

What, When & Why

@ Mitcham Girls High School

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From the Principal...

Dear Families,

Open Day is usually a very big event for us. It is an opportunity to showcase our school and the talents of students while at the same time provide them with leadership opportunities. About 170 students supported us with Open Day; their duties included welcoming parents as they arrived, taking tours, performing in their subject areas and even giving a formal address to the parents.

We have had a record 1,200 visitors through the school on Open Day and once again our students have done us proud. Your assistance and support in picking up your daughter late at night was very much appreciated.

Regards,
Antoinette Jones



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Parent Guide to Raising a Concern or Complaint

We all expect quality and expert care and teaching for your child in order that they achieve their potential. Working together will give us the best chance of solving a problem that may arise during your child's years in preschool and school.

We also recognise that at times things may go wrong. If you have a concern or a complaint, we want you to let us know. It's important to learn from mistakes or misunderstandings so that we can improve your daughter's experience and learning, and also improve processes where possible.

The first step in working through a complaint is to talk to your child's teacher and then the principal if you still are not happy.

Ask at the front office for a copy of the school/preschool's *Parent Guide to Raising a Concern or Complaint* brochure. Steps guiding how complaints should be made are explained in the brochure.

Use this guide to help you think through what you are concerned about and how to resolve the matter respectfully and effectively.

About Complaints or Concerns

This information may be helpful in explaining what a complaint is:

A complaint may be made by a parent if they think that the school has, for example:

- done something wrong
- failed to do something it should have done
- acted unfairly or impolitely.

Your concern or complaint may be about:

- the type, level or quality of services
- the behaviour and decisions of staff
- a policy, procedure or practice.

Sometimes a complaint is about something we have to do because of State or Federal law. In such cases we are able to talk to you about the matter and help you understand the requirements and why they exist.

If you'd like more information give me a call or visit the department's website at www.decd.sa.gov.au/parentcomplaint or email DECD.parentcomplaint@sa.gov.au. There is also a Freecall number 1800 677 435.

Antoinette Jones

Correction: In the last issue of WWW the article on Harmony Day (page 4) was wrongly credited to Laura Harvey. The article was actually written by a Year 12 student and one of the presenters at the Harmony Day assembly, Runa Hong.

Apologies for the error and thank you to Runa for an excellent summary of the event.

Laura Harvey

Youth ANZAAS 2012: 29 June – 6 July: Dunedin New Zealand

Science students in Years 10, 11 or 12 should apply now!

Youth ANZAAS is an annual residential international forum for science students in Years 10, 11 and 12. Every year, students from each State and Territory are selected to participate in science activities and experiences over a period of a week.

Behind-the-scenes tours, lectures with leading scientists, hands-on research, cutting edge technology – all this and more!

Youth ANZAAS 2012 is organised by the Royal Society of New Zealand and the Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science (ANZAAS) and receives support from the Federal Department of Education and Science.

Youth ANZAAS 2012 will be held in Dunedin to coincide with the University of Otago International Festival of Science.

They pay to get you there! ANZAAS will pay the travel costs of successful applicant. Travel from Christchurch to Dunedin will be by motor coach organised by RSNZ.

Participants pay only the conference registration fee of \$700.00 which covers all meals, accommodation, forum sessions, travel around New Zealand and tours.

Applications close 18 May 2012

Post to: Robert Perrin, P.O. Box 80, DRY CREEK SA 5094

E-mail: perrinr@internode.on.net

See Mrs Marussinszky for Application Forms.

National Youth Science Forum - Year 11 Students

It is now time for Year 11 students with a strong science focus to apply for a place on one of the January 2013 residential sessions of the **National Youth Science Forum**.

Students and their families - can access this detailed background information online:

- * The Program Guide to NYSF 2013 (<http://www.nysf.edu.au/doc/NYSFProgramGuide13.pdf>) which provides a comprehensive background and overview of the Forum, how it works, the benefits to be gained by student participants, how to apply - and much more.
- * The Information Leaflet (<http://www.nysf.edu.au/doc/NYSF13flyer.pdf>) which provides a quick reference summary for students and families.
- * The Online Application Process (<http://www.nysf.edu.au/applying>) with detailed step-by-step instructions for completing and lodging the Application Form.

Applications for the 2013 program will close on Thursday 31 May 2012.

Helen Marussinszky
Science Coordinator

Art

On Friday 23 March Ellie Thomas attended the Nichols Folland Contemporary Sculpture Workshop at the Art Gallery of South Australia.

Ellie commented "It was a positive experience to work with an artist to develop ideas and concepts to incorporate into my work".

Chris Connelly
Art Teacher



Drama

Years 8 to 11 Drama



Year 12 Drama – *The Insect Play*

Date: Wednesday 30 May and Thursday 31 May

Time: 7:00pm

Venue: Performing Arts Centre, MGHS

Tickets: Available from Finance Office

Cost: \$20.00 Family (2 adults & 2 children)

\$7.00 Adult

\$5.00 Child / Concession

Ali Rosenthal
Drama Teacher



Canteen News

The school Canteen now offers a varied breakfast menu available Monday to Friday (school term) from 7:45am.

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| Bacon & Cheese Rolls | \$3.00 |
| Ricotta pancakes with mixed berries and yoghurt | \$2.50 |
| Scrambled Eggs with vegetables and bacon | \$2.50 |
| Scrambled Eggs - vegetarian only | \$2.00 |
| Muesli with yoghurt and fruit | \$2.50 |

Sheena Stewart
Canteen

Community / Career Information

Tertiary Information Update

The National Careers and Employment Expo

Dates: Friday 11 May (9:00am-4:00pm)
Saturday 12 May (10:00am-3:00pm)
Venue: Adelaide Showgrounds

Bond University - Investing in your Future

Date: Thursday 31 May (7:00pm)
Venue: TBA

International College of Hotel Management Open Day

Date: Sunday 12 August
Venue: Regency International House, Days Road, Regency Park
Contact: ICHM Admissions office,
Email: admissions@ichm.edu.au or Phone 82283612

Deakin University

The Undergraduate Course Guide 2013 now available in Student Services and Year 12 Career Information stand.

University Open Days

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| Flinders University | 17 and 18 August |
| University of South Australia | 19 August |
| University of Adelaide | 19 August |
| TafeSA: | TBA |

Any Year 10, 11, 12 students or parents wishing to discuss career options, VET choices, career pathways and/or general career advice please make an appointment to see Jill Olifent.

Young Endeavour Youth Scheme

The Young Endeavour Youth Scheme is now accepting applications for Australian youth voyages in the sail training ship *Young Endeavour* between July and December 2012. A unique opportunity for youth to develop skills for life, this internationally recognised development program increases self awareness and confidence, develops teamwork and leadership skills, and fosters a strong sense of community amongst participants. Information and applications are accepted through the website www.youngendeavour.gov.au, no sailing experience required and all young Australians aged between 16 and 23 can apply. Scholarships are available.

Zoos SA Career Awareness Days

Forms (for next sessions) are now available from Student Services.

Certificate III in Business (traineeship) / Driver Education program

Great opportunity! Due to the overwhelming interest in the **Certificate III in Business (traineeship) / Driver Education program** we are starting another class commencing on **Friday 11 May 2012** at Woodville High School.

This course will run on a Friday. The first session will be a full day from 9:00am to 3:00pm and the remaining lessons will run from 9:00am to 12:00pm. We are waiting for the trainer to complete the course schedule so this will be provided once the enrolment forms have been received.

If you have a student who is interested in joining this new class at Woodville High School, please ensure they complete and return the attached forms.

The cost of this course is \$210.00 and must be paid on enrolment.

To be eligible for this traineeship funding please make sure the student fulfils the following criteria. For further information on the course eligibility requirements please see the information sheet attached.

- Students must have already negotiated with an employer, paid part-time employment for 8 hours each week throughout the duration of the course.
- The employer must be willing to sign the student up under a traineeship through Mission Australia.
- Students must hold a current Learners Permit issued by DTEI.
- Students must be an Australian citizen or hold a permanent residence visa.

Please contact Jill Olifent ASAP if interested.

Latitude Global Volunteering

Information Session:

30 May (7:00pm)

Venue:

North Adelaide Community Centre, Tynte Street, North Adelaide

Please register to attend www.latitude.org.au

Jill Olifent
Student Counsellor

Parenting Courses

How to drug proof your kids

6 evening Sessions

Starting - Wednesday 23rd May
7.30 pm – 9.30 pm

Relationships Australia
49a Orsmond Street, Hindmarsh

Cost: \$90/ \$50
Registration: 8245 8100

Inside her Head **Understanding Teenage Girls**

3 evening Sessions

Starting Thursday 12th June
6.30pm – 9.00pm

Centacare
33 Wakefield Street, Adelaide

No cost
Bookings: 8210 8200

Mum's House, Dad's House

Single sessions

Thursday 24th May – 6.00 – 9.00 pm

Tuesday 5th June – 9.30 am – 12.30 pm

Wednesday 20th June – 9.00 – 9.00 pm

**Centracare
33 Wakefield Street, Adelaide**

Cost: \$5.00
Bookings: 8210 8200

These workshops might provide an opportunity for you to work through some of the issues as parents of teens with, experts and other worried parents.

Let me know if you attend and they are useful.

Kaye Naughton
Student Counsellor

The Australian Council on Children and the Media is proud to present:

Too Much Too Soon: guiding your child through a sexualised world

Have you noticed that your kids seem to be growing up too fast? That even your younger children are more conscious about their looks and bodies? That they feel pressure to look thin, hot and sexy? That they are being exposed to sexualised images that you would like to protect them from? Are you looking for strategies that help?

Thursday 21 June 2012

7:15pm for 7:30 pm start

**Century Theatre, Immanuel College
32 Morphett Road, Novar Gardens SA**

Speakers:

Melinda Tankard Reist, Director of Collective Shout, media commentator and author of *Getting Real: Challenging the Sexualisation of Girls*

Dr Wayne Warburton child psychologist and researcher, Macquarie University, editor and author *Growing up fast and furious*

Lesley-Anne Ey, researcher on sexualisation, University of South Australia

Chair: Sonya Feldhoff, Presenter, Afternoons 891 ABC Adelaide

Tickets \$22.00

Bookings can be made online at www.trybooking.com/BKFM

**For more information, contact
admin@youngmedia.org.au or tel. 08 8376 2111**

Uniform Shop

The Mitcham Girls High School uniform is available from the following locations:

Mitcham Girls High School

Trading Hours during School Term: Thursdays 8:00am – 1:30pm

or

Uniform Management Services, 109 Rundle Street, Kent Town

Tel: 08 8363 5255

Trading Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm

or place an order over the phone.

Woollen Jumpers and Rugby Tops are now in stock.

Diary Dates

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| May | Monday 14 – Thursday 17 | Year 9 NAPLaN Tests |
| | Tuesday 22 | Principal's Tour 9:15am |
| | Wednesday 23 – Friday 25 | Year 10 SHIP Camp |
| | Tuesday 29 | Years 8 & 9 Immunisations |
| | Wednesday 30 | Principal's Tour 9:15am |
| | Wednesday 30 | Year 12 Drama Production 7:00pm PAC |
| | Thursday 31 | Year 12 Drama Production 7:00pm PAC |
| June | Friday 1 | WWW Published |
| | Monday 4 | Governing Council 7:00pm |
| | Tuesday 5 | Music Showcase 7:00pm |
| | Friday 8 | Student Free Day |
| | Monday 11 | Public Holiday |
| | Tuesday 12 – Friday 15 | Years 10 & 11 Exam Week |
| | Wednesday 13 – Thursday 14 | Stage 2 Retreat |
| | Friday 15 | Semester 1 Ends |
| | Monday 18 | Semester 2 Begins |
| | Friday 22 | WWW Published |
| | Friday 29 | Year 11 Reflection Day |
| | Friday 29 | End Term 2 |
| | | Reports Distributed 3:10pm |