From the Principal…

Dear Families,

**Long Service Leave**
As stated before, I will be on long service leave from 15 June until 8 July. Tony Sims will be Acting Principal for this period. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with him if necessary.

As you would be aware, Tuesday 14 June was a student free day. This was a professional learning day for all staff, focusing on “Literacy across the Curriculum and the relationships between Literacy and ICT.” Using ICTs as tools for teaching and learning aligns directly with our Site Improvement Plan.

**State Budget**
We were very disappointed that no money was allocated through the State Budget for the refurbishment of the Visual Arts Centre. You would be aware that the Centre was built in 1960 and is in need of an urgent “make over”. The school has been applying for funds to refurbish the centre for many years now but so far we have not been successful.

**Year 10 and 11 Exams**
Most Year 12 subjects have an exam component and we are keen to prepare students for such a demanding exercise.

Success in exams depends on how well students organise their notes during the year so that they are accessible for revision prior to the exams. Devising a revision program or timetable is also important. Students cannot revise everything in one night, but rather they should revise the topics to be tested over a period of time. We hope that the scheduling of Year 10 and 11 exams will serve them well in the future.

**Reflection Day and Retreat**
During the last week of term, the Year 11 students will attend their Reflection Day where they are encouraged to reflect on their performance in Semester One and set new goals for Semester Two.

The Year 12 students will spend time relaxing at the Retreat so that they can face the last semester of school with energy and positive thoughts.

**Communication with Parents / Caregivers**
Please help us communicate with you more regularly.

Would you like to receive reminders about?
- Parent / Teacher Interviews
- School Events
- Reminders about reports
- Newsletters

Would you like teachers to email you to discuss the educational progress of your daughter?

Would you like us to raise any concerns we may have about your daughter with you?

If you are interested in any of the above you must do the following:

Send an email to:

info@mitchamgirlshs.sa.edu.au

and simply tell us the name of your daughter and her year level in the subject line. This information will be transferred to our data base.

If, at any stage, you change your email address please inform the school.

We have asked for the above information before but unfortunately we have not received many responses.

Please help us to help you.

Antoinette Jones
Principal
The Science Experience
A very special three-day program for Years 9 and 10 students across Australia. The Science Experience is a fun three-day program of science activities – held each year at a University not too far from you…

The program is designed to provide students who have an interest in science with an opportunity to engage in a wide range of fascinating science activities under the guidance of scientists who love their work. Participants perform experiments in the laboratories, meet and listen to presentations by senior academic staff in the lecture theatres, attend site visits – and experience what it is like to be on the campus of a tertiary institution.

The program also provides information about further studies in science, technology and engineering – and highlights the wide range of careers that enable students to pursue their interests and abilities in science. One great aspect of the program is the opportunity to meet and share ideas with students from different schools – particularly at a barbeque or other social activity.


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Open Day
All of our laboratories were busy with many students demonstrating science.

Ms Cullen’s Biology class recently enjoyed participating in the ‘Getting into Genes’ program at The Waite Institute as part of their study of genetics & DNA.
ART NEWS

Year 9 Paintings

Surrealism - Year 10 Surrealism

Year 10 Craft

Visiting Jazz Ensemble of Instrumental Teachers for Years 8 – 12 Students
**SHIP NEWS**

As you may be aware, in 2010 a review was conducted by myself and Penny Tranter on how best to address the learning needs of students of high intellectual potential. That review resulted in a new model being introduced this year.

For Years 9 and 10 the current model will continue to run. At Year 8, and progressing through the year levels with them, a new structure will be established. That structure means mixed ability classes will run from the beginning of the year until the end of Semester One. Throughout that time data will be collected about the students’ performance and abilities. At the same time staff will have criteria put to them to identify SHIP students the data may not always show.

As this WWW is put together I will be meeting with the subject coordinators of Maths, English, Science and SOSE to review that data and those staff observations. From these meetings will come a list of students indicated as being of high intellectual potential in those subjects. These students, with their parents’ approval, will be offered a place in one, or several, of the SHIP classes at Year 8: Maths, English and Science. Students may be offered places in one, two or all of these classes depending on the indicators. Because of the timetabling of SOSE, these offers will be made for that subject late in 2011 for 2012.

This new model aims to more accurately target the learning needs of students by addressing high intellectual potential subject by subject, rather than in a ‘blanket’ fashion. At the same time this new structure does not require a SHIP care group to be formed, thus allowing pastoral care programs to be delivered to classes structured more socially rather than academically.

We are looking forward to the expected improved outcomes with great anticipation.

**SCHOOL AEROBICS 2011**

The School Aerobics Preliminary Finals were held on Saturday 4 June at Westminster School. This year we had two teams compete. One in the Secondary Open B Aerobics section and one in the Secondary Senior Hip-Hop section. Both teams were exceptional and gained a place in the up and coming State Finals to be held on Saturday 2 July at Westminster School.

**Results**

Open B Team "The 6ixth Sense" placed 4th out of 7 teams  
Senior Hip-Hop "M G Monsters" placed 2nd out of 9 teams

Well done to all of the team members for your efforts. Keep up the rehearsing.

Mrs Carman  
Dance Teacher
Imagine, just for a moment, that you have been born into a minority religion in a country where that is enough of a reason for you to be punished; sometimes even to death. Imagine, always struggling to be able to feed your children or constantly living with the threat of war.

For most of us, even to imagine such things is difficult. But for some of us, these things are a daily reality. For some, this reality is too much to bear and so they make the long, arduous journey from their homelands to foreign lands - in the hope that they can live in peace. We call these people ‘refugees’ because they are seeking refuge or as my dictionary put it ‘shelter or protection from danger, trouble.’

Refugee Week is Australia’s peak annual activity to inform the public about refugees and celebrate positive contributions made by refugees to Australian society. Refugee Week 2011 will be celebrated from June 19 to 25, to coincide with World Refugee Day (June 20). The theme for 2011 is ‘Freedom from Fear’ because the quest for freedom from fear is at the heart of a refugee’s flight from danger.

“I know the feeling when you think your life is over. I know the feeling of running away from war. I’ve lived in a war zone. I’ve seen people being killed. I know the feeling of losing hope and the fear of having no tomorrow. I know how it feels to lose everything. I remember the look on my father’s face when we were separated. I know how it feels to go a whole day without food. Having faced all these obstacles in my life, my determination to make a difference is overwhelming.” These powerful words are from one of our students.

When refugees flee, they are forced to abandon everything they know and love. They are separated from family members, lose belongings and are left with little or no money. Some are traumatised by what they have experienced. Many spend years in camps, lost in no-man’s land whilst their fate is decided. Most have no idea what kind of future awaits them. In seeking refuge in another country refugees are hoping to find freedom from that fear. They are looking for the opportunity to lead a normal life, as part of a community, where they can live in safety and security, find work and send their children to school.

In choosing the theme “Freedom from Fear” the Refugee Council of Australia is hoping to draw attention not just to the fear that compels refugees to run, but the relief they feel when they are welcomed into another country and given the opportunity to rebuild their lives.

During Refugee Week, I encourage you to take a moment to imagine what refugees have gone through in order to be here, because only then will we truly open our arms and hearts to embrace those who have come to Australia in search of refuge.

For more details about what’s going on during Refugee Week go to: www.anglicare-sa.org.au/assets/Uploads/SA-Refugee-Week-Calendar.pdf

Bek Brown
CPSW
**SPORTS NEWS**

**Southern Zone Sport Competition**
The Term 2/3 Southern Zone Sport Competition got underway in week 4 of this term, with Mitcham teams competing in Year 8/9 and Open Soccer as well as Open Badminton. It has been a good start to the year for both our soccer teams who are currently two wins from their first two games.

The netball competition began in earnest during week 5 after having grading days in weeks 3 and 4. This term we have three Year 8/9 teams and two Open teams playing in the netball competition on Wednesday nights at ETSA Park.

Thank you to Ms Alston, Mr Bambrough, Mr Finos, Mr Peters, Ms Parsons, Ms Paterson, Ms Tsoukalas, Ms Murrell and Ms Dodd as well as students Georgina Sulley-Beales and Katie Bakker for giving up their time to coach and support these teams. Without their assistance the teams could not go ahead.

*Best of luck to all teams for the rest of the competition!*

Chad Alston  
Sports Assistant

**YEAR 12 DRAMA PERFORMANCE – The House of Bernarda Alba**

On Wednesday 1\textsuperscript{st} and Thursday 2\textsuperscript{nd} June the Year 12 Drama students presented *The House of Bernarda Alba.*
Year 12 students are looking forward to some pampering and stocktaking of where they are in their study programme, which will be provided at the year 12 RETREAT in the last week of this term. Perhaps this will give parents an opportunity to pamper themselves for a brief moment before the onslaught of some very serious study time needing to be supervised in Term 3.

We hope many of you will be joining us at the Dinner on Wednesday evening at Café Amore so you can meet some of the other parents and girls also undergoing this tough year.

Please expect consent forms and more detailed program outlines to be coming home in the next couple of weeks. Any queries please direct to Kaye Naughton or Bek Brown on 8272 8233.

**YEAR 12 RETREAT**

Wednesday 6 July

12:45 pm       Students sign out from school and make their own way to the city for lunch.  
                NB School uniform is required.

1:45 pm        Students check in at Mantra Hindmarsh Square  
                (55 – 57 Hindmarsh Square, Adelaide)

2:30 pm        **Fernwood – Level 7, Toys ‘r’ Us**  
                Students will be involved in a number of different classes, which may include Body Jam, Spin or Boot Camp.

6:45 pm        Students assemble in hotel foyer ready to walk to dinner.

7:00 pm        Arrive at Caffe Amore, 162-170 Pulteney Street (cnr Pirie Street), Adelaide, to meet parents.

7:30 pm        Welcome and Dinner.

9:00 pm        Students return to Mantra Hindmarsh Square.

Thursday 7 July

8:30 am        Girls receive friendly ‘wake up’ call for breakfast in rooms, showers, packing.

10:00 am       Students to check out of Mantra Hindmarsh Square.

Walk to Rumours, Level 6, Union Building, University of Adelaide, where they will spend the rest of the day being pampered and showered with positive energy.

3:15 pm        Students will be dismissed from University of Adelaide and make their own way home.

NB: Students are expected to attend lessons at school on Friday.

Kaye Naughton  
Year 12 Manager Term 2
## Diary Dates

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**MITCHAM GIRLS SCHOOL UNIFORM**

IS AVAILABLE FROM THE FOLLOWING 2 LOCATIONS:

**MITCHAM GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL**

PH: 0419 004 522

Trading Hours During School Terms Only
Terms 1, 2, 3 & 4  Thursdays 8:00am – 1:30pm

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109 Rundle Street, KENT TOWN

PH: 08 8363 5255

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

**NEW ITEMS AVAILABLE NOW:**
- Fleece Jacket  $55.00
- Fitted Polo Shirt  $26.50

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- Navy Blue Pants  $10.00