Mitcham’s Year 10 Debating Team savoured the sweet taste of victory at approximately 2:16pm on Sunday 15 November at Seymour College when the Chief Adjudicator, after a brief summary of the debate, uttered the wonderful words, “we awarded the debate to Mitcham Girls”. Coach Ivey’s heart rate, which had peaked over the 200+ zone in anticipation of a favourable result, quickly returned to a normal rate and Principal Jones clutched the winning team’s cup with obvious pride.

The three debaters, in order of speaking, Bethany Woodstock, Meg Roddy and Saffron Ronson, breathed a collective sigh of relief and were justifiably proud of their efforts, not only on Sunday, but throughout the year. Along with Louise Harris, they had prepared diligently and presented confidently for each debate.

Sunday’s topic was “That we should decide who comes to Australia and the circumstances under which they come” and we, as the negative team, had to challenge this quote, which was uttered by the former Prime Minister, John Howard. Arguing along political and humanitarian lines, we presented a coherent and cohesive argument, convincing the panel of judges.

I would like to thank the team for representing the school with distinction and acknowledge Maria Ivey’s support throughout the year.

As a member of the audience I was very proud of this achievement but, of course, in my mind the result was never in doubt.

Alastair Nimmo
Debating Coordinator
Peer Leadership 2010

The Peer Leadership Support Program has been an integral part of the curriculum and culture of this school for over a decade. This year nineteen Year 10 students were selected to participate in the program. Entry into the course is highly competitive and the selection process requires students to write an initial expression of interest addressing a range of criteria. Nonetheless, over the last five years we have had significantly more applications than available places.

Leaders are selected by a panel of teachers and need to be able to demonstrate the motivation and aptitude to work responsibly alongside a designated group of Year 8 students in both formal and informal settings.

Congratulations to the following girls, who collectively make up the “Big Sister” Leadership Team of 2010:

- Meriani Silverlake
- Louise Harris
- Tayla Nichols
- Kristy Davis
- Alana Johnson
- Mikayla Aldridge
- Aurora Williams
- Sam MacFarlane
- Anne-Marie Charlton
- Ellen Kirwan
- Rikki Wilson
- Charlotte Heywood
- Brynna Mulfitt
- Ali Stampke
- Tessa Wordon
- Barkha Bhandari
- Alisha Hillier
- Emily Krec
- Brittani Collins

Now the hard work begins!

Gabi Hirsch-Brown

YEARBOOK 2009

Remember Sports Day?
Remember Swimming Carnival?
Remember your school camp?
Remember those teachers?
Want to remember them forever?

The Mitcham Girls 2009 Yearbook will be available in Term 4! And it features all the important events of 2009 plus your participation in all other facets of student life.

The yearbook is a valuable memento of school life and no doubt, you’ll be in it! It’s a great keepsake for you to be able to reflect on your time at Mitcham Girls. Want to remember what you were like in Year 8?

PAY $25 NOW BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE. LIMITED PRINT RUN AND THERE ARE NO REPRINTS!
You can pay for your copy in person at the Finance Office or pay over the phone on 8272 8233.

YEARBOOK WILL BE DELIVERED TO YOUR CARE GROUP AT THE END OF THE DAY WEDNESDAY WEEK 9.

From the Principal…

Dear Parent and Caregivers
Unfortunately, due to extreme weather conditions, the celebration assembly, scheduled for Friday 13 November, had to be cancelled. We did not believe that students, parents and visitors could have coped with the uncomfortable conditions in our poorly ventilated gymnasium. Some of the awards, originally planned for this assembly, were presented at Presentation Night. Other awards, for example the Ambassador Badges, will be presented to the students at the beginning of next year.

Science Labs and Building the Education Revolution stimulus package
You may recall that our school had applied for funding to build a new Science Centre. This was a competitive process and our school was successful in securing $1.97 million – the highest amount possible.

The Education Department has now informed us that a new building would cost a lot more than the allocated amount. After a lot of consideration and consultation with the Governing Council, we have agreed to refurbish our current science laboratories rather than lose the money. The architects are now developing the plans and work will start at the beginning of 2010. Hopefully our laboratories will be completed by the beginning of Term 3.

I am also hopeful that by the time the students return to school next year, the patio in the quadrangle will be ready for use. It is a fairly large structure designed to provide much needed shelter.
Science News

Year 8 Zoo Excursions
All Year 8 classes have enjoyed their visit to the Zoo to complete their science work on the classification of animals. They travelled on Popeye on the return journey examining the state of the River Torrens & the wildlife.

Year 9 Science
All Year 9 classes are going to see a visiting science show “Blown Away” during Week 8 - it should be a lot of fun!

Astro-Physics
The Year 9 SHIP class will visit Flinders University to celebrate ‘The Year of Astronomy’. They should enjoy the mini-lectures and practicals, using the daytime telescopes to view planets.

Helen Marussinzky
Science Coordinator

House Sport

This term, due to events such as Beach Volleyball and exams, we have only been able to run a short competition. Despite this, it has been very successful.

The Year 10/11s competed in a two week Volleyball Competition, with Mitchell dominating both weeks and Fraser and Spence not far behind.

The Year 9s have also battled it out in a two week Volleyball competition. Fraser has dominated in these rounds.

In Weeks 7 and 8 the Year 8s will compete in their own two week Volleyball competition. Maybe Spence will dominate this year level.

Caitlin Shooter
Sports Assistant

SRC

In Term 3, on Tuesday the 22 September, our school’s Youth Advisory Committee Representative, Aurora Williams, plus another SRC member, Bianca Hillier, were invited to the free Youth Advisory Forum. This forum is held twice a year and allows high school students from across the City of Mitcham to come together to raise their voices and be heard.

After signing in with our Care Group, Bianca and I walked up Belair Road to the Council Offices, opposite the Mitcham Square Shopping Centre, for a 9:00am start. Once there we waited outside with other students attending the forum, including representatives from Cabra Dominican College, Mercedes College, Pasadena High School, Scotch College and Unley High School. Our Youth Development Officer, Ben Lohmeyer, and his trainee, Abbie, came out to meet us and we all went inside the building where the group separated to sit at two large tables. This was where we all got to know each other a bit better and discuss what was planned for the day.

At 10:00am we piled into the council bus and left for Victoria Square to visit the ‘Doctors without Borders: Refugee Camp in your City’. This refugee camp was not real but had been reconstructed to show the living conditions of refugees. We were taken on a tour, stopping at a number of stations, where our guide, who had been a midwife in real refugee camps overseas, gave us information about the creation of each station. We learnt what refugees actually are, why they had become refugees, how they lived, what their rations are and the many medical conditions and diseases they are susceptible to.

After collecting a free bag and some brochures to bring back to the SRC, we were picked up by the bus and taken back to the Council Offices. Before lunch we had the opportunity to reflect on what we had learnt from our experience at the refugee camp and to discuss what our initial expectations were and how they had changed during the tour. We were asked to think about and discuss the needs and wants of Australian society compared to those of third world countries. At 1:00pm, and with that in mind we, crossed the road to Café Buongiorno for lunch.

The rest of the afternoon was spent brainstorming ideas for Youth Week next year and what we wanted to see there. At 3:00pm we were thanked for our time at the forum and then dismissed to make our own way home.

Aurora Williams 10.44 and Bianca Hillier 10.43

Gaelic Football

Are you over 14 years of age and interested in playing Gaelic Football for a club? It’s a fun sport and an excellent way to get fit. Games are played on Friday or Sunday nights at St Mary’s Oval.

If you are interested, or want to find out more, see Caitlin in the PE Office to get more details.

Caitlin Shooter
Sports Assistant
European Handball Carnival

In Week 2 of this term, 13 Year 8/9 students participated in a European Handball Carnival at Pasadena High School. The aim of this Carnival was to introduce students to the sport and have fun.

The girls played 6 rounds and never gave up, even in the hot weather. Whilst it seemed other schools had more experience than we did, our girls put in a top effort in every match, and finished in 4th position.

We enjoyed a yummy sausage sizzle for lunch, which students from Pasadena High School kindly ran for the carnival, and donuts for dessert.

Overall it was a wonderful day out and the day ran smoothly. Congratulations to all girls who participated, you should be very proud of your efforts.

Caitlin Shooter
Sports Assistant

Aboriginal Community Education Officer

My name is Lois Wilson. Recently I have been appointed as the Aboriginal Community Education Officer (ACEO), working with Indigenous students, their families, the wider community and the school.

**My role in your school includes:**

- Providing a contact point for students, parents and families.
- Working with the community to find solutions to local problems and to try and establish parent forums and networks with aboriginal services/community organisations involved in education and care.
- Assisting the school staff in the development of programs and services to support Aboriginal student retention, attendance, suspension and exclusion issues.

I will be on hand to attend parent teacher nights, and assist students and teachers with Individual Learning Plans.

I will be available to have a chat about support for students and or the family, and hope to establish community and parent engagement into school sites.

I see this as a great opportunity to get to know the students and their families and to become a part of the school community.
Italian Language Competition

Last term seven Year 10 Italian students participated in The Italian Didactic Centre of South Australia’s competition on “Italians in the world of Art, Science and Technology” as a way of celebrating the Ninth Edition of Italian Language Week Worldwide (19th-25th October 2009). All students received a certificate of Participation and Kristy Davis won third prize in the Year 10-12 category with her poster describing her experiences at the Peggy Guggenheim Exhibition in Venice earlier this year. Congratulations Kristy and all girls who participated.

Maria Moody
Italian Teacher

Sparkling Diamonds Netball Club

Are you looking for a netball club?

Sparkling Diamonds Netball Club play their games and train at Marleston Netball Courts, off Grove Avenue at Marleston. Several Mitcham Girls High School students are currently playing for the club and there is room for more players for the summer season.

For further information contact

Jenny: 0414 446 701 or 8297 2471 (Mon & Fri)
Ken: 0432 257 245
Mike: 0434 864 779
or speak to Kelie Apech

2010 School Fees Update

Thank you to those parents who took the time to vote on the Governing Council poll regarding the 2010 Materials and Services Charge. The poll resulted in an 80% positive vote in favour of the fees being set at $495.00 and legally recoverable. Materials and Services Invoices will be forwarded to all families in early January and staff will be available to assist with payments or school card applications from January 18 at 8.30am.

Margaret Neumann

BLUE LIGHT DISCO – FINAL Disco for 09

The Sturt Blue Light will be holding a Blue Light Disco on
Friday December 4th
at the Marion Cultural Centre, Domain Theatre
287 Diagonal Road, Oaklands Park from 7.30 p.m. until 10.00 p.m.
Entry fee is $5.00. This event is a lock in.

9 – 17 year olds only.
Tickets must be pre purchased from the Domain Theatre Box Office
Monday – Friday 10 am – 5 pm.
Canteen open
PRE PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS NOW- LAST EVENT SOLD OUT!

Great prizes and giveaways

For further information please contact - Sturt Police on 8207 4774
Sports Results

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Congratulations to all Mitcham teams on your efforts. Good luck in all finals matches in the coming week.

Caitlin Shooter
Sports Assistant

Diary Dates

November
- Monday 23 – Friday 27: Year 10/11 Exams
  - Tuesday 24: What, When & Why No 12 Home
  - Year 8 Assembly
  - Wednesday 25: Year 9 Assembly
  - Friday 27: Final Locker Clearance: Years 10/11

Monday 30 – Friday 4 Dec
- Monday 30: Year 10 Work Experience
  - Senior School Assembly
  - Middle School Assembly
  - Governing Council 7:00pm

December
- Tuesday 1: Year 7/8 Transition Day 2
- Wednesday 2: Final Locker Clearance: Year 8
- Thursday 3: Final Locker Clearance: Year 9
- Friday 4: Final Locker Check for Resources
- Monday 7: Year 8/9 Activity Day
  - Peer Support Training
- Tuesday 8: Year 8/9 Activity Day
  - Peer Support Training
- Wednesday 9: Year 8/9 Activity Day
  - Year 11 – 12 Orientation Day
  - Reports Distributed
School Dental Service

The School Dental Clinic will be closed from

Monday 21 December to
Friday 15 January 2010

In the event of a dental emergency phone the

Somerton Park Dental Clinic on
8294 4433
during working hours

For emergencies after hours
between 4:30pm to 9:00pm on weekdays
and 9:00am – 9:00pm
on weekends and public holidays

Phone:
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PLEASE NOTE: Any lockers not emptied by 2.25pm on December 9th will be opened and cleaned out by staff.

Accounts will be issued in Week 9 for all non-returned items

Please return this slip to your Care Group Teacher or write a note in the student diary

Student Name: _________________________________________________ Care Group: __________

I have received What, When and Why @ Mitcham No 12

Parent/Guardian signature: _______________________________________

Any comments?
____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________

Would you like to receive your What, When & Why by email?
If so please print your email address below.
____________________________________________________________________