

What, When & Why

@ Mitcham Girls High School

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From the Principal...

Dear Families,

Thank you for registering your email addresses with us. We can now communicate, by email, with some 400 parents and we are certainly keen to keep on improving our communication with you. If we don't have your email address, please send it to us so that we can contact you easily whenever there is a need. We are also delighted that many parents are now starting to communicate with teachers directly if they have any issues they wish to discuss.

I would like to remind you that Friday 8 June is a Student Free Day. On this day the staff will engage in professional learning which is in line with the school's Site Improvement Plan; more specifically we will continue to work on:

- The Australian Curriculum so that we are ready to implement the new curriculum at Year 8 level next year;
- Performance and Development of teachers;
- The format of the new reports; in particular we will continue to develop our comments data base which will be used in our Term 3 reports.

This day should provide all students the opportunity to complete any work they may have. Year 10 and 11 students should be busy revising for their exams which will be held the following week (12-15 June).

Year 12 exams will be held in week 3 (30 July – 3 August) of Term 3. We hold the exams at this time of the year to give teachers the opportunity to cover a good proportion of the Year 12 course.

CIS Accreditation

Over the last twelve months we have worked assiduously on three issues:

1. Redefining accountability for teaching and learning;
2. Documentation of our curriculum;
3. Development of a long term professional learning program.

Mr Ray Davis, Regional Accreditation Officer, will visit our school on Friday 15 June to assess our work.

Change of Semester

It may seem odd to you that the semester changeover for us and many other schools happens two weeks before the end of term. Unfortunately, we are compelled to do this in order to ensure that the courses we run in Semester 2 are allocated roughly the same amount of time. This may cause a little disruption for us in the last two weeks of term, but we will try to manage the situation as well as possible.

Policy Review

Our school policies are reviewed every three years. This year we need to review the Student Behaviour Management Policy and the Assessment Policy. We would like representation from parents on these committees. If you would like to join one or both of these committees please email tony.sims@mitchamgirlshs.sa.edu.au to register your interest.

State Budget

We are very disappointed, once more, that no money was allocated through the State Budget for the refurbishment of the Visual Arts Centre which 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.

Regards,
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Child Development

Zone Sport

Zone Sport is underway for Term 2/3! We have an impressive number of girls playing sport this term, which is fantastic! Well done to all the girls who have committed to their spot on a team, have fun, and give every game your best efforts!

The Badminton team has had a great start, winning their first two games and, our Soccer girls had an outstanding win, 15-0 for their second game against St Aloysius.

Netball grading was held on Wednesday 9 and 16 May at ETSA Park. It was a good afternoon and our girls have now been put into their grades ready to start their first matches on Wednesday 23 May. We wish them all the best!

A big thank you to all our coaches; without your help this just would not be possible. Thanks also to the parents and friends who come along and support their girls at the games.

Girls, it is very important that you make sure you notify your coach AS SOON AS POSSIBLE if you cannot attend practice or play your match.

Teams competing for Term 2/3:

Open Badminton

Coach: Ms Veronique

Soccer (Mitcham White)

Coach: Mr Bambrough

Netball (Mitcham 1) Div B2

Coach: Ms Parsons

Netball (Mitcham 2) Div C1

Coach: Ms Bajut

Umpires

A big thank you to Emilia Reuter, Louise Mitchell, Caitlin Curnow, Amy Norman and Abbey Holland who have committed to being our Netball umpires at ETSA Park each Wednesday, your help is much appreciated.

Good luck girls! We are proud of your efforts. Thanks again to all involved, it is great to see so many girls, staff and parents giving their time and effort to Mitcham Girls High School sport!

Sports Day

Watch this space – Sports Day news published in WWW No. 6.



Emily Banks
Sports Assistant

Open Knockout Netball Team

Congratulations to our Open Knockout Netball team who won all 3 games in Round 1 of the competition in the pouring rain! Well done to Georgina Sulley-Beales for coaching and organising the team. Good luck in the next round girls!



Back Row (L-R): Jordan Elliot (10.23), Georgina Sulley-Beales (12.02), Ashleigh Beales (10.43), Nicola Sulley-Beales (9.15), Charlotte Holland (12.03), Georgia Green (11.38)

Front Row (L-R): Nilofar Malikyar (9.15), Jye Roe Banks (12.03), Danielle Debenham (12.03); Danielle Cheffirs (10.23)

Sandy Alston
H&PE Coordinator

Music Showcase Performance Evening

On Tuesday 5 June our semester's Showcase of Music will be held in the Performing Arts Centre. The evening will commence at 6:30pm, finishing at approximately 7:40pm. There will be no admission cost.

Items will include music from the Concert Band, Choir, Year Level bands and Year 11 solos.

Please come along and support our young musicians and help celebrate their progress.

Ann Gatis
Music Teacher

Opportunities

Year 11 Students

Science Olympics - A competition for Year 11 students!

The Australian Science Olympiad Exams are exams in Biology, Chemistry and Physics. The exams are the first step in earning a spot on the Australian team to compete at the International Science Olympiads - the Olympic Games for science students.

Top performing students could earn a spot at the Australian Science Olympiad Summer School, a 15-day residential program at Monash University. It is here student's minds will be stretched further and friendships with like-minded peers will be made. The very best Summer School students are selected to represent Australia at the International Science Olympiads in 2013.

Registrations close 30 June. Each exam costs \$10.00 per student. Interested? Ask your science teacher for an application.

Years 9 and 10 Students

The Science Experience is a fun three days of science activities for Years 9 and 10 students in 2012. 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 hear senior lecturers in the lecture theatres, attend site visits and walk around and experience what it is like to be on the campus of a university or tertiary institution.

The program also provides information about further studies in science, technology and engineering. More than 47,000 students Australia wide have taken this opportunity, to date. Why? It's FUN. If you apply soon your kind local Rotary Club may offer you sponsorship. Ask your science teacher.

Universities & Tertiary Institutions

Flinders University, Adelaide

University of Adelaide, Adelaide

University of South Australia, Adelaide

Program Dates

3 – 5 December 2012

15 – 17 January 2013

11 – 13 December 2012

Extra Activities

During lessons the Year 9 classes have enjoyed the opportunity to have live chats with scientists, ask questions and vote for their favourite scientist.

Year 12 Chemistry students went to CSIRO Hindmarsh to participate in an extensive range of investigations to complement their studies.

Both Year 11 Biology classes enjoyed going to the 'Getting Into Genes' program at the Waite Institute. They completed a range of DNA experiments and learnt more about the cutting edge science in plant breeding.



SpiRit of Science – Maurice de Rohan Scholarships 2012

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRAVEL TO LONDON - ALL EXPENSES PAID – IN DECEMBER 2012?

The ***SpiRit of Science*** Program is a unique opportunity for 10 students to travel to London, in December 2012, accompanied by 2 teachers.

In 2005 an exciting offshoot of Baroness Professor Susan Greenfield's visit as an Adelaide Thinker in Residence was a project that enabled 10 South Australian students to visit London and attend the young peoples' Christmas Lectures at the Royal Institution of Great Britain (RiGB). For more information about Adelaide Thinkers in Residence see www.thinkers.sa.gov.au.

Find out more about the Christmas lectures on the Royal Institution website www.rigb.org. In 2012 the lectures are scheduled to take place in the first two weeks of December (to be confirmed).

Who can apply?

The program is targeted at Year 10 students with an interest in Science. Students in the following categories are encouraged to apply:

- Eligible for School Card
- Girls
- Identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- Under the Guardianship of the Minister.

Work undertaken through this program will provide accreditation for a SACE Stage 1 unit.

Student Selection Criteria

- Students must be able to demonstrate an interest in aspects of Science and/or Mathematics and/or ICT in all or some of the following areas:
 - At school
 - In their own time
 - As a career path (Weighting 35%)
- Able to work collaboratively, manage new situations and take personal responsibility (Weighting 35%)
- Demonstrate skills in student leadership (Weighting 15%)
- Confidence to speak in public (Weighting 15%)

To Be Considered For The Trip You Need To:

1. Use the student application pro forma, write **up to** 800 words about yourself and your skills and why you would like to be selected for the program.
2. Talk to your science teacher who will complete a separate pro forma for you.
3. Give your report to the principal well before 30 June.

Helen Marussinszky
Science Coordinator

Year 10 SHIP Camp



Calling all Young Writers

Mostly Books is looking for expressions of interest for a young writers group, to meet in store on a monthly basis.

Participants will have the opportunity to:

- meet other budding writers in the local area
- share and discuss their own work
- participate in writing exercises
- learn about competitions and other writing opportunities that are open to young writers
- gain support and encouragement

The group will be facilitated by Samuel Williams, a third year Bachelor of Creative Arts (Creative Writing) student at Flinders University and experienced writing workshop participant, whose short stories have appeared in publications including Voiceworks Magazine and dB Magazine.

The age range is anywhere from 10 to 18 years old, depending on expressions of interest. Potential meeting times are weekdays after school (4:00-5:00pm/5:30pm) or Saturdays or Sundays during the day. If you are interested, email Mostly Books with information about which times would work for you.

Mostly Books

Mitcham Square, 119 Belair Rd Torrens Park SA 5062

Tel: 8373 5190 / Email: mostlybooks@internode.on.net

World Vision Global Leadership Convention

On Friday 18 May, eight of our students attended the 2012 World Vision Global Leadership Convention (GLC). GLC's are World Vision's one-day student leadership events, designed to inform and empower student leaders in Years 10 to 12 who are passionate about being a voice for justice in the world.

The event embraced innovative ways of learning about poverty and global hunger by involving the girls in a massive simulation game of over 400 students in which the object was to generate food for your country (each student was given a specific country or a company at the start of the day). In this way students were able to see on a big scale how food is distributed around the world and in particular about the value of food.

We also heard from the 2012 World Vision Youth Ambassador, Jacinta Clarke, who recently returned from Ethiopia which is the focus country for this year's 40 Hour Famine. She shared her experiences and told us about some of the families she met who left a deep impression on her.

The students chosen for this event will also help organise the World Vision 40 Hour Famine which will happen on 18 – 20 August. One of the Year 12 students who attended the event, Jamila Main, commented afterwards:

"Attending World Vision's GLC was an educational experience that was also a lot of fun. Those of us that went have come back with the knowledge that people in first world countries who have the knowledge and motivation can make a difference and help to end poverty in countries such as Ethiopia, and this knowledge is what will be motivating the 40 Hour Famine Committee this year."

I was so impressed by the maturity and genuine compassion expressed by our girls at the GLC and I look forward to working with them on the 40 Hour Famine to try and reach our goal target of \$8,000 for people who desperately need it. More information will be coming out soon for students who are interested in taking part in this year's 40 Hour Famine.

Bek Brown (CPSW)

Gap Year Information

Cultural Care Au Pair Information Session

Date: Thursday 7 June

Time: 6:00pm

Venue: Box Factory Community Centre, 59 Regent St South, Adelaide

Contact: Telephone 1800677373 or www.culturalcare.com.au to register attendance

2013 Information

AMC (Australian Maritime College), Le Cordon Bleu, University of New South Wales and University of London – information is available from Student Services.

The Training Guarantee for SACE Students

The TGSS will provide:

- Subsidised training as an integrated part of SACE in Certificate II and/or Certificate III qualifications that are on the Prescribed Qualifications List (PQL) that has been created by the Department of Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology (DFEEST) specifically for TGSS.
- Training at Cert II will be fully funded by DFEEST.
- A guaranteed place at the RTO post school.

The TGSS does not apply to School Based Apprenticeships or “Trades” qualifications. The Training Guarantee is intended for students who are on a clear vocational pathway and who intend to complete a Certificate III or higher when they complete SACE and leave school.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria (abbreviated)

- Students must be 16 years old
- Student intends to complete SACE
- Student has a clear intention to complete a Certificate III or higher post school
- Student has been or is currently engaged in VET courses related to the proposed training
- Student has been or is currently engaged in work placement or employment (paid or voluntary)

The next round of applications must be completed by 28 May. For further information please contact Jill Olifent (Student Counsellor and VET Co-ordinator), or www.skills.sa.gov.au/.

Jill Olifent
VET Coordinator

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

June	Monday 4 Tuesday 5 Friday 8	Governing Council 7:00pm Music Showcase 6:30pm Student Free Day
	Monday 11 Tuesday 12 – Friday 15 Wednesday 13 – Thursday 14 Friday 15 Monday 18 Friday 22 Friday 29 Friday 29	Public Holiday Years 10 & 11 Exam Week Stage 2 Retreat Semester 1 Ends Semester 2 Begins WWW published on website Year 11 Reflection Day End Term 2 Reports Distributed 3:10pm
July	Monday 16 Tuesday 24 Monday 30 Monday 30 – Friday 3 Aug	Term 3 Begins Ski Trip Parent Info Evening Governing Council 7:00pm Year 12 Exams
Aug	Friday 3 Friday 24	WWW published on website WWW published on website
Sept	Monday 3 Tuesday 4 Thursday 5 – Monday 10 Friday 7 Monday 10 Friday 14 Friday 21	MMAD Day Governing Council 7:00pm Dance Night 7:00 Odeon Theatre, Norwood Ski Trip School Closure (Show Day) Student Free Day WWW published on website End Term 3 Reports Distributed 3:10pm