingent upon all students being bound by the Mitchell High School ‘Acceptable Usage Policy’ which is published on the school’s website at: [http://www.mitchell-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/policies/computer_policy.htm](http://www.mitchell-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/policies/computer_policy.htm)

As students log on they agree to this policy and are asked to agree to the following statement.

The Department monitors use of the Internet and its computer network.

Using the Department’s computer resources, including the web services for Schools and TAFE, to seek out, access or send any material of an offensive, obscene, pornographic, threatening, abusive or defamatory nature is prohibited and may result in disciplinary action.

If you receive:

- Offensive material – notify your teacher who will assess the material and take appropriate action
- Unsolicited advertising material from an unknown source – delete it without replying or attempting to remove your email address from any mailing list (because replying may generate more unsolicited material)
- Other inappropriate material from a known source – advise the sender that you do not wish to receive material of that type.

Further information is available in the School and TAFE Internet Services Acceptable Usage Policy.

NOTE: By proceeding beyond this point, you are indicating your agreement to follow the Department’s policies in this regard.

Road Safety

It is great to see so many students riding their bikes to school. I am concerned though with the number of students who do not wear a helmet. I would encourage all parents to insist on their child wearing a helmet to school when they ride their bikes. All bikes are secured in a holding area near the front office; however it would be wise for each bike to be secured with a chain and lock. I have observed on a number of occasions that students are not crossing the road in a safe manner. The Pedestrian Crossing is outside the pedestrian gate on Keyworth Drive, please use this to cross the road.

Before School Supervision

Mitchell High School does not have before school supervision. School starts with Roll Call at 8.45am, however if students need to be at school before this time they must stay in the area outside of the front office in sight of the Deputy Principal's office.

Brett Harper
Principal

Deputy Principals Report

Bully proofing your child

Bullying exists in our society in many forms and continues to flourish in schools. It is an age old problem, however, this doesn’t make it right. Our society is made up of individuals who have different levels of power. Bullying is the misuse of power, it is ongoing and at times it can result in victims feeling worthless with every moment of the day consumed with fear and grief.

At Mitchell the majority of students progress through the educational stages with no worries and an abundance of positive experiences and positive relationships with their peers and teachers. Recently I have had to assist students to overcome bullying and develop strategies to prevent further bullying. In Year 7 in 2013 we have observed some dangerous and foolish behaviour in the Year 7 area, some of which are bullying in nature. We have given a clear message at a recent year meeting, class meetings, Year 7 Activity Day and Special presentation by our School Police Liaison Officer Snr Constable McCabe, that the poor behavior on the playground had to stop and we have a zero tolerance on students using violence in any form at Mitchell High School.

Reporting bullying at Mitchell High School

Encourage your child to report bullying. This may take some courage, however, MHS has counsellors who can work with your child. If the bullying goes un-reported then your child is saying that it is OK to keep this up and we are not mind readers, we have no way of knowing about bullying if it is not reported to a trusted adult. The key people who you can go to are:

1. Your Year Advisor- Ms Van Zwieten, Assistant Year Advisor – Ms Miceli
2. Ms Bunt (Librarian) has referrals to report bullying behavior,
3. Tell another teacher who you trust,
4. Tell the Deputy Principal or the counsellor.
Other Tips for parents

Help us to create a school environment that does not tolerate bullying. Encourage your child to report other people who are being bullies. Stand up for the victim and tell the bully to stop, go away, move on and leave the victim alone. Of course this action may result in the bully focusing his or her attention onto your child. Then it is a matter to be reported to a trusted adult at school. Students who are in years 10, 11 or 12 usually have the communication skills, resilience and street wise knowledge to stand up assertively to bullies. But if everyone worked together then we might have a chance.

DO NOT:

• confront the bully or the bully's parents. This probably won't help and might make things worse.
• tell your child to “get in there and fight.” Bullies are always stronger and more powerful than their victims. Your child could get hurt.
• blame your child. Bullying is never the victim’s fault.
• promise to keep the bullying secret. This gives the bully permission to keep bullying.

Instead, tell your child you're glad that he or she told you about the bullying. Explain that you're going to help, and you're also going to ask the teacher to help.

Help your child develop bully resistance skills. Role-play with your child what to say and do when confronted by a bully. Here are a few starter ideas:

• Stand up straight, look the bully in the eye, and say in a firm, confident voice, “Leave me alone!” or “Stop that! I don’t like that!”
• Tell a joke or say something silly. (Don’t make fun of the bully.)
• Stay calm and walk away. If possible, walk toward a crowded place or a group of your friends.
• If you feel you’re in real danger, run away as fast as you can.
• Tell an adult.

Elena Marinis
Deputy Principal

Bulletin Sport Report

2013 Mitchell High School Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all students who attended the Mitchell High School swimming carnival. The attendance was the best it has been in 5 years. Many students enjoyed competing in the novelty events and a number of records were broken on the day.

The Age champions are below

Boys
12 Daniel Pennycook
13 Gavin Bloomfield
14 Mitchell Farquharson
15 Ben Pennycook
16 Hasan Karabork
17 Samuel Chappius

Girls
12 Kasey Crampton
13 Tatiana Nguyen
14 Aisling Davidson
15 Denise Clemente
16 Reagan Mitchell
17 Ella Ivanic

Winning House: MIRABOOKA

Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the following students who represented Mitchell High School at the Zone Swimming Carnival. The students represented the school with distinction. Many students have qualified to represent Blacktown Zone at the Sydney West Swimming Carnival.

Omer Alac
Guistino Annecchini
Gavin Bloomfield
Samuel Chappius
Denise Clemente
Kasey Crampton
Lara Crampton
Sinead Davidson
Aisling Davidson
Casey Evans
Mitchell Farquharson
Jay Gilleland
Nathan Ison
Jason Ison
Alana Mijic
Tatiana Nguyen
Daniel Pennycook
Ben Pennycook
Kurt Peschke
Melanie Philpott
Brandon Shong
Tyrese Toto

Blacktown Zone Trials

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent Blacktown Zone in the following sports

Boys Hockey: Mitchell Kerr and Guistino Annecchini
**Sport Uniform on Tuesdays**

Could you please ensure that your child has their sport uniform ready for Tuesday. If the uniform is misplaced, lost or in the wash they will still be allowed to participate if they bring a note and alternate sports gear. Students who do not bring their PE uniform will be sent to Sport detention for the afternoon.

**Tuesday Early Leavers and Sickness**

Students who require an early leaver’s pass on Tuesday are to bring a note with a parent/caregiver contactable phone number on it. Students bring this note to the print room at Recess. The Parent/Care giver will be contacted by Mrs Maguire to verify the reasons for the early leavers identified in the note.

Students who are sick or injured are to bring a note to be signed by Mrs Maguire in the PE staffroom by the end of Recess. These students will then go to the Library during sport time.

**Term 2 Sport Selections**

Students have been allocated a term 2 sport selection permission note. These notes are due in by Friday 22nd March 2013. There are a few new sports on offer in term 2. Students need to choose 3 sports in order of preference. Once a sport is allocated students will be given one week to change their chosen sport. Once changes are confirmed students will remain in that sport for the whole of Term 2.

*Mrs Maguire*
*Sports Co-ordinator*

**SRC News**

On the 28th of February the SRC ran a successful and yummy Student vs. Teacher Pancake Day. The teachers and students cooked vigorously to gain the votes and hopefully the title of Pancake Day Champions. On the plate that the students bought there were two pancakes, one made by students and the other made by teachers. The students also got a vote slip in which they voted which pancake was the best. It was a close call but students came on top to gain the title of Pancake Day Champions. The score was 19 teachers to 22 students. All profit went to helping the school in upcoming events.

The SRC/Prefects Team Building Day (on the 1st of March) was a very successful day. All of SRC and Prefects attended this important day to discuss things we can do around the school, upcoming events and most importantly how we can make Mitchell High School a better place. A guest speaker came from World Vision to talk about leadership and one of our major events of the year, the 40 Hour Famine, which will be coming up later on in the year.

**Upcoming SRC events:**

- **Wednesday 13th March** - Beauty and the Geek School Dance.
- **Weeks 7 and 8** - 20c Challenge. Everyone is encouraged to bring in 20c coins. The money collected will be donated to Rotary to help refurbish rooms at the Children’s Hospital. The challenge is also a chance for the four houses, Mirrabooka, Brigalow, Cooramyn and Kareela, to battle it out and see who can collect the most.

*Kayla Boyd*
*SRC*

**English**

The ICAS English Competition will be held on Wednesday 31st July. The competition is open to all years and we encourage as many students as possible to enter. The entry cost is $8.80. Notes will be handed out in the coming weeks.

**Vaccinations**

The Vaccination Program will operate over three dates in 2013 – April 3, June 3 and October 14. Vaccinations will be made available by the Department of Health for Year 7 students and Year 9 boys. Vaccinations available for Year 7 students are Human Papillomavirus (HPV), Hepatitis B, dTPa (diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis), and Varicella (chickenpox). The vaccination available for Year 9 boys is Human Papillomavirus (HPV). Parent information packs and cards have been given to students. Cards must be filled in for students to have the vaccinations. The cards can be returned to the labelled box outside the English staffroom.

**Peer Support**

Year 7 students began their Peer Support Program with the introduction of REAL (Respectful, Engaged, Active Learners). The Year 10 leaders spent time explaining the concept and how it helps provide a safe, productive and encouraging learning environment for all. The second session for Term 1 will have a Mental Health focus.

*M.Cate*
*Peer Support Co-ordinator and Supervisor of Girls*
The Maths Report

Homework program
Students in Years 7-10 are now receiving a fortnightly homework sheet. The sheet includes three different sections: one revises the current topic, another on non-calculator skills and the other with NAPLAN/problem solving questions. General Mathematics students are also receiving a fortnightly homework assignment which includes past paper questions on the current topics.

MathsOnline
MathsOnline is now up and running for students from Years 7-12 to access and is an excellent way for students to revise difficult concepts at home and to prepare for assessment. MyMathsonline is available for students from Years 7-12 in 2013. Students should ask their teacher for login details.

Upcoming exams Term 1

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Year 7 & 8
Both groups need computer/internet access to complete their tasks. Blacktown City Council Library provides free internet access to their members. Students are requested to discuss with their teacher and book a computer room during lunch time at school.

Year 7 Assignment due date - 22nd March Friday
Year 8 Assignment due date - 13th March Friday

Calculators
Casio AUfx82 scientific calculators are available for purchase from the school. The cost is $22. Students from Years 8-12 now require calculators to complete their class work. In Term 2, NAPLAN requires students in Years 7 and 9 to bring a calculator for the exams.

Later in the year
- NAPLAN will take place in week 3(14-16 May) of Term 2 for Year 7 and Year 9.
- Australian Mathematics Competition is on Thursday 1 August.
- Maths Olympiad will be scheduled for Self Select Year 7 and Year 8 classes.

Labscene at MHS

On the 5/3/2013, students in Mr Debrincat’s Year 8F Science class made a model of a cell. Year 8 are currently learning the topic called - Invisible World. We teach students how to use a microscope and look at the differences between plant and animal cells.

The idea behind the activity was to have a fun lesson with the students looking at the features (similarities and differences) of an animal cell compared to a plant cell. We also learned about the significance of science models and how they play a big part in learning science; assessing the advantages and disadvantages (limitations).

We started off by making the Animal cell:
- The biscuit represented the cell membrane
- The icing represented the cytoplasm
- The red jaffa represented the nucleus
- The 100's and 1000's represented the mitochondria
- The white m&m’s represented small vacuoles

We then added a few more lollies (yum!) to then show what a Plant Cell looked like.

To the animal cell above, we then added:
- Green m&m's to represent the chloroplasts
- More white m&m's clustered with the other white m&m's to represent a large vacuole
- Pink musk sticks along the side edges of the biscuit to represent the cell wall.

The best part of the lesson was when the students got to eat their model of a cell.

Good luck to all of Year 8 doing their first assessment task for 2013 this week – in class practical exam on how to use a microscope.

Mr Debrincat
Head Teacher Science
Science Assessment Dates - Term 1 2013:

**Year 7:** Friday Week 6 – Graphing Assessment Task (In-class task).

**Year 8:** Throughout Week 6 – Practical Exam using microscopes (In-class task).

**Year 9:** Week 8 – Practical Exam using Ray boxes, lenses and mirrors (In-class task).

**Year 10:** Were handed out their “Student Research Project” in Week 5 and are due on Thursday Week 9 (Take home task).

**Yr11 Assessment - Term 1:**
- **Biology:** First task is due in Wk5 + Half Yearly Exam in Wk9, 10 & 11
- **Chemistry:** First task is due in Wk8 + Half Yearly Exam in Wk9, 10 & 11
- **Earth and Environmental Science:** First task is due in Wk6 + Half Yearly Exam in Wk9, 10 & 11
- **Physics:** Half Yearly Exam in Wk9, 10 & 11
- **Senior Science:** First task is due in Wk7 + Half Yearly Exam in Wk9, 10 & 11

**Yr12 Assessment - Term 1:**
- **Biology:** Half Yearly Exam in Wk9, 10 & 11
- **Chemistry:** Half Yearly Exam in Wk9, 10 & 11
- **Earth and Environmental Science:** Half Yearly Exam in Wk9, 10 & 11
- **Physics:** Half Yearly Exam in Wk9, 10 & 11
- **Senior Science:** First task is due in Wk6 + Half Yearly Exam in Wk9, 10 & 11

**Good luck to all Science Students doing Assessment Tasks in the upcoming weeks.**

From the Science Faculty at MHS

**How Does It Work?** Every time a member of the school community makes a purchase of $35 or more at The Good Guys Prospect, they will earn rewards for our school. Each $35 spent will earn $1 Reward Voucher.

**All you need to do is mention that you would like Mitchell High School to receive the reward points for your purchase at the time of payment for your goods.** Please note that only schools/groups registered for this program are eligible for the reward benefits. At the end of each month the school will receive the reward vouchers earned and are then able to use these for future purchases to benefit the School. Participation in this program is at no cost to you or the school.

**A Huge Thankyou** to the following people for mentioning “Mitchell High School” when making a purchase from “The Good Guys” at Prospect already this year:

Patrick Mahony, Judith Booth, Simone May, Ray Robinson, Byran Hardie.

Together you have raised $116 in Reward Vouchers to date.

We hope that if you do make a purchase from The Good Guys Prospect you will join in this fund raising venture to benefit the school - even if only in a small way.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the School Co-ordinator of this programme, Denise Armstrong - School Administrative Officer (Science).

**Welfare Report**

This year promises to be another very exciting year in Student Welfare. There will be numerous programs and opportunities offered to students from Years 7-12. These programs will vary in their purpose, however will focus on areas like student leadership, enhancing self esteem, conflict resolution, enhancing communication skills and further developing links with the local community.

We also look forward to building upon our partnership with the Smith Family which was established in 2011. This relationship which was developed has, and will continue to provide students at Mitchell with many leadership opportunities in the local community and exposure to potential future career pathways. This year we are running the following programs with the Smith Family:
**Students Experience Day** is an opportunity for Indigenous students in Years 7 & 8 to experience what university might be like. The University Experience Day aims to familiarise Learning for Life students with the idea of attending university and to build their aspirations to do so. The program is in its seventh year and continues to grow. During the day students attend a morning and afternoon elective session. These sessions cover a wide range of courses offered by the University of Sydney.

**Sydney University Experience Day** is an opportunity for students in Year 10 to experience what university might be like. The University Experience Day aims to familiarise students with the idea of attending university and to build their aspirations to do so. Students attend various workshops during the day and are informed of possible university courses in the future.

**I Track** is an online mentoring program that supports students who are beginning to develop their post-school plans. It provides students with the unique opportunity to receive one-on-one support from a person in the community. It has been an extremely successful program with students enjoying the opportunity to share experiences and engage in educational dialogue with a mentor in the corporate sector. This program involves 12 students from Year 10.

**Converge** is a program which seeks to explore and develop students own musical identity, creativity and potential. The program is a partnership between Conservatorium of Music, The Smith Family and Westpac. Twenty students ranging from Years 8-11 participated will participate in Converge in 2013.

**Breakthrough** is a two-day CV writing and interview skills workshop designed for and supported through The Smith Family’s ‘Learning for Life’ program. This is a program which 25 Year 10 students will participate in this year. This fantastic program for our students is facilitated and held at DLA Piper (Law Firm located near Town Hall).

We are also very fortunate to have been offered to participate in two more career based programs which will be facilitated by DLA Piper. One of the programs will involve work experience offered to two students interested in working with a Law Firm in the future. The other program called ‘All About Me’ will be a program which focuses on assisting students with interview techniques and employability skills.

**Learning for Life Scholarships** program supports disadvantaged children and young people all the way through their education, from pre-school and primary school, to senior school and on to tertiary studies if they choose. This holistic, long term support gives students the assistance they need to develop vital life skills, stay engaged in their education and have the best chance to realise their potential.

Learning for Life support is provided to disadvantaged children and young people in three main ways:

- through Learning for Life Workers, who connect them to learning opportunities in their local community and also encourage them to fully participate in their education;
- by enabling access to Smith Family literacy programs and mentoring support;
- and through financial assistance to help families afford the cost of their children’s essential education items.

If you would like more information regarding the Learning for Life Scholarships please contact me for more information.

**Norta Norta Homework Centre** opens next week and is available to all Aboriginal students in Years 7-12. This initiative is specific funding which we receive from the Norta Norta program to support our Indigenous students. The Homework Centre will open on Wednesday 13th March and will run from 3.05-4.05pm.

**Mr Campbell**  
**Head Teacher Welfare**

**TAS Faculty Report**

We would like to congratulate the Textiles Technology students from 2012 who recently had success with their textile projects winning multiple prizes in the Blacktown Show. Megan Ezzy, Marie Sadek, Amy McMillan, Samantha Moore and Gillian Janzs all came away with various first, second and thirds. Gillian also came away with the ultimate prize of Most Successful Exhibitor. Well done girls. A very big congratulations also goes to Mrs. Depalo who was given high praise from the judges for the excellent skills the students are displaying. It is nice to see our students being recognised in the community.
A reminder to all parents that subject contributions should be either completed or being paid off by now. Students are receiving various project materials in all subjects and this money only comes from the student contributions. We will shortly be asking students to bring in their own materials and foods etc. if they have not paid any of their fees.

By now all students in all years should have received their first assessment tasks. Year 7 and 8 common task for Technology (mandatory) is due in Week 7 or 8 depending on their teacher and class. Practical subjects have already begun work on their first projects which all form part of their assessment schedules. If your child is having difficulty with one of their tasks please talk with them about speaking to their teacher first or Head Teacher to ensure they do complete all set work. If they are still experiencing difficulties then we also have the Learning Support Centre where they can be referred for extra assistance. There really is NO EXCUSE for students to not submit their tasks.

Year 11 and 12 have mostly settled into their studies however, there are a few students who are already receiving N-Award letters for either non-completion of tasks or not applying themselves with diligence and sustained effort. By this stage of the learning spectrum ALL Year 11 and 12 students should be settled and not disrupting the learning environment for other students or the teachers. Please talk with your students about this issue and contact me at school if you feel this needs further discussion.

Last week the Year 12 Hospitality students were on work placement, which is a compulsory part of the course. All students had a great experience and after speaking with the employers there were a lot of very positive comments about our student’s work ethic and commitment to completing all tasks to a very high level. Again, another great positive experience of Mitchell High School students in the community. Congratulations to these students who continue to promote the good name of the school.

In the first newsletter I told you about the new Kitchen being built. As we go to print we are very close to actually having the kitchen handed over to us, well ahead of schedule. We are very excited about it and it really does look good. We can’t wait to be teaching in this new room.

Mrs. L. Pares
Head Teacher TAS

**R.E.A.L. Awards**

Just a reminder to all students and particularly the new Year 7 students that all Realies can be cashed in with any teacher or roll call teacher to receive a big REAL award. When you have 6 REAL awards they can be placed in the box in the TAS staffroom to be redeemed for a Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum Award depending on what level you are up to.

Gold & Platinum Awards
Any student who has received a letter in the second half of last year or this year will be presented with their Awards at a presentation next Wednesday in the staff common room at 9.30.

February Awards
Congratulations to the following students who have achieved:

**Bronze Awards for the month of Feb.:**
Alana Anderson, Elizabeth Atfield, Brad Biddulph, Nathan Blackmore, Gavin Bloomfield, Kieran Herlihy, Sharon Liu, Jason McKenzie, Meallani Meti, Suzana Obradovic, Denis Ochaya, Jula Sallows.

**Silver Awards for the month of Feb.:**
Elizabeth Atfield, Brad Biddulph, Nathan Blackmore, Gavin Bloomfield, Kieran Herlihy, Jason McKenzie, Meallani Meti, Suzana Obradovic, Denis Ochaya,

**Gold Awards for the month of Feb.:**
Alana Anderson, Elizabeth Atfield, Gavin Bloomfield, Kieran Herlihy, Meallani Meti, Denis Ochaya, Jula Sallows.

**R.E.A.L. Expectations at Mitchell High School**
At Mitchell High we continue to teach and model the school expectations of **RESPECTFUL ENGAGED AND ACTIVE LEARNERS.** There are many ways that students can show these expectations on a daily basis. Some examples from our matrix which we teach for the classroom settings are:

- I line up outside the room quietly
- I use equipment safely and appropriately
- I speak in a friendly and supportive way
- I organise my space and wait to be dismissed
- I arrive to class on time
- I unpack equipment and place bag in the appropriate place
- I participate in all lessons to the best of my ability
- I attend all classes
- I contribute to a productive learning environment
- I allow others to learn

It is important that students follow these expectations not only at school but also at home and parents can encourage similar expectations so that we can continue to work together to better the education of your students.

Mrs. L. Pares
PBL Team Leader
Rain, Hail or Shine (but mostly rain)
MHS Cleans Up

Sixteen students from across the year groups participated in Clean Up School Day on March 1st 2013 as part of the Clean Up Australia Day Campaign. The students worked in the rain for 2 periods to collect rubbish from around the school’s front fence, the gardens and under the COLA. The grounds looked absolutely beautiful and these students have contributed in their own small way to help sustain our environment for the future.

Congratulations to the following REAL students who each received 10 points for their House for Respecting their environment and being Engaged and Active in participating in Clean Up School Day.

Year 7 – Christine Chebat, Brandy Timewell
Year 8 – Jacoub Abboud, Emily Cornish, Patricia Dionisio, Rikki Libunao, Simrandeep Singh
Year 9 – Analise Baikie, Abbey Barnes, Renee Booth, Sombo Konneh
Year 12 – Chen Chen, Rashmita Kaur, Monica Singh, Veeraya (Mim) Thongta, Johanna Whelan

Congratulations

Svaan Nageshwir, Year 11, has won 1st, 2nd and 3rd places at the Blacktown City Show in Arts and Crafts, which was held 2 – 3 March 2013.

Svaan’s acrylic artwork competed against other talented Year 11 and 12 students. He also received ‘Most successful exhibitor’ in his division.

Well done Svaan.
Dear Mr. Harper

Council is about to carry out the road reconstruction of Keyworth Drive, Blacktown between Templar Street and Blacktown Road.

The work is scheduled to commence on 12 March 2013. It is anticipated this work will be completed within two (2) weeks of commencement subject to weather conditions and material supply.

During the works traffic will flow in a westerly direction on Keyworth Drive from Blacktown Road. Traffic heading east will be detoured either via Tudor Avenue or Lancelot Street to Blacktown Road.

Council kindly requests parents and staff to avoid Keyworth Drive if possible during the works.

It would be much appreciated if this information could be passed onto your staff, students and parents.

Council regrets any inconvenience our activity may cause and would appreciate your full cooperation in this matter.

Should you require any further information regarding this matter please contact me on 9839 6441.

Yours faithfully,

Peter Sugunanathan
ASSET CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER