

What, When & Why

@ Mitcham Girls High School

No 7, Friday 6 August 2010, Term 3

Mitcham Girls High School

From the Principal...

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Staffing

This term we welcome the following members of staff to our school:

- Mr Denis Peel (Physics) replacing Ms Anna Small who is on accouchement leave
- Ms Alexandra Pindral
- (Technology Studies) – new position
- Ms Kaye Naughton (Art, English) - new position
- Chad Alston (Sports Assistant), replacing Ms Maud Bennett-Hol who won a scholarship to work in a country town
- Ms Rebecca Osborn (Health) - new position

Unfortunately Ms Alexandra Pindral damaged her knee while playing netball and will be away for four weeks.

You will also be happy to know that Mr Alex Bambrough, who has been a contract teacher with us for a few years, has won a permanent position as Mathematics Teacher at MGHS in 2011.

Ms Anna Cullen, from Unley High School, has won a permanent position as teacher of Biology/Science at MGHS commencing in 2011.

Latest News on the Admin Building

Work started in earnest last week and we are hopeful that it will all be finished by 20 August. The carpet will be replaced, the walls will be painted and the air-conditioning system will be modified. Once again I thank all staff and students for their patience. The Year 11 students need a special mention. They have shown maturity, understanding and adaptability as they moved from one study room to another.

I have also been impressed with the way our students have coped with the challenges presented to us by the refurbishment of the Science Laboratories. They have followed safety rules at all times and have remained extremely focused on their studies.

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As you know, in keeping with our responsibility towards building a sustainable environment, this newsletter is published on our website. However, each time a newsletter is published, students are given a personal reminder to bring home encouraging everyone to read the information. If students return the reminder and place it in the box at Student Services they have the chance to win a canteen voucher to the value of \$20.00.

Winner of What, When & Why No. 6 \$20 Canteen Voucher



Rebecca
Drescher (10.23)

What, When & Why No. 7

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

It's tax time!

Did you know that you are eligible to claim some education costs as tax deductions? Eligible expenses include:

- Laptops
- Home computers
- USB flash drives
- Home internet connections
- Computer software
- Computer repairs
- School text books and revision guides

For the 2009/2010 financial year you can now claim up to:

- \$780 for each primary school student (A refund of up to \$390)
- \$1,558 for each secondary school student (a refund of up to \$779).

Disclaimer: the above is general information only. Individuals should seek their own advice from the ATO or tax specialist.

Antoinette Jones
Principal

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COURSE COUNSELLING

During Term 3 all students in Years 8 to 11 participate in a series of structured sessions about subject choices and post-school pathways.

Each student has now received a Curriculum Handbook and subject selection form to enable them to select a course of study for 2011 in consultation with subject teachers, Care Group teachers, parents and caregivers.

Students currently in Years 8 and 9 need to return their completed subject selection form to their Care Group teacher to ensure it meets the pattern of study required by the school.

Students currently in Year 10 or 11 are required to attend a 15 minute Course Counselling appointment accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Appointments will occur during the following times in Term 3:

- **Wed 18 August: 2:30pm – 8:30pm**
- **Thurs 19 August: 9:00am – 3:00pm**

A booking form was sent home with students on Monday 2 August.

Please note that students currently in Year 10 or 11 are **not expected** to attend school on Thursday 19 August, other than for their selected appointment.

Normal timetabled lessons will occur for all students currently in Years 8, 9 and 12 on Thursday 19 August.

Year 12 students who are considering returning to school in 2011 are encouraged to see me as soon as possible.

Penny Tranter
Deputy Principal

ENGLISH NEWS

Meet the Writers' Festival 2010

On Tuesday 22nd June, twenty three Year 8, 9 and 10 students left Mitcham Girls and travelled by local train to the Adelaide Convention Centre for the 2010 Meet the Writer's Festival supported by the SAETA (South Australian English Teachers Association). This was a chance for us to meet famous Australian writers and illustrators.

The week before we had a meeting and chose the two people we would have a special session with.

When we arrived, James Maloney ('Black Taxi', 'Book of Lies') gave a talk about his books and how he became a writer. You would not believe how many students were there!! There were lots of high schools and a few primary schools so it was held over two sessions.

After the talk we went to our first session. Mine was with Asian/Cambodian/Australian author Alice Pung. It was really interesting and we heard some really great stories about her cultural background and family. An old Chinese Cambodian saying the author mentioned was that: "A girl is like cotton wool - once she's dirtied, she can never be clean again. A boy is like a gem - the more you polish it, the brighter it shines." The title of her book 'Unpolished Gem' comes from this saying.

After a 20 minute break, we went to our second session. Mine was with illustrator Marc McBride (Deltora Quest series). He was really nice and we helped him draw a dragon. Everyone learned a lot about art. Some of us even gave him ideas for the background.

Alice Pung gave a group presentation to finish the day. Then we all left with our parents to go home.

Courtney Farrar
(8.08)



Courtney Farrar & Michael Bauer

SCIENCE NEWS

Congratulations

Congratulations to Aurora Williams. She has been selected for the Australia wide National Youth Science Forum in January 2011. Over 2,500 students apply but only 420 are selected Australia wide. We are very proud of Aurora's achievement.



Engineering Challenge

The Year 10's enjoyed participating against other schools. Using team work and problem solving skills they competed in:

- ElectraCITY (design the power network and light up as much of the city as possible)
- Flight of the Navigator (design and build a glider which had to fly the furthest distance)
- Mission to Mars (built a buggy that had to travel over rough terrain) - they crossed in a record time of 4 seconds
- The war machine (built a catapult)
- Escape from lost world (use balloons and propellers to navigate obstacle courses)
- Gold Fever (Bridge building), they came 4th



Although the girls didn't win they received comments on their enthusiasm, fair play and great team skills.

Chemical Murder Mystery

Thirty Year 10 students enjoyed solving this mystery & finding out about Forensic Science at Flinders University.



Science Alive – commencing 6 August

All Year 10s will be attending Science Alive, the Science & Careers Expo at the Wayville Show grounds on Friday 6th August.

National Science Week – 14 to 22 August

Events during Science Week include, Magic & Illusion Show, Astronomy Star night, Meet a Naked Scientist, Lightning's Angels, Lasers 50 years young with a brilliant future, Would you like some gene technology with that?, Moon in the Mall and Oliphant Open Day.

For details visit: <http://www.scienceweek.gov.au>.

Technology Career Evening

The Technology Industry Association is conducting a career exploration evening for school students (all year levels), their parents, teachers and industry. Details below:

- Date: Wednesday, 18 August 2010.
Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm.
Location: Ridley Centre, Wayville Showgrounds
Cost: Free - bookings are essential.

To attend this event you may book online by clicking [here](#).

To download the flyer, please click [here](#).

Science Schools Foundation – Science Experience

<http://www.scienceexperience.com.au/about>

Each program is designed to provide students who have an interest in science with an opportunity to engage in a wide range of fascinating science activities under the guidance of scientists who love their work. The program takes place in over thirty-five universities and tertiary institutions, within many different laboratories and lecture theatres. Participants perform experiments in the laboratories, meet and hear senior lecturers in the lecture theatres, attend site visits and walk around and experience what it is like to be on the campus of a university or tertiary institution. So far more than 47,000 students have taken this rare opportunity.

The program also provides information about further studies in science, technology and engineering. It highlights the wide range of careers that allow students to pursue their interest and abilities in the sciences.

One aspect of the programs often commented on by participants is the opportunity to meet and share ideas with students from different schools. Each program includes a BBQ or other social activity.

Tertiary Institution	When	Apply Before
University of Adelaide, Adelaide	18-20 January 2011	29 October 2010
Flinders University, Adelaide	6-8 December 2010	5 November 2010
University of South Australia, Adelaide	11-13 January 2011	29 October 2010

Year 9 or 10 Students: Rotary Murray-Darling Health of the River Youth Forum

When? 4 to 7 November 2010

Where?

The annual Rotary Murray-Darling Health of the River Youth Forum is being held in November. The forum brings together Year 9 and 10 students from Rotary District 9520 which stretches from Robinvale to Victor Harbour, with the intention of learning about the health of our rivers and the ways that river health impacts our lives. The four day event is held at the picturesque Lake Cullulleraine, 50km west of Mildura, Victoria.

What?

The forum offers an exciting opportunity for interested students and future leaders to become involved in a long-weekend of activities that are designed to raise their awareness of the needs of, and ways of maintaining, an ecologically sound river system. The forum examines the importance of the river environment to our communities as well as focusing on the role that young people can play in educating the community and changing attitudes to water.

Students can expect to participate in a range of water based activities that illustrate both the costs and benefits of water resource management. From the environmental side, the students sample fish, bugs, aquatic plants and water quality and, in the process, learn about their biology and the impacts of our use of the resource. The students also visit Lindemans Winery, Lock 11, learn about indigenous cultural heritage on the Murray floodplain and participate in a role play game where the demands of the environment have to be traded off against economic and social issues. The camp isn't all work however, as there are opportunities for physical activities including canoeing, swimming and yachting on the lake.

More information about nomination and application for the forum are available at:

<http://www.mdfrc.org.au/students/river/200610182521.htm>

Cost? Nil. **Nominations must be received by Mitcham Rotary Club addressed to:**
The Secretary Mitcham Rotary Club, P.O. Box 7 Torrens Park 5062 BEFORE 6 September.

Interested? Nomination forms - see Mrs M

Helen Marussinszky
Science Coordinator

YEAR 11 REFLECTION DAY

Can you eat an orange with chopsticks?

Our Year 11 students learnt the answer to this and many other food related questions on REFLECTION DAY, Wednesday 2 July.

Foods and eating utensils were used as metaphors for choosing the appropriate study tool for the task at hand.

Students reflected on their own patterns of study in Years 8, 9, 10 and in the first semester of Year 11, and were given many strategies to change and improve their performance at school.

The importance of **Balance and Planning Ahead** was discussed in relation to the increasing impact on students' time, of activities such as learning to drive, part time work, caring for siblings and social networking.

Other topics addressed were, 'How to achieve your best marks' and 'Support available at MGHS when things go wrong'.

Students concluded the day with the second annual SACE SURVIVOR competition; a series of fun, team building challenges.

This year's winning Care Group was 11.31.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Meredith Arnold
Year 11 Manager

BIENVENUE

Welcome to Charlotte

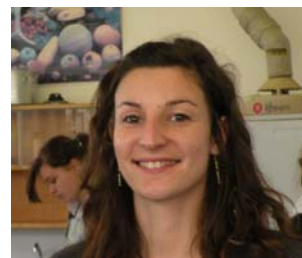
G'day mates, Bonjour

My name is Charlotte Malek and I am the new French language 'assistante', here at Mitcham. I come from Montpellier in the south of France and I have now been living in Adelaide for six months.

I am a student with an Arts degree in English and French. I am participating in this Australian adventure so that I am immersed in an English speaking environment while preparing for my future professional studies and career as a French teacher for speakers of French as a foreign language.

I have had a great time so far and I think that Australia is "*une vraie merveille*".

I have had the pleasure of spending the first two terms at Burnside Primary School working with young children and my two wonderful colleagues, Marianne and Lydia and I am delighted to be spending the next two with Sue, Karlyne and the girls.



LANGUAGES

Cooking Class: Stage 1 Italian

The Italian students carried out an investigation into Italian regional cuisine, each student researching the products, dishes and specialties of a different region. As a final activity they prepared a shared lunch, with recipes from the north, centre and south of Italy. Here they are enjoying their Venetian risotto.



YEAR 12 RETREAT

It seems so long ago already, but four short weeks ago, most of the Year 12 students were expectantly arriving at the Mantra hotel in the city for the start of this year's retreat.

This event is a highlight of Year 12 because students are in a totally different and 'grown up' environment. They have a chance to re-focus and feel a sense of renewal after completing the first half of their Year 12 studies. We also aim to support their own feelings of self worth, which are essential in terms of their well-being in a very challenging year. Teachers and students also have a chance to see each other in a different location and this too is beneficial for all of us.

Students this year were wonderful to work with. They participated with energy in the fitness sessions at Fernwood and were wonderful hosts with their parents and family members at the family meal at Café Amore. This was a highlight of our stay, seeing 250 people sharing and interacting in a warm and friendly environment and learning more about each other.

"I am writing to thank you and your staff for a wonderful night at the dinner for the Year 12 Retreat.

It was delightful to see how the girls had grown into young women and equally as nice to touch base with their parents who we have known for the last 5 years, but rarely socialise with. The fact that you present this Retreat to your students shows nothing but care and consideration for their wellbeing."

Maria Gaiter
Year 12 parent

The girls engaged brilliantly with the Tai Chi, Belly Dancing and Massage sessions which were organised for them and Mr Dalkos clearly took the relaxation aspects of Tai Chi to heart. Improved energy levels were obvious at the end of the retreat, for teachers and students alike.

An event such as this requires an enormous amount of planning, so thanks to all the teachers involved, to Sophie, Amya and Kahlia for filling breakfast hampers, to Claire Cutting our Christian Pastoral Support Worker, to Paula, to our Principal, Antoinette Jones, and staff for their support and most of all to Student Counsellor, Susi Beinke, for her organisation, energy and vision for helping this event to happen and to be so successful.

Sue Howlett
Year 12 Manager



SPORTS NEWS

After school zone sports offered in Terms 3/4

The following sports will be offered to students during terms 3 and 4:

Year 8/9 and 10/11 Volleyball	Tuesdays 3:30 – 4:30pm
Year 8/9 and Open Basketball	Wednesdays 3:30 – 4:30pm
Year 8/9 and Open Tennis	Wednesdays 3:30 – 4:30pm
Year 8/9 Indoor Soccer	Thursdays 3:30 – 4:30pm
Year 8/9 and 10 Badminton	Thursdays 3:30 – 4:30pm

If you are interested in getting a team together please listen to the student notes and come to the meetings at recess time in the gym.

Ten Pin Bowling Challenge

A team from Mitcham Girls High School has recently taken out the Southern Zone Sport Ten Pin Bowling Challenge held on Thursday of week 11 in Term 2.

The team of five comprising Siobhan Copeland-Wilke, Georgia Bungey, Nicola Davidson-Tear, Megan Cox and Dani Kacirek won the event with some excellent bowling and great consistency.

Well done girls!

Zone Sport Finals

It is coming to the end of the Term 2/3 zone sport competition and many Mitcham teams are gearing up for the finals.

Mitcham has two teams in the top half of the Open Netball premiership tables with Mitcham 2 having only lost one game so far this season. In the 8/9 competition Mitcham 1 and 3 look like playing off for 3rd place with Mitcham 2 further down the table.

The Mitcham Girls Soccer teams have also been performing well this season with both the Year 8/9 and Open teams on top of the ladder and looking good for the finals.

The Badminton team will also feature in the finals, sitting 4th on the ladder in the ten team competition.

Good luck to all teams in their up coming finals matches!

Chad Alston
Sports Assistant

Bus Information – Adelaide Hills

Student Monthly Pass Fares

Strathalbyn – Mt Barker \$50.60

Wistow – Mt Barker \$25.30

Macclesfield – Echunga \$31.50

Meadows – Echunga \$30.40

Echunga – Echunga \$23.10

Student Metro Multi-trip Tickets (10 Trips) - \$10.00

Route Descriptions: www.mitcamgirlshs.sa.edu.au/students-and-parents/school-buses/

School Bus 886S: From Mt Barker Park 'n' Ride Stop 65 via Gawler Street, Hutchinson Street, Druids Avenue, Adelaide Road, Mount Barker Road, Hahndorf, Verdun Junction, Bridgewater, Aldgate, Stirling, SE Freeway, Crafers Ramp, SE Freeway, Mount Barker Road, Cross Road, Goodwood Road, Greenhill Road to Annesley College.

School Bus 886Z: From Annesley College via Greenhill Road, Goodwood Road, Cross Road, Mount Barker Road, SE Freeway, Crafers Park 'n' Ride, Main Street Crafers, SE Freeway, to Hahndorf/Verdun exit, Mount Barker Road, Hahndorf, Mount Barker, Adelaide Road, Druids Avenue, Hutchinson Street, Gawler Street to Mt Barker Park 'n' Ride Stop 65.

892: From Urrbrae Agricultural High School, via Cross Road, Belair Road to Belair Triangle, Russell Street, Sheoak Road, Upper Sturt Road, Waverley Ridge Road, Summit Road, Main Street Crafers, SE Freeway, Stirling exit, Mt Barker Road to Aldgate Depot stop 44.

If you have any other queries please call the Transitplus Info Line on 8339 7544 any time between 8:30 am – 5:00 pm Monday to Friday.

Diary Dates

August	Monday 9	Year 10 Cyber Bullying 12:00pm
	Monday 9	Zone Sport Finals
	Monday 16	Year 10 Cyber Bullying 12:00pm
	Monday 16 – Friday 20	Science Week
	Wednesday 18	Years 10 / 11 Course Counselling Evening 2:30-8:30pm
	Thursday 19	Years 10 / 11 Course Counselling Day 9:00am-3:00pm
	Friday 20	Year 12 Exam results home
	Tuesday 24	Year 12 Drama Individual Study Moderation 4:00pm
	Friday 27	WWW Home
	Monday 30	Zone Sport starts
September	Wednesday 1	Year 12 Solo Performance
	Thursday 2 – Monday 6	Ski Trip departs Thursday pm and returns Monday am
	Friday 3	School Closure Day (Show Day)
	Monday 6	Student Free Day
	Monday 6	Governing Council 7:00pm
	Tuesday 7 – Wednesday 8	Year 10 Aquatics
	Wednesday 8	Music Solo Performance Moderation
	Tuesday 14	Year 12 Dance Moderation 6:30-8:30pm
	Wednesday 15	Year 12 Dance Moderation 7:00-9:00pm
	Friday 17	WWW Home
	Friday 24	End of Term 3 – Reports distributed at 3:05pm Dismissal 3:15pm

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).