

What, When & Why

@ Mitcham Girls High School

No 9, Friday 17 September 2010, Term 3

From the Governing Council...

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Council of International Schools (CIS) Accreditation

A committee of parents and our Principal, Antoinette Jones, have spent many hours assessing the Council training needs, the role of Council members, all committee structures and areas where we need to improve over the coming year. This has been a fantastic opportunity to improve how we operate and to ensure that Governing Council will continue to play a pivotal role in the future of Mitcham Girls. Much of what we are undertaking is based on the surveys that Parents, students and staff completed last year.

Committees

The sub committees of the council meet at least once a term and work with the students on each committee to undertake many issues, including Canteen and Uniform. These meetings are great opportunities to work with students and staff on the many issues that are involved in running the school.

Quadrangle

After many delays, the Quadrangle redevelopment will get underway in early October. This is an exciting undertaking and one that will make our school an even better place.

Admin Building

What a time our staff and students had. Again, the school community thank them for their patience with the process. We most certainly hope they will be well now so much work has undertaken.

Fundraising

Our Committee has been working to raise some much needed extra to put towards our Quadrangle redevelopment. They have raised considerable amounts via two new ventures, including three BBQs at Bunnings Mile End and an offering of Wine from Skye Cellars. We thank for their efforts.

AGM

The AGM will be held in early 2011 please think seriously about joining Governing Council. There are only meetings per term and one comm meeting per term. It is a great way to keep in touch with what the future for our school and to have an impact the future.

Marcia

**Winner of What, When & Why
\$20 Canteen Voucher**

A NEW INITIATIVE

PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS – TERM 4

PLEASE BOOK ON LINE

At Mitcham, parent/teacher interviews are held twice a year: at the beginning of Term 2 and at the end of Term 4. It is a wonderful opportunity for parents/caregivers and teachers to get to know each other and in particular to learn a lot more about the academic progress of the students. Research suggests that students perform better when parents and teachers work together to support the academic achievement of each child.

For Term 4, parent/teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday 14 October, the first week back at school. Instead of relying on the students to negotiate a time with individual teachers, you now have the opportunity to book on line by going to [Hwww.mitcamgirlshs.sa.edu.auH](http://www.mitcamgirlshs.sa.edu.au) and click on the Parent/Teacher Interviews link.

The booking sheets will close on Tuesday 13 October at 9:00 am so that we can print the information for the teachers.

We are hoping that this new system will facilitate this important process for you and look forward to seeing you on Wednesday night.

Antoinette
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RAISING NEWS

Thank you to all of those families who supported us by buying an Entertainment Book this year. This is a great fundraiser and your contribution is appreciated.

The Fundraising Committee has a number of activities running from now until the end of the year. The

5 Mile End BBQ

On Friday 31 August of small group operated our first BBQ at Bunnings. The day was very successful and raised a profit of \$700. We have two more Bunnings BBQ days which will be held at the Mile End Bunnings on 29 October and 26 November. If you have some spare time and can help out on these days please contact me at [Htony.sims@mitcamgirlshs.sa.edu.auH](mailto:Htony.sims@mitcamgirlshs.sa.edu.au) and we can arrange for you to join us on one or both

SCIENCE NEWS

Year 11 Biology

Year 11 Biology class has had fun learning about Microbes this term. We spent a lesson making cheese and ricotta from the whey left over. To finish off the topic we went to the CSIRO labs in Darwin to investigate a case of food poisoning at a wedding. We now know a lot more about microbes in food and no one got food poisoning from lunch on the way back.



Dr Penny Hensco
Science Teacher

Year 9 Technology

Year 9 classes enjoyed a visit from the CSIRO learning about Nano science & experimenting with a material that uses Nano particles.



Science Experience - An opportunity for Year 9 & 10 students

Science Experience is a three-day hands-on science, engineering and technology program.

University	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

The program includes a wide variety of practical activities, together with interesting presentations by scientists and engineers. For example, The Flinders University program includes workshops

TRIP 2010

Thursday 2 September our largest ever group of 67 students and 12 staff headed off to Falls Creek in a convoy of buses for the annual MGHS Ski Trip.

Our first day was hectic and included storing our luggage, having a huge breakfast and then riding the lift up the mountain to our first lesson. The group split into skiers and boarders and made their own various lessons around the mountain depending on their ability.

On our first day skiing, most students made their way to the Village Bowl to participate in the snow tubing sessions organised prior to leaving. The track was fast and the weather was cold, as students slid around the ice track on a large tube and spat out at the other end ready to make their way back to the top via the conveyer belt lift.

Students prepared their own dinner one night after organising, budgeting and shopping prior to leaving. The other night their dinner was delivered to their door by their group leader. What great service!

On Saturday, the much reported rain band made its way across Falls Creek rendering the day useless for skiing and boarding on the mountain but most students made good use of their time by skiing and snow tubing along the roadways of the village. Some students built snow "people", others donned garbage bags and slid down the hills in the village in a new activity called "garbage bagging". Others simply enjoyed the pleasure of throwing snowballs at each other while those more sophisticated students spent the afternoon shopping and sipping lattes.

Our last day (or so we thought) was Sunday and we all headed back up the mountain on the re-opening of the lift and had a 4 hour lesson with our instructors and got a lot of skiing and boarding done on a fully snow covered mountain.

Upon our return to the apartments that we found out the road down the mountain was closed due to multiple landslides which covered the road. It was at this stage we made contingency plans to ensure that everyone had an apartment to sleep in and then we organised dinner for all students. The apartment owners were extremely accommodating and cooperative during this difficult time and it was great to see how they all banded together to overcome this unforeseen circumstance.

On Monday morning we were on the phone to our bus drivers and on websites trying to gather as much information as we could as to our situation. By 8:00am we had the call that we were going to start heading home that morning and our buses were on their way to collect us.

Despite the difficulties that Mother Nature threw at us, we all enjoyed our time in the snow and the activities it had to offer. Who knows, we might even do it all again next year.



ADELAIDE SHOW

congratulations to all students who entered articles in the 'Junior Art, Craft and School Classes' section of the Royal Adelaide Show. In particular, to **KIMBERLY LAI** who gained First Prize for her Pencil Case and Second Prize for her cushion and **TAYLOR KANG** who gained Second Prize for her cushion.

Look forward to more students entering again next year!

Julie Tsou
Home Economics

TASTE OF LANGUAGES

On Monday of Week 8 the language teachers organised and cooked for 'a Taste of Languages' event in celebration of the roles different languages play in community life.

Usually, August is the month to celebrate languages so we were a little late. Of course, food is a mix of different language customs, so we celebrated with savoury and sweet crêpes, quiches, pizzas and gelati/sorbet with our students of Italian and French.

All costs have been covered, we will be forwarding any excess money to Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders) to support the work they do throughout the world but particularly, at the moment, in their assistance for victims of the floods in Pakistan. The students enjoyed the gathering and all teachers involved.

Sue Ho
Languages



Sports for Schools Program

Our school has recently registered for the Coles Sports in Schools program. For every \$10 you spend at Coles stores between 2nd September and 31st October you will receive a voucher towards sports gear for your school. There will be collection boxes around the school for you to hand in your vouchers and the Coles website will advise you on where these will be, so please start collecting your vouchers.

Coaches Luncheon

Thank you to all staff and parents who helped with Zone Sport teams during the year at a luncheon on Wednesday of week 8. The Year 12 Food and Hospitality class catered for the event, cooking a delicious meal. Thanks to Ms Tsoukalas and her class for the great food that was enjoyed by all!

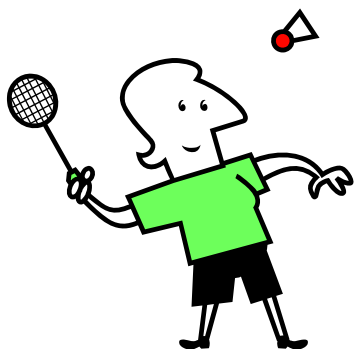
House Sport Results

House Sport competition has been running during lunchtimes throughout this term with each year group playing a different sport to earn points towards the Collyer Cup, which is awarded to the overall winning house at the end of the year.

Results for the competition were:

Indoor Hockey

- Spence
- Mitchell
- Fraser



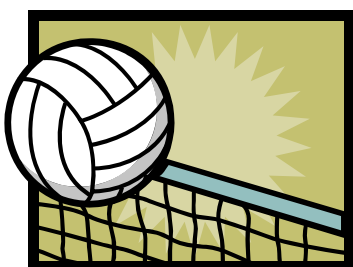
Year 10/11 Indoor Soccer

- 1st Mitchell
- 2nd Fraser
- 3rd Spence



Volleyball

- Mitchell
- Fraser
- Spence



Year 12 Basketball

- =1st Fraser *
- Mitchell *
- Spence *



*all on the same amount of points

Congratulations to the winning teams!

1/4 Zone Sport

CEC - END OF YEAR PROCEDURES FOR RETURNS

Date	Action
Monday 18 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each Stage 2 student will be provided with a list showing resources on loan
Friday 19 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final clearance day for all Stage 2 students. All lockers should be empty and clean.
Monday 8 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each Stage 1 student will be provided with a list showing resources on loan
Friday 26 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day to return resources. All lockers should be empty and clean.
Monday 8 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each Year 10 student will be provided with a list showing resources on loan
Friday 26 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day to return resources. All lockers should be empty and clean.
Monday 15 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each Year 9 student will be provided with a list showing resources on loan. Students are asked to clean out lockers and to return any resources they no longer need.
Thursday 2 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 9 to return all resources. All lockers should be empty and clean.
Friday 3 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final Locker check. Any resources to be returned to the L immediately.
Monday 15 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each Year 8 student will be provided with a list showing resources on loan. Students are asked to clean out lockers and to return any resources they no longer need.
Wednesday 1 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 8 to return all resources. All lockers should be empty and clean.
Friday 3 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final Locker check. Any resources to be returned to the L immediately.

Any lockers not emptied by 2.25pm on December 8th will be opened and cleaned out by Accounts will be issued in Week 9 for all non-returned items

Dates		
ber	Friday 24	End of Term 3 – Reports distributed at 3:10pm Dismissal 3:15pm
r	Monday 11	Term 4 commences
	Tuesday 12	Year 12 Music Solo & Ensemble Performance
	Thursday 14	Principal's Tour 9:15am
	Thursday 21	Principal's Tour 9:15am
	Monday 25	Governing Council 7:00pm
	Tuesday 26	Year 12 Celebration Day 10:40am–1:30pm
	Wednesday 27 – Friday 29	Stage 1 Aquatics
	Thursday 28	Year 7/8 Transition Day
	Friday 29	Year 7/8 Transition Day
	Friday 29	WWW Published
ber	Monday 1 – Friday 19	SSABSA HG Exams
	Thursday 4 – Friday 5	Year 10 Aquatics
	Thursday 11	Casual Day
	Monday 15	Zone Sport Finals week
	Wednesday 17	Presentation Night
	Friday 19	Year 12 Formal
	Friday 19	WWW Published
	Monday 22 – Friday 26	Year 10/11 Exams
	Monday 29 – Friday 3 Dec	Year 10 Work Experience
	Tuesday 23	Year 9 Beach Volleyball
	Monday 29	Governing Council 7:00pm
	Tuesday 30	Year 7/8 Transition Day
ber	Monday 6	Year 8/9 Community Service Day
	Tuesday 7	Year 8/9 Activity Day
	Wednesday 8	Year 8/9 Activity Day
	Wednesday 8	End of Term 4 – Reports distributed at 2:20pm Dismissal 2:25pm

SCHOOL UNIFORM

SALE

Zip Collared Jumpers
(were \$47.60)

NOW - \$30.00

Polo Shirts
(were \$24.55)

NOW - \$15.00

ON SALE UNTIL STOCKS RUN OUT

OPENING HOURS