

# What, When & Why

## @ Mitcham Girls High School

No 8, Thursday 6 August, Term 3, 2009

*Mitcham Girls High School*

### From the Principal...

#### Science Centre

I am delighted to inform you that our school's application for a new Science Centre has been successful. The Federal Government, as part of the Building the Education Revolution Program, has allocated \$1.97 million to our school, the highest amount available for this project. We, therefore, have a very busy but exciting eighteen months ahead. The project is due to commence very soon, in fact the architects will be in the school this week, and it must be completed by the end of 2010. At long last, our science laboratories, which were built in 1958, will be replaced with a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Building.

#### School Accreditation and parent/caregivers survey – we want your views!

You would be aware that members from the Council of International Schools visited our school to ascertain the readiness and capacity of the school to go through a "self-review" in order to gain accreditation. They were very pleased with most of the processes we have in place already and have granted us Candidate Status. This means that we can now go ahead and prepare for the accreditation process to take place in early 2011. We are required to do a self-review on each facet of school life:

Philosophy and Objectives

Curriculum

Governance and Management

Staff

Student Support Services

Resources

Student and Community Life

Before we engage with the self review, we need to administer a survey to parents, staff and students. The

parents/caregivers survey has been posted home. May I ask you, to take the time please, to go on-line and help us with this important work. By the end of the self-study we hope to be an even better school, improving educational outcomes for all students.

#### Parents/caregivers needed for two committees:

1. Philosophy and Objectives Committee
2. Uniform Committee

1. As well as the surveys mentioned above, there is also a need for the school to review its mission statement, values and goals given that these were developed six year ago. This work also needs to be done before we start the self reviews as our revised mission statement will need to guide us in our work. This committee will probably need to meet about four times. Once the mission statement is finalised there will not be any need to meet any longer.

2. We also need a parent to serve on the Uniform Committee. This committee meets about twice a term, during the day so as to give students the opportunity to attend these meetings.

If you would like to join one (or two) of the above committees please fill out the reply slip on page 7 of this newsletter and ask your daughter to return it to Student Services. Alternatively, please feel free to ring me. Your help will be immensely appreciated.

Thank you in advance for completing the survey and I sincerely hope that some parents will volunteer to be on the above mentioned committees.

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## Course Counselling 2009-2010

All students in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 have received a Curriculum Handbook and all relevant paperwork for selecting 2010 courses.

During Care Group sessions this term, students are being supported by their teachers to make subject choices that are realistic and that provide a range of options for the future.

We encourage students to research thoroughly and to consult widely as they plan for their future, as well as for their lives beyond school.

Face-to-face interviews will be held for students who are currently in Years 10 and 11 on:

### Wednesday 19 August

(2.30pm-8.30pm)

and

### Thursday 20 August

(9.00am-3.00pm).

**To assist with bookings Year 10 and 11 students are asked to return the form, nominating preferred interview times, to Care Group teachers, before Friday 14 August.**

**Please note: Students in Year 10 and 11 are not expected to be at school on Thursday 20 August, unless they have an interview.**

**Normal lessons will occur for the rest of the school as usual.**

**Students in Year 12 who are considering returning to school for Year 13 in 2010 will need to complete the relevant subject selection form. Please see Ms Tranter.**

If your daughter is in Year 8 or 9 and you have enquiries, or seek further support with this process, please contact Marcus Kerr, Assistant Principal, Middle School on 82728233

**Penny Tranter**  
Deputy Principal

## Career Information

### TAFE Open Day - Sunday 16 August

There will be sessions throughout the day at the SA Arts Centre and the Adelaide City Campus. Students will be able to experience sessions on Hospitality and Cookery, Food Science, Health Careers, Automotive, Paralegal Studies, Tourism and Digital Media and more. There are opportunities to speak directly to lecturers and students or to a student service officer to gain more insight about post-school options.

### Coastal Engineering

This is a specialised course for qualified engineers who are interested in managing, maintaining and improving the coast lines around Australia. Students can see a brochure in the study room. It involves a degree in civil or environmental engineering followed by extra study. Students need to do Maths and Physics at Year 12 level.

### School Based Traineeships

Croydon TAFE is presenting an information evening about Automotive traineeships. It will occur on Wednesday 12 August at TAFE SA, Croydon Campus, from 6pm – 8pm. Flyers are available at school. Traineeships involve paid work weekly in an automotive workshop and training at the Croydon campus while continuing with SACE. Students involved in this type of program do need to be very self directed to manage the time commitment.

**Sue Howlett**

Careers

### Air Force Cadets

The Australian Air Force Cadet 601 Squadron is accepting new members this term. Although the information night has already happened you can get more information by contacting Kathy Hutchison on 0401 612 986, or email [admin.601sqn@aaaf.org.au](mailto:admin.601sqn@aaaf.org.au)

### Congratulations to...

Fiona Moore and Stef Johnston, senior school music students and members of the Young Adelaide Voices, who were invited to perform in the opening lunch hour concert at Elder Hall on 31 July to sing 'Stabat Mater'.

## Mitcham Cinemas has a Casual Position Vacant

for a

### Kitchen Assistant

mainly night work from 5:00pm, approximately 12 hours per week

some kitchen/cooking experience is preferable

Call the Manager at Mitcham Cinemas on  
8305 4444

## Aim for Adelaide

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June last term, a group of 17 Year 10 girls went on an excursion to Adelaide University. The day, entitled, "Aim for Adelaide" was designed to give students a taste of university life and to give them information about careers and courses offered by Adelaide University that they may not have considered.

The offer to attend was given to students from South Australian schools, which are part of the Adelaide University Fairway Scheme. The Fairway Scheme provides 6 bonus points to students who apply for courses at Adelaide University. The bonus points are added to the students' University Aggregate score and an adjusted TER is then calculated for entry into Adelaide University courses.

Students were involved in several sessions such as economics, engineering and information technology and did some hands on exercises to demonstrate what each subject involved.

Despite the cold and rain we were treated to a free barbecue lunch in the university grounds, which was appreciated by all the students.

The students who attended had a good day and enjoyed being involved in activities they may not have considered in the past. The girls were well received by the university staff and were good ambassadors for the school.



### Tony Sims

Assistant Principal/Year 10 Manager

### 2008 Australian Vocational Student Prize

Congratulations to Kelly Boots who has been awarded a 2008 Australian Vocational Student Prize.

The prize recognises high-achieving students who completed their Year 12 studies in 2008 while undertaking vocational education and training in schools or an Australian School-based Apprenticeship. In addition, the prize promotes the benefits of studying vocational education while at school and reflects the commitment of schools, training providers and employers to making vocational learning a valuable experience for students. Many applicants commented on the support given by their school communities, the opportunities provided by local employers, and the value of acquiring vocational skills while still at school.

### Retreat 2009

At Mitcham Girls High School we are committed to providing opportunities for girls that support their academic achievement as well as their social and emotional well-being.

On Wednesday 1 July and Thursday 2 July we once again offered a two-day Retreat for our Year 12/13 students. When the students arrived at the *Mantra*, Hindmarsh Square, they were directed to their self-contained apartments where they received individual gifts. Sarah Bennett said, "the gifts were a highlight of the retreat and enjoyed by all students". The two-day program offered students the opportunity to enjoy a range of well-being activities such as spin classes, boot camp, body jam, meditation and Tai Chi.

On Wednesday evening the parents/caregivers were invited to join their daughters for dinner in a city restaurant. Maud Bennett-Hol said, "it was a delight to have dinner with our parents without the day-to-day distractions. It gave an opportunity for the parents/caregivers to discuss with each other the challenges of having a Year 12 student".

The 2009 retreat inspired, motivated and refocused the students for the remaining challenges of the year.

The students and the Senior School Team would particularly like to thank Ms Beinke and Paula Love for an outstanding retreat.

**Michelle Beauchesne**

# Mitcham Girls High School

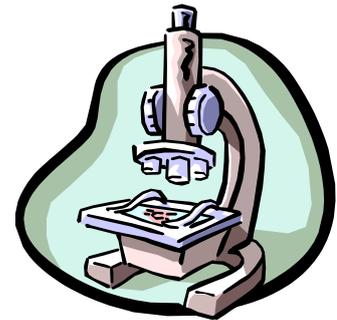
## Quiz Night 2009

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August  
@  
Mitcham Girls High School  
Year 11 Study Room  
7:00pm for a 7:30pm Start

Higher or Lower



Who Am I?



\$15 Per Person  
Tables: Maximum 8 People

What Am I?



Pot 'O' Gold

Heads or Tails

BYO Drinks and Nibbles

To Book a Table call Mitcham Girls High School on  
8272 8233 during School Hours  
Pay at the Door

## House Sport

A new term has begun, so too has a new house sport competition at lunch time.

The Year 8s will be competing for the first 4 weeks of Term 3 in a Dodgeball competition, with the Year 10/11s competing in Netball.

The last 4 weeks of term will see both the Year 9s and 12s competing in an Indoor Soccer competition.

Don't forget all points won during the lunchtime competition go towards the Collier Cup, so come and be active at lunchtime and have some fun with your friends.

**Caitlin Shooter**  
Sports Assistant

## A Note from the Finance Office

On Thursday 16 July we received an internet payment but unfortunately no family code or student number was included.

To help us with balancing our school payment records, could you please ring Margaret Neumann or Sue King on 8272 8233 if you made a payment on that date.

**Sue King**  
Finance Officer

## Congratulations to...

Madison Murray who has been selected to represent South Australia at the Australian Figure Skating Championships to be held in Sydney from 15 to 22 August 2009.

## How many doughnut holes does it take to fill Year 11?

On the last day of Term 2 the Year 11 students gathered off campus to reflect on their progress and achievements at MGHS. They heard from speakers about ways to support their learning, about how to break bad study habits and develop good ones and how to achieve to their highest potential.

They then completed the first ever SACE SURVIVOR COMPETITION.

These secret tasks were fast and fun and Care Groups competed ruthlessly. The winning Care Group was 11.32. Congratulations!

**Answer:** 400.

**Meredith Arnold**  
Year 11 Manager

## Attention All Female Soccer Players

Sturt Marion Women's Soccer Club is looking for players for the 2010 season.

We are currently seeking players – especially those at a senior level – who have played competitive soccer at a good level.

We would be especially keen to look at young ladies who are currently playing within the High School competitions. It is pretty common knowledge that once school life is over, many young girls leave their sport behind and our aim is to try and change this in our local area. Our club offers great coaching, fun social get togethers and a dedication to the game that is second to none. With the best facilities around we have so much to offer you as a player.

As one of the major growth sports in the last 10 years worldwide, Sturt Marion's history has reflected the need for local demand and our club has gone from strength to strength with the Australian Soccer team The Matilda's sourcing players from within our ranks.

Our goal is to offer soccer aimed at all different levels of competition – whether you are looking for the challenges of an elite squad or a friendly social game we have spots for you.

We will be having tryouts towards the end of the year, but we are encouraging those who are interested now to come and have a practice or perhaps a trial game to see if we have spots for you!

Please contact Lisa for further details:  
Email [lisalast@bigpond.com](mailto:lisalast@bigpond.com)  
or phone 0411099967 / 8278 9584

Playing Ground  
**Marion Sports and Community Centre**  
Sturt Road,  
MARION SA 5043

## Staff versus Year 12 Student Indoor Soccer Match

During the last week of Term 2, the Year 12 students battled it out with the staff in an Indoor Soccer competition.

The Year 12s took to the court full of confidence, however, after the first two goals were scored by the staff, they soon realised what they were up against.

With the staff team dominated by two male teachers, Mr Alex Bambrough and Mr Michael Finos, it seemed clear the staff would take the win.

Staff won the match, 7-0, however to the credit of the Year 12s they never gave up and continued to give 100% of their effort.

I would like to thank all staff and students who were involved; it's a good chance for teachers to let their hair down, and for the students to 'take on' their teachers.

**Caitlin Shooter**  
Sports Assistant

## From your new Christian Pastoral Support Worker...

Hi! My name is Claire Cutting and I have just started at Mitcham Girls as the Christian Pastoral Support (CPS) Worker and I would like to thank everyone for welcoming me so warmly to this wonderful school.



Just a bit about my background: for the last five years I have been working in pharmacy and for the last year I have also been in the process of gaining a Certificate IV in Disability Work. While I have had experience working with young people in church groups, at the Schoolies Festival in Victor Harbor and on camps, this is my first time working in a school environment. So this is a big change, but a good one.

In my role I aim to get to know both students and staff, to be actively involved in the life of the school and to serve the school community in whatever way I am able to. I would love to hear from you if you have any suggestions about ways I may be able to support the staff and students in this school more effectively.

To contact me, a note can be dropped in my pigeon hole or I can be visited in my office (previously Paula's office) on the middle floor of the triple block. I will be available at the school from Monday – Thursday, 8:30 – 3:30pm, so you can phone me at the school between those hours.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to working with the school community.

**Claire Cutting**  
CPS Worker

## Science News

There will be an exciting Electronics and ICT Careers Night on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August from 6.30 – 8.30 at the Norwood Concert Town Hall. Bookings are essential on 8272 5277. There is even a chance to win an iPod on the night.

### Science Opportunities for Year 9 Students

The Science Experience is an annual 3-day hands-on science experience. It takes place during January at the 3 universities. Participants will have fun learning & experiencing Marine Biology, Nanotechnology, Physics, Microbiology, Brain Science & Computing. The cost of the program is \$105 but our local Rotary club has generously offered to sponsor some students. Please ask your teacher for an application form if you are interested. Previous participants thought it was "an awesome experience" & "incredible fun".

**Helen Marussinszky**  
Science Coordinator

## Laundry/Care Instructions for Knitted School Jumpers

- always wash inside out
- luke warm hand or gentle machine wash
- do not rub or soak
- do not use washing detergent containing bleach
- spin out excess water
- do not tumble dry, dry flat inside out in the shade
- a hot iron will cause damage
- dry clean (A)

## Uniform Management Services

## Sports News

Team	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7	Round 8	Round 9
<b>Year 8/9 Soccer Mr Finos</b>	Mitcham defeated Pulteney 2-1	Mitcham defeated Glenunga 7-0	Mitcham drew St Aloysius Red 1-1	Mitcham defeated St Mary's Navy 3-1	Mitcham defeated Tabor 2-0
<b>Open Soccer Mr Bambrough &amp; Mr Dalkos</b>	Mitcham defeated St Aloysius (forfeit)	Mitcham defeated St Johns Navy 4-2	NO GAME	Mitcham defeated Adelaide (forfeit)	Mitcham defeated Sunrise 3-0
Team	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7	Round 8
<b>Mitcham 1 Ms Murrell</b>	Mitcham defeated Adelaide 2 27-15	Glenunga defeated Mitcham 25-10	NO GAME	Mitcham defeated Glenunga 22-17	Mitcham defeated St John's 22-16
<b>Mitcham 2 Ms Potoczky</b>	Mitcham defeated Blackwood 5 27-14	Mitcham defeated Adelaide 3 27-13	Mitcham defeated Brighton 4 26-22	Unley defeated Mitcham 20-19	Mitcham defeated Brighton 4 30-13
<b>Mitcham 3 Ms Raggatt</b>	Mitcham defeated Seaview 2 27-12	Mitcham defeated St John's 5 26-9	Mitcham defeated Brighton 5 20-13	Mitcham defeated Adelaide 4 35-6	Mitcham defeated Brighton 5 15-9
<b>Open Ms Beauchesne &amp; Ms Tsoukalas</b>	Seaview defeated Mitcham 35-18	St John's defeated Mitcham 38-10	NO GAME	St John's defeated Mitcham 64-1	Glenunga defeated Mitcham 59-14

Well done to all teams, your efforts have been outstanding. There is only one more week of games until finals and, judging by the results, most Mitcham teams should be in the top 4. Good luck!!

**Caitlin Shooter**  
Sports Assistant

## Committee Reply Slips

Reply Slip Principles and Objective Committee	Reply Slip Uniform Committee
I wish to nominate for the above committee	I wish to nominate for the above committee
Name of parent/caregiver: _____	Name of parent/caregiver: _____
Name of student: _____	Name of student: _____
Care Group: _____	Care Group: _____
<b>Please return to Student Services</b>	<b>Please return to Student Services</b>

## Diary Dates

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<b>August</b>	<b>Monday 3 – Friday 7</b>	Year 12 Exams
	<b>Thursday 6</b>	What, When & Why No 8 Home
	<b>Friday 7</b>	5-a-side Soccer Carnival at Pasadena
	<b>Monday 10</b>	Senior School Assembly
	<b>Tuesday 11</b>	Physical Resources Meeting 9:00am Zone Soccer Finals Finance Meeting 4:00pm
	<b>Wednesday 12</b>	Zone Netball Finals
	<b>Thursday 13</b>	Zone Sports Meeting
	<b>Friday 14</b>	Community Learning Assessment Day
	<b>Monday 17</b>	Senior School Assembly Year 8/9 Assembly Lesson 4
	<b>Tuesday 18</b>	Year 8 Assembly Year 12 Drama Individual Study Moderation 4:00pm
	<b>Wednesday 19</b>	Year 9 Assembly <b>Course Counselling Evening Year 10/11</b>
	<b>Thursday 20</b>	<b>Course Counselling Day Year 10/11</b>
	<b>Friday 21</b>	Letter Home with Year 12 Exam Results
	<b>Monday 24</b>	Senior School Assembly SRC Business Lesson 4
	<b>Thursday 27</b>	What, When & Why No 9 Home
	<b>Friday 28</b>	<b>Quiz Night</b>

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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 8*

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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