

## What, When & Why

@ Mitcham Girls High School

No 8. Friday 27 August 2010. Term 3

### From the Principal...

#### Dear Parents/Caregivers

On Friday 27 August, Support Staff, Counsellors and Administrators moved back to the administration building. New carpet, modified air conditioning and painting certainly give the building a fresh look. Testing for dust and Volatile Organic Compounds have all returned well below standard and we are confident that we are now working in a safe environment.

I acknowledge the work of the Education Department; although we were frustrated with the slow progress initially, once work on the building began it certainly proceeded at a very fast pace.

Once again I thank all staff for their patience, resilience and understanding during what seemed like an eternity. Above all we commend and thank the Year 11 Students for giving up their Study Room – their maturity in dealing and supporting us with this issue certainly impressed us all.

The Science Building is also progressing according to schedule and we hope that students will be working in their new labs at the beginning of Term Four.

Teachers are now busy finalising assessment work. Term 3 reports will be issued on the last day of term, (24 September). Unfortunately we cannot comply with any requests for reports to be issued before 3.10 pm because quite often they are not even signed until that afternoon.

A few students stay away on the last day of term and we do find this a little disconcerting. At Mitcham, the last day of term is like any other day, teaching and learning continues until the very last lesson and indeed we never finish early on the last day of term.

During the last week of this term, students will bring home information about parent/teacher interviews which will be held on Wednesday 13 October. On this night, we would like to see as many parents as possible so that we can continue to strengthen our joint roles in supporting your daughters with their learning.

Once again teachers will provide extra lessons for the Year 12 Students during the coming holidays. This extra help that teachers provide is over and above the call of duty and is very much appreciated; all students should take advantage of it.

#### **Winner of What, When & Why No. 7 \$20 Canteen Voucher**



**Sienna Bayliss  
(8:07)**

#### **What, When & Why No. 8**

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

**Antoinette Jones**  
Principal

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the Year 11 Saxophone Ensemble who has been chosen to perform a Foyer Concert at the Primary Schools Festival of Music.

Rene Boesten, Kate Ginever, Sam MacFarlane and Beccy Rooney will perform a half hour concert at the Festival Theatre on Friday 27 August. A great achievement and opportunity for the girls to further develop their performance skills and promote our school.

**Kathy Badman**  
Music Teacher

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## SCIENCE NEWS

### Year 10 Excursion

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August all the Year 10s spent the afternoon at the Science & Careers Expo at the Wayville Showgrounds. Here they listened to a lecture from Rising Sun Pictures explaining the science needed to generate special effects for films such as the Harry Potter series, Terminator Salvation, Wolverine, Australia & Charlotte's Web.

They participated in a 'speed dating' exercise where scientists from differing disciplines rotated among the students trying to convince them why their branch of science is simply the best. The activities they enjoyed included patting snakes, making ice-cream, decorating T-shirts with body parts, driving a car simulation, asking questions to a virtual person, making earthquake proof models, looking through microscopes & telescopes, tasting cheese and studying the night sky.

### Year 9 Excursion

A group of Year 9 SHIP students dedicated a week of lunchtimes planning, designing and constructing bridges. They then went to the museum and competed against other schools to find how strong their bridge was. It was tension filled and noisy as the bridges groaned, bent & finally smashed. Although they didn't win, the girls should be proud of their efforts & great team work.



### Sponsored Opportunities for Year 9 & 10 Students

Do you have an interest in Biology or Environmental Science? Are you interested in the Health of the River Murray? More information about nomination and application for the forum are available at <http://www.mdfrc.org.au/students/river/200610182521.htm>.

Hurry! Nominations must be received by Mitcham Rotary Club addressed to The Secretary Mitcham Rotary Club, PO Box 7, Torrens Park 5062, **BEFORE** 6 September.

### Science Schools Foundation – Science Experience

Would you like to try science at a university? Find out about the science experience at <http://www.scienceexperience.com.au/about>

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

**Helen Marussinszky**  
Science Coordinator

### **Year 10 Superdix French Quiz**

Five of our Year 10 French students participated in the annual French Quiz competition organised by the South Australian French Teachers' Association (SAFTA). It was held on Thursday 19 August in the evening at the Goodwood Community Hall. Gabriella Gomez-Manjarrez, Runa Hong, Geena Züphke, Christina Toulantas and Selena Veselinovic were extremely enthusiastic and made up a motivated and cohesive team. While they had only one lunchtime to prepare themselves, they proved to be the fifth best out of the 11 teams present that night. Well done, girls! Bravo!!

**Karlyne Véronique**  
French Teacher



### **SSOs – National Recognition Week 23-28 August**

Last week was National Recognition Week for School Services Officers. At our school we are very fortunate to have a terrific team of support staff helping to care for and educate your children, and run our school. Most parents will have met some of the support staff, however, the full team is:

Chad Alston	Sports Assistant
Sophie Beinke	Student Services
Glenys Forster	Special Needs Support
Khadija Gbla	Language Support
Paula Grasby	Language Support
Craig Huckstepp	Grounds – Maintenance
Sue King	Finance Officer
Scott McInnes	IT Support
Wendy Nicholas-Smith	Laboratory Officer
Margaret Neumann	SAO – Business Management
Michael Rayner	IT Technician
Jennifer Stewart	Secretary
Josephine Speck	Student Services
Kathy Tripodi	Library Assistant
Renie Walker	Special Needs Support
Lenore Wild	Reception

Please join us in thanking the above staff. We'd be lost without them.

**Antoinette Jones**  
Principal

### **Student Representative Council for 2010 – 2011**

It was with great delight that the school community joined with the newly elected SRC at a formal assembly on 12 August, to celebrate their role and position.

The SRC is a very active body at the school, having completed a range of successful initiatives in recent years. The members for the coming year are: *President* Aurora Williams; *Vice-President* Kashaf Ahmad; *Secretary* Saffron Ronson, *Treasurer* Kate Halliwell; *Members* Danni Cheffirs, Tooba Ahmad, Nina Ash-Clarke, Abbey Holland, Caitlin Parker, Kelet Apech, Maddie Stotter, Georgie Szabo, Jackie King, Maggie Eylett, Maxine Lawlor, Roxanne Brooks, Taleah Thomas, Baria Khan, Gabriela Gomez, Louise Harris.

These elected students have already demonstrated their commitment and energy, so we look forward to another productive year.

**Zinta Ozolins**  
SRC Facilitator

## **SPORTS NEWS**

The Term 2/3 Zone Sport competition was wrapped up in week 4 this term with many teams from Mitcham featuring in the finals.

The Open and Year 8/9 Girls soccer teams had very impressive seasons with both teams playing off in their respective grand finals. Unfortunately, neither team was able to get over the line with the Open team going down to St Johns (1-4) and the Year 8/9 team being beaten by St Mary's (1-2).

The Open Girls Badminton team also played well to make the 3<sup>rd</sup> place playoff. However, they had to settle for 4<sup>th</sup> place going down to St Mary's (78-112).

The netball teams also had a successful season with the Year 8/9 teams finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> (Mitcham 1), 4<sup>th</sup> (Mitcham 3) and 9<sup>th</sup> (Mitcham 2) overall, while the Open teams were also up the top end of the ladder with Mitcham 2 finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> and Mitcham 1 coming 5<sup>th</sup>.

Well done to all teams and congratulations to the teams who made the Grand Final.

These teams would not have been possible without the assistance of our coaches. A big "thank you" to **Ms Tsouklas, Ms Barbon** and **Ms Small** (Year 8/9 Netball), **Ms Murrell** and **Ms Hsu** (Open netball), **Mr Peters** (Open Badminton), **Mr Finos** and **Mr Whelan** (Year 8/9 Soccer) and **Mr Bambrough** (Open Soccer). All coaches did a fantastic job and got the best out of the girls every week.

**Chad Alston**  
Sport's Assistant

## **Diary Dates**

<b>August</b>	<b>Monday 30</b>	Zone Sport starts
<b>September</b>	<b>Wednesday 1</b>	Year 12 Solo Performance
	<b>Thursday 2 – Monday 6</b>	Ski Trip departs Thursday p.m. and returns Monday a.m.
	<b>Friday 3</b>	<b>School Closure Day (Show Day)</b>
	<b>Monday 6</b>	<b>Student Free Day</b>
	<b>Monday 6</b>	Governing Council 7:00pm
	<b>Tuesday 7 – Wednesday 8</b>	Year 10 Aquatics
	<b>Wednesday 8</b>	Music Solo Performance Moderation
	<b>Tuesday 14</b>	Year 12 Dance Moderation 6:30-8:30pm
	<b>Wednesday 15</b>	Year 12 Dance Moderation 7:00-9:00pm
	<b>Friday 17</b>	WWW Home
	<b>Friday 24</b>	<b>End of Term 3 – Reports distributed at 3:10pm</b> <b>Dismissal 3:15pm</b>