

NEWSLETTER

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MITCHAM GIRLS
HIGH SCHOOL

DIARY DATES

August

Thursday 22

Casual Day

Friday 30

School Closure (Show Day)

Friday 30 – Monday 2 Sept

Ski Trip

September

Monday 2

Student Free Day

Wednesday 4

Year 10 & 11 Course Counselling
2:45 – 8:00pm

Thursday 5

Year 10 & 11 Course Counselling
9:00am – 3:00pm

Monday 9

Governing Council 6:00 – 7:00pm

Wednesday 11

Year 9 Drama Production, PAC
12:45pm
They Sold Their Souls to Santa

Sunday 15

Dance Performance, Scott Theatre
6:30pm
This Girl Dances

Tuesday 17

Year 8 Immunisations

Thursday 19

Music Performance, PAC 6:00pm

Friday 27

Year 8 Drama Production, PAC
12:45pm

End Term 3, reports distributed
3:10pm

Dear Mitcham Families,

Kyoto Study Tour

From 28 July to 9 August we welcomed 15 students from Kyoto, Japan, into our school. These students were hosted by local school families who opened their homes and hearts, giving the Kyoto students a rich experience of Australian lifestyle. A very big thank you to our dedicated homestay families.

The students were engaged in a range of different learning opportunities: singing “kookaburra sits in the old gum tree”, natural mandala making, Indigenous studies, ANZAC biscuit making, technology, robotics, ‘Kahoot’, photography, music, PE, science and art.

The Kyoto girls and school buddies shared many special memories including excursions to Science Alive and the Adelaide Central Market. One of the highlights for the Kyoto students was getting up close and personal with Australian fauna by patting koalas and kangaroos at Gorge Wildlife Park. In exchange, we learnt a lot about Japanese lifestyle and school differences and many strong friendships were formed with our girls.

Dana Thomas

International/Student Exchange Coordinator



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Middle School

In Week 1 of Term 3, students in Year 8 participated in an event called *New Term, New Me*.

The purpose of the event was to provide students with a fresh outlook on the second half of the year. The activities that the students undertook encouraged them to step outside of their comfort zone, build new friendships/teamwork skills, commit acts of kindness and develop a growth mindset about their schooling.

Student/teacher relationships were also enhanced with teacher involvement. A particular highlight of the event was the shared lunch where Year 8 students and teachers brought a plate of food to share and sat together at lunch time to get to know one another a little better in a less formal setting.

Lee Shaw
Year 8 Leader



Science

Year 9 Gift Science

Towards the end of last term, several students from the Year 9 Gift Science class spent 3 days at Flinders University experiencing a STEM Enrichment opportunity including Saving Nemo (clown fish), Electrochemistry, Mission to Mars, programming robots and using Virtual Reality devices.



STEM Camp

During the July school holidays, two Year 8 STEM Ambassadors attended the STEM Explorer Camp at Mylor.

They spent 5 days learning and investigating STEM careers and research avenues with sessions ranging from an Amazing Race to solve science puzzles, a talk from Dr Hannah Brown - the Chief Science Story Teller from SAHMRI, workshops on critical thinking, science communications, astronomy and STEM visits to the University of Adelaide Waite campus, SA Water and Cleland Wildlife Park.



Year 10 Science Alive

On Friday 2 August the Year 10 students attended the opening day of Science Alive, kicking off National Science Week.

They explored a range of STEM industry exhibits, science related clubs and associations and STEM university pathways. Student highlights of the day were animal displays, including native fauna as well as bugs and slugs, and the star-dome which has a direct link to the Year 10 Science space topic. As always, slime making and hot chips (not together) continued to rate highly! Inspiring interest in science and technology is an important part of what we aim to do, as STEM skills continue to prove crucial through many modern career pathways. SASIC Space Work Experience Program



Science

SASIC Space Work Experience Program

Some of our students have applied for the South Australian Space Industry Work Experience program, where successful applicants will have an opportunity to work in a space related organisation in Adelaide over the next school holidays.

The space industry in Adelaide includes businesses in the areas of defence and aerospace, communications, and spatial data such as GIS. The application process was quite extensive requiring a large amount of work on the students' behalf. We are excited for them and wish them luck!

Flying opportunity

Year 10 and 11 students are you interested in flying?

Please check the STEM Aviation Experience. www.av8.net.au.

Opportunity for Year 9 or 10 Science Students

The National Invention Convention is an all-expenses paid, 5-day workshop held in Canberra every January.

This program gives 25 delegates from all around Australia the opportunity to play, make and create, designing and developing a prototype that solves a real-world problem. Applications close **30 September at 11:59pm**. For more information please check invention.convention@questacon.edu.au

'Science is Everywhere!'

This is the theme of a photo competition for Year 8-10 students.

Entries close 22 September.

For more detail please check <https://www.flinders.edu.au/study/schools-teachers/stem-enrichment-academy/aurora-photo-contest>.

Helen Marussinszky
Science Coordinator

Year 10 Gift Science and Engineering Challenge



Science

The ConocoPhillips Science Experience

Applications are now open for the ConocoPhillips Science Experience.

The 3-day program is designed to provide students in Years 9 and 10, who have an interest in Science, with an opportunity to engage in a wide range of fascinating science activities, perform experiments in laboratories, meet and hear from senior lecturers, and experience what it is like to be on the campus of a university. Each program has a STEM focus covering aspects of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

UNIVERSITIES & TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS	PROGRAM DATES	NOTES
University of South Australia	1 – 3 October (holidays)	Mawson Campus – 30 places per event
Flinders University	4 – 6 November	99 places
University of Adelaide	10 – 12 December	North Terrace and Waite campuses – 80 places

For further details go to www.scienceexperience.com.au or contact Liz Rogers at school on 8272 8233 or via email elizabeth.rogers438@schools.sa.edu.au.

Liz Rogers
Science Teacher

Performing Arts

“Winter Music Showcase”

The Winter Music Showcase at the end of Semester 1 was our first for the year and was greatly anticipated by all.

It was an opportunity to see the highlights of the students’ musical performance outcomes. On Friday 28 June, more than 40 students performed a variety of music to an attentive audience. The culmination of a semester’s work for the musicians, the Showcase consisted of nearly 20 acts in a variety of styles, from Classical to Modern Rock. This was a wonderful opportunity for students to experience playing to a live audience.

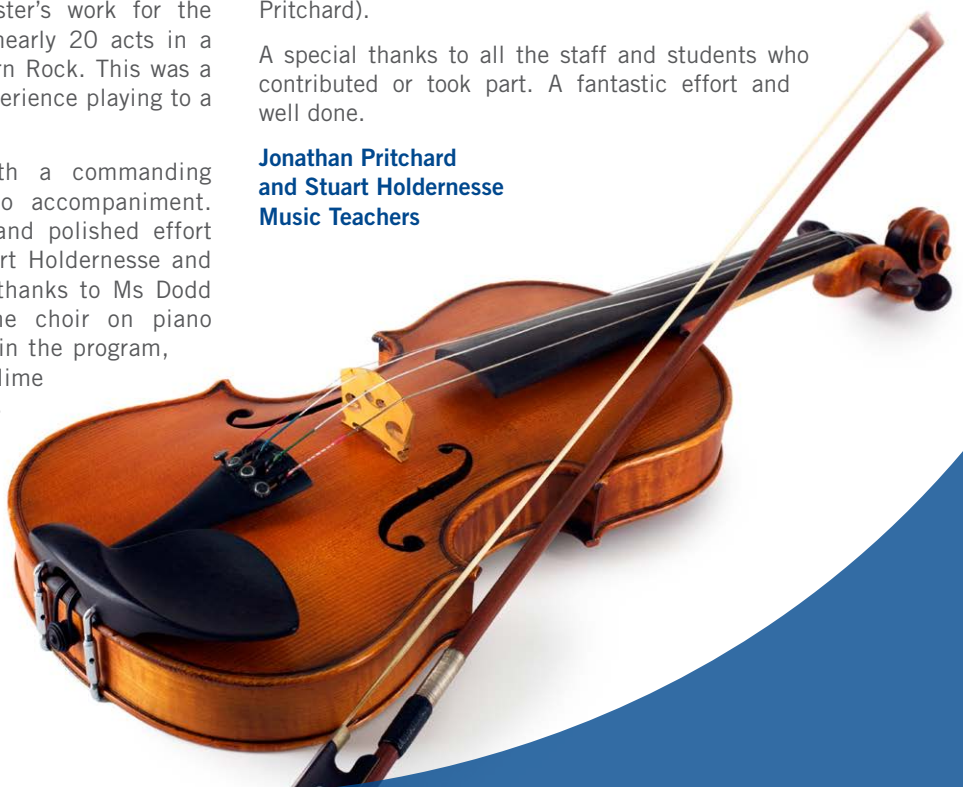
Adela Teubner opened the show with a commanding performance on solo violin with piano accompaniment. This was followed by an entertaining and polished effort by the school choir, conducted by Stuart Holderness and accompanied by Deborah Dodd. A big thanks to Ms Dodd for co-directing and accompanying the choir on piano throughout the year. A big effort! Later in the program, Ruby Gleghorn-Watts gave a nuanced sublime rendition of Beatles tune “Here Comes The Sun” on electric guitar.

The remainder of the program saw a variety of performances from the Year 9s, including a Gamelan inspired original piece, and various rock and pop numbers which demonstrated the versatility among the Year 9 cohort. The Year 10s and 11s also put in some worthy and enjoyable performances in

Contemporary Rock and Pop tunes and instrumental numbers. Well done to the senior students for a top effort. A surprise guest drummer made up the ranks for the last performance (Mr Pritchard).

A special thanks to all the staff and students who contributed or took part. A fantastic effort and well done.

**Jonathan Pritchard
and Stuart Holderness**
Music Teachers



Performing Arts

Year 9 Drama Production

They Sold Their Souls to Santa

The Year 9 Drama class has been working on the play *They Sold Their Souls to Santa* by Camille Scaysbrook.

The ensemble would like to invite family and friends to come and watch their matinee on Wednesday 11 September during lunch time: 12:45pm-1:30pm.

They Sold Their Souls to Santa is a comedy focusing on Lydia's experiences while spending Christmas with her crazy, over-the-top family. The play is set in the Adelaide Hills and includes many funny, relatable and unsavoury characters along with an unexpected romance. Come and join Lydia and help her get through the holiday season whilst enjoying the fabulous play that our Year 9 directors, Dakota Manning and Kate Langley, have worked so hard to present and perfect.

We hope to see you on Wednesday 11 September and we're sure you will have as much fun watching the play as the ensemble and crew did making it.

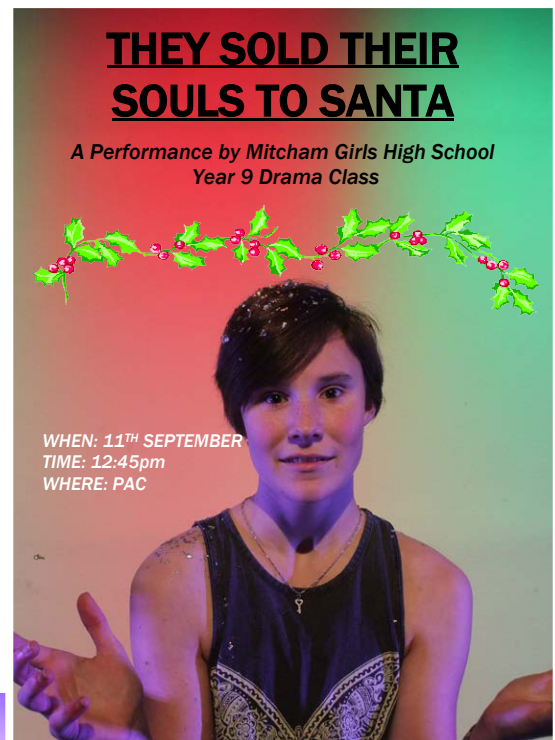
When: Wednesday 11 September

Time: 12:45pm SHARP

Where: Performing Arts Centre

Cost: Free

Kate Ralph
Drama Teacher



Performing Arts

Year 12 Drama Production: *This Girl Laughs, This Girl Cries, This Girl Does Nothing*

The Year 12 Drama production, *This Girl Laughs, This Girl Cries, This Girl Does Nothing*, moved audiences with a beautiful story of childhood, journeying and life's experiences.

Written by Finegan Kruckemeyer this children's theatre production was told with such adventure, joy and imagination by our Stage 2 Drama ensemble, that it brought laughter, tears and spontaneous applause throughout the evening. This authentic enjoyment of the audience is of course a credit to the hardworking and dedicated Performing Arts students, here at Mitcham Girls High School.

The 5 actresses, Emily Ritson, Harmony Rist, Abbie Aylett, Adelaide Cooper and Georgina Thompson brought immense energy and truth to their roles and were supported by the Stage 1 Drama class who took on various responsibilities to bring this story to life: Movement Director (Jasmine Wright), Lighting Designer (Isabella Moore) and Sound Technicians and Hair and Make-up Designers (Kayla Nelson and Alana Tilley), Props Design and Construction (Aishlynn Clarke and Jasmine Hodge) and Costume Designer (Georgie Welsh) who worked tirelessly to create many design and creative elements of this story.

We were so very fortunate to have the internationally acclaimed, Finegan Kruckemeyer, come to see our show with some members of his own family. His presence was certainly one of the highlights for the ensemble. Finegan also gave a glowing review of the girl's performance in his own social media post: *Such a pleasure to see another group of students so proudly and defiantly own the story they tell. Congrats Mitcham Girls ensemble for tonight's excellent production of 'This Girl Laughs'...*

A special thanks to those who came to support the show on the night and the staff who had a hand in nurturing this show along our journey; without you, none of this would have been possible.

I am proud beyond words.

Kate Ralph
Drama Teacher



Dance Showcase Performance: *This Girl Dances*

This year's major dance performance, to be held on Sunday 15 September at 6:30pm at the Scott Theatre, will have the umbrella theme of *Why do we dance?*

Entitled *This Girl Dances*, each class will have the opportunity to perform and communicate that dance can be used to express ideas, tell stories, provoke thought or simply to have fun. We have also considered what it is to be a dancer, the resilience they need and a light-hearted look at the 'daily grind'. If your daughter was part of the *Fairy Ballet Skool* dance last year, you will enjoy seeing them all grown up, still grappling with their artform in this year's performance.

We would love to see you come along and enjoy our performance. The classes are currently rehearsing and are looking forward to the show.

Date: Sunday 15 September

Time: 6:30pm

Venue: Scott Theatre (University of Adelaide)
Kintore Avenue, Adelaide

Tickets may be purchased from the following links:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BDTQJ> or
<https://www.trybooking.com/522973>

Ticket prices:

\$22 Adults

\$15 Students and Concession

If you have yet to see a Dance performance, please come along and join in the fun. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please direct any queries about the show to
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Vashti Carman vashti.carman693@schools.sa.edu.au
Kerry Jordan kerry.jordan951@schools.sa.edu.au
or Meredith Arnold meredith.kokcinar700@schools.sa.edu.au

SACE Dance Assessment Performance

Please note that there will also be a performance here at school in the PAC on Wednesday 18 September.

The Gift Dance classes will be involved in this along with all SACE students. This is the external assessment component of the Stage 2 Dance course, worth 30% of the final mark. Information about this will be forwarded to you in the next few weeks.

Meredith Arnold
Arts Coordinator

Individual Sporting Success - Rema Muniandy

Squash Champion - Rema Muniandy

Our very own MGHS student, Rema, was selected to represent Australia at the World Junior Squash Championships in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The Championships ran over 2 weeks, from 25 July to 11 August with Rema competing against some of the best Junior Squash players around the world.

The first part of the Championships were the individual events. Rema won her first match against South Africa before going down in tough games against Egypt and Canada. Reflecting on her performance, Rema stated *"I had some tough matches and it was a really good tournament"*.

The second part of the Championships were the team events where Australia was seeded 10th. They qualified for the Quarter Finals but unfortunately lost to Egypt and finished 8th overall. Well done Rema!

Stephanie Henson
Health & PE Coordinator

Knockout Sport

Open AFLW Football: On Tuesday 30 July our Open Girls Football team travelled to Victor Harbor for Round 3 of the Knockout AFLW Competition. The first game was against Cardijn College with the winner progressing to the Semi Final against Victor Harbor. The girls played a fantastic game and although they didn't walk away with a win, they are to be extremely proud of their efforts and commitment to trainings over the past 3 months. Congratulations to all involved. Coming up later this term is the AFLW Crows Cup of which we will be looking to field a Year 8/9 and an Open team.

Open Volleyball: The Open Volleyball team travelled to Mars Stadium on 2 August to participate in the Knockout Volleyball Competition. The team played 3 games and came up against some tough competition in Brighton and Glenunga. Walking away with 1 win from their 3 games was a great effort for the girls; Well done. Thank you to Mr Finos for training and coaching this team.

Open Badminton: A combined team of Year 8, 9 and 12 students travelled to Adelaide High School to play in the Knockout Open Badminton Competition. The team competed well in all games in what was a tough competition, winning 5 to 3 in the end. They now progress to the Final at Badminton SA Headquarters on Friday 23 August. Thank you to Mr Gladstone for coaching this team and good luck in the finals.

Upcoming Term 3 KO Competitions:

Open Badminton-Final
Crows Cup AFLW 9-a-side

Zone Sport

The Term 2/3 Zone Sport Competition is wrapping up with Finals played in Week 4 of this term.

MGHS has fielded the following teams in the Term 2/3 competition:
Open Badminton (2 teams)
8/9 Soccer
8/9 Netball

All teams competed well throughout the season with a few of the teams playing in the final 4. Both our Open Badminton teams are vying for top 4 positions, with one team currently sitting on top of the ladder. Results will be published in the next newsletter.

The Term 3/4 Zone Sport Competition will begin in Week 7 of Term 3. Students have been advised to sign up for sports they would like to participate in. Teams will be organised when training commences in Week 5. Stay tuned to Daymap for more information regarding this competition.

Stephanie Henson
PE Coordinator

Lizzie Anderson
Sports Assistant



Senior School

Year 10 Exchange Students

Year 10 students Sarah Burnett, Gemma Chirico and Sienna Noble-Lopore recently took part in the amazing opportunities offered to our students through the Southern Cross Cultural Exchange (SCCE).

These students participated in an exchange program, with some life-changing opportunities and experiences being had by all. Sarah, Gemma and Sienna were presented with a certificate from Jenny Hanson, the Regional Manager of SCCE, to celebrate the success of these students in participating in the exchange program.

Stephanie Henson
Year 10 Leader

Year 11 Reflection Day

On the last day of Term 2 Year 11 students participated in our annual Reflection Day.

We gathered at the Hawthorn Community Centre to reflect on the students' learning journey from primary to high school and to plan for success over the next 16 months when they will graduate. Discussion emphasised the need for a positive growth mindset to achieve goals and building a supportive cohort to ensure that Year 12 is both rewarding and fun.

Ms Olifent spread her veil of relaxation, controlled breathing and deep sleep before students competed in a series of activities, bonding in very competitive House groups.

Meredith Arnold
Year 11 Leader



Senior School

Pathways Exploration for Year 10

On Friday 2 August Year 10 students attended the ISCA Career Expo combined with TAFE and Flinders University at the Tonsley Precinct.

The Precinct was divided into 3 sections which had over 50 exhibitors from universities, industry representatives, Registered Training Organisations and businesses. Mitcham students were encouraged to ask questions in each of the sessions, to explore ideas and engage in discussions about different career pathways. They were able to attend breakout sessions with the Defence Forces, Allied Health employers and apprenticeships information, in addition to TAFE tours and Flinders University information sessions.

On Friday 16 August Year 10s attended the Flinders University Open Day, to further explore possible pathway options, familiarise themselves about a university setting, attending workshops and demonstrations throughout the day.

Each of the three larger SA universities have also presented to Year 10s in the past few weeks in Monday Care Group sessions.

All of these activities, in addition to PLP, are to assist students to make informed choices going into Year 11 and 12 and to know what is available to them once they have completed their schooling.

With course counselling having commenced, it is essential that Year 10s are fully informed. Students are also encouraged to make appointment times with me before Week 7 course counselling to discuss their thoughts and aspirations.

Jill Olifent
Student Wellbeing Leader & Pathways Co-ordinator



Whole School

Subject Selections 2020

Students are currently in the process of selecting subjects for 2020 using a program called “Web Preferences”.

Web Preferences allows students to lodge their subject selections online directly, which reduces incidences of lost paperwork and data entry errors.

Students have been emailed personalised log in details and subject selection instructions for Web Preferences to their school email address. As part of our course counselling processes Care Group teachers have explained the course counselling processes and timelines and, in many cases, have accessed Web Preferences during Care Group time.

Once subjects have been finalised in Web Preferences, we ask that a receipt be printed, signed by a Parent/Caregiver, and returned to the Care Group teacher. This ensures the subjects selected are completed in conjunction with a Parent/Caregiver as

we encourage Parents/Caregivers to discuss subject selections and post-school pathways with their daughter.

Students in Years 10 and 11, and their Parent/Caregiver(s), will have the opportunity to discuss their subject selections with trained staff members on the afternoon/evening of Wednesday 4 September or during the day on Thursday 5 September. Appointment request forms have been distributed to students and are also available on the school’s web site. Appointment times will be issued on a “first in, first serve” basis so please return your form as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

Tony Sims
Deputy Principal

Global Young Leaders Conference

Last holidays, I joined outstanding high school students from across the world to take part in a unique academic and career-oriented development experience, Global Young Leaders Conference (GYLC), in Washington DC and New York.

This program was designed to immerse myself and 300 other students in the political, diplomatic and cultural spheres of America.

This program was a once in a lifetime experience where I made friends from all over the world, experienced a myriad of new sights and sounds and truly understood what it means to be a leader in the 21st Century. I collaborated with like-minded peers to help present solutions to real world problems such as

poverty, inequality and education, all while visiting memorials, embassies and museums. We had an opportunity to visit the UN headquarters and take an in-depth tour of the building and learnt about the many services and processes it provides.

We were given the opportunity to simulate a UN session, by proposing resolutions, negotiating with other countries and voting on and debating on a variety of issues. I made friendships I will never forget and heard from top experts in their field. This experience was truly life-changing and I am truly grateful to everyone who made it possible.

Zuha Faisal
Year 11



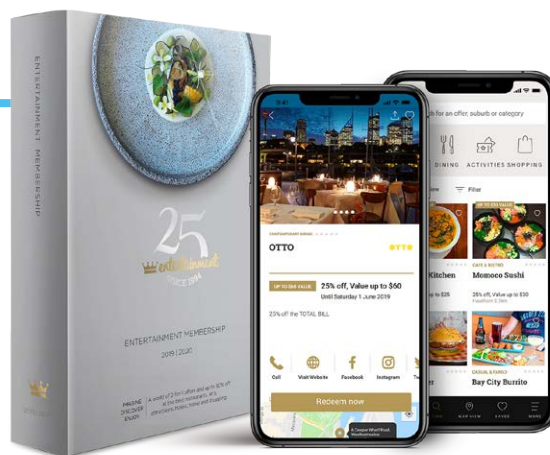
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<http://www.entbook.com.au/161m056>



Rockwiz !!

Hey everyone..... **It's something QUIZZical, quintessentially MUSICAL !!**

Hits, riffs and GROOVES, come show us your MOVES !

Featuring music legends The JamBoys

A fundraiser for the Mitcham Girls High School

Put Saturday 23 November in your dairy ! More information coming soon.

Community

Adelaide Wildcats Netball Club

2019/2020 Summer Trials

Trial #1:

Sunday 15 September – Marion Leisure Centre
Time: between 9am and 1.30pm*

Trial #2:

Wednesday 18 September – Clovelly Park Clubrooms
Time: between 6pm and 9pm*

Trial #3:

Wednesday 25 September – Clovelly Park Clubrooms
Time: between 6pm and 9pm*

** Trial times for each grade will be finalised and published once registrations have closed.*

Seniors – Born 2002 or earlier

Intermediates – Born 2003/2004

Juniors – Born 2005/2006

Sub-Juniors – Born 2007/2008

Primaries – 2009/2010

Sub-Primaries (GOs) – Born 2011/2012

www.adelaidewildcats.com.au

NOTE: If you are registering for Sub Primaries (GOs) – please DO NOT register via the link on the website, please email the club at netball@adelaidewildcats.com.au to register your interest instead.

For more information, please contact Maria at netball@adelaidewildcats.com.au

Hope Ward Tennis Club

Club Tennis - Players Wanted (all ages)

Hope Ward Tennis Club (an ANZ Hot Shots Club) has vacancies for Junior and Senior members of all standards for the Summer 2019/20 Season (commencing mid-October).

A family friendly club offering social and competitive tennis.

Interested... then come along.

Open Day

Sunday 25 August

10:30am to 1:30pm

(includes free sausage sizzle from 12 noon)

Junior enquiries to Lyn Pettman - 0418 851 873

Senior enquiries to Madeline Hill - 8277 3937

Hope Ward Tennis Club
Tweed Street, Cumberland Park

www.hwtc.com.au

