

What, When & Why

@ Mitcham Girls High School

No 3, Friday 8 April, Term 1 2011

From the Principal...

Dear Families,

This week we farewelled **Penny Tranter** who won the position of Principal at Seaview High School, until the end of 2011.

Penny was appointed to Mitcham in 2002 as Assistant Principal and won the Deputy Principal position soon after. In her ten years at the school Penny implemented many changes which helped enhance the reputation of our school. We have a very safe learning environment because of her strong stance against harassment and her commitment to promote the values that underpin our work: respect, positive working relationships, diversity, individuality, fairness and excellence.

Penny has been an outstanding leader of the Senior School and has supported and empowered others to grow and take on leadership roles.

We congratulate Penny on her appointment as principal, thank her for her extremely hard work and wish her well for the future.

Important Diary Dates:

1. Parent/Teacher Interviews: Wednesday 4 May, 2:30-8:00pm

By now your daughter should have brought home a letter outlining how you can book your appointments on line. Simply go to [Hwww.mitchamgirlshs.sa.edu.au](http://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 and she will make the appointment for you. Of course, I will be available for parents to see me if they wish.

2. Official Opening of Science Laboratories and Pavilion: Wednesday 18 May, 10:00am

There will be a formal assembly at 10:00am in the gymnasium. All parents are welcome. A formal invitation will be sent home at the beginning of Term 2.

3. Open Day: Monday 16 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.



OPEN DAY

MITCHAM GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

A professional, progressive learning community dedicated to providing outstanding educational opportunities for girls.

**OPEN DAY
MONDAY MAY 16,
2011**

9:00 - 11:00am & 5:30 - 8:00pm
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From the Principal ... cont.

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.

Annual General Meeting of the Governing Council

The above meeting was held on 21 March. The following parents have been elected to the Council for the next two years:

Liesl von der Borch

Jeremy Davidson-Tear

Helen Dicaterina

Gillian Phillips

Grant Cox

Paula Mitchell

Ilona Double

Robyn Hayes

Continuing parents who were elected in 2010:

Marcia Evans

Cynthia Goldsworthy

Sarah Quihampton

Thomas Wanner

Megan Wright

Toby Gray

Gilbert Dashorst

Jenni Stewart

Executive members and sub committee members will be elected on Monday 9 May. The School community thanks the above parents for taking on the role of governing the school.

The end of Term 1 is nearing. Reports will be issued to students on Friday 15 April at 3:10pm. Please be aware reports cannot be issued any earlier.

I trust you will have a relaxing time with your family during the Term 1 holidays. School resumes on Monday 2 May.

Antoinette Jones
Principal

SCIENCE NEWS

Thank you

Science would like to thank Marilyn Goodwin (via Makeisha Cole 8.09) for donating equipment that we can use in dissections.

The BIG Science Competition

All students are encouraged to try the BIG Science Competition 2011. This will test students' critical thinking and problem-solving skills as well their science knowledge.

It is a one-hour paper containing 30 multiple-choice questions. There are three levels of papers: Junior (Years 7 and 8), Intermediate (Years 9 and 10) and Senior (Years 11 and 12). Test questions are written by the Australian Council for Educational Research, Australia's leading organisation for educational research. All participating students are given a certificate to recognise their achievement in the Competition, and top-scoring students are invited to a National Presentation Ceremony. **An entry fee of \$6.60 needs to be paid to the Finance Office by 15th April.**

National Youth Science Forum

Year 11 science students are invited to apply for the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra & Perth in January 2012. Ask your science teachers for more details about this fantastic opportunity.

Oliphant Science Awards

All Year 8 & 9 students are encouraged to continue working on their entries during the holiday break. The best entries will be submitted into the state competition. Older students should consider having fun & participating – they have a good chance of doing well in the competition due to a reduced number of entries at higher year levels.

Helen Marussinszky
Science Coordinator

TECHNOLOGY NEWS

This term the Year 9 Technology Workshop students have been designing some very diverse and personalised key holders.

They have researched possibilities of various designs, made some sketches to help develop their ideas, followed by creating accurate drawings of their final design.

The students then used the band saw, fret saw or coping saw to cut out their shapes from solid pine and smoothed all the surfaces using a range of files and abrasive paper.

To finish the projects some students used a pyrograph (burning tool) to create the outlines and features of the character and others used colour print outs to glue onto the wood.

Finally, the students attached some brass cup hooks to hang keys from.

Matt Peters
Tech Teacher



THREE CHEERS FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Where would we be without volunteers? The people who put their hand up to help where help is needed and they do it, not for the money (because there is none) or for the recognition (because sadly there often isn't much of that either), but simply because they see a need and they respond.

On behalf of the school, I would like to recognise and say thank you to the many volunteers who have helped out at MGHS over the years; to those who are presently volunteering in various ways and also to those who have put their hand up to volunteer with the New Arrivals Community Support Program. The Program was established a number of years ago and has been a great success, particularly for the students who received much needed support. I spoke to one past volunteer who said she built such a strong friendship with the student she was working with and that they still catch up every now and again, even though the student has completed her formal schooling.

The Community Support Program will start up again in Term 2 and will focus on new arrival students (refugee, migrant, international students) to Australia. The level of support required to assist these students is not necessarily highly academic. Skills needed to support the students will centre on everyday language skills that most Australians possess. If you have an hour or two free each week and are interested in helping out with the program please get in touch with me by either calling the school or sending me at email at: Hrebekah.brown@mitchamgirlshs.sa.edu.au.

Once again, huge thanks to those who have already, and continue to volunteer your time and energy. It does not go unnoticed and the MGHS community would not be the same without you!

Bek Brown

Christian Pastoral Support Worker (CPSW)

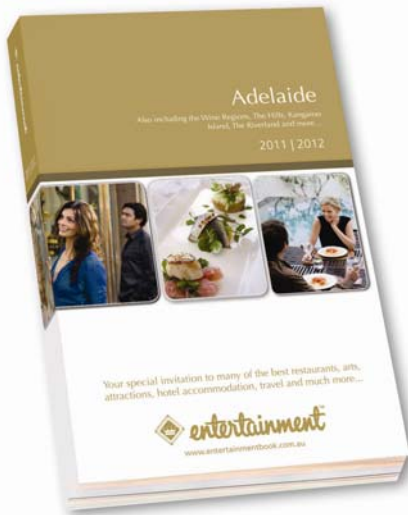
Year 10 Craft Mosaic and Clay Murals



Diary Dates		
April	Friday 8 Friday 15 Monday 18 – Friday 29	WWW Published End of Term 1 – Reports distributed at 3:10pm Dismissal 3:15pm Year 12 Holiday Lessons
May	Monday 2 Wednesday 4 Monday 9 Monday 9 Tuesday 10 – Thursday 12 Thursday 12 – Friday 13 Monday 16 Wednesday 18 Friday 20 Tuesday 26 Thursday 31	Term 2 Begins Parent / Teacher Interviews (book on line) Year 11 Driver Education Governing Council 7:00pm Year 9 NAPLAN Testing Year 10 Aquatics OPEN DAY / NIGHT 9:00-11:00am and 5:30 to 8:00pm Opening of Science Labs 10:00am WWW Published Principal's Tour 9:15am Principal's Tour 9:15am
June	Wednesday 1 Thursday 2 Thursday 2 Thursday 9 Thursday 9 Friday 10 Monday 13 Tuesday 14 Monday 20 Monday 20 – Friday 24 Friday 24 Monday 27 Monday 27 Monday 27 – Friday 1 July	Year 12 Drama Performance 7:00pm Year 12 Drama Performance Exam 7:00pm Casual Day Years 8 & 9 Immunisations Stage 2 Maths Apps Exam WWW Published Queen's Birthday Public Holiday Student Free Day Governing Council 7:00pm Years 10 & 11 Exam Week Semester 1 Ends Year 12 Music Night 7:00pm Semester 2 Begins Year 9 Camps
July	Friday 1 Tuesday 5 Wednesday 6 – Thursday 7 Friday 8 Friday 8 Monday 11 – Friday 22	WWW Published Years 10, 11 & 12 Dance Night 7:00pm Year 12 Retreat Year 11 Reflection Day End of Term 2 – Reports distributed 3:10pm Year 12 Holiday Lessons

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For further details, please contact Sue King in the Finance Office on 8272 8233.