Latest News ...

To improve communication between the school and families we have purchased a phone App that families and students can download to their smartphones (iPhone and Android) and tablets for free.

Hopefully this will become another useful communication medium and we urge you to download it as soon as it becomes available.

Mitcham Girls High School App

Available Soon

Featuring
Notifications directly to your device
Newsletters
Calendar Events
Direct contact links

Don’t forget to Like our Facebook Page for up to date notifications

Street Safety

We also recommend downloading the “Help Me” App by The Daniel Morcombe Foundation Inc., to assist students if they feel unsafe between school and home. “Peace of Mind” for only 99¢.
The end of Term 2 is fast approaching, culminating in the following important activities and events for our students:

- The Music Showcase on 19 June.
- Exams for Year 10 and 11 students.
- Change of semester as from 24 June. This may mean change of teachers and change of subjects for students in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11.
- The formation of a SHIP class for Year 8 students. Parents would have received information about this process. When a SHIP class is formed, new classes are formed at Year 8 and we have taken this opportunity to create an extra class so that numbers do not exceed 23 or 24 in each class.
- The school has been fortunate in gaining an extra teacher, Ms Voula Green, until the end of the year. Ms Green is a highly skilled English/ESL teacher and she will be providing support to students who need extra support with literacy.
- Year 12 Retreat
- Parent Voice meeting on 18 June, held at the Tonsley Hotel.
- Melinda Tankard Reist workshop for parents on 27 June at 7:00 pm.
- Melinda Tankard Reist workshops for all year levels on 27 and 28 June.
- Year 11 Reflection Day on the last day of term.

End of term reports will be issued to students on Friday 5 July, at 3:15pm. Please be aware that, as always, students will be dismissed at the normal time of 3:15 pm - it is a normal teaching day at Mitcham and all students are expected to attend school.

Improving attendance is a priority of the Education Department and it is imperative that we as a school work hard for our attendance rate to increase to 93%. For the past few years the attendance rate for Mitcham Girls has been hovering around 90%. To achieve our goal, however, we do need your help. Please discourage your daughter from taking any time off unless she is sick. There is a very strong correlation between regular attendance and success at school.

We have a large number of families who organise their holidays during school time. I understand it may be unavoidable at times; however, please be aware that any time away from school is very disruptive for students and should be avoided if at all possible. Students in Years 11 and 12 suffer most, academically, when they take time off to go on a holiday.

During the school holidays, our teachers offer extra lessons to the Year 12 students. I would like to thank the teachers who give up their time to support students and hope that they all take advantage of such help.

May you have a relaxing time with family over the Term 2 holidays. Please remember that Term 3 for our students starts on Tuesday 23 July.

Antoniette Jones
The Year 12 Drama Production, Beasts and Beauties Tales from Europe retold by Carol Ann Duffy, adapted and dramatized by Melly Still and Tim Supple are adaptations of the original tales of the Brothers Grimm and other traditional European fairytales.

The 16 actors portrayed dramatic characters such as Blue Beard and the Beast and comedic characters such as the hedgehogs, dogs, a donkey, a rooster, a cat and an Emperor wearing very few clothes. Each actor had to portray at least three characters which they did through changing their movements and voice. The audiences enjoyed the performance and were impressed by the skills of the students who were supported by their stage manager, costume designer and two Year 11 technical crew.

Ali Rosenthal
Drama Teacher
**Year 10 SHIP Camp**

During week 4 of this term Year 10 SHIP students visited Kangaroo Island. Students completed a journal and work for Science, Maths, English and HASS when they returned to school. Places visited included Flinders Conservation Park, Remarkable Rocks, Admiral’s Arch, museums, cemetery, Kingscote, Cape Willoughby, Island Pure Sheep Dairy, Island Beehive, Raptor Domain Birds of Prey.

*Maria Ivey*

*HASS Coordinator*

**KI Memories by Brianne Poole (10.44)**

Being part of the SHIP program has given me many experiences but one of the most memorable will be staying at Kangaroo Island for three days. Even though, at first, the thought of being at school at 6:15am in the morning seemed horrible, it was one of the best school camps I’ve ever been on. On arriving we were surprised to find that the teachers had planned some surprise exercises for us at Prospect Hill, a great look-out point but an exhausting climb of about 300 stairs!

When we heard we were going to Kelly Hill I cringed at the thought of more climbing. I was still nursing a sore leg from the first climb. What I didn’t realise was Kelly Hill was actually a cave system and instead of climbing up a hill we were climbing under it. At one point the lights were turned off to show us how caves were seen back in the early 1900s.

One thing I was looking forward to throughout the entire trip was going to Little Sahara, humongous sand dunes that appear to have been dumped in the middle of the bush like the world’s biggest sandpit. I made an attempt to run up the dunes but soon learnt that hands and knees was the best approach.

Tired, sore, but worth it. The camp was a huge success and everybody had a great time.
Quiz Night

We wish to acknowledge the following businesses, families and staff who sponsored Quiz Night.

Adelaide Football Club
Bakers Delight
Bruce’s Meats
Cafe Ambra
Cafe Buongiorno
Chique Laser Clinic
Cleland Wildlife Park
CP Bazaar
Fit Girl Club
Galipo Foods
Ginza Japanese Restaurant
Greenhills Adventure Park
Hair Merchants of Unley
Hot Gossip
Hugo Wines
KFC
KMart
Kronpuss Cakes
Metropolitan Fresh Fruiterers
Mitcham Square Newsagency
Mitre 10
Mostly Books
Nippys
Offshore Surf

Pellegrini Cafe & Pizzeria
Port Adelaide Football Club
Sportspower
Subway
The Cheesecake Shop
The Lush Room
The Snake Charmer
Vino Ristorante
Wallis Cinemas
Belinda Zanello
Megan, Erin, Ruth and Grant Cox
Paige, Vonny and Peter Mahlburg
Catherine, Fiona and Brian Synott
Natasha, Helen and Melino Dicaterina
Brianne, Sarah and Darren Poole
Iona, Carolyn and Adam Black
Emma, Kelli and David Batten
Elenor, Christine Jones and John Gray
Emily, Lynn and Derek Smith
Natalie, Grazyna and Jacek Sciezka
Riley Burbidge and Paula Quinn
Alexandra and John Gwynne
Sue Howlett
Anna Cullen

Science News

I’m a Scientist Awards

Last term all Year 9 classes were involved in a program called ‘I’m a Scientist’. This included researching, posting questions, voting and having live chats to scientists from around Australia.

Involvement prizes have been awarded to Chloe Brealey, Courtney Budd, Nina Hampton, Kelsey Jones and Sarah Sammut for their enthusiasm and in-depth questions in this project.

Special congratulations go to Katie Stewart who won overall 1st Prize for her insightful questions.

Women in Science & Engineering

Some members of the Year 9 SHIP class went to the University of Adelaide to learn more about the application of science in all the types of engineering. They enjoyed participating in challenges involving straw bridge building, growing algae to purify water and supply biofuel, making animations and programming robots to dance.

Helen Marussinszky
Science coordinator
Health News

As part of the Year 12 Health, students are required to identify a contemporary health issue then identify a way by which they can raise awareness of the issue and promote improved health outcomes.

The students involve themselves in a variety of activities involving the wider school community. These include:

- Girls Night In fundraiser for Breast Cancer Research
- Jump Rope for Heart - Heart Foundation: skipping at Mitcham Primary School; fundraising bake sale
- Cultural Food Stall fundraiser for McGrath Foundation: African doughnuts; Palestinian biscuits; samosas; springrolls
- Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser
- Sausage Sizzle / Bake Sale: Shoe Boxes of Love for disaster relief
- Healthy Cooking Demonstration: Presented to Year 8 class
- Guest Speaker: St Johns Ambulance
- United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR): Cultural food stall

All activities have been extremely successful providing information, activities and raising a significant amount of money.

The girls have developed community contacts and have experienced the satisfaction of knowing they have done something that will improve the health of people in need.

Thank you to all the students, staff, parents and community members who have supported the efforts of our students. Donations were received and time and resources offered by many individuals.

Thanks to: Bruce’s Meats; Woolworths - Mitcham and Unley; supportive parents and relatives; Simon Walter (paramedic); Mitcham Primary School; staff - Sheena and Elaine (canteen), Tom De Angelis, Michael Finos, John Ziesing, Sue King, Glenys Forster and Renie Walker.

Sarah Gray
Health Teacher
Sport News

Zone Sport

8/9 Soccer
The 8/9 Soccer team has had one win, one draw and one loss and is sitting in 4th position.

Open Soccer
The Open Soccer has started the season with two big wins (10-0 and 4-2) and one loss. They are currently sitting equal 2nd in their competition.

8/9 Netball
Mitcham 1  Ms Carman (coach)
Mitcham 1 has not lost a game yet and are sitting in equal 1st.

Mitcham 2  Ms Parsons (coach)
Mitcham 2 has only had one loss so far and are sitting in 5th position.

Mitcham 3  Mr Wise, Nicola Sulley-Beales, Bec Jury (coaches)
Mitcham 3 has not lost a match yet and are sitting in equal first (with Mitcham 5).

Mitcham 4  Ms Small and Ms Clarke (coaches)
Mitcham 4 has had one win and one loss so far this season and are currently 7th.

Mitcham 5  Ms Tsoukalas and Ms Olifent (coaches)
Mitcham 5 hasn’t lost a match yet and are sitting in equal first position (with Mitcham 3).

Note: Mitcham 3, 4 and 5 are all competing in the same division

House Captain Elections
House Captain elections will be taking place halfway through Term 3. It is time to start thinking about nominations.

House Captains (Year 12 in 2014) and Vice-Captains (Years 9, 10 and 11 in 2014) will be elected for each House, with the role commencing in Term 4 of this year through to the end of Term 3 2014.

Responsibilities of a House Captain:
- Attend a short meeting at recess time on a weekly basis
- Take House nominations for Swimming Carnival and Sports Day
- Be leaders at Sports Day and Swimming Carnival, encouraging peers to take part
- Oversee/organise lunch time House Sport competitions in Term 4 2013 and Terms 2 and 3 2014
- School ambassador
- Support and promote the MGHS ethos

To nominate, keep a look out in the student notices for further information! You don’t have to have had previous experience as a House Captain, we are just looking for enthusiastic girls who are good role models and capable of leading their house.

Georgina Sulley-Beales
Sports Assistant
Senior School News

Stage 2 Retreat June 12 – 13
A very large contingent of our Stage 2 students met at the Fernwood Gymnasium to begin this year’s Retreat. Students exercised and later, in the various locations, cooked, listened, contributed and participated in this year’s activities – they were the ‘Heart of the Retreat’. They reflected on themselves from Year 10 and beyond by reading the letters they had written to themselves and many were very positive about the changes which have occurred over these two years.

The final activity before the ‘Natter and Nibbles’ with family members took place when the students created their own mantras to help them with their resilience, reflection and re-energising.

One student made the comment that it was really good to know that even on the canvases, the students from the previous year were there, metaphorically, behind them in support.

It is a very special opportunity for the students to take some time together as a group and for teachers to see their students in such a different setting. Enormous thanks go to all the staff who helped organise the event, to the students who attended and for the encouragement given by families.

Sue Howlett
Stage 2 Manager
**Art News**

Can you help us?
We use a wide variety of recycled materials for topics such as collage, sculpture, design, fashion and painting. Any of the following items would be appreciated:

- Foam or plastic meat trays/small containers for painting palettes
- Small plastic containers with lids
- Wire
- Fabric/leather/vinyl/plastic off cuts
- Old wallpapers or furnishing samples
- Ice cream containers or buckets
- Ribbons, buttons and other decorative elements

Please drop in to Student Services or send with your daughter to Art lesson.

*Mercedes Arnold*
*Arts Coordinator*

**SRC News**

On Thursday 30 May the Student Representative Council ran a fundraising Casual Day. With a simple gold coin donation our school community has raised enough money to purchase OXFAM vouchers to help communities at risk. With our vouchers these communities will receive clean drinking water, three pigs, toys for children, midwife safe birthing kits, mozzie nets, water supplies for a school.

These vouchers will be displayed on the SRC notice board in the Middle Floor corridor, and added to as our fundraising continues.

The SRC also supplied a sausage sizzle on Casual Day, the profits going to the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal.

Thanks to Mr Ziesing, Mr Fairbrother, Ms Forster and all Home Economics teachers for their support.

Thank you from the SRC.

**Careers / Tertiary Update**

**TAFE SA Justice and Policing Studies**

- Paralegal: Cert IV in Legal Services which articulates into the new Diploma of Legal Services
- Conveyancing: Cert IV in Conveyancing which articulates into the advanced Diploma of Conveyancing (to be a registered conveyance)
- Police: Cert III in Police Studies
- Court and Justice Administration: Cert IV in Government (court services)

Websites to help students make informed choices as they prepare to leave secondary school

- My Skills (find out about courses)
- MyUniversity (range of info about all Australian universities)
- Study Assist (info about HECS and other assistance)
Careers / Tertiary Update

Career Information Week 7 Term 3
Students (Year 12s in particular) are reminded to make an appointment to discuss career options and pathways early!!

2014 uniTEST entry to Flinders University
This free test gives students applying to Flinders University an alternative pathway into a degree course at Flinders University. As a result of participating in uniTEST, many students can gain entry into the course of their choice at Flinders University by using a combination of their ATAR and uniTEST score.

Testing will be available on line between July and September.

For further information please refer to the website www.flinders.edu.au.

Defence Force Updates
- RMC (Army Officer) Information Session. Learn how to be a leader in just 12 months at the Royal Military College, Duntroon. To find out more about becoming an Officer in the Australian Army:
  Date / Time: Thursday 4 July, 6:30pm
  Venue: Level 4, 191 Pulteney St, Adelaide SA
  Bookings: Call 13 19 01

- ADFA Information Session (this is a MUST for year 12’s wanting to go to ADFA in 2014)
  Date / Time: Wednesday 17 July, 6:30pm
  Venue: Level 4, 191 Pulteney St, Adelaide SA
  Bookings: Call 13 19 01

- One Year of Adventure
  Did you know that the Army is now offering a 1 year minimum period of service? There are 12 different roles that were previously 4 years minimum period of service. This is a great ‘gap year’ option for students after they finish school. All roles are General Entry and require a minimum education of Year 9 with passes (C grade/50%) in Maths & English. Entry requirements and training standards/length haven’t changed, just the minimum period of service.


University of South Australia (information update)

New courses in 2014
- Bachelor of Psychology (Cognitive Neuroscience)
- Art, Architecture and Design short courses (open to students, staff, parents)

Change of name
- Division of Business now known as University of South Australia Business School

Location change
- Bachelor of Sport and Recreation Management moving from Mawson Lakes to City West campus

New for 2015
- Bachelor of Education (Secondary) Technologies
- 2 specialisations: Design & Technology and Food & Textiles

Alternative pathways into university degree courses with UniSA College - applications through SATAC
- Foundation Studies - no ATAR required, over 18
- Diploma of Arts (2 yrs) and Diploma of Science and Technology (2yrs) if ATAR is too low for desired course. Successful completion allows entry into UniSA Bachelor courses
Woolworths Earn & Learn

The Woolworths Earn and Learn Program has come to an end, thank you to every one who has participated and supported the school.

Now we must collect and collate all of the sticker sheets, and lodge them in July. So if you still have any sticker sheets or loose stickers lying around at home, in the car, or in your bag, please send them in to school and pop them in the collection box outside the Science Prep room.

The school will benefit from the program, by receiving new educational equipment, e.g. modern teaching aids, for free. The more points we have the more equipment we can redeem.

Liz Anderson
Lab Assistant
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