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:

- 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
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

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.

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.

1st Glossop 491 points
2nd Renmark 433
3rd Kings Baptist 423
4th Waikerie 415
5th Mitcham 350
6th Norwood Morialta 333
7th Glenunga 299
8th 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 Krenta Abby Holland Becky Matthews
Sara Krenta Diana Gomez-Manjarrez Georgia Cunningham
Lisa Goldsworthy Madison Murray Stead Ronson
Maggie Aylett Caitlin McCourt Courtney Farrar
Kimberley Combes Sookhee Lee Britanni 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.

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**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

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**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

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**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, Fennescey 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*

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**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

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**Diary Dates**

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