

# What, When & Why

## @ Mitcham Girls High School

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Mitcham  
Girls High School

### From the Principal...

#### Term 2 Reports

Reports will be issued on Friday 3 July to Year 8, 9 and 12 students. In order to include the results of the Year 10 and 11 exams, which take place in the last week of Term 2, the Year 10 and 11 reports will be issued on 24 July, the end of the first week of Term 3.

#### Extra lessons for Year 12

During the Term 2 holidays, teachers at Mitcham will be running lessons in many subjects. Please support and encourage your daughter to attend the extra coaching. During the holidays students feel a lot more relaxed and are able to engage fully with their learning. I would like to thank all teachers who give up their time to support students in every way possible. It is due to their commitment, their tenacity, their care and their enthusiasm that more than 90% of our students usually achieve their South Australian Certificate of Education.

#### SRC Induction

##### Leaders in Mathematics Induction

The newly elected members of the Student Representative Council (SRC) will be inducted on Monday 27 July, at 12 o'clock, at a whole school assembly.

At this assembly we will also present the Leaders in Mathematics with their badges. This is another school initiative which increases leadership opportunities for girls. Every day, the Leaders in Mathematics give up some of the lunch time to tutor their peers in Mathematics. It has proven to be a most successful program and we are now looking at extending it to other subjects.

Parents/caregivers are invited to attend such an important event.

#### Sister School – can you help?

Yonghwa Girls High School, a fairly prestigious school in Korea, wants to form a sister school relationship with

us. This means that their students would visit us each year around September and hopefully, once in a while, our students could pay them a visit. They are thinking of visiting us from 9 - 23 September. This means, however, that we need to find about 20 home stay families for the two weeks. A total of \$420 will be paid to each family to help with expenses incurred. Connecting with students from other countries is a demanding but very rewarding experience - life long friendships are formed and having an appreciation of different cultures does lead to a better, more peaceful world. If you can help, please ring our receptionist, Melanie Cellier, on 8272 8233.

#### The Online Experience

We are hoping to have a brand new website by the end of Term 3. Once the new site is up you will be able to access a lot more information about the school: school calendar, upcoming special events, relevant forms, curriculum information, links to other relevant websites etc.

All of our newsletters will also be published on the web and we are hoping that, in an endeavour to cut down on limited resources and contribute towards a sustainable environment, many families will choose to read it on-line.

We are happy to send you an email reminding you that the newsletter has been posted on the web, however, we do need to have your email address if you are one of those families who does not already receive it electronically.

Please complete the section at the end of the newsletter so that we can start developing a comprehensive data base. Alternatively send an email to the school's secretary at: [dianne.biss@mitchamgirlshs.sa.edu.au](mailto:dianne.biss@mitchamgirlshs.sa.edu.au) and register your interest to receive the newsletter electronically.

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## Year 10 French

The class has been studying the history of French influence in Morocco and to complete the unit, students brought Moroccan inspired food from home to share. Thanks to support from Home Economics, we were able to prepare and eat delicious treats, including salads, dips, noodles, vegetarian tagines, couscous, fresh fruit and nougat. Students showed great skills in presentation and thoroughly enjoyed the lunch although the mint tea, was not a total success.



Sue Howlett

## Football Rules!



The Year 8 French and Italian classes for Mme Howlett and Mlle Perre played a great game of football on behalf of the countries of their two languages. The students made fantastic posters, played in great spirit and the final score was an honourable 1 – 1 draw. So, Allez les bleus! and Forza Italia!

Sue Howlett &  
Daniela Perre



## Bonus Points for Languages at more Universities

For many years, Adelaide University has offered two bonus points to Stage 2 students who are successful in a language other than English. These points are counted for all courses at Adelaide University.

Flinders University and the University of SA are now also giving two bonus points for a range of humanities courses. These points are added to final scaled scores for Stage 2 students and the TER is then re-calculated for the eligible courses. It will make a difference for some students in terms of options.

There are also bonus points for maths and science courses. The best way to be sure is to check on the individual university website to find out what courses do attract the bonus points.

Sue Howlett



**DON'T GO AND SEE HARRY POTTER ON YOUR OWN!!!**

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See the movie with us and help raise money for the school's Quadrangle Redevelopment Project

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**When:** Thursday 23 July 2009 (Movie starts at 6:30pm)

**Where:** Wallis Cinema Mitcham

**What:** Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince

**Tickets:** On sale from Finance Office Now!!!  
Bring your money to school or ring 8272 8233 and pay over the phone.

**Cost:** \$13.00 per person (Adults and Students)

Once again we will have a *Mystery Door Prize*

**Hope you can make this event as it is Term 3's major fundraiser.**

## School Aerobics Competition

This year the school entered 3 teams into the Schools Aerobic Competition, 'Schoolaerobics', Preliminary Finals, held at the Norwood Concert Hall on Sunday 14 June. The girls have been devising and rehearsing their routines from the start of the school year with the results that all three groups won places in the finals held on Sunday 28 June at the Norwood Concert Hall. The choreography has been primarily designed by the students themselves with valuable input from their teachers, Vashti Liebeknecht and Natalia Thornton.



The Secondary Open Team, an aerobic group, Dynamite, performed to "I Need a Miracle", and were placed 5<sup>th</sup>, an excellent result for a team where illness had prevented them from rehearsing with a full team. The Senior Funk team, D-ten Crew, were placed 9<sup>th</sup> in a huge field of contestants. The Bollywood Bombshells represented the school in the Theatrical Senior Dance Section performing to 'Jai Ho'. As their name indicates they danced a Bollywood routine, dressed in brilliant blue and gold costumes. They received rapturous applause and were delighted to be placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in their section. All teams performed above their expectations leaving their teachers and families extremely proud of how far they have come in such a short time.



## CPSW Final Farewells and Welcome Claire

It is with much excitement that I proudly introduce Claire Cutting to the MGHS community, who will be taking over the position of CPSW (formerly Chaplain) from the beginning of next term (Term 3). Claire has a keen interest in supporting and caring for young women, and brings with her a range of expertise. She loves music, chatting and spending time with her two dogs, George and Lira. It is easy to tell that Claire will bring lots of fun and friendship to the role of CPSW.

Finally, I bid you all a last farewell as the outgoing CPSW. Once again I thank you for accepting me into this amazing community, which has so greatly impacted the last 7 years of my life. I will miss being at school everyday!

May this community continue to be full of fun, support, love, hope and the excitement of taking on 'life' together!

**Paula Love (CPSW, formerly Chaplain) over and out!**

## Technology Studies

Throughout this semester the Year 8, 9 and 10 Technology Studies classes have been designing and producing a number of projects using solid and manufactured timbers. The Year 8 students have made some very creative Automata projects, and have constructed a diverse range of Jewellery Boxes and note holders.

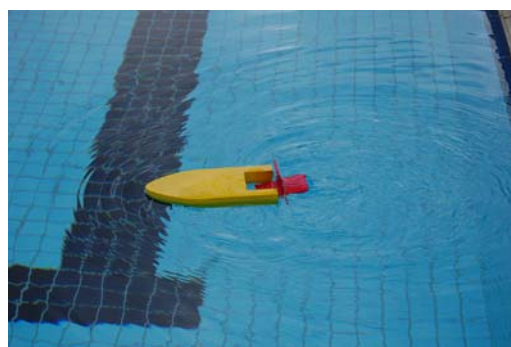


Year 9 students have made some handy picture frames. They have also designed, built and competed in a series of races with their CO<sub>2</sub> Dragsters and are currently completing their occasional table projects.



The Year 10 class has researched a range of existing designs and ideas to plan and construct their own personalised DVD/CD rack and are currently completing some very well designed and produced storage cabinets.

**Matt Peters**  
Tech Studies Teacher



## The Performing Arts

The Performing Arts have had a very busy Semester 1. On 27 and 28 May, the Year 12 Drama class performed their moderated performance of "Daisy Pulls It Off", by Denise Deegans, and directed by Alison Rosenthal. The plot revolved around Daisy Meredith, (Maud Bennett-Hol), who had won a scholarship to Grangewood School, an English boarding school of the 1920s, where she encountered not only friendship but girls with snobbish attitudes. The girls, Sybil (Mel Edge) and Monica (Shaandell McIvor), looked down on Daisy because she was poor and had come from an elementary school. Daisy excelled in all subjects as well as singing and playing the piano beautifully and playing hockey, a game she learnt from a book, so well that she, almost single handed, won the championship game for the school. With her friend Trixie, (Kira Fabbro), she found the elusive Beaumont treasure and was reunited with her long lost father, Sir David Beaumont, (Ilesha Chau) and her cousin Clare, (Georgia Stanley) head girl of Grangewood.

Prefect Alice, (Alicia Casson) illustrated the hierarchy amongst the girls of Grangewood. The headmistress, Miss Gibson, (Rebecca Ramm), teachers Miss Granville, (Amya Cunningham) and Mr Scoblowski, (Radhika Dick) provided tension, humour and mystery to the plot while Belinda, (Sarah Bennett) and Winnie (Year 10 student, Demi Molnar), added to the action especially during the scene where Daisy rescues Sybil and Monica from the cliff top. The students recreated the feeling of an Enid Blyton schoolgirl novel where the main character remains honest and courageous and where the nasty girls reform and everyone ends up as friends as the curtain closes.



The production was fast moving, entertaining and ably stage managed by Brook O'Connor with Belinda Zecchin on lights. The girls worked well together leaving their parents and families feeling justifiably proud of what they had achieved.

Our Year 12 Music students combined with the Year 12 Music students from Urrbrae High School to present their moderated performances on 1 June. Each student must perform for 8 minutes showing their versatility through a range of music styles and interpretations. The performances ranged from Mel Edge on piano, Stef Johnson, voice and Patti Pablo on classical guitar. We look forward to their next assessment in Term 3 where they will perform new music items of more complexity. The Senior Vocal Ensemble including Mel, Patti and Stef performed confidently for moderation on the Dance and Music night of 23 June.

Year 12 Dance had their technique exam on Friday 18 June. A moderator assessed them on various contemporary dance techniques as they went through exercises devised by their teacher, Vashti Liebeknecht. Some movements were already known to them while others were unrehearsed. The girls are now preparing for their performance exam to be held in Term 3.

**Alison Rosenthal**  
Arts Coordinator

## Volunteering

My name is Marlee Telfer and I am a Year 12 student at this school. One of my subjects is called Community Studies which involves working in the community on a topic of individual choice. My contract is called Foods and the Community.

As part of this subject I have been doing work experience at Meals on Wheels, Mitcham branch every Friday morning. I started on the 13<sup>th</sup> of March and will complete my experiences later in the year.

I have been involved in many activities while I have been there. Initially I had to complete a volunteer application form as well as a workplace agreement form and work experience forms from school. I have helped out with physical activities, for example cooking and preparing meals, serving vegetables for the main meal and serving strawberry mousse with plums for dessert.



Some of the other activities I have had to help with are rinsing dishes, wiping down benches and stamping lids with the date ready for them to be delivered. Later on I will be going on the deliveries with other volunteers. I have also organised to do a survey about volunteering as part of my contract.

I enjoy going to Meals on Wheels every Friday even though I have to get up early to be there by 7:00am. The other volunteers are very friendly and I get along with them very well; it's great to sit down with them and have scones and jam and cream for our morning break after several hours on our feet.

I am pleased to be making a positive contribution to the community and look forward to every Friday morning.

**Marlee Telfer**  
Community Studies Student

### Finance Notice to Parents

To help assist the process, parents paying school accounts by either internet or direct bank deposit please confirm your transaction by emailing the deposit information to [finance@mitchamgirlshs.sa.edu.au](mailto:finance@mitchamgirlshs.sa.edu.au)

We would also like to remind you that all 2009 Material and Service Charges (school fees) require payment in full by Friday 3 July.

If you wish to discuss your situation, please contact either Sue or Marg at the school on 8272 8233

**Sue King & Marg Neumann**

### Science News

#### *Physics Fun*

This has been an exciting term for Physics at Mitcham. Students have planned and carried out activities to present Physics concepts to the wider school community. We have had Tug-O-War demonstrations, Light and Colour Activities, Bernoulli's Theorem Activities, Surface Tension demonstrations where students 'walked on water' as well as Paint Ball demonstrations and Rocket Launches!

Thank you to all the Physics students for their hard work and enthusiasm. We really showed Mitcham just how much fun Physics can be!

**Anna Jeffries**  
Physics Teacher

# Information disclosure on MySpace

This study was the first academic research conducted into children's use of MySpace. Researchers examined the degree of, and reasons for, information disclosure by children in high schools in Sydney. A questionnaire was administered to 263 children aged between 12 and 18 years. The researchers defined information disclosure as 'the amount and degree of sensitive information released by individual users about themselves'.

Background information showed that social networking sites such as MySpace are particularly attractive to, and used by, children. This reflects the broader shift in the internet's primary use, which has moved from information retrieval towards socialisation. MySpace has over three million Australian users and over 10,000 people signing up each day, with an average session time of approximately 50 minutes.

The results of this study showed that females used MySpace more often than males but there was no gender difference for information disclosure. There was variation in the amount of sensitive information being disclosed by age – younger children tended to display more sensitive information on MySpace.

It was also found that:

- 54% of respondents disclosed their full name
- 12.5% of respondents disclosed their physical address
- 12.5% of respondents disclosed their phone number

The study looked at various reasons that might govern the disclosure of private information. These reasons included showing a positive image of oneself, peer pressure, trust and relaxed privacy attitudes. One aspect that surprised the researchers was the sharing of passwords. Around 40% of children shared their password with at least one other person.

Parental awareness was somewhat less than expected:

- 54% of parents were aware of what MySpace was
- 38% were aware of the functions and capabilities of MySpace
- 34% had viewed their child's MySpace profile

The authors concluded that 'children are not spending vast amounts of time on the MySpace network however; MySpace is more attractive to girls than to boys'. The disclosure of information on MySpace seems to 'be governed by a desire to project a certain image of oneself'. The authors believe that the vast majority of children using MySpace are acting responsibly. For those children who are more at risk, 'proactive education is the key to get children to see cyberspace as an extension of the physical world, not a separate place'.

De Souza, Z., & Dick, G. (2008). Information disclosure on MySpace – the what, they why and the implications. *Pastoral Care in Education*, 26(3), 143-157.



## House Sport

House Sport for Term 2 is drawing to an end, with only one week left of competitions. For the second half of this term the Year 9s have been battling it out in a Dodgeball competition on Thursday lunchtimes. Fraser is leading the way so far, but Mitchell and Spence are not too far behind. On Tuesday lunchtimes the Year 10/11s compete against each other in an Indoor Soccer competition. Spence is in the lead so far, with Mitchell a close 2<sup>nd</sup> and Fraser coming 3<sup>rd</sup>. There is still one more round of competition to take place, however, so it's still anyone's game. A new draw will be up shortly for the Term 3 House Sport competition.

**Caitlin Shooter**  
Sports Assistant

## Student Profile

Congratulations to Georgina Sulley-Beales who has been selected to represent South Australia as a defender at the CANA Netball



Nationals. The Nationals will be held in Adelaide in October.

Congratulations once again, and we wish you the best of luck.

**Caitlin Shooter**  
Sports Assistant

## House Sport

After school sport results for Term 2 are as follows:

Netball	Round 2	Round 3
<b>Open</b> Ms Tsoukalas, Ms Beauchesne and Amya Cunningham	Mitcham defeated Prescott 23 – 19	Mitcham defeated St John's 30 – 11
<b>Year 8/9</b> Paula Love	Seaview defeated Mitcham 1 39 – 19	Brighton 3 defeated Mitcham 1 27 - 23
<b>Year 8/9</b> Ms Murrell and Georgina Sulley-Beales	Mitcham 2 defeated Brighton 5 38 – 16	Mitcham 2 defeated Unley 2 46 – 13
<b>Year 8/9</b> Ms Raggatt	Mitcham 3 won due to Pasadena forfeiting	Mitcham 3 BYE

Soccer	Round 3	Round 4
<b>Open</b> Mr Bambrough & Mr Dalkos	Mitcham drew with Pulteney 0 – 0	Mitcham defeated St John's Maroon 3 – 1
<b>Year 8/9</b> Mr Finos	Mitcham defeated St Aloysius Blue 3 - 1	Mitcham defeated St Mary's 7 – 0

Congratulations to all Mitcham teams, your performances continue to impress us. Keep up the good work.

**Caitlin Shooter**  
Sports Assistant

# School Dental Service

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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 Dentists, Dental Therapists and Dental Assistants.

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

**From July 1 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 dependants 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** dependants 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 further information about appointments and fees, contact your local School Dental Clinic on:

**8271 0371**

**The Sturt Blue Light will be holding a**

## **Blue Light Disco**

**Friday 3 July**

Marion Cultural Centre, Domain Theatre, 287 Diagonal Road, Oaklands Park

**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.**

**Cash only sales - event sold out last time**

**PRE PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS NOW!**

**Great prizes and giveaways**

For further information please contact

**Sturt Police**

on

**8207 4774.**

## Diary Dates

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June	<b>Thursday 25</b>	What, When & Why No 7 Home
	<b>Monday 29 June – Friday 3 July</b>	<b>Year 10 &amp; 11 Exam Week</b>
	<b>Monday 29</b>	Senior School Assembly
July	<b>Wednesday 1 – Thursday 2</b>	Year 12 Retreat
	<b>Thursday 2</b>	Year 11 Drama Performance
	<b>Friday 3</b>	Semester 1 Ends
		Year 11 Reflection Day
		<b>Reports Distributed at 3:10pm</b>
		End of Term 2
	<b>Monday 20</b>	<b>Semester 2 Starts</b>
		Senior School Assembly
	<b>Tuesday 21</b>	Year 8 Assembly
	<b>Friday 24</b>	Year 10/11 Reports go home
	<b>Monday 27</b>	Senior School Assembly
		Whole School Assembly – SRC Induction
		Careers Expo: Year 11 9 – 10:15am
		Year 12 9:45 – 11:00am
	<b>Tuesday 28</b>	Ski Trip Parent Info Evening
August	<b>Monday 3 – Friday 7</b>	<b>Year 12 Exams</b>
	<b>Monday 3</b>	Senior School Assembly
		Fundraising Meeting 6:00pm
		<b>Governing Council Meeting 7:00pm</b>
	<b>Tuesday 4</b>	Year 8 Assembly
		SACE Information Night
	<b>Wednesday 5</b>	Year 9 Assembly
	<b>Thursday 6</b>	What, When & Why Home

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**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 7*

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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