International Women’s Day
8 March was International Women’s Day, celebrated not only at Mitcham Girls, but across the world. On this day we celebrate what has been accomplished by women in the past and reflect on the future.

Yes, a lot has been achieved in Australia. An increasing number of women today are better educated; in fact, we have one of the highest levels of female university graduates. We are starting to see many women taking seats in the political arena and, at least, there are policies that aim to balance gender inequalities. It is also true, however, that equal pay for women is still an illusion and there are not too many women sitting on boards of successful companies.

Unfortunately the news is even less positive in many other parts of the world where young people, especially girls, are denied an education. Lack of education, poverty, violence and discrimination seem to be the norm for billions of women and children around the world. This is not to say that these awful conditions don’t exist in Australia to some extent.

The objectification of women and young girls in the media is still relentless in our country, probably more shocking than in the past. As women, teachers and parents of young women we must learn to say “enough is enough” and vote with our money – just don’t buy magazines, newspapers or goods what demean women and young girls by treating them as sex objects.

What are the solutions? Experts, and our own experience, tell us that everyone needs to be educated about gender equality so that we can all work together to advance social justice and human rights for all the people in the world.

On a day like International Women’s Day, I reflect on the reasons why our school is so special. We feel very comfortable about discussing with our students issues of equality and social justice. We encourage our girls to address and challenge barriers that hinder their capacity to take their place in the world as strong young leaders. We are confident that our girls will continue to demand equal rights not just for them but also for all the women of the world.

Melinda Tankard Reist Workshops
A date not to be missed – please enter in your diary now!

During International Women’s Day week a group of teachers attended a performance and development session where the film “MissRepresentation” was viewed.

The session was followed by the key note speaker Melinda Tankard Reist. Melinda is an author, speaker, media commentator, blogger and advocate for women and girls. Melinda is also a columnist with Melbourne’s Sunday Herald Sun and is a regular guest on television and radio programs. Many schools have engaged Melinda to speak to students on various issues.
From The Principal

Melinda Tankard Reist Workshops  (cont.)
In her address, amongst other things, Melinda spoke about:

- the sexualisation of children in media and popular culture
- girls and the online world: how can girls stay positive in cyberspace
- Positive Bodies: You’re OK just the way you are
- How the advertising industry harms women and children.

We all found Melinda’s workshops very fearless, powerful and even confronting but decided that as a school we needed to bring the above issues to the attention of all of our girls and have engaged her to run workshops with all of our students on Thursday 27 and Friday 28 June. She will speak to each of the year levels separately so that she can adjust her presentation accordingly.

We believe that all parents should also listen to what Melinda has to say so that together with teachers, we spread the same message.

A workshop for parents has been booked for Thursday 27 June in the PAC at 7:00 pm.

More information will be sent out next term. However, please enter this date in your diary now so that you will not miss out on such an insightful presentation.

Parent Survey: Newsletter
Thanks to all the families who responded to the survey about the newsletter. We have received 52 responses and it seems that most families want to continue to receive the newsletter. We shall oblige.

Parent / Teacher Interviews
Parent / Teacher Interviews will be held on Wednesday 1 May (Term 2, week 1). Teachers will be available between 2:45pm and 8:00pm. A letter will be sent home Tuesday outlining the on line booking process. Interview booking times can be booked on line from Monday 8 April.

Simply go to www.mitchamgirlshs.sa.edu.au and click on the Parent/Teacher Interview link. It is a very simple process and there are clear instructions to guide you. If you do not have access to the internet, please ring Jenni Stewart on 0408 346 580 and she will make the appointment for you. If you are unable to attend an interview with one of your daughter’s teachers, please feel free to make contact via email.

Open Day: Monday 13 May, 9:00-11:00am & 5:30- 8:00pm
This is another important event on our calendar. If you are aware of any families who may be looking for a school for their daughter, please encourage them to attend our Open Day.

Year 12 Holiday Lessons
Year 12 teachers will be running holiday lessons. Please encourage your daughter to attend as these have proven to be extremely valuable in the past. The timetable is on the home page of our website.

Antoinette Jones
The AGM of the Governing Council was held on Monday 4 March.

At the AGM, the Annual Report was presented and the Principal outlined some of the major achievements from the Site Improvement Plan 2012. The Annual Report appears on the school’s website for those parents who are keen to read it.

Below are the names of the members of the Governing Council for 2013 and the names of parents and staff who have joined various sub-committees of the Council:

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Please be aware that you do not need to be elected to the Governing Council to join a sub-committee. If you are interested in any of the sub-committees please ring Jenni Stewart.

**PARENT VOICE Committee – please join us**

This is a new committee formed in response to a survey which indicated to us that communication and parental involvement needed strengthening. The Committee will develop its role statement and will endeavour to hold meetings at various locations to make it easier for parents to attend “Parent Voice” meetings.

However, so far, we only have two parents on this committee and we would like to have at least two more. If you think you can devote a few hours a term, to help us connect better with parents, please contact Antoinette Jones for more information.
Quiz Night Prizes

We would be grateful for donations of any sort to be used as prizes on the night. Donations can be left at Student Services.

All members of our school community can assist us with business contacts they may have. If you know of anyone; family, friends or business acquaintances, or you work in a business who can donate prizes, please inform Jenni in the front office (E: jennifer.stewart490@schools.sa.edu.au) or your daughter’s care group teacher and they will pass this information on to us. The more prizes the more winners. Nothing is too big or too small. All donations will be acknowledged through our school newsletter and our web site.

Tickets will be available from the Finance Office from Tuesday 2 April until Quiz Night.

Note: Any donations of alcohol must be brought into Student Services by a parent.

Cynthia, Gilbert, Paula, Jacek, Grazyna
Fundraising Committee
Science News

In 2013, the Science Department will provide an opportunity for science students to challenge themselves in the Big Science Competition.

This one-hour international competition is open to students of all abilities at three difference levels: Junior (Years 7 and 8), Intermediate (Years 9 and 10) and Senior (Years 11 and 12). Questions are aligned with the Australian Curriculum and test students’ critical thinking and problem-solving skills as well as their science knowledge. Each student who takes part will receive a certificate as well as detailed feedback on their performance in the competition. They also go into a draw to win hundreds of iTunes and movie vouchers.

Our school will receive a comprehensive report for each paper level showing how each student performed on each question, the percentage of students in the cohort who answered correctly, and a comparison with the national results.

The Big Science Competition will be held at school between 22 and 29 May 2013. Cost: $8.00 to be paid to the Finance Office by Monday 8 April.

For more information visit www.asi.edu.au or ask your science teacher.

Helen Marussinzky
Science Coordinator

Sports News

Sports Day
This year’s Sports Day will be held on Friday 5 April from 9:00am - 3:15pm. Parents are welcome to join us for this day. A program of events can be viewed on the home page of the school website.

Zone Sport
The following is the position of the teams on the ladder at the end of Round 4.

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Mitcham Red  10th Mitcham 2nd

The teams will compete for the rest of the term with finals taking place in week 11.
**Swimming Carnival**

The 2013 Swimming Carnival was held on Wednesday 20 February with fierce competition between Spence, Mitchell and Fraser.

It was great to see so many girls getting involved, both in competing with enthusiasm in the pool and creative dress-ups. The involvement of so many girls created an exciting atmosphere!

The points tally was close all day, with Spence leading by one point heading into the last event. In a close finish, Fraser took out 1st place in both the Senior and Overall championships, with Spence winning the Junior Cup and coming 2nd overall.

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Aside from the novelty events, girls competed individually in competitive strokes to win points for their houses in the swimming championship. Congratulations to our champions and runners up.

- **Year 8 Champion**: Emma Catt (Mitchell)
- **Runner Up**: Olivia Harnett (Spence)
- **Year 9 Champion**: Izzy Green (Spence)
- **Runner Up**: Chloe Hayward-Wheeler (Fraser)
- **Year 10/11 Champion**: Shubi Dumra (Spence)
- **Runner Up**: Alice Robertson (Fraser)
- **Year 12 Champion**: Nicole Lahiff
- **Runners Up**: Amy Semmens (Fraser), Rose Harvey (Mitchell), Sophie Anderson (Spence)

In Year 12 we had 3 runners up, as all three were equal on points. The girls shared the award. However, Amy Semmens took home the medal as Fraser won overall.

Congratulations to FRASER, our individual champions and to all House Captains for their efforts in organising their teams.

**Interschool Swimming Carnival Results**

The certificate winners at the Interschool Swimming Championships are as follows:

- **Esther Burnett**: 2nd u14 Girls 4 x 50m Freestyle, 3rd u14 Girls 50m Backstroke Div 3
- **Emma Catt**: 1st u14 Girls 50m Backstroke Div 2, 2nd u14 Girls 4 x 50 Freestyle, 3rd u14 Girls 50m Breaststroke Div 2, 3rd u14 Girls 50m Freestyle Div 3
### Interschool Swimming Carnival Results

**Shubi Dumra**
- 2nd Open Girls 4 x 50m Medley
- 3rd Open Girls 100m Freestyle div 1
- 3rd Open Girls 4 x 50m Freestyle
- 3rd Open Girls Butterfly Div 1
- 3rd Open Girls 50m Freestyle Div 1

**Phoebe Edwards**
- 1st u16 Girls 50m Backstroke Div 2
- 3rd u15 Girls 4 x 50m Freestyle

**Isobel Green**
- 1st u15 Girls 50m Backstroke div 1
- 2nd Open Girls 4 x 50m Medley
- 2nd u16 Girls 4 x 50m Freestyle
- 3rd Open Girls 4 x 50m Freestyle

**Olivia Harnett**
- 2nd Open Girls 4 x 50m Medley
- 2nd u14 Girls 50m Breaststroke Div 1
- 3rd u15 Girls 4 x 50m Freestyle

**Chloe Hayward-Wheeler**
- 1st Open Girls 50m Backstroke Div 2
- 2nd u14 Girls 50m Backstroke Div 1
- 3rd u15 Girls 4 x 50m Freestyle

**Nicole Lahiff**
- 3rd Open Girls 4 x 50m Freestyle

**Jaymee Langrehr**
- 1st u15 Girls 50m Backstroke Div 2
- 2nd u15 Girls 50m Freestyle Div 3
- 3rd u15 Girls 4 x 50m Freestyle

**Tori McDonnell**
- 2nd u16 Girls 4 x 50m Freestyle
- 2nd u16 Girls 50m Freestyle Div 2

**Aimee Reiter**
- 3rd u16 Girls 50m Breaststroke div 2

**Alice Robertson**
- 2nd Open Girls 4 x 50m Medley
- 3rd u15 4 x 50m Freestyle
- 3rd u15 Girls 50m Breaststroke Div 1
- 3rd u15 Girls 50m Freestyle Div 1

**Amy Skingsley**
- 1st u16 Girls 50m Freestyle Div 3
- 2nd u15 Girls 50m Breaststroke Div 2
- 2nd u16 4 x 50m Freestyle

**Nicola Sulley-Beales**
- 2nd u16 Girls 4 x 50m Freestyle
- 3rd u16 Girls 50m Backstroke Div 1

**Jessica Tuckwell**
- 2nd u14 Girls 4 x 50m Freestyle
“Dancing in the Twilight” by Iona Black (9.14)

I have finished all that needs to be done; I am free to do as I please. Watch TV? No. Read a book? No. Play with the dog? No. I need something else, something real. I need something worthwhile, something to open up my heart once more. My feet carry me down the hall, my head is light and my steps are swift. My arm lifts up, my hand closes on the door knob and I turn and pull. The light is facing, even under the back patio; I can tell it’s almost dark. I walk out across the pavement, through leaves that crackle as my toes transfer weight from one foot to the next. I walk over gumnuts that dig into my blisters that make me choose my path carefully.

The change from hard littered pavement to long soft grass is a relief. Why am I here? I ask myself because I truly don’t know how I got here. I sit down heavily into the green lush seat. Maybe it’s time to go inside, dinner will be ready soon. So I stand up and plant one foot firmly on the ground. Suddenly, music starts playing in my head. Music that makes steps play over in my mind, dance steps. The music is soft, light and airy. I remember the steps to this song, I look around, and no one is here. When I order them to, my limbs take over from my head, my heart has taken over my entire body. My legs move to first position, my arms to diagonal parallel. The music counts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and I begin.

First the leg kick up front, high. I brush out my leg smoothly and hold it high, toe pointed, my leg comes down gracefully. Two steps, next the side kick, I bring my right arm in curved, turn my body to the right and out goes my left leg, I see it go above my hips and come back to my right foot. Two steps, third kick is the back one; I twist my body to the right to face the diagonal behind me. My leg sweeps up, my back goes down, my arms go out in front to make a straight line, and I can feel my muscles strengthen with each movement I take. Two steps, the gallop, then grand jete next. My right leg bounces out in front of me, followed by the left leg. They kiss for just a moment, then my left leg springs out, bends down and then jumps up, the right leg extends out and for a brief moment I am suspended in mid-air. At that moment, there is no need to worry about my weight, because at that moment, I am weightless. There is no need for worrying, because at that moment I have no worries. My landing comes faster than I want it to, but I have to come down at some point. For once the tears come without sadness. I can feel beautiful, because at this moment no one is judging.

“Iona! Time for dinner!”, I must go, but I’ll never leave this place, not really ....

Harmony Day

Harmony Day is celebrated worldwide on 21 March. The message of Harmony Day is ‘Everyone Belongs’ and our theme for 2013 was ‘Water is Life’ recognising the importance of water in all our lives.

Our Mitcham Girls community is diverse. We come from many countries around the world. We each have a story to share from our varied cultures and communities and we participate in Harmony Day activities every year to celebrate this diversity.

On our theme of ‘Water is Life’, we created Art works, posters, Dance works , synchronised swimming routines and learnt about sustainable water use in Home Ec and Tech studies.

We celebrated this day by wearing ORANGE and this year the SRC sold flowers to decorate our hair, with profits going to Oxfam.

Meredith Arnold
SRC Coordinator
**Stage 1 History Trip**

We have distributed letters to the students of Ancient Studies and Modern History about the Melbourne History trip to Melbourne. This will take place in September on the school closure weekend. Students will have until 5 April to pay their deposit and we will plan the trip for the numbers of students who have paid at that time. It is a very rewarding experience where we will be visiting the Holocaust Museum and the Old Melbourne Gaol in particular.

Sue Howlett  
SACE Coordinator

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**IT News**

**Infrastructure Upgrade**  
I am happy to report that after seeking numerous quotes and planning for the best solutions, the IT Committee has engaged the services of several companies to upgrade our infrastructure. This work will involve replacing all of the old Cat5 cabling throughout the school with Cat6a rated cable, allowing a faster transfer rate for data than we currently have. To accommodate this we will also be replacing the switches that assist in the control of data transfer, with upgraded models capable of handling the faster transfer rate.

This work will commence during the holidays and will continue into the first few weeks of Term 2. Every effort will be made to minimise disruption to teaching and learning during this upgrade and we look forward to having a more efficient, faster and reliable structure at the completion of works.

**Printing**  
Over the last few weeks we have installed new photocopiers and printers around the school. This has greatly increased the accessibility for staff and students with machine being matched to the requirements of the area in which it is located, preventing the need to access a printer in another part of the school.

Coupled with the introduction of “Follow Me”, software that allows the owner of the print job to send and then release their print job at a photocopier of their choice, we now have a much more efficient printing system throughout the school.

Anne Carpenter  
Assistant Principal  
Timetabling and IT Systems
Welcome to the Student Representative Council for 2013:

- President: K Apech
- Vice President: E Jones-Gray
- Minute Secretary: K Lai
- Correspondence Secretary: N Baig
- Treasurer: G Gomez Manjarrez

Year 11: N Ash-Clarke, T Ahmad, D Cheffirs, C Parker, M McCarthy
Year 10: Z Charman, C Scott, H Woodlock, E McClintock, A Vivian-Fryer
Year 9: M Durrani, A Taylor, C Brealey, R Ballans, I Entwistle
Year 8: L Weekly, H Rhodes, Y Pillay, A Saunders, T Lamont

The MGHS Students Representative Council has been energetic and very active so far in 2013. We have a group of elected and volunteer members who have been involved in a wide range of activities.

- Class representatives have been elected and we have gained 10 ex officio members who have volunteered to assist the SRC
- Elected the SRC Executive and Committee members
- Participated in a workshop run by Rising Generations
- Two members attended the Alliance of Girls’ Schools Conference in Sydney
- Two members attended the IWD Committee luncheon at the Adelaide Convention Centre
- Seven members attended the UNIFEM IWD Breakfast
- Conducted a Leadership Induction Assembly with members speaking and receiving badges
- Held a successful fundraising BBQ at Swimming Carnival
- Instigated and held the Best Dressed competition at the Swimming Carnival
- Assisted at the IWD Assembly with MC and organisation
- Assisted with fundraising on Harmony Day
- Member attended the RED Cross Ambassadors Conference

We also have many ideas for events and leadership opportunities for the rest of the year.

Elenor Jones-Gray / Gabriela Gomez Manjarrez
SRC
Health & PE: Years 8, 9 and 10 Health

Relationships and Sexual Health Education

Our school has been part of the SHine SA focus school program since 2006. This program provides our staff with access to professional development, resources, curriculum and ongoing personnel support to deliver a comprehensive relationships and sexual health program to Years 8, 9 and 10. Our staff are confident and enjoy delivering the program which covers a range of topics including; Respect, The Body, Relationships, Communication, Consent, Safer Sex, Gender, Power, and the Impact of Technology.

Participation in the lessons aims to improve students’ ability to develop healthy relationships, be confident and happy within themselves and their bodies, and make well-informed and safe decisions in their relationships and sexual health.

In 2013 198 students from Years 8, 9 and 10 from Mitcham Girls High School provided SHine SA with feedback on the program. Here is a snapshot of the findings:

- 96% of students rated the course overall as good or excellent.
- 91% of students believe the course will be useful to them now or in the future.
- 31% of students indicated they had spoken to a family member or carer about relationships and sexual health.
- Many indicated that there was no need, they or their parents would feel too uncomfortable or they had discussions previously.

Finally, some general comments from the students:

- I’ve learnt so much during this class. This information will stick with me for the rest of my life.
- I can say no and no one can force me to do anything I don’t want to.
- I have a better understanding of different areas of a relationship! I know that I can say NO without feeling guilty/sorry because it’s my right to say yes or no!!
- It has taught me a lot to be careful and what to do in a sexual situation and not to be persuaded into doing something you shouldn’t.
- It has shown me that I am the one who owns my body and nobody else can make decisions for me except myself and I should not feel pressured or scared in any way.
- Everything we learnt will apply to us at some point of our life whether it be a friend or family member or yourself.
- The course has taught me a lot. Given me a lot to think about.
- I never really knew anything about sexual health; this course has explained everything from being safe to getting pregnant.

If you too would like to provide feedback to our school and SHine SA on the program please go to https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2013Parent_Carer

Sandy Alston
H&PE Coordinator
Safety Cornerstones to Learner Driving

Parents often ask advice on the proper approach to take when teaching a person to drive. Proper instruction is important and if you are going to teach your child to drive ensure that you are up to date with current road rules. The RAA have an online test to practise the road rules and there is a simple online test on the DPTI internet page as well. The SAPOL Road Safety Section has a session entitled ‘Cars have changed......so have the Road Rules’ which specifically covers supervising learner drivers which can be booked by your school. Here are some ideas to consider when discussing this topic with your daughter or son.

1. Only apply for a Learner’s Permit when ready. There is no need to encourage early licensing as your child will need to feel comfortable about taking this step with all the responsibility that this decision brings with it. Learning to drive should not be seen as something that should automatically occur as soon as they attain the correct age.

2. Use a licensed driving instructor. This does not have to be for the whole of the required 75 hours driving experience but having an instructor involved for some sessions is important to ensure that the learner has this experience. The ‘keys2drive’ program is available to give a free driving lesson with a licensed instructor to assist here. This session can be organised through the internet. A professional instructor will judge the areas for improvement in their driving and suggest ways to correct them.

3. Ensure your learner completes at least 75 hours driving practice as per their log book. Don’t take short cuts here as your learner needs this practice as once they have their licence, their chances of being involved in a crash increase dramatically.
**Parent Workshops 2013**

*For Parents of Yr 9 & 10 students from Unley High School, Mitcham Girls High School and Urrbrae Agricultural High School.*

As an initiative of the Parent Voice Committee at Unley High School, a group of teachers was formed, which also included Mitcham Girls High School and Urrbrae Agricultural High School, under the leadership of Peter Leolkes, Industries Link Coordinator, has developed a series of presentations and ‘hands on’ workshops which are designed to help parents support their child/ren in making important **course and career decisions** throughout their secondary schooling. Parents are warmly welcome to attend.

**Workshop 1**  **Parents as Career Partners**  **Thursday 4 April 2013**

The workshop will assist you to:

1. Gain and share information and insights into the emerging world of work.
2. Gain insights into the career development of your child.
3. Explore how you can most effectively assist that career development.

The workshop balances the provision of information and ideas for parents with interactive activities that draw on the parents’ own wisdom and experience.

**Workshop 2**  **The future world of work**  **Tuesday 28 May 2013**

Find out where the jobs will be in the future in South Australia and Australia, what they might look like, what will be growth industries and the impact of our community needs on the labour market. The second part of the evening will be practical hands on exploration of the [myfuture](http://www.myfuture.edu.au) website to investigate the many pathways and careers available.

**Workshop 3**  **Today’s (multiple) pathways to University**  **Thursday 13 June 2013**

Hear about how things have changed in regards to getting into university. The ‘non-linear’ pathways. Hear about Bridging courses, University Entrance tests, No ATAR - what now? Ask questions of a panel of University Course Counsellors and students. Try out some of the online tools the major universities have available for students to choose courses and careers.

**Workshop 4**  **Trades for boys and girls and how to get there**  **Wednesday 26 June 2013**

What and why of Apprenticeships. Hear about selection processes used and how to win an apprenticeship. What employers value in a school leaver. Hear from recent school leavers who are now apprentices.

The second half will provide information about pathway courses available in yours and nearby schools – and how to access them, School Based Apprenticeships – how they work. How to get a head start by studying SACE and an accredited VET qualifications whilst at school.

**Workshop 5**  **Other further education options**  **Wednesday 31 July 2013**

TAFE and other Vocational Education and Training Providers – what career paths can they offer your child?

In the second half, find out about and try out some really useful websites and other resources which you could use with your child in guiding them along their path.

**Workshop 6**  **How to help if they have no idea**  **Thursday 15 August 2013**

Schools offer several programs which teach students about where they fit, where their strengths are and which career paths to explore. Find out how what these are and how you can be a partner with the school in guiding your child to choose an appropriate path.

To register interest:

Email [careerpartners@uhs.sa.edu.au](mailto:careerpartners@uhs.sa.edu.au) and indicate which number workshop you would like to attend.

**Venue for all workshops:** Unley High School

**Times:** 6:30pm until 8:30pm except for Workshop 1 which finishes at 9:00pm.

More information will be emailed to participants closer to the date.
Mitcham Girls High School is pleased to announce the 

entertainment™ Book fund-raiser!

Mitcham Girls High School is pleased to be offering parents the opportunity to purchase the new Adelaide 2013|2014 Entertainment™ Book to raise funds for our school.

We really like the new Entertainment™ Books because they contain many of the area’s best restaurants, cafés, activities, hotel accommodation and much more. These popular Books are packed with over hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers, and over $15,000 value in total that your family can enjoy until 1st June 2014!

The best part is that for only $65 you’ll be helping our fund-raising, with $13 from every Book sold contributing to our school. Please let your family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues know we are fund-raising, as the more Books we sell, the more funds we raise!

The Entertainment™ Book will be sent home with your child on 29 April 2013.

To purchase your Entertainment Book please pay $65.00 to the Finance Office no later than Friday 3 May. If you do not wish to purchase your Entertainment Book please return it to the Finance Office on 30 April or as soon as possible thereafter.

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2013 Materials & Services Charge

Thank you to all our parents who have either paid or arranged payment options for their daughter’s 2013 school fees. This is a reminder that the Materials & Services Charge is to be paid in full by the end of Term 2, 2013.

Parents/Caregivers requiring the option of paying by instalments, due to genuine financial hardship, need to register and sign the appropriate form available from the Finance Office. Arrangements need to be made within 30 days of receipt of invoice.

In 2013 as approved by the Mitcham Girls High School Governing Council, instalment payments must be made fortnightly or monthly. Payments can be made to the school direct by either Bizgate online or credit card over the phone.

If you have any questions regarding your daughter’s Materials & Services Charge please contact me or Sue King in our Finance Office.

Margaret Neumann
Business Manager
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