

# What, When & Why

## @ Mitcham Girls High School

No 3, Friday 26 March, Term 1 2010

### From the Principal...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

#### **Science Laboratories**

On Monday 29 March demolition of the Science laboratories will commence to make way for four brand new ones. We have spent almost two terms preparing plans and, during the summer holidays, Helen Marussinszky, Science Coordinator, ensured that students had at least two "temporary laboratories" to use while the new ones are being built. We are hoping that by early Term 3 the students may be able to access the new labs.

Work on the quadrangle had to be delayed because the builders needed to be able to access the quadrangle in the initial stages of the science project.

#### **2010 Premier's ANZAC Spirit School Prize Tour to Europe**

We congratulate Ms Sue Howlett for being chosen by the Education Department to accompany six students from around the state on this significant tour. Ms Howlett will be away for the first two weeks of Term 2 and we look forward to reading and hearing about her experiences.

#### **Parent Teacher Interviews**

These will be held on Wednesday 21 April, Week 1 Term 2. Please ensure your daughter gives you the booking sheet which will be sent home on Monday 29 March.

#### **Website:**

**[www.mitchamgirlshs.sa.edu.au](http://www.mitchamgirlshs.sa.edu.au)**

Have you fully explored our new website? It is user friendly and informative. You will find information about important events and dates and the latest news. Each newsletter will also be posted on the website. We trust that you have time to look at it regularly so you can be kept well informed. Please send me an email if you want to suggest additions and/or changes to improve the website.

Each time we post a newsletter on the website we will send you a written reminder. If the reminder is returned to the school indicating that you have read the newsletter, your daughter may win a

canteen voucher to the value to \$20.00. Please ensure your daughter brings these slips home every time we publish a newsletter.

#### **Annual General Meeting of the Governing Council**

The above meeting was held on 1 March. The following parents have been elected to the Council for the next two years:

- . Heather Bridges
- . Marcia Evans
- . Cynthia Goldsworthy
- . Sarah Quihampton
- . Thomas Wanner
- . Megan Wright
- . Toby Gray
- . Gilbert Dashorst
- . Jenni Stewart

Continuing Parents who were elected in 2009:

- . David Beales
- . Ruth Cox
- . Jeremy Davidson-Tear
- . Joseph Fombason
- . Steve Ronson
- . Liesl Von der Borch
- . Andreas Vasiliou
- . Jennie Marie Huckstepp

Executive members:

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| . Marcia Evans  | Chair            |
| . Thomas Wanner | Vice Chair       |
| . David Beales  | Treasurer        |
| . Jenni Stewart | Minute Secretary |

The School community thanks the above parents for taking on the role of governing the school.

I trust you will have a relaxing time with your family during the Term 1 holidays.

Reports will be issued just prior to the usual dismissal time - Thursday 1 April at 3.10pm.

School resumes on Monday 19 April.

Regards,  
Antoinette Jones  
Principal

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## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### Student Absences

Part of the SACE Board policy deals with deadlines. There are very specific consequences for any student who fails to submit a summative task. Students must take responsibility wherever possible to negotiate an alternative deadline where they know in advance that there will be difficulty for them in meeting the original deadline.

For students' own potential success, if students are ill, they need to see a doctor and organise a doctor's certificate for absences which may occur on the due date given for a summative task. The SACE Board must maintain consistent arrangements across the state and teachers too are required to meet these requirements.

Parents / Caregivers will receive information about tasks missed and each task missed does have an impact on the final result for a student. There is detailed information about this requirement in the student diary.

### Vacation Lessons

There will be many teachers who have organised lessons during the holidays with their Year 12 classes to enable the students to have additional time and revision which will support their success. The timetable is on Edport for the students to access. It can also be accessed via the school website. We encourage all students to make use of this opportunity wherever possible.

### Anzac Day Awards 2010

Each year there are opportunities for students to participate in competitions about Anzac Day. This year there will be a Poster competition and other categories such as use of technology, local history research, veteran and community involvement (which is student organised) and commemorative art. Entries will close on 21 May this year and you can see information on the website [http://www.dva.gov.au/commems\\_oawg/commemorations/education/AD\\_schools\\_awards/Pages/index.aspx](http://www.dva.gov.au/commems_oawg/commemorations/education/AD_schools_awards/Pages/index.aspx)

Please take the time to look at the website and find out more.

Sue Howlett, SACE Manager / Year 12 Manager

## SCIENCE NEWS

- Several Year 9 and 10 students should enjoy the opportunity to attend a 'Women In Technology' fun day at Adelaide University on 13 April.
- The Year 10 Ship class is going to celebrate Palaeontology Week with a debate on evolution at the RIAus.
- Soon all Year 8 & 9 classes will start their 'Oliphant Science Awards' assignments. They will choose either experiments, posters, photography, essays, computer applications, models or multimedia topics. The holidays may be a great time to begin. Other year levels are also welcome to submit an entry for this state competition. For more detailed information on the Oliphant Science Awards visit [http://www.sasta.asn.au/events/oliphant\\_science\\_awards](http://www.sasta.asn.au/events/oliphant_science_awards).

Helen Marussinszky, Science Coordinator

# Interschool Swimming Carnival 2010 F Grade Results

On Thursday 24 February the Interschool Swimming Team headed to the Adelaide Aquatic Centre to represent Mitcham Girls High School.

1 <sup>st</sup>	Glossop	491 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Renmark	433
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kings Baptist	423
4 <sup>th</sup>	Waikerie	415
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mitcham</b>	<b>350</b>
6 <sup>th</sup>	Norwood Morialta	333
7 <sup>th</sup>	Glenunga	299
8 <sup>th</sup>	Heathfield	230



## Individual Certificate Winners

Narelle Badenoch	Second	Open Girls 100m Freestyle	Div 2
	Second	Open Girls 50m Butterfly	Div 1
Shubi Dumra	Second	U14 Girls 50m Freestyle	Div 1
	Third	U14 Girls 50m Backstroke	Div 1
Becky Matthews	Second	U16 Girls 50m Freestyle	Div 3
Bianca Payne	Second	Open Girls 50m Backstroke	Div 1
	Third	Open Girls 100m Freestyle	Div 1
	Third	Open Girls 50m Butterfly	Div 2
Saffron Ronson	Second	U16 Girls 50m Backstroke	Div 2

## Congratulations to:

Sanja Krneta	Abby Holland	Becky Matthews
Sara Krneta	Diana Gomez-Manjarrez	Georgia Cunningham
Lisa Goldsworthy	Madison Murray	Siad Ronson
Maggie Aylett	Caitlin McCourt	Courtney Farrar
Kimberley Combes	Sookhee Lee	Brittani Ward
Katelin Ryle	Cinnamon Henry	Catarina Serem (official)

Mitcham came in at a strong 5th place, with only country schools beating them out for a top position. After being put up two divisions, this was a great effort put in by all swimmers, and each of the girls should be very pleased with their efforts. Congratulations to the 2010 Interschool Swimming Carnival Team.



## Fundraising News

### Entertainment Books

Mitcham Girls High School is pleased to be selling Entertainment Books to raise funds for the new Quadrangle. This is a very effective fundraiser for the school and your support is essential to its success.

The brand new 2010/2011 Entertainment Book features many of the area's best restaurants, cafes, hotel accommodation, attractions, and activities - all with valuable 25% to 50% off and 2 for 1 offers. Families can purchase Entertainment Books this week and receive over \$15,000 in valuable offers that they can use all year – from now until June 2011.

**The best part is that for only \$65 you are helping us fundraise, with \$13 from every Book sold contributing to our new Quadrangle.**

**Start Date: Friday 23 April 2010**

All unsold Books need to be returned to the Finance Office no later than Friday 30 April.

## Community News

Would you like to be part of a **new** Writers' Group to meet monthly at Blackwood Library? If so, come along to the first meeting on:

Thursday 18 March at 6:30pm

Blackwood Library  
215 Main Road, Blackwood

Please book your place by phoning 8278 5200 or 8271 0999, or in person at Blackwood or Mitcham libraries.

Zinta Ozolins, English Coordinator

## What's New to do at Lunchtime !

We are encouraging students who are interested in all things French to come to Room 5 at lunch time on Wednesdays, for some general language and cultural development.

Venez nombreuses!

Sue Howlett

## Navigate Mental Health and Family Relationship Service

*Presents a free workshop for parents*

### ON TRACK!

Maintaining optimal mental health during the teenage years

**Tuesday 27 April  
7:00pm - 9:00pm**

**This workshop will explore**

- **What is normal teenage development**
- **Warning signs**
- **What can parents do**
- **What can services do**
- **How to stay on track with your teenager**

**Date:** Tuesday 27 April      **Time:** 7:00pm – 9:00pm

**Venue:** Centacare, Fennessey House Ground Floor Training room, Wakefield Street, Adelaide

**RSVP:** Friday 23 April (supper provided)

**For bookings please contact Centacare on 8159 1400**

**Facilitated by:** Kay Buckley, Family Relationships Educator  
James Martin and Kim Nester, Navigate Mental Health Social Workers

This service is provided by Centacare Catholic Family Services and funded by Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA)

## THANK YOU

### Supporters of Mitcham Girls High School

- **Banana Boys**  
(Mitcham Square)
- **Mitcham Cinemas**
- **Mitcham Interchurch Council**

*Your support and generosity is appreciated*

## IMPORTANT BUS INFORMATION

### SCHOOL BUS 'S'

**Effective 22 March 2010**

School Bus 'S' will change from Monday 22 March 2010.

'S' will now run **EXPRESS** until Stop 15 South Road, opposite Castle Plaza. The bus will run **EXPRESS** on all days.

Note: Students wishing to alight prior to Stop 15 should now catch School Bus 'G'

**For more information, contact the InfoLine  
Call 8210 1000**

**Visit us at [www.adelaidemetro.com.au](http://www.adelaidemetro.com.au)**

### Diary Dates

<b>March</b>	<b>Tuesday 30</b> <b>Wednesday 31</b>	Year 8 Immunisations Year 10 Risky Business
<b>April</b>	<b>Thursday 1</b> <b>Friday 2</b> <b>Wednesday 21</b> <b>Monday 26</b> <b>Wednesday 28 – Friday 30</b> <b>Friday 30</b>	<b>End of Term 1 – Reports distributed. Dismissal 3.15pm</b> <b>Good Friday</b> Parent / Teacher Interviews ANZAC Day – Public Holiday Year 9 Camp What, When & Why No. 4
<b>May</b>	<b>Wednesday 5</b> <b>Wednesday 5 – Friday 7</b> <b>Monday 10</b> <b>Tuesday 11 – Thursday 13</b>  <b>Tuesday 18</b> <b>Thursday 20</b> <b>Friday 21</b>  <b>Friday 28</b>	Year 8 / 9 Netball grading, 1:00-3:00pm Active8 camp Open Day / Night, 9:00-11:00am & 5:30-8:30pm NAPLAN Testing Open Netball Grading 3.30pm Principal's Tour, 9:15am Principal's Tour, 9:15am <b>Student Free Day / Staff T&amp;D</b> Year 12 Music Solo Performance What, When & Why No. 5
<b>June</b>	<b>Tuesday 1</b> <b>Thursday 3</b> <b>Wednesday 2 – Friday 4</b> <b>Monday 7</b>  <b>Monday 14</b> <b>Friday 25</b> <b>Wednesday 30</b>	Year 8 & 9 Immunisations Year 12 Drama Moderation 7:00-9:00pm Year 10 SHIP camp Whole School Assembly Music Solo Performance Moderation Queen's Birthday Holiday What, When & Why No. 6 Year 12 Retreat
<b>July</b>	<b>Thursday 1</b> <b>Friday 2</b>	Year 12 Retreat Year 11 Reflection Day <b>End of Term 2 – Reports distributed. Dismissal 3.15pm</b>