Presentation Night 2011
Year 12 Formal

Year 9 Design
Award Winners 2011

Biology
Chemistry
Classical Studies
Community Studies
Dance
Drama
English as a Second Language Studies
English as a Second Language
English Communications
English Studies
Food and Hospitality
French
Health
Information Processing and Publishing
Mathematical Applications
Mathematics Studies
Mathematical Methods
Music
Photography
Physical Education
Physics
Psychology
Research Project
Visual Art Studies ART
Visual Art Studies DESIGN
Women’s Studies

Contribution to the SRC

Dantalis Award
Old Scholars’ History and Classical Studies Award
Hughes and Loveday Sports Award
Rotary Performing Arts Award
Rotary Community Studies Award
Central Mitcham Inter-Church Council Award
Leading Ambassador Award
Council of International Schools Award
Elliott Citizenship Award
Caltex Medal
Millhouse Award

Year 8 Bank SA Prize
Year 9 Campion Education Prize
Year 10 City of Mitcham / Margaret Ward Prize
Year 11 KW Stationery Wholesalers Prize

Meg Deakin
Julie Cheong
Amanda Li (UHS)
Louise Fazikas-Giles
Chelsea White (UHS)
Louise Harris
Julie Cheong
Barka Bhandari
Suzi Kelly
Meg Roddy
Alisha Hillier
Saffron Ronson
Georgia Wise
Alisha Hillier
Natasha Wallace
Julie Cheong
Meg Deakin
Kate Ginever
Sarah Page
Meg Deakin
Meg Deakin
Tara Mower
Saffron Ronson
Gemma Mickan
Faiza Ahmad
Meg Roddy
Louise Harris
Saffron Ronson
Kashaf Ahmad

Saffron Ronson
Louise Harris
Alison Coombe
Kate Ginever
Shanae Brown
Kat Warren
Taylor Rubino
Saffron Ronson
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Saffron Ronson
Meg Deakin
Nicola Sulley-Beales
Caitlin Parker
Nibir Chowdhury
Georgina Sulley-Beales
Materials and Services Charge for 2012

The following are the results of a poll conducted by the Mitcham Girls High School Council. The poll has been conducted in accordance with Education Act 1972 and the Materials and Services Charges Administrative Instructions and Guidelines issued in October 2011.

Number of persons liable for the charge: 621
Number of families polled: 563

Results of the poll: For: 74
Against: 19

The Principal, Antoinette Jones, has approved the Prescribed Sum of $555.00 Materials and Services Charge for 2012.

Margaret Neumann
Business Manager

Vacancy: Canteen Manager

Mitcham Girls High School has a vacancy for a Canteen Manager (Fast Food Employee Level 2). This is a casual position for a maximum of 35 hours per week, school terms 1 to 4. Experience and Food Handling qualifications are essential.

Contact Margaret Neumann between the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm on 8272 8233 or email margaret.neumann@mitchamgirlshs.sa.edu.au for the Job and Person Specification.

Written applications close Friday 9 December 2011, 4:30pm.

Year 10 Design

What, When and Why No 11, Term 4 2011
Science News

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
**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  
**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/](http://riaus.org.au/youtube-space-lab/) or contact t.meyer@riaus.org.au

**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, kierin, 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 online will be available from January. To order please visit [www.mitchamgirlshs.sa.edu.au/students-and-parents/uniform/](http://www.mitchamgirlshs.sa.edu.au/students-and-parents/uniform/) and you will be directed to online 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:

a) Cheque payable to Mitcham Girls High School.

b) EFTPOS (in person or credit card over the phone or by returning the slip provided).

c) Direct payment through any bank to the school Bank SA account using either the Invoice number or your daughter’s name as identification.

d) Cash.

e) 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
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

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