

# What, When & Why

## @ Mitcham Girls High School

No 4, Thursday 2 April, Term 1, 2009

Mitcham Girls High School

### From the Principal...

Mitcham is a member of The Inner South Metro Trade School and our students are offered opportunities to undertake some school based traineeships offered by various member schools. Most of these courses also count towards one or more SACE units.

The "Community Pharmacy–Customer Service" course will be hosted at Mitcham Girls High Schools and will be taught by the Pharmacy Guild of Australia.

A complete description of the modules to be covered and other information is provided in this newsletter.

If your daughter is in Year 11 or 12 and is interested in signing up for the course, she must see Ms Hirsch-Brown at the beginning of Term 2.

#### End of Term Procedures

We will continue to teach until the last lesson of the term, Thursday 9 April, and dismissal will be at the normal time of 3.15 pm. Reports will be issued to students at 3.10 pm. Students who are absent on the last day of term will collect their reports at the beginning of Term 2.

#### Council of International Schools

As advised earlier, Mitcham has applied to become an accredited school. This means that we will review all facets of school operations with a view to becoming a better school. The process will take about two years and all teachers will have an active part in a series of self studies. Parents and students will be given opportunities to comment on our operations. Our findings will then be validated by an independent body called the Council of International Schools (CIS). Members of CIS will spend four days in the school, 26 - 29 May, to explain the process in detail to staff and members of the Governing Council. They will also observe "our ways of doing things".

MGHS is now a member of CIS and that is the reason why you may notice their logo on our publications.

#### Governing Council

The Annual General Meeting of the Governing Council was held on 16 March. At this meeting the principal presented the 2008 Annual Report which highlighted the major achievements and successes of the Mitcham Girls High School students.

After many years of dedicated service as members of the Governing Council, Neil Petherbridge, Vicki Fletcher and Michael Magarey were farewelled and thanked for their outstanding contribution to Mitcham Girls High School.

#### We congratulate and welcome the following newly elected members:

David Beales

Ruth Cox

Jeremy Davidson-Tear

Joseph Fombason

Silvia Frost

Debbie Johnson

Steve Ronson

Keri Taplin

Andreas Vasiliou

Liesl Von der Borch

#### Continuing members are:

Heather Bridges

Marcia Evans

Cynthia Goldsworthy

Jennie-Marie Huckstepp

Sarah Quihampton

Thomas Wanner

The Governing Council, on behalf of all parents, advises the principal on all school matters. If you want the Council to work through a school matter of importance to you, please feel free to contact any of the above members. Ring the school secretary and she will ask the relevant Council member to ring you.

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## Artist in Residence

We are pleased to announce that our application for an artist in residence was successful and we will have the services of James Dodd during Term 2. James is an artist whose work is influenced by popular media, the urban environment and social politics. His work often takes the form of stencilled imagery and as been presented in galleries and on streets across Australia. He is active as a practitioner, coordinator and as a teacher. He has spoken as a representative of street art culture at the National Gallery of Australia and in forums in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane.

While he is at MGHS James will be working with Art classes across Years 9 - 12 in the production of a mural. The mural will be painted on the exterior of the gym using stencilling techniques, which James will teach the students. The theme of the mural will be cultural identity. Working with James, students will identify and create images that represent their cultural identity. These individual representations will be combined in the mural.

More details about James Dodd and his work can be seen at <http://www.james-dodd.com/>

**Terry Grealy**

## National Radio Competition

The Australian Red Cross Blood Service is conducting a National Radio Competition for students in Australia. The competition has already begun and continues until the end of May. If you are interested, read the information in the advertisement and visit the website [www.donateblood.com.au](http://www.donateblood.com.au) for more details. If you are interested in media in your career pathway, this will be a way to learn more.

**Sue Howlett**



### youngbloods National Radio Competition

Get together with a group of your like-minded school friends and:

- CREATE an original 30 second radio ad
- EXPERIENCE the thrill of recording your ad in a professional studio
- WIN 16 Podcast Stations for your school
- HEAR your ad on local or national radio
- INSPIRE young people to give blood
- SAVE lives with your radio ad

For more information visit  
Young Bloods on [donateblood.com.au](http://donateblood.com.au)



## Shoebboxes of Love bring Love to Cambodia!

Late last year many families and individuals in the school community donated goods towards the Shoebboxes of Love project. A dedicated group of students from across the year levels collated these donations into 12 individual shoeboxes. These boxes were passed onto the Operation Christmas Child program, operated by Samaritan's Purse, and were delivered to a group of children in Cambodia in January.

Overall, 22,897 shoeboxes of love were created by South Australians last year. This means that 22,987 children, who may not ever have been given a present, received gifts this past Christmas, and know that someone else in the world cares about them. Thanks so much for your generosity in supporting this project!

**Paula Love (CPSW)**  
on behalf of the Shoebboxes of Love organizing group

## Industry Mentor Opportunity for Year 10, 11 & 12 Students

Mitcham Girls High School has been invited to participate in the 'Mentors for our Students' Pilot Program. The Coordination of the program will be organised through Quality LinCS with funding that has been received from the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR). The aim of the program is to engage young people with older Australians that have experience in **trade areas or professional careers.**

Many students have an interest in a career or job but are unsure what they need to do to get there or have many interests and are not sure how to focus on one. If you have a daughter in Year 10, 11 or 12 who would like to receive some Industry Mentor support, please ask her to see me at the school for a 'Registration of Interest' form. The mentoring will likely commence in Term 3, 2009. All mentors will have police checks and appropriate training. For further information on the 'Mentors for our Students' program please contact Nicole Theodorou at Quality LinCS on 8372 6951 or 0407 393 708 or email [quality.lincs@urrbraehs.sa.edu.au](mailto:quality.lincs@urrbraehs.sa.edu.au)

**Gabi Hirsch-Brown**  
Counsellor

# International Women's Day 2009

## Women Crossing Boundaries – Women for Change

This year the students at Mitcham Girls High School were inspired by a sentence written many years ago:

*"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." (Anne Frank 1929 - 1945)*

International Women's Day, March 8, is an important day at Mitcham Girls High School. As an all-girls school we are committed to celebrating the achievements of girls and women, past and present.

This year girls embraced our theme **Women Crossing Boundaries – Women for Change** and celebrated the courage and determination of women who make extraordinary contributions to the world by making their own commitment to change.

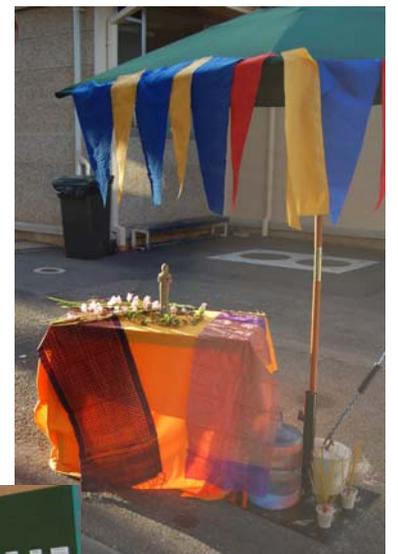
Our **Breakfast for Change** transformed the school quadrangle into a vibrant, Cambodian market place and girls indulged on an array of fruits, snacks and Jasmine tea in a traditional cup, all for \$5.00 – the amount it costs to provide a Cambodian orphan with their daily needs.

Over \$1,500 was raised for Geraldine Cox's Sunrise Children's Village in Cambodia.

We thank Banana Boys of Mitcham Shopping Centre and the Thuan Phat Supermarket, Central Markets for their generous sponsorship. Music was provided by Verity Skye.

Following breakfast, students were addressed by women from our community who work tirelessly to challenge boundaries imposed by poverty, expectations and violence.

Catherine Rogers who will be working with orphans in Cambodia, Tina Jaksch a successful Chemical Engineer in a male dominated field and Aldina Krneta who works to prevent violence against women, all inspired Mitcham girls to take up the fight against the discrimination and prejudice that women continue to face today.





Harmony Day, which is celebrated around Australia on March 23, is another important date as the community celebrates and acknowledges the many different cultures that make up Mitcham Girls High School.

This year the students were treated to a variety of delicious food at lunch time. This gastronomical experience was followed by a concert starring an African Group called WALA who exploded into a breathtaking celebration of the Ghanaian Spirit, with teachers and students dancing to the beat of hand-made African drums.

## Harmony Day 2009



### Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) 6 August 2009

The AMC is one of the largest competitions of its kind in the world! It is for students of all standards and all year levels (Year 8 to 12). Last year we had a very high number of students from our school who participated in this competition with outstanding results. We would like to further improve the number of participants this year! All students will receive a certificate acknowledging their participation and a detailed report showing how the student fared on each question which enables them to check on their performance.

The entry fee for this competition is \$4.50 which is payable to the finance Office by Thursday of Week 11. Please support and encourage your daughter/s to take part in this prestigious opportunity that occurs only once a year!

**Terry Dalkos**  
Maths Coordinator

### Science News

Congratulations to Saffron Ronson and Kim Hyun-Jeong who have been selected to attend the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual South Australian Space School during July. Only 30 students were chosen across the state to attend this four-day camp that includes flying to Melbourne to learn more about Space Science. They will 'role model' real space practices including mission briefings, flight control and simulated space exploration in dangerous environments.

This is a wonderful opportunity and I encourage our current Year 9 students to apply next year.

**Helen Marussinszky**  
Science Coordinator

### Maths Online Tutoring – All students

We would like to inform you that if your daughter needs some extra support in Maths at home, she can access Maths tutoring online. Students can access this simply by going to the website [www.mathsonline.com.au](http://www.mathsonline.com.au) This website provides an independent tutoring program that caters for all year levels and covers all topics in our Maths curriculum. The service, which normally costs \$40.00 per month to access, is now available free of charge to all students. Once the student registers on this website she will have immediate access and be provided with a username and password. Please encourage your daughter to access this excellent offer!

**Terry Dalkos**  
Maths Coordinator



1 day per week for 10 weeks, Term 3 2009  
Host school to be confirmed in the Inner South Region

**30 hours of work placement to be completed in the first week of the September school holidays. We will find the placement for you!**

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia, SA Branch is a member organisation for Pharmacists. Guild training Services has been training pharmacy staff for Industry, for over 10 years. School based students may obtain work and complete a full certificate within a school based traineeship.

**SIRPDIS001A Accept prescriptions and deliver medicine** – Fundamentals of working in a front line pharmacy role. These legal documents carry great value and pass through the hands of a capable pharmacy assistant many times within a work day. Over the counter delivery of medication involves more than “would you like a bag for that?” Let us show you why.

**SIRXCCS001A Apply point of sale handling procedures** – A well organised, knowledgeable point-of-sale expert will set you apart from those who may not hold these skills. We will teach you the tips to success. This unit may be transferred to many and varied industries.

**SIRXCLM001A Organise and maintain work areas** – Does this sound fun? Our training will make these mundane tasks blend into your daily work lifestyle without you even knowing you are doing them. Another unit that will be required any role you take on.

**SIRXCOM001A Communicate in the work place** – Ok, so we all know how to talk, but do you realise that before you speak someone has already decided whether they will believe what you say? This unit will cover all forms of communication, helping you to understand customers and perhaps even your parents better! Take this unit on with you through life.

**SIRXIND001A Work effectively within a retail environment** - Although front line pharmacy is believed to be retail, it is very different to any other type of retail store. You will enjoy learning from the experiences of our trainers as well as gain a large knowledge of the industry.

**SIRXOHS001A Apply safe work practices** – Ho Hum....Safety is knowledge that you will take with you into your future. A serious topic but if you're not having fun, you won't learn. We will make it happen!

**SIRXRSK001A Minimise theft** – Covering topics from petty theft to armed holdup. A member of the SA Police will attend to take you through some scenarios. She may even show you her badge!

Topics relevant to pharmacy that will also be covered but not assessed may include: Skin and fungal, hair, beauty and cosmetic services, gastro-intestinal, wound care, and various medications and ingredients.

Cost \$695.00 - direct to the host school upon acceptance into the course.  
Up to 3 SACE credits may be gained when competent in all modules.



## What's New to do at Lunchtime

**Create** is a lunchtime group that meets every Thursday in the sewing room at school. It's an imaginative and colourful place, where anyone can come along and create a masterpiece, or just have a go at trying something new. This term so far we have been beautifying our boring old stationery with fur, feathers, glitter and glue. For the next few weeks we'll be making amazing shrinking art, and fluffy creatures. Any students are welcome to come and check it out. Please see me for more information.

**Paula Love**  
CPSW

## After School Sports Results

Team	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
<u>Open Volleyball</u>	Unley def Mitcham 3-0	Mitcham def Unley 3-0	Mitcham def Hamilton 3-1
<u>Open Indoor Soccer</u>	Mitcham drew Urrbrae 0-0, Mitcham def Seaview 3-2	NO MATCH	Mitcham def Seaview 5-1, Mitcham def Urrbrae 2-0
<u>Open Tennis</u>	Mitcham def St Mary's 6-0	Mitcham def Unley 4-2	Mitcham def Glenunga 5-1
<u>Year 8/9 Volleyball White</u>	Glenunga Gold def Mitcham White 3-2	Mitcham White def Mitcham Navy 3-1	Glenunga def Mitcham White 3-0
<u>Year 8/9 Volleyball Navy</u>	Glenunga Navy def Mitcham Navy 3-2	Mitcham White def Mitcham Navy 3-1	Mitcham Navy def St Mary's 3-0
<u>Year 8/9 Tennis</u>	Mitcham def St Mary's 6-0	Mitcham def Unley 5-1	Mitcham def Seaview 4-2
<u>Year 8/9 Basketball</u>	St John's Maroon def Mitcham 42-18	Mitcham def St John's Gold 34-28	St Mary's White def Mitcham 45-29

The results speak for themselves girls, keep up the hard work, and hopefully we can come out on top in finals in two weeks time.

**Caitlin Shooter**  
Sports Assistant

## Congratulations to....

Bianca Payne (11.38) who recently won a Bronze medal in the 18U Medley Relay in the Swimming State Championships.

Last September Bianca also won 2 silver medals in the State Championships, for the 15 year old girls relay, in both freestyle and medley.

## Centennial Park Photographic Exhibition

February 27 was the evening that the winners of the Centennial Park Annual Photographic Exhibition were to be announced. Exhibiting in this Exhibition were all the Year 12 Photographic students from 2008.

There were prizes to be won in both Black and White and Colour images; we had images in both sections.

The atmosphere was fabulous, the walls were adorned with excellent work from both student and professional photographers, the finger food very scrumptious and the 3-piece band an excellent acoustical backdrop.

MGHS girls' work hung proudly amongst work from other schools, but alas, when the winners were announced, both prizes were won by Annesley College.

We congratulate the winners and look forward to being involved again next year.

**Anne Carpenter**  
Tech Studies Teacher



## Reminder

# Sports Day

**Friday 3 April**

Programs for the day have already been sent home.



**2009 Coastview Motor Inn  
Women's Surfing Classic &  
Surf Culture Australia  
"Girls Get Into It" Learn to surf day.**



Come and get involved with the biggest weekend of women's surfing on the South Australian surfing calendar

**SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> and SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> April 2009**

**Saturday:** Southport Beach 10am, 1pm \$40 per session

Surf Culture Australia will provide surfing classes for girls of all ages and abilities.

Come and join in the fun.

Meet at Coastview Motor Inn, Esplanade Port Noarlunga South, half an hour before start time.

Why not stay along the Fleurieu Peninsula overnight and catch the contest action on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>** of April.

Meet at 7:30am at **Preece's Southport Surf** and finally for our presentation at **Coastview Motor Inn** Port Noarlunga South 6:30pm on Sunday evening for a feed.



**For more info call Mark Orr on 0427796845 or check  
[surfcultureaustralia.com.au](http://surfcultureaustralia.com.au)**

*These people have shown their support for Women's Surfing in South Australia:  
Coastview Motor Inn, Costa Vista Café, Preece's Southport Surf, G-Boards Australia, Surf Culture  
Australia, Cutloose, Fly Boardriding Seaford, M & S Campbell Plumbing and Gas, Micrograms Surf  
Club, Cliff Ave Deli, The Complete Cycle, Elevator Music, surfsouthoz.com.au, Classic Color, Seaford  
Newsagency, Gringo's Mexican Cantina, Mid Coast Surf, Cooper's, Sandy Shack Surfshop*

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## Diary Dates

<b>April</b>	<b>Friday 3</b>	<b>Sports Day</b>
	<b>Wednesday 8</b>	Girls Surf Carnival
	<b>Thursday 9</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 1</b>
	<b>Friday 10 – Monday 13</b>	<b>Easter Weekend</b>
	<b>Monday 27</b>	<b>Term 2 Begins</b>
	<b>Wednesday 29</b>	Parent/Teacher Interviews
<b>May</b>	<b>Monday 4 – Friday 8</b>	Year 9 Camp
	<b>Monday 4</b>	Year 11 Driver Education: 11:00am – 12:45pm
	<b>Thursday 7 – Friday 8</b>	Year 10 Aquatics
	<b>Monday 11</b>	<b>Open Day/Night</b>
	<b>Tuesday 12 – Thursday 14</b>	NAPLAN Testing
	<b>Thursday 14</b>	What, When & Why No 5
	<b>Monday 18</b>	'Bedroom Dancing' – Year 10/11 Dance 11:30am
	<b>Wednesday 20 – Friday 22</b>	SHIP Camp
	<b>Wednesday 20</b>	Open Netball Grading 3:30pm
	<b>Friday 22</b>	'Daughter of the Sea' – Year 10/11 Music 10:00am
	<b>Friday 22</b>	'Freaky' Year 9 Dance/Drama 1:00pm
	<b>Wednesday 27</b>	Year 8/9 Music, Elder Conservatorium, 1:00pm
	<b>Wednesday 27</b>	Year 12 Drama Moderation Performance 7:00pm
	<b>Thursday 28</b>	Year 12 Drama Moderation Performance 7:00pm
<b>Friday 29</b>	<b>Student Free Day/Staff T&amp;D</b>	
<b>June</b>	<b>Tuesday 2</b>	Year 8 & 9 Immunisations
	<b>Thursday 4</b>	What, When & Why No 6
	<b>Monday 8</b>	<b>Queen's Birthday Holiday</b>
	<b>Wednesday 10</b>	Year 12 Music Moderation Performance
	<b>Friday 19</b>	Year 12 Dance Technique Exam 9:00am
	<b>Tuesday 23</b>	Semester 1 Dance/Music Night 7:00pm
<b>Thursday 25</b>	What, When & Why No 6	
<b>July</b>	<b>Friday 3</b>	Year 11 Reflection Day
	<b>Friday 3</b>	Reports Distributed 3:10pm

**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 4.

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Any comments?

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

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