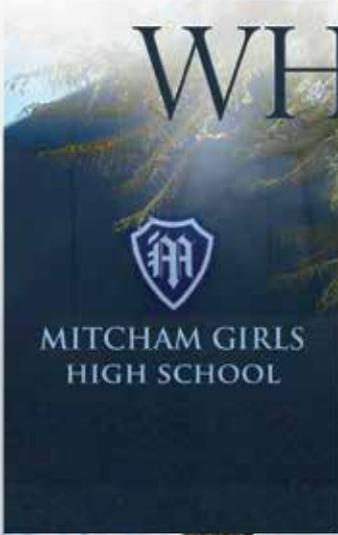


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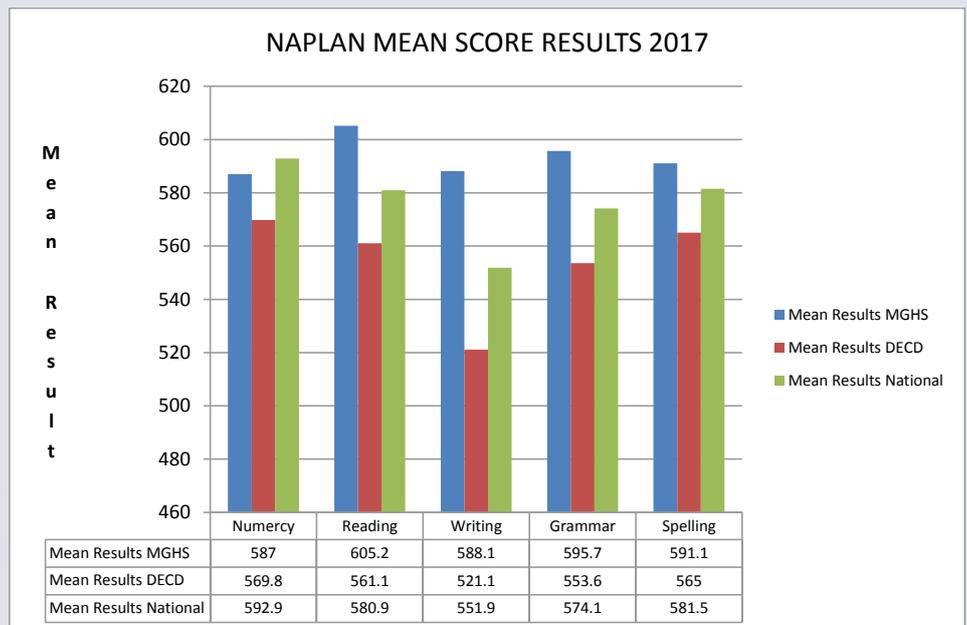
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From The Principal

Dear Families,

By now you would have received your daughter's NAPLAN results which were sent to you. If you have not received them, please get in touch with Zinta Ozolins and we will endeavour to send you another copy.

We congratulate the current Year 9 students on their achievements. As you can see from the graph below, the MGHS results are above state school and national averages in Reading, Writing, Grammar and Spelling. Although our results in Numeracy have improved over the years and they are now above state school averages, they are still slightly below the national average. We are hoping that the Numeracy strategy we are currently implementing will be reflected in the 2018 Numeracy results.



We are preparing for end of year celebrations. We would like to see as many families as possible at the following events:

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| Monday 23 October | 12:00pm | Year 12 Celebration Assembly
School gym |
| Monday 20 November | 12:00pm | Celebrating achievement of all students
School gym |
| Wednesday 22 November | 7:00 pm | Presentation Night
Edwardstown Baptist Church |

We will distribute more information in Term 4, but please enter the above dates in your calendar.

From the Principal (cont.)

We are very proud of the way the students represent the school. They are respectful, caring and support the ethos of the school. They certainly wear their uniform with pride and the greater majority of students adhere to the correct length of skirt and/or dress. We are aware that girls get taller almost each day. Holidays present a good opportunity for parents and students to lengthen dresses and skirts if they are too short. We thank you immensely for your support on this issue.

The end of Term 3 is almost upon us. As usual, we will continue to teach until the very last day and there will not be an early dismissal. Reports will be issued to students at 3:10pm on Friday 29 September. Please do not expect teachers to provide a report any earlier, as we have a process to follow. We expect all students to attend school on the last Friday of term; students who do not attend school for a good reason, may collect their report when they return in Term 4.

Regards,
Antoinette Jones

The Arts

'The Snap of the Rag' - Year 8 Drama Production

The Semester 2 Year 8 Drama students will be performing *'The Snap of the Rag'*, by Kevin Nemeth, on Friday 22 September at 9:50am.

'The Snap of the Rag' tells the story of Harold Manton, an ordinary man trying to become famous! His dream is to make it big! Unfortunately for Harold, he doesn't have any skills, talents or any appealing attributes that would make him a household name. That is of course, until he approaches an advertising company, well known for their ability to make the unsellable, become the most popular thing on the market. Here we meet the minds behind the ad agency: Jen, the tidy and creative control freak; Jenny, the cut-throat business woman; J-dog, the down to earth executive and Jennifer the organised entrepreneur. The play is filled with comedic moments as well more serious ones that make the audience begin to question their consumer driven behaviours and think, 'Do I REALLY need that?'

This play is an exciting and engaging performance, suitable for students and adults of all ages. Come along and experience a fantastic performance about Harold Manton and his journey to stardom!

Kate Ralph | Drama Teacher

Dance Showcase Performance: 'Framed'

Term 3 is always a fun, but a busy time for the Dance students. We are currently working hard to create our major dance showcase performance for the year, *'Framed'*. All Dance classes are presenting work.

This year we have moved to the Scott Theatre, Kintore Avenue, Adelaide (in the grounds of The University of Adelaide) to accommodate a larger audience. The performance is on Tuesday 26 September (Week 10), at 7:00pm.

Our performance has three sections: Section 1 *Colour, Movement and the Struggling Artist*, focusing on what it means to be an artist and the beauty of colour; Section 2 *The Art Gallery*, takes a look at the people we see in an Art Gallery with sculptures coming to life, and even the guards dancing! Section 3, *The Framed*, focuses on works from particular renowned artists coming to life through movement.

'Framed' is suitable for everyone and we would love to see families coming along and supporting our show.

Tickets (\$20 adults, \$15 student/concession) are available using the following links:

www.trybooking.com/RIYE OR www.trybooking.com, click on BUY TICKETS, and search *Framed*.

Judy Swan | Dance Teacher

English News

Interschool Debating

We are proud to announce our school's final results in the 2017 Debating SA competition (see below). Interest in this program by Middle School students continues to grow, as it provides a valuable opportunity to develop new skills and gain confidence.

This year, we have had two senior debaters and trained adjudicators, Year 12 students Bethany Peartree and Hibra Shujaat, coaching our Year 9 teams. We cannot thank them enough for generously sharing their time and expertise.

Year 9

Mitcham Girls White finished 17th on the ladder out of 31 teams, and won two out of five debates. Mitcham Girls Blue finished 25th on the ladder, and won two out of five debates.

Year 8

Our Year 8 team finished 16th out of 46 teams, winning three out of five debates. They only just missed out on progressing to the finals, as they spent much of the season in the top 10.

Congratulations to all the students who took part in Debating this year. Your coaches have noted just how much you have developed as debaters over the season.

Poetry in Action

Earlier this term, all students in Years 8, 9 and 10 had the opportunity to attend one of two performances by the travelling theatre group 'Poetry in Action'. These shows were specifically designed to help students appreciate poetry as a performance art, rather than simply as words on a page. Student feedback following the performances was overwhelmingly positive. Teachers also found the shows an inspiration for the design and delivery of engaging poetry studies in the English classroom. We hope to invite 'Poetry in Action' back in 2018.

Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes

Students in Ms Carman's Year 8 English class have been studying the novel '*Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*' by Eleanor Coerr. As part of their engagement with the study of Asia, the class made 110 paper cranes which now form part of a display at the City of Marion Library.

Laura Harvey | English Coordinator



HASS News

Geography and Science Excursion to Wetlands

Ms Rogers and Ms Howlett organised for their Year 9 Geography and Science classes to go on an excursion to the First Creek Wetlands in the Botanic Gardens to explore a Wetlands area. It helped us to understand our Geography assignment on biomes and our Science lessons. Going on this excursion gave us the opportunity to see the environment in person and physically have a go at testing some wetlands' water. Our Science class was looking at the different water qualities and why the water is like that. We also went into the Conservatory that had an indoor rainforest, with lots of different types of plants and trees.

Overall we learnt lots of new things, through visual and physical learning. It was good being in a different and tranquil environment to do so.

Sophie Monahan | 9.23
Seung Lee | 9.13

Science News

Year 9 Mitcham Excursion

Despite the weather, one of our Year 9 Science classes investigated the ecology of Mitcham Reserve taking soil, water and vegetation measurements as part of their Ecology work.

Year 9 Gift Primary School Visits

As part of Science Week three groups of Year 9s visited the local primary schools to perform a play to both inform and entertain junior classes about Science. These visits were enjoyed by all.

The chickens are here!

As part of Year 11 Biology in the topic of Growth and Development, the students are measuring and caring for a batch of newly hatched chickens.



Helen Marussinszky | Science Coordinator

Sports Update

Zone Sport

Term 3/4 Southern Zone Sport is upon us, but first a special mention to the Year 8/9 Soccer team who was Runners-Up in the Term 2/3 Soccer competition after a narrow loss in extra time to an undefeated Brighton. The team fought hard and came close to winning the final, but just fell short. Well done to the team on their efforts and coach Mauro Barani for taking the team to back to back finals.

In Term 3/4, Mitcham is fielding teams in Year 8/9 Volleyball, Open Volleyball and Year 8/9 Indoor Soccer. Volleyball is on Tuesday afternoons and Indoor Soccer is played on Thursday afternoons with all games played between 3:30pm and 4:30pm as per usual.

House Sport

The final four weeks of term will see each House go head to head in a Castleball competition. This will be open to all year levels and is a fun way to end the week! Points for the Collyer Cup are on the line and will be added to the competition.

We look forward to seeing a “packed” gym for the last few Friday lunch times of the term.

Premier’s Be Active Challenge

This term, our Year 8/9 PE classes, as well as other interested students, have taken part in the 2017 Premier’s Be Active Challenge. It is a four week challenge where students record their physical activity for 60 minutes per day over four weeks. Students who successfully complete the challenge will receive a medal next term. A full list of students who complete the challenge will be in our next sport update.

Dimi Sianis | Sports Assistant

Maths News

Exciting Developments in the Mathematics Faculty: A different approach to learning

In Mathematics this semester, some Year 8 students have been involved in the Thinking Maths project. This has enabled teachers to access innovative and exciting ways to work with the Year 8 curriculum. The students have been excited by several of the activities in Mrs Rogers' class, which have included some inventive, 'hands-on' approaches to solving linear equations.

Although the project has ended, Mr Whitehorn and Mrs Rogers will be sharing their learning, resources and the activities from the course, with the rest of the Maths faculty to promote a more engaging approach to mathematical concepts, in the Middle School.

Also this term, we have started to look at how to better integrate Mathematics into the other STEM subjects. We hope to have started the process of having some blended learning with some of our Year 8 classes, in 2018. And related to this, Mrs Cole's Specialist Maths class in Year 11 has been investigating how the maths they are learning, is critical to animation by Pixar and other animation companies.

You can learn about this too, at <https://www.khanacademy.org/>.

Understanding you have boundless learning capacity!

You may have heard about Growth Mindset and how this relates to all learning. This is something that we actively promote with our students in Mathematics. If you would like to learn more about this, from a parent's perspective, there are some great resources on the YouCubed website, by Professor Jo Boaler.

10 Growth Mindset Statements

FIXED MINDSET (represented by a brick wall head) vs **GROWTH MINDSET** (represented by a tree head)

What can I say to myself?

INSTEAD OF:	TRY THINKING:
I'm not good at this.	1 What am I missing?
I'm awesome at this.	2 I'm on the right track.
I give up.	3 I'll use some of the strategies we've learned.
This is too hard.	4 This may take some time and effort.
I can't make this any better.	5 I can always improve so I'll keep trying.
I just can't do Math.	6 I'm going to train my brain in Math.
I made a mistake.	7 Mistakes help me to learn better.
She's so smart. I will never be that smart.	8 I'm going to figure out how she does it.
It's good enough.	9 Is it really my best work?
Plan "A" didn't work.	10 Good thing the alphabet has 25 more letters!

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Great information can be found here: <https://www.youcubed.org/resource/parent-resources/>

Finally, a quick mention of the work to embed Critical and Creative Thinking into other curriculum areas to support problem solving in mathematics. Ms Langhans and Mr Whitehorn have been leading this project, which has seen exciting work completed in English, Technology, Philosophy, Design and other curriculum areas. This will give the girls more experience solving problems which we hope will increase their resilience and compliment the work on developing a Growth Mindset.

Mark Whitehorn | Mathematics Coordinator

Ski Trip

The 2017 Ski Trip continued a now firmly established MGHS tradition. An excited busload of students set off Thursday night for the long, albeit chauffeured, trip to Falls Creek. For the first two days students enjoyed fantastic conditions for both skiing and snow-boarding. Whilst Day 1 may have seen numerous trips, falls and stumbles, Day 2 saw an increase of confidence and determination. It also finished with some night-skiing; something many of the girls enjoyed to the fullest. The start of Day 3 was delayed due to high winds, but eventually the keenest skiers were able to get onto the slopes for some final runs, before a trek through the snow to catch the bus home.

Another special opportunity for students at MGHS, particularly as it leads to a feeling of great achievement. Thank you too, to the staff who work hard in preparing for the trip and then supervising throughout the weekend.

Zinta Ozolins | Support staff on Ski Trip



Community News

City of Mitcham Community Centres School Holiday Program

Yoga for Kids | Monday 2 October & Wednesday 11 October 10.30-11.30am | Cost: \$8

Wind down the kids from a busy term at school and come along to our Yoga classes at the Cumberland Park Community Centre.

Kids Camera Action | Tuesday 3rd October - Friday 6 October

The kids will love learning about filmmaking at this unique film class for kids. You can send the kids for the entire week or just for the day. The week long program will cover topics including Action Cam, Go-Pro and Animation.

Woodwork for Kids | Wednesday 4 October, 9am-12pm | Thursday 5 October, 9am-12pm | Monday 9 October, 9am-12pm | Thursday 12 October, 12:30-3:30pm | Cost: \$10.00

Kids will be able to choose to make one of four woodwork projects including marble mazes, marble runs, board games and jewellery boxes during each session at the Mitcham Cultural Village Community Shed. Be quick to register as these always book out quickly. Ages 9+.

Science & Cooking Wednesday 4 October, 9am-5pm | Cost: \$10

We are delighted to have partnered with Scouts SA to offer this full day session at Cumberland Park Community Centre. Kids will do science experiments and also cooking. This full day program is cheaper than OSCH and kids will have more fun! Normally RRP \$50 or more, we are able to offer these sessions in October, December and January for only \$10 per child.

Hiking & Outdoors Monday 9 October, 9am-12pm | Cost: \$5

Join the SA Scouts Engage Team for this half day session during the school holidays. Hike starts from the Mitcham Cultural Village Community Centre bring along your backpack, walking shoes and drink bottle for this half day excursion. Ages 5-15.

How to draw a Mandala | Tuesday 10 October 2017 10-11.30am | Cost: \$22.00

Join Cathy Gray (cathygrayinkwork.com.au) to learn the techniques of Mandala drawing at the Blackwood Community Centre. It is a useful tool for many in terms of relaxation and mindfulness.

Giant Games including Outdoor Rock Climbing Wall | Wednesday 11 October, 1pm-4pm | Cost: \$5

Giant Games for the big and little kids including the popular Outdoor Rock Climbing Wall will be available at the Blackwood Community Centre during the school holidays. Half day sessions. Ages 5-15.

For more information and bookings visit www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/communitycentres.

Diary Dates

September	Friday 22	Year 8 Drama Performance	9:00am
	Tuesday 26	Dance Showcase 'Framed'	7:00pm
	Friday 29	Scott Theatre, Adelaide	
		Term 3 ends: Reports distributed	3:10pm
October	Monday 16	Term 1 begins	
	Tuesday 17	Year 8 Immunisations	
	Monday 23	Year 12 Celebration Assembly	12:00pm
	Friday 27	Year 12 Celebrations	10:00 - 1:30pm
	Monday 30	Governing Council	7:00pm
	Tuesday 31	Principal's Tour	9:15am



NETBALL ACADEMY

From October 2017 to February 2018 *Taught and Bowled* is offering aspiring netballers the chance to be involved in a Netball Academy program. The program is offered to netballers of all abilities from ages 9 to 15.

The program will focus on technical and tactical skill development and progression as well as core strength and fitness. Squad members will take part in netball specific testing and receive take home programs to improve their ball skills, footwork, balance/core strength and fitness. All participants will receive a training singlet, drink bottle and back pack.

The sessions will be delivered by accredited and experienced coaches who will work with the participants throughout the entire program.

PROGRAM DETAILS

Date	Time	Venue	Session
Mon 30 Oct	5:30-7:30pm	Campbelltown netball courts	Introduction & testing
Mon 6 Nov	5:30-7:30pm	Campbelltown netball courts	Skill development & take home programs
Mon 13 Nov	5:30-7:30pm	Campbelltown netball courts	Skill development
Mon 20 Nov	5:30-7:30pm	Campbelltown netball courts	Skill development
Mon 27 Nov	5:30-7:30pm	Campbelltown netball courts	Skill development
Mon 4 Dec	5:30-7:30pm	Campbelltown netball courts	Match play & at home video analysis
Sun 10 Dec	9:30am-12:30pm	Priceline Stadium	Match play & team video analysis
Mon 15 Jan	5:30-7:30pm	Campbelltown netball courts	Testing
Mon 22 Jan	5:30-7:30pm	Campbelltown netball courts	Skill development – area specific
Mon 29 Jan	5:30-7:30pm	Campbelltown netball courts	Skill development – area specific
Mon 5 Feb	5:30-7:30pm	Campbelltown netball courts	Skill development – area specific
Mon 12 Feb	5:30-7:30pm	Campbelltown netball courts	Match play & at home video analysis
Sun 18 Feb	9:30am-12:30pm	Priceline Stadium	Match play & team video analysis
Mon 26 Feb	5:30-7:30pm	Campbelltown netball courts	Testing & program conclusion

For more details information please click [HERE](#) or contact Alice Johnswood at alice@taughtandbowled.com.au