

WHAT, WHEN & WHY

No. 8, Monday 11 December 2017, Term 4

Presentation Night



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Award Winners 2017

Subject Excellence Awards

Biology	Danielle Hughes
Business and Enterprise	Olivia Harnett
Chemistry	Danielle Hughes
Classical Studies	Bethany Peartree
Dance	Caitlin McNamara
Drama	Jordan Hatswell
English as an Additional Language	Freshta Mohammad
Essential English	Samantha Ellis
English	Ananya Siddharth
English Literary Studies	Hibra Shujaat
Food and Hospitality	Bethany Peartree
General Mathematics	Freshta Mohammad
Health	Olivia Harnett
Information Processing and Publishing	Holly Couprie
Mathematical Methods	Subin Kim
Music	Kendall West
Physical Education	Maya Linsner
Physics	Danielle Hughes
Psychology	Esther Burnett
Research Project	Skye Hartman-Kearns
Specialist Mathematics	Subin Kim
Visual Art Studies - Art	Elisabeth Badge
Visual Art Studies - Design	Yovani Pillay
Vocational Education and Training - Subject Award	Holly Couprie
Vocational Education and Training - Subject Award	Daniella Charles
Women's Studies	Bethany Peartree
Women's Studies	Hibra Shujaat

Major Award Recipients

Long Tan - Year 10	Claire Collins
Long Tan - Year 12	Esther Burnett
Zonta Scholarship - Stage 1 (2017)	Michela Skipp
Zonta Scholarship - Stage 2 (2017)	Jade Brimage
Soroptimist International Eastern Districts Youth Award - Year 9	Caitlin Selge
Soroptimist International Eastern Districts Youth Award - Year 11	Cecilia Ronson
Dantalis Award	Alya Husna Arief Azali
Ann Millhouse Scholarship	Jasmine Thomas
Hughes and Loveday Sports Award	Maya Linsner
Old Scholars' History and Classical Studies Award	Hibra Shujaat
Rotary Performing Arts Award	Jordan Hatswell
Rotary Community Studies Award	Emma Williams
Mitcham Inter-Church Council Commitment to Study Award	Isabel Lean
Leading Ambassador Award	Hibra Shujaat
Elliott Citizenship Award	Yovani Pillay
Caltex Medal	Danielle Hughes
Student of the Year Scholastic Achievement Award	Danielle Hughes

Award Winners 2017 *(cont.)*

Year Level Prizes

Year 8 Bank SA Prize
Year 9 Champion Education Prize
Year 10 City of Mitcham / Margaret Ward Prize
Year 11 KW Stationery Wholesalers Prize

Michaela Collins
Caitlin Selge
Hannah McGrath
Alina Jansons

Contribution to the SRC

Yovani Pillay
Isabel Lean
Isabelle Brealey
Zali Craig
Danielle Hughes
Hibra Shujaat
Esther Burnett
Zeneb Hassan



Middle School News

The Year 7 Transition Day, was once again a successful event thanks to the commitment and care demonstrated by our own Year 8s who took on a range of roles from meet and greet, tour guide, uniform model to guest speaker. Transition Day aims to provide students with a taste of secondary school, beginning with an assembly and participation in a range of classes across the curriculum. Students also spent time in the Library and were able to familiarise themselves with the layout of the school. Finally, Year 8 Dance students displayed their awesome talents in a colourful and energetic performance.

The year may be drawing to a close, but learning and undertaking challenging tasks is still very much a focus. Between 4 and 12 December, students in Years 8 and 9 will be undertaking inquiry-based learning in small teams as they seek a solution to a problem or issue that they have themselves identified. Their work will on display in the gym on 12 December, with families and the public warmly invited to attend between 10:30am and 2:00pm.

The last day of school for our students in Years 8 and 9 is Wednesday 13 December. We will attend the Mitcham Cinemas in the morning and enjoy the end-of-year concert after lunch (pre-ordered pizza slices). Reports will be given out at 2:10pm, in order to achieve a normal finish time.

We wish our students, and their families, the very best during the holiday period and look forward to more success and opportunities in the coming year.

Zinta Ozolins | Assistant Principal Middle school



Senior School News

We congratulate all Stage 2 students on their contributions to school life this year. Our final event was Presentation Night where students received certificates and many awards. School Valedictorians, Hibra Shujaat and Bethany Peartree, gave a thoughtful address to the school community.

We were also privileged to hear Kendall West play her saxophone for the last time as a school student.

We now move to the cycle of results for Stage 2 students.



Tuesday 19 December: Release of results

Students who have registered a PIN will be able to access the SACE website from 8:30am. We urge any students who have not yet done so to organise a PIN as soon as possible.

How to Login?

To 'login' requires the student's SACE registration number and PIN. Registration numbers comprise six numbers and a capital letter, e.g. 123456A. The PIN will be the first four digits of the student's date of birth in the format DDMM, e.g. 1st July = 0107. Students who cannot remember their PIN can request a PIN reset through the SACE website. Once students have successfully logged in, they should visit the Personal Information section and check their postal address is correct, to ensure results are also received in the mail.

If students wish to have their materials returned: most submitted work cannot be collected until March 2018 after the end of the clerical check period. For the Research Project, students can apply to the SACE Board to have their materials returned to them before this time. Students can also apply to the SACE Board to receive their examination materials before the end of the clerical check period.

There is an administrative fee for both of these services, which covers the costs of retrieving and copying materials.

Other Important Dates

Monday 3 January 2018

This is the deadline for existing university applicants who wish to change their preferences and still be guaranteed equal consideration. We encourage students to include a more general 'safe' choice among their preferences, e.g. a Bachelor of Science and/or a Foundation Course as well as a degree in Nuclear Medicine.

This is also the deadline to pay the application fee and still be guaranteed equal consideration.

Tuesday 16 January 2018

Offers to university will be emailed by 5:00pm. Please note that every applicant needs a personal email address for this – it will normally be the one used for the SATAC application. School email addresses are not used for these offers. There are further offers which occur later in January and early February.

We congratulate our Class of 2017 and look forward to hearing of their future success.

Sue Howlett | SACE Coordinator

Senior School News *(cont.)*

Mock Interviews Semester 2

Over fifty PLP Year 10 students were involved in the Mock Interview day this semester. Students are required to apply for a job in retail or hospitality and produce a cover letter and resumé. They are then interviewed by a member of the community and given feedback on their interview skills, in addition to their cover letter and resumé.

Thanks go to Summer Bowles and Jade Cornish (PLP teachers) for their preparation of students in their class and to the community members who donated their time, skills and experience to interview the students.

Thank you to: Sam Ricci and Peter Leolkes (ISCA); Raema, Carol, Kathy, Bev and Erica (Zonta); Mel (City of Mitcham); Nic, Leslie and Deepali (Mitcham Girls parents); Chris Stone (Mitcham Girls Business Manager).

Jill Olifent | Student Wellbeing Leader & Pathways Coordinator

Science News

Science Experience

We would like to thank the various Rotary Clubs and Uni SA who provided assistance enabling several Year 9 students to attend the upcoming ConocoPhillips Science Experience. This very worthwhile Science outreach program is designed to provide students who have an interest in Science with an opportunity to engage in a wide range of hands-on Science activities while spending three days at a tertiary institution. Each program has a STEM focus and provides information about further studies in Science, Technology and Engineering.

Geosciences Summer School

Congratulations to Georgina Thompson who was one of twenty students selected to attend the Geosciences Summer School. Georgina will spend eight days of her school holidays participating in lectures, workshops, field work and excursions to learn about a variety of geological and mining exploration techniques as well as environmental management concepts.

Liz Rogers | Science Teacher

First Lego League

Two teams from the Year 8 Gift Science class did a wonderful job representing our school at the state competition on Sunday 12 November.

Both teams, W.O.W. and Trumoos, did a great job competing against thirty other teams in robotics, design, team and project work all around the theme of Hydrodynamics. Special congratulations to team W.O.W. who won the Innovative Solutions Award.

Helen Marussinszky | Science Coordinator



Sports News

This year has been a great year for Mitcham's School Sport Program and we are looking forward to making it bigger and better for our students in 2018 as we aim to have a strong presence in the Southern Zone School Sport program, Statewide Knockout Championships as well as having some fun with our intra-school House competitions. Thank you to all students who were involved in school sport this year as well as coaches and umpires, without whom, we would not be as involved as we are in school sport!

House Captains

Congratulations to the following students who were elected House Captains for 2018. These students will be the leaders of their House for the Swimming Carnival, Sports Day and House Sport throughout the year. Year 8 Captains will be elected at the start of the new school year.

	Fraser	Mitchell	Spence
Year 9	Jessica Wildy	Madeline Walpole	Michaela Collins
Year 10	Tamrah Steer	Vidhi Jani	Deeti Arora
Year 11	Millie Thompson	Hayley Meyer	Claire Collins
Year 12	Sydney Schultz	Cecilia Ronson	Martina Giurelli

Collyer Cup Final Standings

Throughout the year, each House has competed for points for the Overall House Championship, known as the Collyer Cup. Points from the following were accumulated to determine who won the 2017 Collyer Cup: Swimming Carnival, Sports Day, House Sport competitions, Premier's Be Active Challenge, Premier's Reading Challenge, Ambassador Badge, Year 8 Camp activities. The final standings were:

SPENCE	1,308.25 points
FRASER	1,231 points
MITCHELL	1,074.75 points

Hughes and Loveday Sports Award

Congratulations to Year 12 student, Maya Linsner, who won the 2017 Hughes and Loveday Sports Award. This is awarded for outstanding achievement in sport, both within and beyond the school.

Dimi Sianis | Sports Assistant

8/9 Indoor Soccer

The Mitcham Girls 8/9 Indoor Soccer Team had an outstanding season in 2017. In the lead up to the Grand Final the squad remained unbeaten in a dominant display of team work and precision football. They were up against Unley High School for the Premiership flag. After 40 minutes of hard fought play, Mitcham Girls were 8-1 victors, cementing their spot as the best indoor side in the zone. Many thanks to Mauro Barani for coaching the girls yet again. Congratulations and best wishes for 2018!

Michael Finos | PE Coordinator



STEM News

First Tech Challenge

Over the past weekend, nine Mitcham Girls High School students competed in the First Tech Challenge held at Macquarie University in Sydney. The inaugural Mitcham Girls FTC team, RoboVengers, competed against thirty-three teams from across the country in the National final, being one of two teams representing South Australia and one of only three All Girls teams.

RoboVengers demonstrated gracious professionalism (theme of the competition) throughout the two-day competition, so much so that the girls received the Judges Award for being the All-Star Rookie Team. The girls represented Mitcham Girls and themselves extremely well and should be very proud of their efforts. If you would like to be part of the 2018 RoboVengers campaign more information will be provided in the new year. If you have any questions, please email Simon Brooks at simon.brooks378@schools.sa.edu.au.



Be sure to like the Robovengers on Facebook and follow us as well on Twitter and Instagram if you want to keep up-to-date with our progress in 2018.

"Meeting other teams and making new friendships with their members was a great time. We had the chance to meet people with a like-minded interest and become friends through robotics." Sakura

"For myself, this has been a dream come true, and I am utterly impatient for the next step in our FTC team's development. I have grown so close to everyone in this team, and have thoroughly enjoyed watching the passion everyone participating in this event has to achieve the impossible." Juliette

"I have been waiting for this competition for two and a half years so this has been an amazing weekend for me. I have really enjoyed making friends with other teams in the competition and learning heaps about the robot which will help us improve in future years." Indi

"My favourite part of the competition was staying up super late with the team doing emergency repairs and redesigns of the robot. I really liked building the robot from scratch, and then getting to help it in its first venture out into the world." Skylah

Simon Brooks | STEM Coordinator and RoboVengers Coach

Community News

 <p>BARGAINS...BARGAINS</p> <p>Start buying for Christmas and Holiday Reading</p>  <p>Everything HALF PRICE</p> <p>From Friday Dec1 to Sat Dec 30th incl.</p> <p>Shop 2 448 Goodwood Rd CUMBERLAND PK M-F 10am-4.30 Sat 10-4pm</p>	<p>Run, jump, throw Be your best</p> <p>Little Athletics. Free come and tries in the south parklands Ages 3-17</p> <p> adelaideharriers.org.au 0425 201 096</p> 
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Uniform Shop

Mitcham Girls High School Uniform Shop

Open: Tuesday 23 January 9:00am - 3:00pm

Uniform Management Services

1/6 Montrose Avenue, Norwood

Tel: 08 8363 5255

Monday to Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm

Saturday 9:00 - 11:00am (first Saturday of each month)

Saturday (Jan 2018) 9:00am - 12:00pm

Closed: 14 December 2017 - 1 January 2018 (re-open 2 January)

Internet Shopping is available <http://umspl.com.au/product-category/mitcham-girls-high/>.

Diary Dates

December	Wednesday 13	End of Term 4: Years 8 and 9	2:25pm
	Thursday 14	Year 12 (2018) Orientation Day Year Book distributed to Years 10, 11 and 12 Reports distributed to Years 10 and 11	
2018			
January	Monday 29	Term 1 commences	
February	Monday 5	Year 8/9 Parent Evening	5:30 - 6:30pm
	Monday 12	Governing Council	7:00pm
	Monday 12 - Friday 16	Year 8 Camps	
	Wednesday 21	Swimming Carnival	
	Monday 26	Governing Council AGM	7:00pm
	Wednesday 28	Principal's Tour	9:15am
		Year 8 Parent Evening	5:30 - 7:00pm
March	Monday 5	Whole School Assembly (IWD and Leadership Induction)	12:00pm
	Monday 12	Public Holiday - Adelaide Cup	
	Monday 19	Gift Dance Auditions (Year 8 2019)	9:15am
	Tuesday 20	Year 8 Immunisations	
	Thursday 22	Principal's Tour	9:15pm
	Monday 26	Governing Council	7:00pm
	Friday 31	Good Friday	
April	Monday 2	Easter Monday	
	Friday 6	Sports Day	
	Tuesday 10	Dance Performance	6:00pm & 7:30pm
	Friday 13	End Term 1: reports distributed	3:10pm

Term Dates 2018

Term 1	29 January - 13 April
Term 2	30 April - 6 July
Term 3	23 July - 28 September
Term 4	15 October - 14 December