

## What, When & Why

@ Mitcham Girls High School

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### From the Principal...

Dear Families,  
Term 4 is usually the busiest and the most exciting term for the Mitcham community. This week we farewelled the Year 12 students and were filled with immense pride as we reflected on the achievements of these students and the positive contribution they made towards the development of this school over the past five years. They came to us as young girls and are leaving us as confident, compassionate and extremely mature young women. We are in awe of what they have accomplished and look forward to celebrating their achievements on Presentation Night. We certainly expect to see the families of the Year 12 students on such an important occasion.

The Year 12 students are now preparing for their final exams and may show signs of stress. It's normal! The best advice I can give you is to support them as much as possible. Be understanding! Make sure they get enough sleep. Staying up to all hours of the night on many occasions will prove to be counter productive. It will all be over by 19<sup>th</sup> November.

This week also marks the beginning of a new cycle for us. We welcomed the Year 8 students of 2011 and their families and we are excited about the talents they will share with us over the next five years. As a profession, we are extremely lucky that year after year we are energised by a new group of students who, with their families, will keep on shaping our school.

At long last I can tell you that the Science Labs have been completed. The Department will need to inspect them to ensure that they meet all safety standards before we can start using them. New furniture and interactive white boards for each of the labs have been ordered. We hope to see many

families at the opening early next year!

We have also been given permission to begin work on the quadrangle. Work on the patio structure has begun and hopefully by the beginning of 2011 our girls will have a big space which will shelter them from the sun and the rain as well as a comfortable eating area.

I thank all parents who attended the parent/teacher interviews on 13 October. We received extremely positive feedback from parents about the on-line booking system. If you can think of ways to improve it please email me or ring me to talk about your ideas. We are keen to improve the way we do things and to enhance the working relationships we have with families.

#### Oliphant Science Awards

On Friday 17 September, I had the pleasure of attending the above ceremony. Congratulations to all students who sent in their entries and in particular to:

- Caitlin Heath who won the Sponsor Prize for her poster: Pesticides: Friend or Foe?
- Alex Draper and Angelika Wills who won 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in the photography section: Biodiversity in My Area
- Chantelle Clark and Kelsey page who were highly recommended in the same area.



**Antoinette Jones**  
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## Oliphant Science Awards

### ENGLISH NEWS

#### ICAS ENGLISH COMPETITION RESULTS

This is an International Competition which provides a great deal of information about the knowledge and skills of our participating students.

Congratulations to all the participants, who were courageous enough to enter, and to the following award winners:

#### Year 8

*Credit*

Jasmine Armfield  
Niamh Herbert

#### Year 9

*Credit*

Kelly Harrison

*Distinction*

Maxine Lawlor

Mia Neale

Morgan Warneford

#### Year 10

*Credit*

Eloise Quihampton

*Distinction*

Daila Smits

Georgina Sulley-Beales

*High Distinction*

Rose Harvey

Elenor Jones-Gray

**Zinta Ozolins**  
English Coordinator

### SCIENCE NEWS

**Congratulations** to all the participants of the Australian wide BIG science competition especially Kahlia Clarke, Claire O'Carroll & Sanja & Sara Krneta who all achieved Credits. Well done!

#### Blown Away

Later this term all Year 9 Science students will be able to enjoy the CSIRO show 'Blown Away'. It will cost \$3.50 and it should be exciting.

**Helen Marussinszky**  
Science Coordinator

#### Winner of What, When & Why No. 9 \$20 Canteen Voucher



**Cassie  
Harwood  
(8.07)**

#### What, When & Why No. 10

Please make sure you return the signed slip to Student Services to be in the running for a \$20 canteen voucher.

### GIRLS AND POLITICS

On Thursday 14 October five Year 10 girls - Roxanne Brooks, Ellie Thomas, Runa Hong, Bethan Ling and Geena Süphke attended a forum on Women in Politics at the Adelaide Education Union at Parkside. They had the opportunity to hear from a number of inspirational female speakers. Janet Giles, Secretary of SA Unions, gave a speech about change and how it can still be made and gave some helpful advice. She talked about the changes that had taken part in her life for women and the importance of the community making the effort to put pressure on politicians and gave some advice on how to affect change: Be brave, get organised, do it with other people, plan to win, don't give up and keep going and never declare defeat.

The girls then had the opportunity to be involved in a simulation game with other students where the groups had to effectively build the strongest and tallest tower. Each team had a leader that had been given a script before hand and had to be "The autocratic style leader, the consensus leader, the democratic leader and the laissez faire style leader". The team with the consensus leader won the challenge. After they had analysed the activity they broke for morning tea.

After a tasty morning tea, the girls returned to the main entrance to a panel of inspirational women, talking about women and leadership and how to overcome obstacles. We heard about the importance of resilience through the stories of the bad times that Nicky Vincent had throughout her life.

The group is now planning an activity about awareness of gender in society to spread the word and make change. It was an inspiring, educational learning opportunity for the girls and the final step in this learning experience is to gather again with the other schools to share our progress in getting the message across.

**Sharyn Clarke**  
English Teacher

## YEAR 9 ITALIAN EXCURSION

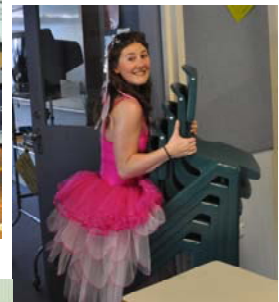
As part of the 10<sup>th</sup> International Italian Week the Year 9 Italian students participated in a Commedia dell'Arte workshop at Adelaide High School. They were led by Corinna De Niro, Adelaide's leading expert in Commedia dell'Arte. Corinna studied at the International School of Commedia dell'Arte in Reggio Emilia, Italy, under the direction of Antonio Fava, the world's leading Maestro of Commedia dell'Arte and of Comedy.

The girls learnt about the history of Commedia dell'Arte from its first performance in 1538 through to today, how it changed and developed over the centuries and how we can see links to the archetype characters of the Commedia in shows such as the Simpsons and Seinfeld. The girls then practised some of the postures and walks of the archetypes as well as the gestures associated with the characters. The different personalities of the characters were described and the masks that each character wears were displayed. Finally, Corinna performed a short improvised lazzi, mingling amongst the audience with a slapstick. Below are some photos of the girls and Corinna in action.

**Maria Moody**  
Italian Teacher







# YEAR 12 CELEBRATION DAY

## **2010 YEARBOOK – ORDER YOUR COPY NOW**

The Mitcham Girls High School Yearbook is now available for order.

The Yearbook is a high quality publication of at least 100 pages and includes a record of the school's events. Included are student items and photographs from most activities and programs undertaken throughout the year.

Ensure your student has a documented record of their involvement in care group, subject areas, extra curricular activities, excursions, events and more. Award winners will also be recognised.

It is a perfect keepsake for future reunions and reflections of their time spent at Mitcham.

Sales are by pre-order only at the Finance Office. Payment can be made by direct debit to the school account 105 084/323 070 240, by credit card over the phone or in person at the Finance Office.

The magazine will be distributed to students on the Wednesday of Week 9.

**Cost: \$15.00 (includes GST)**

Pay NOW, don't miss out!

**Renata Potoczky**

### **SPORTS NEWS**

#### **Schools Beach Volleyball Festival**

The Volleyball SA Beach Volleyball Festival is the biggest schools beach volleyball event in the southern hemisphere and this year our Year 9's will have an opportunity to take part at Glenelg beach on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. The teams are made up of 4 – 6 players with 4 on the court at any one time. We hope to get as many girls involved as possible, so if you haven't already, get a group of friends together and come to the PE office to collect an information and consent form. It's a great day down at the beach, being active with your friends!

#### **Congratulations to 2011 House Captains**

Big congratulations to the newly elected house captains who will lead their houses in 2011. They are:

##### Spence

Year 9 Vice Captain: Nikki Galley  
Year 10 Vice Captain: Courtney Billinger  
Year 11 Vice Captain: Geena Suphke  
Year 12 Captain: Julie Cheong and Sam Beales

##### Fraser

Year 9 Vice Captain: Natalia Serezka  
Year 10 Vice Captain: Kelly Harrison  
Year 11 Vice Captain: Gemma Ball  
Year 12 Captain: Alison Coombe

##### Mitchell

Year 9 Vice Captain: Sienna Shaw  
Year 10 Vice Captain: Lydia Heise  
Year 11 Vice Captain: Georgina Sulley-Beales  
Year 12 Captain: Aurora Williams

**Chad Alston**  
Sports Assistant

## **Sparkling Diamonds Netball Club**

Sparkling Diamonds Netball Club is a multi cultural community based netball club. Several girls from our school play for Sparkling Diamonds.

It has its own clubrooms which include pool tables, TV/DVD, air hockey, table tennis, soccer tables, and computers and there is a small gym with lots of fitness equipment. The club, with its partners, runs family camps, dancing/visual arts and breakfast clubs with highly qualified instructors. All players are subsidised (conditions apply).

The Club owns a Sunshine bus, thanks to the variety Club, and provides limited transport (conditions apply).

At present teams play at SAUCNA, Marlestone League and Immanuel College.

For further information contact Rosemary on 0408 293 181. It doesn't matter if you are an experienced player or if you are new to the game.

## **Diary Dates**

<b>November</b>	<b>Monday 1 – Friday 19</b> <b>Thursday 4 – Friday 5</b> <b>Thursday 11</b> <b>Monday 15</b> <b>Monday 15</b> <b>Wednesday 17</b> <b>Friday 19</b> <b>Friday 19</b> <b>Monday 22 – Friday 26</b> <b>Tuesday 23</b> <b>Monday 29 – Friday 3 Dec</b> <b>Monday 29</b> <b>Tuesday 30</b>	<b>SSABSA HG Exams</b> Year 10 Aquatics Casual Day Governing Council 7:00pm – Extraordinary meeting to approve the 2011 Materials & Services Charge Zone Sport Finals week Presentation Night 7:00pm Year 12 Formal WWW Published <b>Year 10/11 Exams</b> Year 9 Beach Volleyball Year 10 Work Experience Governing Council 7:00pm Year 7/8 Transition Day
<b>December</b>	<b>Monday 6</b> <b>Tuesday 7</b> <b>Wednesday 8</b> <b>Wednesday 8</b>	Year 8/9 Community Service Day Year 8/9 Activity Day Year 8/9 Activity Day <b>End of Term 4 – Reports distributed at 2:20pm</b> <b>Dismissal 2:25pm</b>

## **SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE**

The South Australian Dental Service provides a range of dental services for children at clinics throughout Adelaide and all major country regional centres.

Dental care is provided by dental teams comprising of Dentists, Dental Therapists and Dental Assistants.

**All preschool, primary and secondary students aged 18 years and under, are eligible for care with the School Dental Service. Fees and conditions apply.**

**From 1 July 2009 there will be some changes to School Dental Service fees.**

- All School Dental Service care is **free for preschool children** (general and emergency).
- Children who are dependents of / holders of Centrelink Concession Cards, Veterans Affairs Pension Concession Cards or School Cards are eligible to receive free dental care (general and emergency).
- For primary and secondary school children who are not dependents of / holders of the above concessions, a fee will apply for each course of general dental care provided.
- Students with a Commonwealth Government Teen Dental Voucher are welcome to use it at the School Dental Service. If presented at a School Dental clinic it will entitle them to a full course of dental treatment including preventive care and any treatment if required.
- Dental emergencies treated at a School Dental Clinic between check ups will be covered by the fee paid at your child's most recent check up.

For information about appointments and fees, contact your local School Dental Clinic on: 8271 0371.

Parents of children with specific physical or intellectual needs should contact their local School Dental Clinic to discuss their child's needs.

In case of a dental emergency contact your local clinic to arrange an appointment.

For after hours emergency advice phone 8232 2651 (children only).