

NEWSLETTER

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MITCHAM GIRLS
HIGH SCHOOL

DIARY DATES

September

Tuesday 17

Year 8 Immunisations

Thursday 19

Music Showcase, PAC 6:00pm

Friday 27

Year 8 Drama Production,
PAC 12:45pm

End Term 3, reports distributed
3:10pm

October

Monday 14

Term 4 commences

Monday 21

Year 12 Celebration Assembly
12:00pm

Friday 25

Year 12 Celebrations
10:00am – 1:00pm

Monday 28

Governing Council 7:00pm

Monday 28 – Friday 1 November

Art Exhibition (Millhouse Centre)

November

Monday 4 – Wednesday 20

SACE Exams

Wednesday 6

Year 6/7 Transition Day
9:15am – 2:15pm

Thursday 7

Year 7/8 Transition Day
9:15am – 3:00pm

Wednesday 13

Stage 1 Drama Production 6:00pm

Monday 18

Celebrating Achievement Assembly
12:00pm

Wednesday 20

Presentation Night 7:00 – 8:45pm
Edwardstown Baptist Church

Friday 22

Student Free Day

Monday 25 – Friday 29

Year 10 & 11 Exams

Monday 25

Governing Council 6:00pm

Dear Mitcham Families,

Ski Trip

Friday 30 August saw an excited 32 students and 6 staff arrive in Falls Creek for 3 sunny days of skiing and snowboarding. After a buffet breakfast and slow start, we headed up the lift for the first lesson of the trip. It was great to see so many enthusiastic and determined students as they took on new challenges and tested their endurance and resilience.

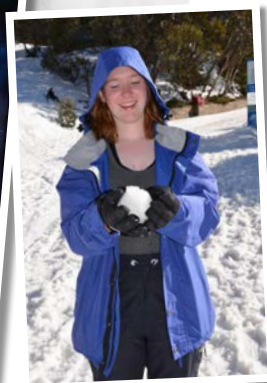
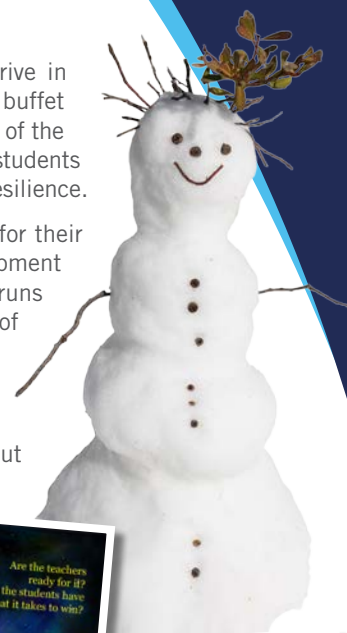
After a good night's sleep, students were refreshed and ready for their second lesson. Saturday proved to be a day of great skill development and increased confidence with students attempting new ski runs and making lifelong memories. Snow tubing created lots of laughs and the night skiing tested these newfound skills under the lights on Wombat's Ramble.

By Sunday morning, many students were feeling the aches and pains and nursing their bruises from the first couple of days, but this didn't stop them from gearing up for lesson 3 and enjoying their last day before the bus trip home.

Well done to all students who maintained a constant level of enthusiasm, pushed themselves above and beyond their comfort zone and made it to all check points on time. You made our trip more enjoyable and helped it run efficiently.

A big thank you to Katherine Wright, Tony Sims, Lee Shaw, Stephanie Henson and Emily Halls for their assistance and patience over the weekend.

Vanessa Cole
Ski Trip Coordinator



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English

Debating

The last round of debating was completed on 21 August 2019. The Year 8 team had some interesting and topical debates such as *Should We Climb Uluru* and *Should Drug Testing be Allowed at Festivals*.

On the last night they faced-off against Glenunga. In Year 8, Zoe Draper-Nickolai, Georgie Wooller and Summer Bretherton tackled the issue of whether phones should be banned in South Australian schools. Savannah Prest assisted as timekeeper. It was a very close debate which the team just narrowly missed out on winning.

Year 9 Debaters had a very successful season, having just completed their fifth and final debate. The team of Harshita Poliseti, Zannatuj Jihan, Leela Cotton Kenny and Alessia D'Angelis entered the 5th round in 5th position overall (out of 44 teams). This week's debate was a one card debate in which students presented a 5-minute speech using a single cue card. Quite a challenge! At the conclusion of the debate, it was a very close result with our team beaten by a margin of 0.5 points.

The team ended the season with 3 wins and 2 losses, and only just missed out on progressing to the quarter finals. Congratulations to the Year 9 debaters on an excellent season. They have all shown commitment and resilience.

In 2019 there were two Senior Debating teams at MGHS made up of Year 11 students. The students were faced with some challenging topics that required thorough research and creative thinking, including *That "Broken Windows" Policing is a Good Idea*. They also had the additional challenge of a One-Card Debate and a Short Preparation Debate.

In the MGHS Purple Team, Deeti Arora, Amna Sajjad, Madi Green and Seunga Lee supported each other in the development of their debating skills, with a few members that had never debated before. Deeti stepped up and spoke twice in one round when two team members were absent, showing enthusiasm and commitment to her team.

The MGHS Green Team was made up of Charlotte Whincup, Caitlin Selge, Zuha Faisal and Lauren Chance, who won Round 2 against Pembroke and had a number of very close debates. Caitlin was awarded 'Best Speaker' during the season, and the team showed great initiative and diligence in their preparation and delivery.

Sharyn Clarke
English Coordinator



Performing Arts

SACE Dance Assessment

The Stage 2 Dance students will undergo their SACE Dance Assessment in the Performing Arts Centre on Wednesday 18 September at 7:00pm.

The Gift Dance classes will also be involved along with all SACE students. This is the external assessment component of the Stage 2 Dance course, worth 30% of the final mark.

Meredith Arnold
Arts Coordinator

Dance meets Liam

Liam Phillips is a pre-service teacher undertaking his work placement at Mitcham Girls in HASS and Music.

We discovered that he is also a talented Irish dancer and he was kind enough to give our Year 8 Gift class a demonstration and lesson in the basics of Irish Dance.

Meredith Arnold
Arts Coordinator



Performing Arts

Congratulations: Year 9 Drama Production, Semester 2 2019!

Our Semester 2 Year 9 Drama class performed the entertaining comedy *They Sold Their Souls to Santa*, by Camille Scaysbrook, during two matinee performances this term.

In this comedy, the playwright has taken stereotyped characters from a rural Australian town in the 1980s. While on the surface *They Sold Their Souls to Santa* is a comedy, focusing on Lydia's experiences while spending Christmas with her crazy, over-the-top family, Year 9 directors Dakota Manning and Kate Langley also wished audiences to reflect on some challenging aspects of Australian culture from our not so distant past. Their vision was well supported by their design and technical crew, who developed creative design choices based on the Epic theatre design concepts, making audiences reflect on social norms in the 1980s, gender expectations, and our obsession with "stuff": a very challenging and mature design choice for a group of Year 9 students.

I would like to congratulate all students on their process as well as their product, for the time and effort they put into developing these characters, and for creating such a comedic audience experience in the face of some more reflective issues.

Congratulations Year 9 on your production!

Kate Ralph
Drama Teacher



Art Gallery of SA Students exhibition

On Friday 16 August the Student Art Exhibition *Transforming Techniques* opened in the Radford Exhibition space at the Art Gallery of SA on North Terrace, as part of the South Australian Living Artists week (SALA).

This year, 11 students from Mitcham Girls High School attended workshops in a range of drawing techniques and exhibited their work in the Exhibition along with students from all over the state.

For the 4th year in a row, Mitcham Girls was successful in winning prizes at this Exhibition.

Karina Beutenmuller won Highly Commended in Fashion Drawing and also the Best Self Portrait category. Congratulations Karina!

A couple of old scholars also attended; Skye Hartman-Kearns, who won a prize last year, and Alira McKenzie, who now works at the Art Gallery!!

Meredith Arnold
Arts Coordinator



Science

National Science Camp

Congratulations to Year 11 students Zuha Faisal and Maryam Mushtaque who have won fully sponsored places in the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF), held over 12 days in Canberra throughout January 2020.

The NYSF continues after January, first in the form of university seminars and industry site visits in March and April, and afterwards as a long-term personal network of people with common aims.

Exploring Palaeontology

A group of Year 9 students enjoyed discovering information about this new course at Flinders University.

Investigating real fossils of ancient Australian and International mega-fauna was an enlightening experience about our past world.

Helen Marussinszky
Science Coordinator



Astronomy Visitor

In Week 7 the Year 10 Gift Science class was fortunate enough to host Tiffany Katchmar from the South Australian Space Industry Centre.

Tiffany presented to the class on the SA Space Industry, including current and future industry projects happening in our state. The presentation extended further than the contributions that science and technology make to the space industry by also exploring how careers in law, media and communication can be possible in the space industry, which means students can aspire for a career in STEM through many pathways of learning.

A recent report suggests that by 2030, there will be 20,000 more jobs in the space sector across the nation opening many new future opportunities. This presentation explored some of the technological advancements that have allowed for the space industry to prosper in SA, contributing to scientific research and data analysis in the process. This includes a company in Adelaide working on thrusters that can be used to manoeuvre satellites whilst in orbit to dodge and avoid collisions as orbits become crowded. We have a number of girls who have identified space science and industry as a career goal, and hopefully after this talk others can see how their skills and interests could be applied in the same area.

Chris Sedunary
Science Teacher

Technologies

Year 10 Fashion Technology

The Design Brief was this:

You are the sole owner of a clothing business. For this coming season you have decided to design, construct and sell pyjama pants or boxer shorts for teenagers which incorporate at least one decorative or functional feature. You have decided to use cotton fabric. You must investigate the ethical and sustainable issues involved in the production of cotton fabric.

Fantastic work from our Year 10 Fashion Technology class.

Sarah Gray
Fashion Technology Teacher





What do you do to be sustainable?

Climate change is our generation's biggest issue. We are faced with an environmental crisis on an unimaginable scale. It is easy to get overwhelmed by the big picture, but there are still things that you can do at home to do your bit. Even little things can mean a lot when lots of people do them.

We asked a group of Mitcham Girls High School students and teachers what they do to be more sustainable, and why they believe sustainability is important. Maybe you do some of these things already, or you can implement some of them in your own life.

Let's start with our youngest interviewees. When we interviewed a group of Year 8s everybody had their own approach to sustainability. For example, Daksha Muniandy said "My family and I collect 10-cent bottles and give them to the recycling centre," while Mia Patrick's family composts their food waste and feeds the scraps to their chickens. Holly Warncken's family uses glass/metal plates and cutlery to make sure plastic doesn't contribute towards ocean pollution and Lily O'Brien said, "At home, I always try my best to turn off lights, fans, heaters, etc. when I leave a room. I also grow my own veggies and take part in tree planting days". When asked what she believed people could do to be more sustainable, Daksha suggested that people recycle more and spread awareness about this issue, while Holly said that people could try to use less waste and avoid plastic cutlery, straws, plates or bowls. Year 8s interviewed were in consensus that we need to work on recycling using the right bins and that we need to reduce our use of fossil fuels.

Next we spoke to President of the Sustainability Group, Michela Skipp. When asked why she acts sustainably, she said "Through my time camping and being outdoors I saw a lot of rubbish and pollution and wondered what we were doing about it. I decided to join the Youth Environmental Committee in primary school, and it opened my eyes up to environmental issues. I also helped to set up the Sustainability Group at Mitcham Girls". Michela's tips to be more sustainable are to recycle everything you can, and responsibly, which means putting the right items into the appropriate bins and making sure they are clean and free from food; also use reusable cutlery and straws whenever you can.

Year 12 student Harmony Rist said that one of the things that she did to be more sustainable was to be vegan. She also avoids using plastics and instead uses beeswax wraps. At home, her family split up their recycling which has cut down their rubbish significantly. Harmony said, "Animal agriculture is killing the environment and by cutting animal products out of people's diets we can really reduce our carbon footprint and make a difference".

We spoke with Ms Bowles who had some pretty cool things she does in the school as a teacher to be more sustainable. She uses scrap paper when the paper doesn't absolutely need to be perfect, turns the lights off when leaving a room and gets her students to hand up work electronically (saves us printing credit too!).

And lastly, our wisest interviewee, Ms Arnold. Ms Arnold can pride herself on astoundingly low energy bills and using rainwater. She also manages to grow veggies at home and recycle, as well as buying from op shops, along with finding the time to be an amazing teacher. She says that to make Mitcham Girls more sustainable, students need to remind other students, and we need to turn the lights off when they're not being used.

There are so many ways that you can contribute to making the world a more sustainable place. I hope you take some of these ideas and apply them in your own life. We might only be a little part of society, but even a little can achieve a lot.

The Sustainability Group, article compiled by Nicola Lief



Sport

Term 2/3 Zone Sport

Across the past two terms, 3 teams have competed in the Zone Sport Competition. The finals of this competition were held in Week 4 of this term.

8/9 Soccer: The team played off against St John's Grammar in what was a very exciting final. Scores were level right up until the final minutes of the game. Unfortunately, St John's snuck in a last-minute goal to win the game. Well done to the team and thank you to Adam Manning for coaching the team and Ms Cole for supervising the team over the 10 weeks.

8/9 Netball: The netball team also competed against St John's in their final and came away with a comfortable win to end the season. This team travelled to Netball SA Stadium every week for their games which was a fantastic effort. Well done girls!

Open Badminton: Mitcham Navy, coached by Mr Gladstone, was the team to beat in this competition and finished the season undefeated. Mitcham Royal, coached by Mr Finos, lost once throughout the season to Mitcham Navy. This saw both Mitcham teams come up against each other in the Grand Final held here at MGHS. In what was a relatively close encounter, Mitcham Navy came away with the title of Badminton champions. Congratulations to both teams and coaches!

Again, thank you to all coaches who volunteered. We wouldn't be able to compete in these competitions if it weren't for them.

Term 3/4 Zone Sport

The Term 3/4 Zone Sport competition is up and running.

Mitcham Girls has a number of teams in this competition including:

- **8/9 Volleyball:** Coached by Mr Gladstone (Tuesdays after school)
- **Open Volleyball:** Coached by Mr Finos (Tuesdays after school)
- **8/9 Badminton:** Coached by Ms Cornish (Thursdays after school)

We wish all teams and coaches good luck over the course of the 10-week competition.

Knockout Sport

The following Knockout competitions have been held since the last newsletter:

Open Badminton KO Final: The final to this competition was held at Badminton SA Headquarters on Friday 23 August. The girls won their first game against Unley. The second game saw the team come up against Glenunga who had a number of State players in their team. They lost this game and also their third against Booleroo. This saw the team playing off in the final against Unley for 3rd position. The team put up a great fight however was unable to beat Unley. A fantastic effort from students in making the finals and thank you to Mr Gladstone for coaching this team throughout the year.

Crows Cup AFLW 9-a-side:

After the success of our Open KO Football team, it has been fantastic to see the numbers in AFLW continue to grow here at MGHS. On Thursday 29 August, 3 teams competed in the Crows Cup AFLW Carnival held at Barrett Reserve. This was a day hosted by the Adelaide Crows AFLW team and consisted of a carnival of short 9-a-side games.

Results: Open Team 1 won their final to finish 3rd in Division 1. Open Team 2 finished 4th. The Year 8/9 finished with a win in their final also. Fantastic effort!

Term 3/4

- 8/9 KO Badminton
- 8/9 KO Softball
- Open Girls Badminton Carnival

Stay tuned to Daymap for more information regarding the upcoming competitions.

Stephanie Henson
PE Coordinator

Lizzie Anderson
Sports Assistant



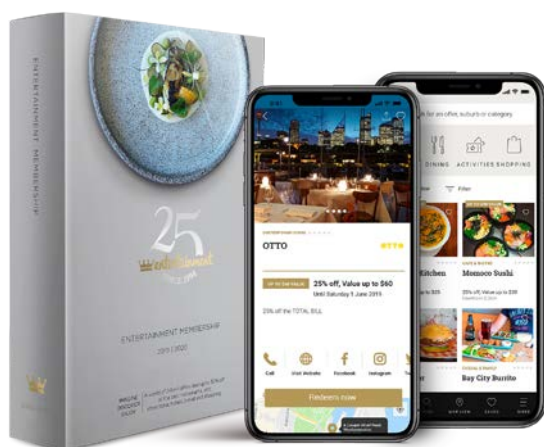
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7pm for 7.30pm start

Goodwood Community Centre

\$20pp
Tables max. of 10

BYO drinks & nibbles

Hosted by
musical guests...

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All proceeds toward constructing outdoor
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Community

Adelaide Wildcats Netball Club

2019/2020 Summer Trials

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

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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