

What, When & Why

@ Mitcham Girls High School

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From the Principal...

Dear Families,

Our Presentation Night to be held at the Capri Theatre on 23 November will go ahead as planned. Although the Theatre incurred some damage at the beginning of November, management is extremely confident that the venue will be in good order for our special occasion.

Year 12 Formal

The night of all nights! The girls looked splendid in their beautiful outfits and everyone had a good time. The organising committee spent a lot of time ensuring that every detail had been attended to and everything went according to plan. We congratulate the organising committee and all girls for their sense of fun and for behaving responsibly throughout the evening, making it a very enjoyable night for all. We also thank Sue Howlett for supporting the Year 12 students and all staff who attended the Formal.

Celebrating Achievement: 18 November 2011 at 12:00 noon

The above Celebratory Assembly acknowledges the academic achievements of students. Students who have held leadership positions in the school will also be acknowledged. I would like to invite and extend a warm welcome to all parents who may be able to attend.

Length of Dresses and Skirts

Next week we will visit classes to identify students whose skirts or dresses are far too short. Parents of those students will receive a letter seeking their support on this issue. If you are purchasing new items of uniform please ensure that skirts and dresses are no shorter than one palm width above the knee. As from the beginning of 2012 students whose skirts or dresses do not meet the school dress code will be asked to change into one of our items.

Naplan Results

All Year 9 parents should have received the 2011 NAPLAN results. It must be acknowledged that this assessment is only one piece of information, taken on one day, about your daughter's skills. Nevertheless, I believe that as a school we can be proud of the performance of our students. The following summary compares the Mean Results of our Year 9 students with the Mean Results of all other public schools in South Australia (DECD) as well as the National Mean results.

School Summary Report: MEAN SCORES

	Mitcham Girls	DECD	National
Numeracy	565.3	562.0	583.7
Reading	594.9	563.9	579.6
Writing	582.3	539.5	567.7
Grammar	591.4	555.7	572.8
Spelling	590.7	565.0	581.5

Regards,
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Oliphant Science Prize Winners!

Congratulations to:

Paige Mahlburg	2 nd place for her game 'Science takes Control'
Claire Peake	3 rd place for her poster 'The electromagnetic spectrum'
Asifa Kashmiri	Highly commended for her poster 'Living with Solar Energy'

National Big Science Competition

Congratulations to the following students who achieved Credits:

Bridget Herrmann, Helen Smith, Emma Hough-Hobbs, Nibir Chowdhury, Meg Kinniburgh, Maxine Lawlor.

Congratulations to Mrs Feegrade and Ms Cole. Both of these wonderful teachers were nominated by their students in the SA Public Teaching Awards.

Year 9 & 10 Science Opportunity at Flinders University

Flinders University 5 to 7 December 2011 (second to last week of Term 4)

University of South Australia 6 to 8 December 2011

Adelaide University 17 to 19 January 2012

Each program includes a wide variety of practical activities, together with interesting presentations by leading scientists and engineers.

The Science Experience is a Rotary Youth Services Project and is fully supported by the Australian Science Teachers Association. The cost of the three-day program is \$110 (includes GST).

Application forms and further information are available from <http://www.scienceexperience.com.au/>.

Helen Marussinszky
Science Coordinator

Young Achiever !



On 15 October Danika Crolla (10.23) was awarded the St John Australian Young Leader of the Year 2011 at Government House, Adelaide.

This Award recognises Danika's four years of service with St John involving weekly division meetings, extensive training and attending public events as a volunteer First Aid officer.

The Governor, His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce, presented the award including a \$1,000 cheque!

Well done, Danika

Meredith Arnold

International Competitions and Assessment for Schools – English Results

26 courageous students, from Years 8 to 10, accepted the challenge and participated in this annual competition. They receive not only a certificate which recognizes their achievement, but also a detailed analysis of their strengths and weaknesses in English, across a range of skill areas. Congratulations are extended to all participants, with the following students scoring a credit or higher:

CREDIT	Year 8	Marie-Claire Copley Laura Darlington Rhianna Grime Sophie Horwood Nikki Huggard Hanna Woodlock
	Year 9	Alanna Bradley-Daviess
	Year 10	Maggie Aylett Nibir Chowdhury Claire O'Carroll
DISTINCTION	Year 8	Mila Knezovic Emilia Reuter Nicola Sulley-Beales Hannah White
HIGH DISTINCTION	Year 8	Bridget Herrmann Anja Vivian-Fryer
	Year 10	Kahlia Clarke

Zinta Ozolins
English Coordinator

Community Studies



Wilma Wombat is much happier now because she has something to sleep in. Wilma was sick and orphaned before she was rescued by Bev Langley who runs *Minton Farm Animal Rescue Centre* in Cherry Gardens.

Shanae Brown, a Year 12 student studying Community Studies, was looking for a contribution she could make to the community which utilised her woodworking skills. When she heard about Wilma who needed a hut to sleep in, she negotiated with Bev to design and make one from a photograph she was given of a wombat hut at Melbourne Zoo.

With the help and advice from woodwork teachers, Mr Peters and Mr Zeising, and community expert Rose Squire, a well known ABC radio presenter, Shanae worked solidly for several weeks to complete Wilma's purple hut. Wilma now spends her days sleeping away in her luxury accommodation, thanks to Shanae.

Community Studies is a self directed Stage 2 subject and Shanae is one of many MGHS students who have successfully completed it by making valuable contributions to the community.

Renie Walker
Community Studies Teacher

Congratulations !

Congratulations to Louise Mitchell (8.10) who recently competed in the National Trampoline Competition held in Adelaide. Louise competed in the Under 15 synchronised trampolining event and, together with her partner Lauren, came 2nd overall.

Louise also competed in the Under 15 Individual competition and finished 7th overall in Australia. The Individual event had competitors who are attempting to qualify for the World Games at the end of the year, and successful competitors from this event will be in the running for Olympic selection.



Well done, Louise!

MMAD Day

Make a Wish

For MMAD day we worked with "Make-A-Wish" Australia, a charity that specialises in giving opportunities to children with chronic diseases. We sold hot chocolate and gingerbread biscuits on the day raising over \$60.

We would like to thank everyone who purchased hot chocolate or gingerbread and to Make-A-Wish Australia for providing brochures and collection tins.

The Make-A-Wish Australia (10.45)

Greenpeace

On 12 September Eliza, Maxine, Lydia, Mikaela, Danni, Catarina and Morgan from Ms Ivey's Year 10 class raised \$111.65 for Greenpeace.



Our group sold different types of cupcakes, jelly cups and fairy bread. In order to raise this amount of money each person in the group had set tasks to prepare the night before so it would be ready for the morning. We set up and decorated our stall (which was located under the pavilion) with posters, brochures and pictures that Greenpeace sent to us a few weeks beforehand. We contacted them first through email and then followed it up with a phone call.

Our stall was very successful on this day as we sold almost everything and many people kindly donated to this cause. We would like to thank everyone who bought from our stall and donated because every little bit helps!

Greenpeace (10.45)



Music Showcase

On Thursday 20 October the Music Department held a Music Showcase in the PAC to highlight the year's musical talent. This included the Vocal Ensemble, Concert Band, Years 8, 9 and 10 Class Bands, Dahlia Kukolj Year 11 solo vocal student, a variety of small ensembles and the highlight of the evening: The Year 12 Jazz Ensemble "Coo Coo Ka Choo".

The evening was attended by an enthusiastic audience of families, friends and staff. We look forward to more next year.

Ann Gatis
Music Teacher



World Vision 40 Hour Famine 2011

A few weeks back I wrote about our school's involvement in the 40 Hour Famine this year. I was thrilled that we had such a positive response and almost 200 girls participating in the event. We were hoping to raise \$4,000 for people in need, and we encouraged every girl participating to try and raise at least \$40 as it can feed a family of five for up to a month in East Timor (the focus country for 2011).

The girls put in an incredible effort and I am proud to report that not only did we meet our goal but we actually exceeded it! Together we raised \$6,173.20 - double what we raised in 2010!

Well done to everyone who took part in the 40 Hour Famine this year and especially to the following girls: Tyler Wilkinson, Yashi Singh, Emilia Reuter, Charleigh Henley, Karina Mrazek, Nibir Chowdhury, Rachel Tesfaye, Jamila Main, Laura Davies, Kate Ginever, who raised over \$100 each. Sheridan Golding, Kahlia Clarke both raised over \$250 and Sophie Horwood and Danika Crolla raised \$380 – an absolutely outstanding effort! Your sacrifice will make a big difference in the lives of many in need.

I look forward to raising even more money next year!!!

World Vision Casual Positions Available – Are you a passionate about making a difference?

World Vision is seeking passionate, highly motivated individuals to promote World Vision Child Sponsorship, Child Rescue and Smiles Gifts in shopping centres and other locations in the lead up to Christmas. To find out more information please contact Phillip McIlwraith on 8238 4605 or phillip.mcilwraith@worldvision.com.au

Shoes Needed!!!

We take many things for granted in Australia ... such as our shoes!

How many of you have a pair of shoes at the back of your wardrobe that you haven't worn in months? I know I do!

You may have seen a story in the paper recently about a young woman, Dalice Kennedy, from Adelaide who is determined to collect 10,000 pairs of shoes by Christmas.

Dalice was inspired after a recent trip to Kenya where she saw many children who had no shoes and, as a result, were getting cuts and infections in their feet. After coming home she decided to do something about it and set up 'The Butterfly Movement' which has partnered with the global charity 'Soles4Souls'.

They are collecting gently worn (second-hand) and new shoes of all styles and sizes and request that donors attach the shoes with a rubber band. The shoes will be sent to Tanzania and Kenya early next year.

You can either take your shoes to Levant Natures Fashion at 131 Goodwood Rd, Goodwood, Tuesday to Sunday or bring your shoes into school and there will be a drop off box in the Front Office foyer or bring them to me in my office (Monday, Thursday, Friday). It's so simple yet could make a huge difference in someone's life!

For more information go to www.donateshoes.com.au.

Bek Brown
Christian Pastoral Support Worker

Diary Dates

Oct	Monday 31 – Wednesday 16 November	Stage 2 Exams
Nov	Sunday 13	First Lego League SA Tournament West Lakes Stadium 9:00am – 5:00pm
	Friday 18	Whole School Assembly 12:00pm
	Monday 21 – Thursday 24	Zone Sport Finals
	Wednesday 23	Presentation Night 7:00pm
	Friday 25	Capri Theatre What, When & Why No. 11 published
	Monday 28 – Friday 2 December	Year 10 / 11 Exams
	Tuesday 29	Year 9 Beach Volleyball
	Wednesday 30	Year 7 / 8 Transition Day
Dec	Monday 5 – Friday 9	Year 10 Work Experience
	Monday 5	Governing Council 7:00pm
	Monday 12	Year 8 / 9 Community Service Day
	Tuesday 13 – Wednesday 14	Year 8 / 9 Activity Day
	Wednesday 14	End of Term 4 Reports distributed at 2:20pm Dismissal 2:25pm
	Thursday 15	Year 12 (2012) Orientation Day