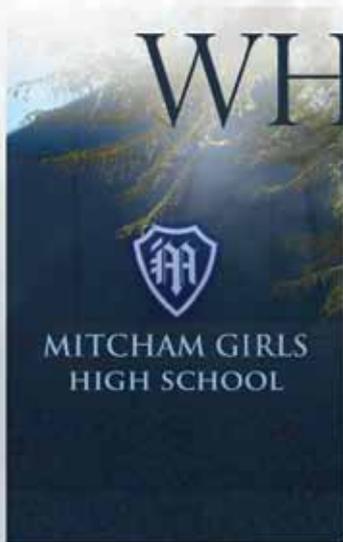


WHAT, WHEN & WHY

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From The Principal

Dear Families,

The school year is drawing to a close. Our students have achieved great things over the course of the year and we certainly ask you to join us as we celebrate their successes.

- Our Celebration Achievement Assembly will be held on Monday 12 November at 12:05 pm.
- Presentation Night will take place on Wednesday 14 November at the Capri Cinema at 7:00 pm. On this night we focus on the successes of our Year 12 students, however, we also acknowledge the achievement of Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 students. We would love to see as many parents as possible on this very special occasion. Please come along! There is no need to buy a ticket.

At the conclusion of Presentation Night, the staff at the Capri Cinema is happy to sell refreshments to the parents. This will present a good opportunity to meet and get to know other parents.

Financial Matters

The Governing Council and I would like to take this opportunity to show parents how the money we receive from Fundraising, Canteen Profits and Building Fund has been used:

Fundraising

The Fundraising Committee (a sub-committee of the Governing Council) works extremely hard each year to raise extra money. In the majority of cases, this money is spent on upgrading facilities or buying equipment to improve the physical environment for the students.

Canteen Profits

Our canteen staff work extremely hard to offer reasonably priced food to the students. Most of what is sold at the canteen is made on the premises and this means that our students eat healthy foods. The profit derived from canteen sales goes back into the school and it is used to improve facilities for the students.

We have had a Building Fund for many years now. It is a voluntary contribution and parents are asked when they pay their fees if they wish to contribute, however, the school does not receive a lot of money through this.

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From The Principal

What have we done with your money over the last seven years?

- New lockers for every student
- New carpet in corridors
- External painting of L Block
- Internal painting of main building
- Rubber tread on stairs
- Seating
- Pin up boards
- Development of quadrangle
- Electronic information screens for students
- Sound System used for assemblies and by the PE Faculty
- Sun deflection structures
- Blinds
- Air conditioning, Top Floor of main building
- Swimming Pool skirting
- Two refrigerated drinking fountains
- Paving
- Construction of IT Self Help Office
- 700 assembly chairs

I am sure that you will agree with me that the Physical Resources Committee has put the money from Fundraising, Canteen Profits and Building Fund to good use. Our students enjoy working in an aesthetically pleasing and comfortable environment.

We now have another important project we need to save money for: Air conditioning in the Middle Floor of the main building which will cost approximately \$130,000.

If every parent contributed just \$20.00 towards the Building Fund, we could have air conditioning in the Middle Floor within two years. We, therefore, ask parents to be a bit more generous over the next two years.

What do we do with the Materials and Services Charges, or school fees, we receive from parents?

There are very strict guidelines on how this money can be spent. It has to be spent on teaching and learning, for the benefit of current students. The school fees that you pay are spent as follows:

- Text Books
- Photocopied Materials (\$150 per student)
- Student Diaries
- Access to Information Technology (\$150 per student)
- Access to machinery and equipment
- Subject supplies and services (\$165 per student)
- Library Resources

Regards,

Antoinette Jones



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Kahla Parsons. Kahla was Runner Up in the Inner South Trade Schools Awards for the VET Student of the year.

Kahla has completed both her Certificate II and Certificate III in Hospitality this year with outstanding reports regarding her attitude, enthusiasm and aptitude for working in the industry.

Jill Olifent

VET Coordinator



Hannah Skull and Sophie Treloar (Year 9 students) have just returned from competing in the National Cheerleading Competitions held in New South Wales. Both girls did extremely well with their cheerleading team "Fierce" from Adelaide All Stars who placed 1st.

Hannah also competed with her pom team "Pom Gold" from Adelaide All Stars who placed 2nd.



Hannah Skull
(9.21)

Sophie Treloar
(9.21)



Dancing with the Professionals

On Tuesday 22 October, the Year 10/11 Dance class and the Year 9 Momentum Dance Group took part in a thrilling and insightful workshop with some of the true talents of Australian Dance Theatre, one of Australia's foremost contemporary dance companies, with studios just across the road from MGHS!

We left our rather compact dance room and were released into the spacious studios of ADT. I was beyond eager when we entered the studio, and my spirits didn't dampen the whole time we were there. We were taken through a captivating warm-up, followed by learning some of the choreography from 'Be Yourself', a recent work by ADT. We all tried our hardest to pick it up and I think we did a fabulous job executing their strong and articulate movements, if I do say so myself! We were then given the task of creating and performing some of our very own ADT-inspired phrases. We worked collaboratively in groups and our final products were impressive. We were then treated to a short performance by the dancers themselves, which left us all amazed by their tremendous talent!

We finished our day with a question and answer session that left me, along with my peers, inspired and motivated to be the best dancers we can be now, and in the future. I am sure that, given the chance, we would all love to participate in other Australian Dance Theatre workshops!

Nina Ash-Clarke (10.45)

'I loved learning something different and new. Learning to roll on the floor properly was great and being put under pressure to create something ourselves was a real challenge.'
Renee Ellis

'We learnt many different things on the dance excursion; technique, floor work, performing skills and how to create movement. It was an enjoyable experience that I would love to do again.'
Cassie Harwood

'It was good to experience a new way of teaching and to be taught a different style of contemporary dance. I thoroughly enjoyed myself!'
Brittany Elliott

'It was great to be able to dance with professional dancers and to learn some of their own choreography. I also enjoyed learning new skills.'
Alexis Koukouvitakis.

SCIENCE NEWS

National Chemistry Quiz 2012

The Royal Australian Chemical Institute conducts a National Chemistry Quiz every year. Although it is open to all year levels, our Year 11 Chemistry students are encouraged to participate.

We usually do quite well and this year is no exception. In fact, we have done particularly well this year. Seven out of eleven students who participated have been awarded certificates of merit.

Students awarded a Credit:

Laura Wayt
Elenor Jones-Gray
Megan Cox

Students awarded a Distinction:

Siead Ronson
Kimberly Lai
Nibir Chowdhury

A High Distinction was awarded to: Erin Cox

Well done girls!

Deepika Feegrade
Chemistry Teacher



2012 Stage 1 Science Camp

The first week of the September school holidays saw 22 students and 5 teachers travel to Arkaroola for the Stage 1 Science camp.

Temperatures were in the unseasonal mid 30s which was a shock after the cold Adelaide winter.

Arkaroola offered a unique opportunity to engage in a wide range of science activities ranging across Astronomy, Geology, Chemistry and Ecology along with a visit to an indigenous community.

The stunning scenery of the northern Flinders Ranges, which has an annual average rainfall of 15cm, offered ample photographic opportunities.

There was, of course, the nightly campfire with the obligatory damper and marshmallows.

The girls' enthusiasm and participation should guarantee that this will become a regular feature on the school calendar.

A special thank you to Zinta Ozolins, Vanessa Cole and Emma Langhans for their contribution to the camp.

Mike Elliott
Science Teacher



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

Uniform Management Services

109 Rundle Street, Kent Town

Tel: 08 8363 5255

Trading Hours:

Monday to Friday

9:00am – 5:00pm

Internet Shopping is now available at

<http://www.umsmghs.com.au/> or place an order over the phone.



Prior to the commencement of the 2013 school year the Mitcham Girls Uniform Shop will be open:

Tuesday 22 January 8:30am – 3:00pm

Thursday 24 January 8:30am – 3:00pm

Please note that Uniform Management Services shop at Kent Town will be closed from the 20 December 2012 to 2 January 2013 for the Christmas period. For the month of January open only on Saturday mornings from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

Lynne Holloway

Uniform Management Services

2013 Diary Date

MGHS QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 23 MARCH 2013

7.00PM



Catch up Immunisation Clinic

The City of Mitcham is conducting a **FREE** catch up immunisation service for students who have missed their immunisations at school. Vaccines that will be available include:

Hepatitis B, Varicella and HPV-Gardasil
for Year 8 students

Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis (dTpa)
for Year 9 students

Where and When

Wednesday 14 November 2012 3:30pm – 6.00pm
Mitcham Community Centre
242 Belair Road, Lower Mitcham

Parental consent is required for anyone under 16 years of age.

For further information contact Mary Anne McIntosh on Tel: 8372 8816

Diary Dates

Oct	Monday 29 – Friday 9 Nov	SACE Exams
Nov	<p>Wednesday 7</p> <p>Thursday 8 – Friday 9</p> <p>Monday 12</p> <p>Wednesday 14</p> <p>Wednesday 21</p> <p>Thursday 22</p> <p>Friday 23</p> <p>Monday 26</p> <p>Monday 26 – Friday 30</p> <p>Thursday 29</p>	<p>Transition Day Year 7 /8</p> <p>Year 10 Aquatics</p> <p>Celebration Assembly 12:00pm</p> <p>Presentation Night 7:00pm</p> <p>Capri Theatre</p> <p>Music Showcase 6:30pm(PAC)</p> <p>Year 12 Formal</p> <p>Student Free Day</p> <p>Governing Council 7:00pm</p> <p>Years 10 / 11 Exam Week</p> <p>Year 11 Drama Production 7:00pm</p>
Dec	<p>Monday 3 – Friday 7</p> <p>Friday 7</p> <p>Monday 10</p> <p>Tuesday 11 – Wednesday 12</p> <p>Wednesday 12</p> <p>Thursday 13</p>	<p>Year 10 Work Experience</p> <p>WWW published on website</p> <p>Years 8/9 Community Service Day</p> <p>Years 8/9 Activity Days</p> <p>End Term 4</p> <p>Reports Distributed 2:20pm</p> <p>Year 12 Orientation Day</p>

