

What, When & Why

@ Mitcham Girls High School

No. 5, Friday 28 May 2010, Term 2

Mitcham Girls High School

From the Principal...

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

If you visited our school recently you would be aware that work on the Science laboratories is well under way and we expect to be in our new labs by the end of August. In the meantime, we also hope to start work on the Quadrangle so that students will be provided with shelter and a more aesthetically pleasing environment.

We hope to be able to invite parents to view our new facilities some time during Term 4.

Open Day/Night

Despite everything else happening around us, Open Day/Night proved to be an extremely successful event once again. We had more than 800 people visit our school and many of them commented on the confidence and the friendliness of our students.

Our students are our best ambassadors and I thank you, the parents, for giving your daughters permission to be here until late at night to support us with this activity.

Students who visited primary schools were also excellent and we are always encouraged by the wonderful things they say about their school.

Indirectly, these types of opportunities that we present to our students help develop leadership skills while at the same time allowing students to reflect on the benefits of single sex education; indeed, this is a topic they always bring up whenever we visit primary schools.

Term 2 Reports and Exams for Year 10 and 11 students

Note: Students must attend school to receive their report

Students in Years 8, 9 and 12 will bring their reports home on the last day of Term 2, Friday 2 July. Given that the Year 10 and 11 students will be doing exams during the last week of term, their reports will be finalised during the holidays and sent home on Friday 23 July.

Please be aware that we never finish early at the end of a term. We teach until 3:00pm and reports are issued at 3:10pm. We expect all students to attend school so that they do not miss out on lessons.

Please also be aware that Reception will be unattended during the July holidays. Therefore, if students are away on the last day of term, reports will be issued when they return to school in Term 3.

Sometimes parents ask for their daughter's report to be issued before 3:10pm; quite often, reports are not finalised until 1:30pm and attending to such requests puts a lot of extra pressure on teachers and support staff.

Year 8 and 9 Immunisations

Year 8 and 9 immunisations have been rescheduled and will now take place on Tuesday 8 June.

Note: It is highly recommended that all students have a substantial breakfast on the morning of immunisation.

Winner of What, When & Why No. 4 \$20 canteen voucher



Jemma Vandenbos (12:30)

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

Antoinette Jones
Principal

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Year 9 Camp - Woodhouse

71 students attended the Year 9 camp at Woodhouse in Week 2. A great time was had by all.

"The best part of the Year 9 Camp was Challenge Hill, it was the greatest. I made new friends and gained new skills."

"The setting and atmosphere was awesome! Everyone had a good time and the forest like property was beautiful!"

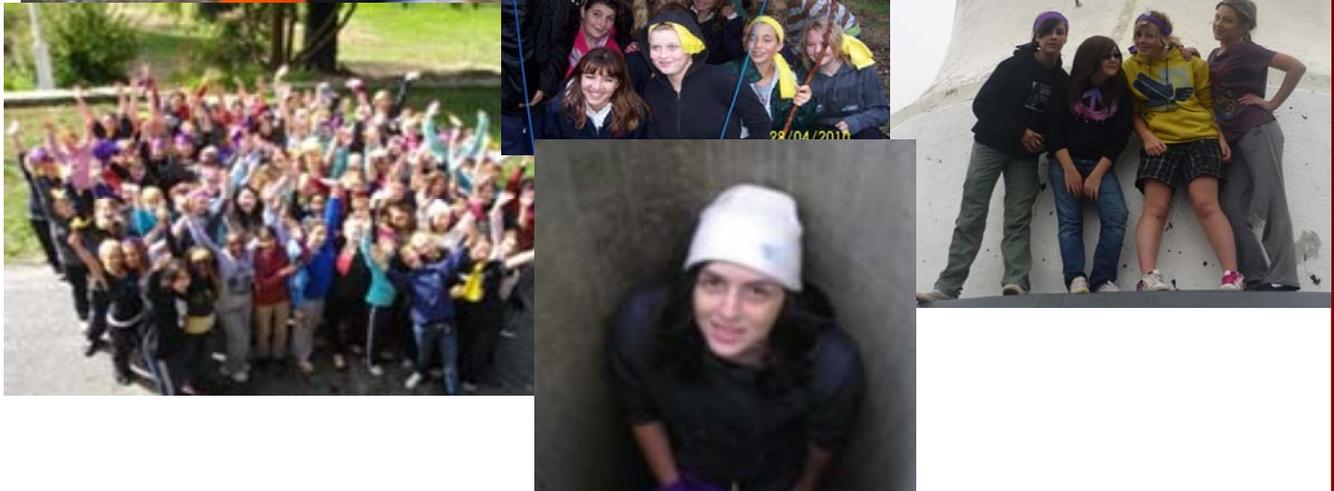
"We had a blast running around and stepping carefully on the stones in the creek (unfortunately our carefulness didn't keep our feet dry)"

"Challenge Hill was a thrill."

"The fashion show was awesome!"

"Thou shalt not drop the holy pine cone or thou shalt suffer the consequences."

Memories: The teachers setting us all up for a group photo on the grassed area as they looked down from the balcony. Then all Year 9s were drenched by flying water bombs.



Year 12 Retreat

We are looking forward to the Retreat for Stage 2 students which will take place on Wednesday 30 June to Thursday 1 July. Students have all received an information letter inviting parents to share in a dinner with us on the Wednesday evening. Responses for attendance at the dinner are needed as soon as possible as space is limited.

Sue Howlett
Year 12 Manager

Reflection Day – Year 11

On the last day of this term, Year 11 students will have the chance to Reflect on their progress and learning styles over their school life and prepare for Semester 2 and 2011. They will attend sessions on Balancing School and Home Life, “how to achieve your best results” and hints on study styles.

They will also participate in the 2nd Annual - SACE SURVIVOR – a fun team challenge.

Information and consent forms will be available soon.

Meredith Arnold
Year 11 Manager

MMAD Day

The Year 10 Care Group program has undergone significant change since the PLP became a subject on its own. At the start of the year, Care Group teachers came up with the idea of a day that incorporates local and global communities and community service. From that we came up with MMAD day (Mitcham Makes a Difference).

MMAD Day will be Wednesday of Week 8 during Lunch and Lesson 5. The afternoon will comprise of stalls which are designed to raise awareness or money for each Care Group’s chosen charities. There will be information on volunteering, charities and how to help and political awareness issues. Stalls will be set up to raise money through various fun activities, competitions or food sales.

Care Groups and their teachers are working with a variety of local and international Charities including The RSPCA, the Salvation Army, The Breast Cancer Foundation, Leukaemia Foundation, Make a Wish Foundation, Women’s and Children’s Foundation, Camp Quality and Guide Dogs for the Blind.

We are encouraging students and staff to become involved on the day by entering a competition, buying merchandise or food, asking questions of particular charities, donating goods on the day (such as pet food for the RSPCA), signing a petition for a local or international cause or involving themselves in other activities happening on the day. All money raised will go directly to the charities that each individual Care Group is working with.

We hope that you can encourage your daughter to be involved by either donating goods or through the purchase of goods on sale on the day.

Tony Sims
Assistant Principal / Year 10 Manager

Science News

Congratulations to Alana Johnson and Melissa Shanks who are the only two students from South Australia that have been chosen to attend the BioFutures 2010 Forum. This is a week-long residential camp that will be held in Brisbane from 4 to 10 July. At the QUT, UQ and Griffith Universities they will get a first-hand look at biotechnology, bioengineering and biomedicine & they will attend a mock UN summit debating scientific issues.

The judges commended them for showing a passion for science and an eagerness to explore cutting-edge biotechnology.

Well done!

Helen Marussinszky
Science Coordinator

University and TAFE Courses – Mid Year Entry

There are many courses available for students from the start of Semester 2. Generally, they will be most relevant for students who completed their SACE in 2009.

Some students who may have deferred their course decide to return to study earlier than planned and if this is the case the students can contact the university directly about beginning.

There are other courses with a mid year entry where applications go through SATAC. They will be open for TAFE courses from 19 April and for university courses from 3 May. Students who plan to apply for these courses will apply through SATAC. There is a charge for doing so and you can apply on-line.

There are also some TAFE courses which accept applications throughout the year, so students interested in these options need to get more information from the specific campus offering the course.

It will be useful to talk to teachers and counsellors about the options that will be best for you and your future pathway.

Useful websites:

www.tafesa.edu.au

www.adelaide.edu.au

www.unisa.edu.au

www.satac.edu.au

www.flinders.edu.au

www.cdu.edu.au

Sue Howlett
SACE Manager

Premier's Anzac Spirit Award

This year, in April, I was very fortunate to be a member of a group of South Australians who travelled to England, Belgium and France. It comprised the Lieutenant Governor of SA, Mr Hieu van Le and his wife Lan, Malcolm McInerney from DECS, John Spencer from the RSL, Bev Smart from Premier and Cabinet, my colleague John Griffen and six students from metropolitan/country schools in South Australia.

This award is based around history and particularly the history connected with World War One on the Western Front. This was the fourth trip conducted with major commemorations at Menin Gate (in Ypres), the Village of Dernancourt and the Dawn Service at Villers-Bretonneux. Entry to this award is open to students in Years 9 and 10 only for travel in the succeeding year.

For me it was a very powerful and emotional experience. To see the beauty of the landscape today makes it difficult to imagine the desolation at the time, but seeing empty bomb shells at the side of a road, turned up by a plough brings home how widespread the effects were. Human bones are still found every month in France and Belgium and bunkers form part of the landscape and are just there, so farmers plough around them and animals use them as shelters. As a teacher of French and History the trip has added greatly to my knowledge and understanding of this area and this period of history. I organised a visit to a school in the town of Péronne and both students and teachers have made some contacts with people whose families were there during this momentous time in French history too.

Australians are still remembered with enormous affection in this part of the world because of their support in terms of fighting AND the help they provided in between times with farming and harvesting. In fact, there is an 'Adelaide Pavillon' in the village of Dernancourt because the people of Adelaide provided funds to help rebuild the village after the war but, nonetheless, it is incredibly sobering to walk through many cemeteries and see the devastation, youth and numbers of casualties of a generation of young people, from so many different places including China, Morocco and North Africa, in addition to those countries we would expect to see.

I urge all students to find out more from the website and to 'have a go'!

<http://www.decs.sa.gov.au/students/pages/learning/anzacprize>

Sue Howlett
Year 12 Manager



**Deputy Mayor of Dernancourt,
John Griffen and myself**



**Lunch Provided by Sacré
Coeur Hospitality students
at Péronne**



**Students and Teachers on the steps
of one of the many memorials**



**Touring Group at Dernancourt
Commemoration**



'Adelaide Pavillon' at Dernancourt



Cyber Bullying Forum

You are invited to attend the

Southern Adelaide Region Cyber Bullying Parent Forum

This parent forum is part of ongoing efforts to address emerging issues around cyber bullying and e-crime for children and young people.

This forum will help parents to understand the capabilities of technology and how they can help to keep their child safe.

**Venue: Flagstaff Hill Golf Club
Memford Way, Flagstaff Hill**

**Date: Monday, 31st May
7pm to 8.40pm**

**For further Information contact:
Jenny Drake on 8416 7362**

**To reserve your place please contact:
Stephan on 8416 7475**

**Because cyber bullies never leave a
child's space.**

THIS IS A FREE EVENT

Diary Dates		
May	Friday 28	What, When & Why No. 5
June	Wednesday 2 & Thursday 3	Year 12 Drama Moderation, 7:00-9:00pm
	Wednesday 2 – Friday 4	Year 10 SHIP camp
	Monday 7	Whole School Assembly
	Tuesday 8	Year 8 & 9 Immunisations
	Wednesday 9	Music Solo Performance Moderation
	Monday 14	Queen's Birthday Holiday
	Friday 25	What, When & Why No. 6
	Wednesday 30	Year 12 Retreat
July	Thursday 1	Year 12 Retreat
	Friday 2	Year 11 Reflection Day
	Friday 2	End of Term 2 – Reports distributed. Dismissal 3:15pm

HEAD LICE ALERT

There has been a recent outbreak of head lice at the school. Please be vigilant and we recommend that you do regular checks of all members of your family. For more information we have attached a Public Health Fact Sheet <http://www.dh.sa.gov.au/pehs/PDF-files/ph-factsheet-headlice.pdf>.



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Thursdays 8:00am – 1:30pm

KENT TOWN (109 Rundle Street) – 8363 5255
Monday – Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm