

What, When & Why

@ Mitcham Girls High School

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From the Acting Principal...

Dear Families,

Another hectic term comes to an end and we farewell a number of teachers who have been with us during the first half of the year.

Mr Alastair Nimmo:	English
Mr Mike Poben:	Mathematics
Ms Pas Marchi:	Research Project and English
Mr Ian Brown:	Languages
Mr Hameed Kamleh:	Maths
Ms Rachel Paterson:	SOSE and English

We thank these teachers for their work over Semester One and we may see some of them back at Mitcham in the future.

We also farewell some teachers who are taking Long Service Leave in the second half of the year:

Ms Sandy Alston:	Term 3
Ms Chris Connelly:	Term 3
Ms Maggie Kahland:	Term 3 and Term 4

Year 9 Camp

Our Year 9 students and their teachers have just returned from camp. Activities like these can only run through the generosity of staff who take time out of their lives to attend camp. On my visit to the Woodhouse campsite, I saw a lot of tired students (and teachers) who had been engaged in fun and educational programs over the duration of the camp.

Year 12 Retreat

Our Year 12s will be attending our mid year re-energising program at Mantra Hindmarsh Square in week 10. The Retreat is a chance for Year 12s and their teachers to look back on the past semester and prepare themselves for the final six months of their schooling life. The Retreat runs over two days and is a combination of reflection, analysis and pampering.

Year 11 Reflection Day

As with the Year 12s, our Year 11s have a conference day so that they can analyse their successes and failures from Semester 1. Some informative sessions and fun activities allow the students to re-address their goals and priorities for Semester 2 and beyond.

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Year 10 and 11 Exams

Year 10 and 11 Exams have been completed and results will appear on the student's report, where applicable, which will be distributed at the end of Term 2.

The Exam Week gives those students the opportunity to devise some successful strategies for preparing for exams prior to starting SACE Stage 2, where exams can have a greater impact on final results.

Tony Sims
Acting Principal

SOSE NEWS

National Geography Competition

On Monday 28 March, the National Geography Competition was held nationwide and constituted answering a number of multiple-choice questions of varying difficulty over a 35 minute period. There were three levels of difficulty based on the age of the participant - junior, intermediate and senior, and we had a range of students participate across all three difficulties.

Recently, Mitcham Girls received certificates reflecting the level of achievement for the girls who participated. The results were as follows:

Senior	Intermediate	Junior
Distinction Georgina Sulley-Beales	High Distinction Elenor Jones-Gray	Participation Chantelle McGuire Alison Ozgo
Credit Mia Neale	Distinction Georgina Szabo	
Participation Rose Harvey Kimberley Lai	Credit Nibir Chowdhury Kahlia Clarke Lydia Heise	
	Participation Ivana Amanatidis Lauren Ardlie Meredith Atkins Hannah Lambert Amy Norman Claire O'Carroll Catarina Serem Laura Terpstra Isabel Vanhakartano	

Congratulations to all the girls who participated and we look forward to more excellent results next year.

Alex Bambrough
SOSE Coordinator

Space School

Congratulations to Min Kang 10.45! She has been chosen to attend the South Australian Space School.

This is a three day residential conference from Wednesday 13 July to Friday 15 July.

We hope she enjoys the experience!



I'm A Scientist Get Me Out Of Here!

This was an innovative program enjoyed by Year 9 classes recently. This allowed them to find out more about science research by emailing questions, participating in live chats and voting for the most worthy scientist.

Young Women in Technology

A group of students from 9.21 went to the University of Adelaide and enjoyed participating in science and technology activities including programming Robotics, making engines, doing experiments and understanding 3-D movies.

Helen Marussinszky
Science Coordinator



State Knockout Soccer Competition

On Monday 6 June, seventeen girls from all year levels participated in the opening round of the State Knockout Soccer Competition, held at Nazareth College. This entailed playing back-to-back 80 minute matches against the hosts, Nazareth, and Immanuel College.

Our first game, against Nazareth, was a close encounter and, after recovering from a conceded penalty early in the second half, we fought back and dominated the remainder of the second half. Constant attack and maintaining possession paid dividends as Emma Williams chipped their goalkeeper from 25 yards to bring the score back to 1-1, where it remained until the end of normal time. Two hard-fought periods of extra time proved unsuccessful for either team and, after an exhausting 100 minutes of play, the game was decided on sudden death penalties. Georgina Sulley-Beales calmly saved the first penalty from Nazareth and Chelsea Farquhar then stepped up to smoothly slot home the winning penalty for Mitcham.

After a short break, we then had to back our performance up against Immanuel, a fresher team that contained two U15 World Cup players and, while the effort in the first half matched the endeavour from the first game, tired legs and early goals in the second half ultimately decided the result as Immanuel ran out 6-0 winners. Immanuel later defeated Nazareth and thus progressed to the next round of the competition.

The following girls constituted our knockout team, all of whom approached the day in a professional manner and performed incredibly well given they played three hours of soccer without much rest:

Alison Coombe	Mamie Samuka	Bethan Ling
Meriani Silverlake	Izzy Dashorst	Kelly Harrison
Georgina Sulley-Beales	Chelsea Farquhar	TJ Walkden
Geena Suphke	Sophie Anderson	Sienna Shaw
Kiara Wanner	Emma Williams	Nilofar Malikyar
Fara Malikyar	Alex Draper	

Alex Bambrough
Coach

Term 2/3 Southern Zone Sport Competition Update

The Term 2/3 Southern Zone Sport Competition is now well and truly under way with Mitcham teams competing in Soccer, Badminton and Netball. Both the Year 8/9 and Open Soccer teams are undefeated after four rounds and are sitting on the top of the premiership table.

The Badminton team has also been going well and is currently sitting in the middle of the ladder, in 5th position. The Netball competition was slow to begin due to the grading days held in the first two weeks.

However, after the first three rounds all Mitcham teams are doing well, with the Year 8/9 Mitcham 1 and Open Mitcham 2 teams undefeated so far.

Good luck to all teams for the rest of the competition.

Chad Alston
Sports Assistant

SPORTS NEWS (cont.)

Lunch Time House Sport Competition

The Lunch Time House Sport Competition has been running throughout the term with teams playing for their houses in a range of sports. While the Year 9 competition is still running the winning houses for all other year levels has been decided, with points going towards the Collyer Cup to be presented to the overall winning house at the end of the year.

The results were as follows:

Year Level	Sport	Winning House	Runner Up
8	Netball	Spence	Fraser
10	Indoor Soccer	Mitchell	Fraser
11	Badminton	Mitchell	Fraser
12	Volleyball	Fraser	Spence

Chad Alston
Sports Assistant

FINANCE OFFICE HOURS

The Finance Office hours are:

Students: Before school, 8:00am to 8:40am, and Recess. The Finance Office will not be open to students during lesson and study time. However, if paying for Internet credit students are permitted to come to the Finance Office window.

Parents & Caregivers: Open 8:00am until 1:45pm.

Credit Card or EFTPOS payments can be made daily, Monday to Friday, until 1:45pm either in person or over the phone.

Margaret Neumann
Business Manager

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 or online: <http://www.umspl.com.au/contactus.html>

DIARY DATES

July	Tuesday 5 Wednesday 6 – Thursday 7 Friday 8 Friday 8 Monday 11 – Friday 22 Monday 25	Years 10, 11 & 12 Dance Night 7:00pm Year 12 Retreat Year 11 Reflection Day End of Term 2 – Reports distributed 3:10pm Year 12 Holiday Lessons Term 3 commences
Aug	Tuesday 2 Monday 8 – Friday 12 Monday 8 Friday 12 Tuesday 23 Wednesday 24 Thursday 25	Ski Trip Parent Info Evening Year 12 Exams Governing Council 7:00pm What, When & Why Published Principal's Tour 9:15am Course Counselling Evening Years 10 & 11 Course Counselling Day Years 10 & 11
Sept	Thursday 1 Thursday 1 – Monday 5 Friday 2 Monday 5 Wednesday 7 Monday 12 Monday 12 Tuesday 13 Friday 23 Friday 30 Friday 30	What, When & Why Published Ski Trip School Closure (Show Day) Student Free Day (Professional Learning Day) Year 12 Solo Performance MMAD Day Governing Council 7:00pm Year 8 Immunisations What, When & Why Published Year 12 Formal 7:00pm End of Term 3 Reports distributed 3:10pm