

Mitcham Girls High School

What, When & Why

@ Mitcham Girls High School

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Presentation Night 2011



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Year 12 Formal



Year 9 Design



Award Winners 2011

Biology	Meg Deakin
Chemistry	Julie Cheong
Classical Studies	Amanda Li (UHS)
Community Studies	Louise Fazikas-Giles
Dance	Chelsea White (UHS)
Drama	Louise Harris
English as a Second Language Studies	Julie Cheong
English as a Second Language	Barka Bhandari
English Communications	Suzi Kelly
English Studies	Meg Roddy
Food and Hospitality	Alisha Hillier
French	Saffron Ronson
Health	Georgia Wise
Information Processing and Publishing	Alisha Hillier
Mathematical Applications	Natasha Wallace
Mathematics Studies	Julie Cheong
Mathematical Methods	Meg Deakin
Music	Kate Ginever
Photography	Sarah Page
Physical Education	Meg Deakin
Physics	Meg Deakin
Psychology	Tara Mower
Research Project	Saffron Ronson
Visual Art Studies ART	Gemma Mickan
Visual Art Studies DESIGN	Faiza Ahmad
Women's Studies	Meg Roddy
Contribution to the SRC	Louise Harris Saffron Ronson Kashaf Ahmad
Dantalis Award	Saffron Ronson
Old Scholars' History and Classical Studies Award	Louise Harris
Hughes and Loveday Sports Award	Alison Coombe
Rotary Performing Arts Award	Kate Ginever
Rotary Community Studies Award	Shanae Brown
Central Mitcham Inter-Church Council Award	Kat Warren
Leading Ambassador Award	Taylor Rubino
Council of International Schools Award	Saffron Ronson
Elliott Citizenship Award	Saffron Ronson
Caltex Medal	Saffron Ronson
Millhouse Award	Meg Deakin
Year 8 Bank SA Prize	Nicola Sulley-Beales
Year 9 Campion Education Prize	Caitlin Parker
Year 10 City of Mitcham / Margaret Ward Prize	Nibir Chowdhury
Year 11 KW Stationery Wholesalers Prize	Georgina Sulley-Beales

First Lego League – South Australian Tournament

Throughout Semester 2 the Year 8 SHIP Science class was separated into two teams and each team worked diligently to design and program robots made from lego to complete missions for the First Lego League competition. Each team also had to research a food related problem and develop an innovative solution to the problem. The competition was held on Sunday the 13 November and fifteen students gave up their weekend to participate in this event.

It was a fun filled day full of music, events and activities. During the competition students participated in four events including: The Robot Challenge, Research Presentation, a team building exercise called Core Values and Technical Judging (their ability to discuss their robot's capabilities). Winners for the awards were determined from the overall results. 12 awards were given out and an overall champion was declared.

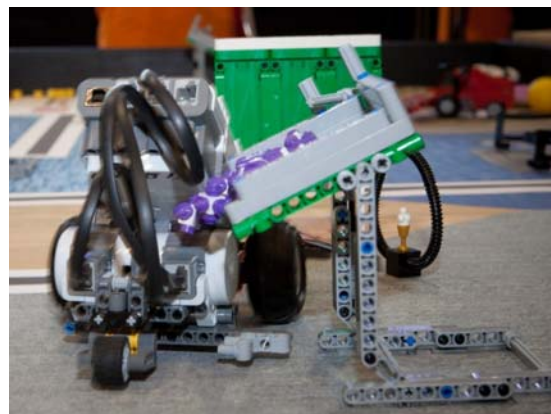
Each team received an award. Bacteria Busters received the award for 'Team Work', while Mitcham 2 – Strawberries, received the award for 'Gracious Professionalism'. Mitcham 2 also placed in the top 5 competitors and has been presented with the opportunity of entering the national competition held at Macquarie University in Sydney on 3 December 2011.

I was very proud to be the teacher of these amazing students who were extremely well behaved. They demonstrated outstanding team work skills helping and supporting each other throughout the day. Team members participated in all events and self monitored the schedule to arrive on time. Congratulations to all the students for their participation and their fantastic performance.

Thanks to all the staff, parents and mentors involved in the project, your support was greatly appreciated.

We also acknowledge the generous sponsorship from the following: BAE Systems, SAGE Automation, Rotary Club of Mitcham, Unley Meats, Mitcham Girls High School and parents.

Vanessa Cole
Science Teacher



Science News (cont.)

RiAus Student Film Club – Microbes to Macrobes: The Story of Frank Fenner

Frank Fenner was one of Australia's greatest scientists, famed for controlling Australia's rabbit plague through the introduction of the myxoma virus. In 1980 he made one of the most momentous announcements in the history of human health – smallpox had been eradicated.

He saved the lives of millions, yet his own life was marked by tragedy. Join us for the screening of this remarkable documentary. Suitable for students in Years 10 and up.

When: Friday 9 December
Where: RiAus, The Science Exchange, Adelaide www.riaus.org.au
Time: 1:00pm.
Cost: Free. **Bookings are necessary** - t.meyer@riaus.org.au

YouTube Space Lab - Your experiment, 250 miles above the Earth, for the whole world to see. What will you do?

YouTube Space Lab, launched with Lenovo, challenges students aged 14-18 to design an experiment that can be performed in space. RiAus is 'over the moon' to be involved in this exceptional project.

The competition is open to students worldwide, and the two winning experiments will have the opportunity to be performed by astronauts on the International Space Station and streamed live on YouTube across the globe. There are also teacher resources to help get you started.

What & When: Students may submit a two-minute video explaining their experiment, from now through to Wednesday 7 December 2011.

For more information visit <http://riaus.org.au/youtube-space-lab/> or contact t.meyer@riaus.org.au

Helen Marussinszky
Science Coordinator

Student Achievement

Isabella Dashorst (10.44) will be competing in the State Track Cycling Championships from 2 to 4 December 2011. She is racing in the sprint, kieran, time trial & scratch race. If she performs well, she may compete in the National Track Cycling Championships in January 2012 in Adelaide.

Isabella has been involved in Pedal Prix for the past 4 years and has ridden for the last 3 years for St John's Grammar School and Belair.

In June this year Isabelle was selected into the FAST (Female Athletic Sprint Talent) Programme with the South Australian Sports Institute (SASI) as a cycling track sprinter.

Good Luck Isabella !



House Captains for 2012

The House Captain selection process has been running since Term 3, involving a series of nominations, speeches and voting in order to determine the House Captains for 2012. Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to lead their house in the coming year:

FRASER

Year 12 Captain: Gemma Ball
Year 11 Vice Captain: Kelly Harrison
Year 10 Vice Captain: Natalia Sciezka
Year 9 Vice Captain: Helen Smith

MITCHELL

Year 12 Captain: Georgina Sulley-Beales
Year 11 Vice Captain: Danni Stewart
Year 10 Vice Captain: Sienna Shaw
Year 9 Vice Captain: Nicola Sulley-Beales

SPENCE

Year 12 Captain: Jye Roe Banks
Year 11 Vice Captain: Georgia Green
Year 10 Vice Captain: TJ Walkden
Year 9 Vice Captain: Louise Mitchell

Thank you to the outgoing house captains who did a fantastic job in leading their houses through the swimming carnival, sports day and house sport competitions in 2011.

Good Luck to all the 2012 House Captains. I wish you a successful and enjoyable year of House Sport.

Zone Sport Finals

The Term 3/4 Zone Sport competition has been running since week 7 of Term 3, with the finals to be played in week 6 of this term. Mitcham has had teams playing in the Year 8/9 and Open Volleyball competitions, the Year 8/9 Indoor Soccer competition and the Mixed Age Basketball competition.

The draws for the finals have not yet been finalised, however, the Indoor Soccer team is yet to lose a match and will be a favourite to take out their competition. Good luck to all teams and a big thank you to the coaches who have given up their time to train and coach these teams throughout the competition.

Chad Alston
Sports Assistant

Congratulations !

Congratulations to Madison Murray (10.43). Madison has been selected to represent South Australia at the 2011 Australian Figure Skating Championships in Brisbane from 2 to 10 December.

The National Championships is the most important competition for Figure Skating within Australia and it is a significant achievement for any skater to have reached the level that allows them to compete at the Championships.

Madison is also attending specialized training sessions and competing in the Maplewood Synchronized Skating Classic in the USA in December after the National Championships.

Good Luck Madison!



Uniform Shop

Uniform Management Services Kent Town location is open all year. It will be closed over Christmas from 19 December to 3 January. Normal trading hours are:

Monday – Friday	9:00am – 5:00pm
Saturdays	9:00am – 12:00noon (for the month of January only)

Mitcham Girls High School Uniform Shop will be open for extended hours prior to the beginning of the school year:

Wednesday	18 January 2012	8:30am – 3:30pm
Thursday	19 January 2012	8:30am – 3:30pm
Tuesday	24 January 2012	8:30am – 3:30pm

Uniform Management Services will provide a footwear specialist at their Kent Town location and the school Uniform Shop throughout the month of January to assist parents with their uniform needs.

Ordering of school uniforms on line will be available from January. To order please visit www.mitchamgirlshs.sa.edu.au/students-and-parents/uniform/ and you will be directed to on line ordering.

Please enter the following details to order:

Login: student
Password: mghsade

Sizing varies in all uniform items so it is strongly recommended you take your student/s with you to ensure a proper fit.

Uniform Management Services would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

Please be aware that the length of the skirt and dress should not be any shorter than one palm width above the knee.

Lynne Holloway
Uniform Management Services

Finance Office – Holiday Open Times

The Finance Office staff will be available from Wednesday 18 January 2012 (8:00am to 2:00pm each day) to assist parents with Materials and Services Charge payments / time payment contracts and / or School Card applications.

Payments can be made by:

- Cheque payable to Mitcham Girls High School.
- EFTPOS (in person or credit card over the phone or by returning the slip provided).
- Direct payment through any bank to the school Bank SA account using either the Invoice number or your daughter's name as identification.
- Cash.
- On line internet banking direct or through Bizgate (instruction will be provided with your invoice).

Instalments

Parents/Caregivers who require the option of paying by instalments, due to genuine financial hardship, will need to register and sign the appropriate contract which will be available from the Finance Office as from on the above date.

All fees are to be paid in full by the end of Term 2 (29 June 2012).

Margaret Neumann
Business Manager

Christian Pastoral Support

Well, my first year as a Christian Pastoral Support Worker is almost over. It's been an amazing year ... full of highs and a few lows. I've learnt a lot, I've laughed a lot and I've even had a few tears. It's been emotional! But one thing that really stood out is that you never know what is going on beneath the surface of people's lives. I've realised that you can never assume anything, because chances are you'll be wrong.

Most of us want to succeed and make something of our lives, but sometimes that's not so easy. Sometimes circumstances are such that it's enough to just get through the day and it's times like these that we need someone who is there for us ... someone who walks beside us and listens to us and says, "it's going to be ok." It's been a privilege and a joy to be that person in some students' lives this year. And the best part about this job, as it is in teaching, is that the learning is always a "two-way" process.

As the last WWW for the year I want to especially wish the Year 12s the very best and hope that they will succeed in whatever path they choose. Remember girls, life is a journey not a destination. Enjoy the ride!

To all the staff and parents who have supported me this year, I thank you. To the Mitcham Inter-Church Council for all that you do to support Mitcham Girls High School, I thank you. And to all the girls at Mitcham – you are the reason I do this job. Thanks for making it so much fun!

Have a joyous Christmas break and I hope to see you all in 2012!!!

Bek Brown
CPSW

Diary Dates

Dec	Monday 5 – Friday 9	Year 10 Work Experience
	Monday 5	Governing Council 6:30pm
	Monday 12	Year 8 / 9 Community Service Day
	Tuesday 13 – Wednesday 14	Year 8 / 9 Activity Day
	Wednesday 14	End of Term 4
		Year 8 & 9 Reports distributed at 2:20pm
		Dismissal 2:25pm
	Thursday 15	Year 12 (2012) Orientation Day
		Years 10 & 11 Reports and Yearbook available for collection
Jan 2012	Wednesday 18 onwards	Finance Office 8:00am – 2:00pm
	Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19	Uniform Shop 8:30am – 3:30pm
	Tuesday 24	Uniform Shop 8:30am – 3:30pm
	Monday 30	Term 1 Begins
		School ID Photos Years 8-12