

WHAT, WHEN & WHY

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From The Principal

Improving Communication Between School and Families

Recently we launched the Daymap Parent Portal. By logging into the portal parents have access to a lot of information about their daughter: attendance; classroom management plans; assessment plans for each subject; assessment tasks they should be working on; and whether they are up-to-date with submission of tasks or not. Eventually, grades for each of their assessment tasks will also be posted on the portal. If students are sent to the Focus Room, this is also recorded in Daymap so that you are kept informed.

If you are not clear about the information you receive, your first point of contact, of course, is the subject teacher or the teacher who has posted the information. Please be aware, however, that teachers may not be able to respond to your emails immediately – they teach almost every lesson or they may not be at school for various reasons. It is reasonable, therefore, that a response from teachers may take up to 48 hours.

Recently each family was sent, via email, a logon and password to access the portal. If you experience difficulties getting onto the portal, please don't hesitate to email Liat D'Ambrosio at liat.dambrosio352@schools.edu.au or ring 8272 8233 for assistance.

Other events that took place in Term 3 include the annual Ski Trip to Falls Creek and the History Trip to Melbourne. We are now eagerly awaiting the annual Dance Showcase at the Odeon on Tuesday 27 September at 7:00 pm. For those parents who missed out on purchasing tickets, there will be another performance on Friday 30 September at 11:00am. Tickets are available from the Finance Office - \$8.00 adult, \$4.00 concession.

Term 4 Events

Needless to say, next term will also be action packed. Work on redeveloping the STEM Centre will commence in early Term 4. We have decided to redevelop the entire top floor of the main building so that every student benefits from this development. We are also working with several agencies to develop an intensive training and development program for our staff so that our curriculum will stretch and challenge all students through a STEM focus. We are indeed very fortunate to have received \$2.5 million for this exciting project.

Other important events in Term 4 include the Year 12 Farewell Assembly to be held on Monday 31 October at 12:00pm followed by Presentation Night on Wednesday 23 November at 7:00pm. I would like to encourage all parents to join us so that together we celebrate the achievements and endeavours of our students.

I hope you have a relaxing time with your daughter/s during the Term 3 holidays. Reports will be issued on the last Friday of Term 3 at 3:10pm. As far as Mitcham is concerned every lesson of every day counts. The last Friday of term is a normal teaching day for us and all students are expected to attend.

Regards,

Antoinette Jones

Middle School News

We are nearing the end of Term 3 and consequently are closer to 2017, than to the beginning of the year. Hopefully, this is being reflected in the attitudes and behaviours of students in Years 8 and 9. They should have considered their Semester 1 report and made adjustments to their approach where required.

As usual, the days are passing quickly. A highlight for August was guest Rachel Sporn who addressed our Middle School Assembly. She spoke about leadership and the qualities that define true courage. A valued presentation was also by SAPOL, who reminded the Year 8 students of the dangers of using Social Media without due care. Hopefully, some of the warnings will be heeded.

Another big event was the NAPLAN On-line Trial undertaken by Year 9s. We appreciate and acknowledge their patience in this venture, and have certainly gained some important information which will be fed back to the appropriate people. This term also we will undertake Progressive Achievement Testing in Reading and Numeracy; given that we have done this before it should run smoothly. At the beginning of Term 4 students will complete the Wellbeing and School Engagement Survey.

This term too, has been the time to choose subjects for 2017 and complete the on-line Web Preferences. If it hasn't been done, please speak to Year Level Managers as soon as possible to ensure that staffing and timetables are appropriately managed. Looking back, Term 3 was another busy term with lots of events and opportunities to learn and develop.

Zinta Ozolins | Assistant Principal Middle School

Sports News

Zone Sport

Congratulations to Mitcham's Year 8/9 Zone Sport Soccer team who defeated Unley in the Grand Final in Week 4. Mitcham's only two losses in the home and away season were against the undefeated Unley who hosted the Grand Final.

A brilliant team effort by Mitcham ensured Unley's first loss of the season, and the crown for Year 8/9 Southern Zone champions for 2016! Well done to all players and thank you to Mr Mauro Barani for coaching and Ms Laura Harvey for assisting with the team for the season.



For Term 3 - 4 Zone Sport, Mitcham has three teams playing in the Open Volleyball Competition, one team in Y8/9 Volleyball and a team in the 8/9 Indoor Soccer Competition. Good luck to all these teams throughout the Term 3 - 4 season!

House Sport

We are more than halfway through our Term 3 House Sport Dodgeball Competition and so far all teams have been competitive and, importantly, have had great fun playing in the lunch time competition. After the first four rounds, Spence was leading the competition and they are in a good position to qualify for the Grand Final. Mitchell and Fraser will be battling for the second spot in the Grand Final. It promises to be an exciting last few weeks of the competition!

Dimi Sianis | Sports Assistant

HASS News

Melbourne History Trip 2016

In Week 7 of Term 3, Year 10 and 11 students who are undertaking a SACE History course this year, either Modern History or Ancient Studies, were given the opportunity to go to Melbourne on a History trip. The trip took place over our September long weekend from Friday morning to Sunday evening.

During the trip we visited numerous places. We had a guided tour of the colonial mansion, Rippon Lea, seeing the way the wealthy, as well as the servants, lived and worked. We were also given a tour of the Hellenic Museum by the archaeologist curator herself. In both places we acquired a lot of information which was really useful knowledge to have. We also visited the Holocaust Museum in Elsternwick and got to hear the story of a real Holocaust survivor, a 95 year old man from Poland. It was a real eye opener for us to meet someone who had experienced what we have always heard so much about and who urged us to value the freedom that we have in Australia.

Other places we visited included the State Library, the Victorian Art Gallery and the Old Melbourne Gaol. We cruised down the Yarra River, seeing the port area and views of the city from a different perspective.

The trip was a great experience and of course we also had the opportunity to shop in Bourke Street and the DFO, which was good fun. We all learned a lot of new and interesting things and would love to go again.

Maisie Walker | 10.33



Science News

GeoScience News

Two students from Year 11 attended the High School Student Day at the ASEG-PESA-AIG 25th International Geophysical Conference and Exhibition where they had a taste of life as a geoscientist. The students undertook a series of geophysical experiments and heard what a career in geoscience is really like – the travel, the challenges, the opportunities as well as talking to geophysicists about their work and career pathways. They also had the opportunity to view an exhibition which was part of the largest geophysical conference in the southern hemisphere.



This was a once in a lifetime opportunity for these students as the conference takes place in Adelaide only once every 7 years and the Student Day is limited to 50 students.

Geoscience Summer School: 12 - 21 December 2016

Are you interested in Geoscience? Geoscience Summer School is planned for 12 - 21 December for Year 8 to 12 students with a keen interest in science and mathematics. There is no cost and it will be based at the new State Drill Core Library, Clovelly Park.

The program will include field work, an operational Gold mine, lectures and practical workshops with Geoscience PhDs and Professors from Industry, Universities and our State Geological Survey.

Participants will be introduced to Palaeontology, Geophysics, Geochemistry, Astrophysics, Nuclear fuel Cycle and Safety, Gemology, Mining and Petroleum Engineering and Geochronology; just some of the exciting fields.

Applicants will need to explain in 200 words or less why they should be considered for one of the 20 places available for this event. Applications close 4 November 2016.

For further information go to http://www.minerals.statedevelopment.sa.gov.au/knowledge_centre/education_service/work_experience_and_careers/geoscience_summer_school or contact Liz Rogers either at school on 8272 8233 or email elizabeth.rogers438@schools.sa.edu.au.

Liz Rogers | Science Teacher

Year 10 Chemical Murder Mystery

Are you interested in Forensic Science and plan to do Chemistry next year at Flinders University?

Students interested in applying to participate in the Chemical Murder Mystery should complete a permission and entry form which can be obtained from their science teacher. Only ten students can attend. They will be selected on the basis of teacher recommendations and their entry forms.

Date: Tuesday 15 November

Cost: \$15.00

Year 11 and 12 Science Photo Competition: Shine the Light on Your Future

Submit a photo you have taken that conveys the fact that 'Science is everywhere'. Make sure it is creative, unique and eye-catching and conveys directly or indirectly the essence of the title/content. Win \$1,000.

Further details at [50/50 Flinders University website http://www.flinders.edu.au/50/50](http://www.flinders.edu.au/50/50).

Chickens

The Year 11 Biology class has newly hatched chickens the study of which will assist them in their growth and development practicals.

Science Perfect

Well done to all the students who participated in the Science Perfect Competition during Science Week.

Mitcham achieved 2nd place in South Australia correctly answering questions to gain over 19,000 points.

Special congratulations to:

Credit Awards (earning over 500 points)

- Emma Fraser, Hasini Kapuwelle, Maya O'Loughlin and Caitlin Selge

Silver Awards (earning over 2,000 points)

- Hirumini Matarage and Skylah Armfield

Bronze Awards (earning over 1,000 points)

- Breanna Liebelt, Ellen Demaagd and Annalise Siddharth



Arts News

SALA Week

'The Secret Art of Life' was a South Australian Living Artists Week exhibition run to support the Daw House Hospice Foundation. This year, Jasmine Steer of Year 11, had her artworks featured in the exhibition. One of these works will also be used for the upcoming Dance performance poster. Jasmine has also won the Eckersley Prize for Manga drawing at AVCON 2016.

Well done Jasmine!



Meredith Arnold | Arts Coordinator

Guitar Workshop

On Thursday 25 August, a Guitar workshop was held for our guitar students. Corey Davis, a member of the heavy metal band "Dyssidia" who have just returned from touring Europe and performing at the Metal Bands Awards, visited the school to give a performance on classical and electric guitars. He gave students tips on how to improve their technical performance and highlighted the importance of a regular practice regime.

Ann Gatis | Music Teacher



Dance Show: 'Dreams and Reality'

Date / Time: Friday 30 September 2016 at 11:00am

Venue: Performing Arts Centre MGHS

Tickets: \$8 Adult; \$4 Concession

(tickets available from the Finance Office)

VET / Careers / Tertiary

Carers SA

Carers SA will be convening a Good Practice Forum titled YOUNG CARERS – WHAT NEXT?

The Young Carers - What Next? forum will focus on improved engagement of young carers (hidden carers), gain insights into effective and innovative approaches that support young people and share experiences and strategies around what works and what can be improved upon.

Young carers are people up to age 25 who provide ongoing unpaid care to a family member or friend with a disability, chronic condition or mental illness. There are an estimated 30,300 young carers in South Australia, around one-third of whom are under 15 years old.

We welcome carers, health and community sector professionals, education providers and agencies with an interest in identifying, engaging and supporting young carers.

To register and book your ticket <https://wesupportyoungcarerssa.eventbrite.com.au>.

Date: Wednesday 19 October 2016 (during National Carers Week)

Time: 9:30am to 12:30pm (arrival from 9:00am onwards for 9.30am start) *morning tea provided*

Venue: Bio SA Conference Centre, 40-46 West Thebarton Road, Thebarton

Community News

South Adelaide Panthers FC: Season 2017 Womens and Girls Trials

U9, U11, U13, U15, U17 and Senior Women

South Adelaide Panthers FC has an 11 year history of women and girls in football in South Australia. It is a family oriented club with fully accredited coaches.

Trial dates and times

Wednesday 19 and 26 October U9 & U11 5:00 - 6:00pm; U13 & U15 6:30 - 7:30pm; U17 7:00 - 8:00pm

Sunday 23 and 30 October U9 & U11 10:00 - 11:00am; U13 & U15 10:30 - 11:30am; U17 11:00 - 12:00pm

Attendance is required at two trial dates. Bring shin guards, boots, water bottle, etc.

For more information contact: Darren Clay 0415 526 021 darrenclay78@rocketmail.com.

2016 YEAR BOOK

Year 8 - 11 students

Place your order NOW !

Cost: \$20.00

Orders and payment can be made through the Finance Office

Diary Dates

September	Wednesday 21	Year 8 Drama Production	6:00pm
	Thursday 22	Children's Uni Graduation (University of Adelaide)	6:00pm
	Tuesday 27	Dance Performance (Odeon Theatre)	7:00pm
	Friday 30	End Term 3 - reports distributed	3:10pm
October	Monday 17	Term 4 commences	
	Tuesday 18	Year 8 Immunisations	
	Thursday 20	Principal's Tour	9:15am
	Friday 28	Year 12 Celebrations	10:00am - 1:30pm
	Monday 31	Year 12 Farewell Assembly	12:00pm
	Monday 31	Governing Council	7:00pm
November	Wednesday 9	Transition Day Year 7/8	9:15am - 2:15pm
	Thurs 10 - Fri 11	Year 10 Aquatics	
	Wed 16 - Fri 18	Year 11 Aquatics	
	Monday 21	Whole School Assembly - Celebrating Achievement	12:00pm
	Wednesday 23	Presentation Night (Edwardstown Baptist Church)	7:00pm
	Monday 28		
	Mon 28 - Wed 30	Year 10/11 Exams	
Tuesday 29	Dance Performance		
December	Thursday 1	Year 10/11 Exams	
	Friday 2	Student Free Day	
	Wednesday 14	End of Term 4 - Years 8 and 9	2:25pm
	Thursday 15	Year 12 (2017) Orientation Day	