

## **CHARACTER TRAIT FOR MARCH - APRIL**

The Manningham Promoting Character focus for March - April is **Flexibility**.

Flexibility is remaining faithful to your principles as you weather the storms of life.

It is a fact that good character makes achievement possible. So it is good to always encourage a person's good character.

## **EVALUATE YOUR FLEXIBILITY**

- *Do you maintain readiness for change?*
- *Do changes derail you, or do you look for ways to work with what you have available?*
- *Can you see the opportunities that come with change?*
- *Do you make excuses when you face obstacles?*



*Fibrous roots anchor a palm tree during a storm, and the trunk bends instead of breaking in the wind. These characteristics allow the palm tree to survive and help speed recovery afterwards.*

*Similarly, a person must adjust to the changes life brings. Tasks take longer than expected, plans do not materialize, your supervisor's direction changes, or someone else does not deliver as promised. These changes can cause fear, anxiety and frustration. Many try to rearrange others or insulate themselves from disappointment, but flexibility does not involve controlling the outcome or avoiding commitment, (Character First Bulletin, Series 3/34).*

## **MPC BREAKFAST**

Plan to be at our next MPC Breakfast in April. Details will be advised shortly.

## **WHAT DOES MPC DO IN OUR COMMUNITY**

- Awards its Australia Day Cup to a group which displays community service beyond the call of duty. In 2009 it was the Doncaster SES
- Run "Good Sports Days" for Primary School children
- Presents MPC-Bendigo Bank Community awards to Secondary School children
- Formally recognize "good character" demonstrated by community members

**MPC meets on the third Wednesday at 12.30pm in the Manningham Council Offices and would love you to drop in.**

Please don't forget to copy and display the accompanying poster within your organization to encourage colleagues to join in, and to think about how much we can all show **Flexibility** in what we do at home, at work and in our community.