

# NEWSLETTER

Issue 8 | December 2018 | Term 4



MITCHAM GIRLS  
HIGH SCHOOL

## DIARY DATES

### December

**Wednesday 12**  
End Term 4  
(reports distributed 2:20pm)

**Thursday 13**  
Year 12 Orientation Day

### January

**Thursday 24**  
Uniform Shop open  
8:00am – 1:30pm

**Tuesday 29**  
Term 1 begins  
Year 10, 11 & 12 SACE Day

### February

**Monday 4**  
Year 8 Parent Information Evening  
5:30 – 6:30pm

**Monday 11 – Friday 15**  
Year 8 Camp

**Monday 11**  
Governing Council  
7:00pm

**Thursday 14**  
Principal's Tour  
9:15am

**Wednesday 20**  
Swimming Carnival

**Wednesday 27**  
Year 8 Parent Evening  
5:30 – 6:45pm

Maree Crabbe Parent  
Information Session  
6:45 – 9:00pm

**Thursday 28**  
Principal's Tour  
9:15am

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# Award Winners 2018

AWARD WINNERS 2018	NAME
<b>SUBJECT EXCELLENCE AWARDS</b>	
Biology	Jade Brimage
Chemistry	Alya Husna Arief Azali
Dance	Tasmyn Lynch
Drama	Alina Jansons
English as an Additional Language	Margault Maliki
English	Alina Jansons
English Literary Studies	Skye Hartman-Kearns
Food & Hospitality	Tasmyn Lynch
Health	Ashlee Parrot
Information Processing & Publishing	Jade Seidel
General Mathematics	Fariza Ali
Mathematical Methods	Alya Husna Arief Azali
Music	Skye Hartman-Kearns
Photography	Sydney Schultz
Physical Education	Jade Brimage
Physics	Alya Husna Arief Azali
Psychology	Jade Seidel
Research Project 1	Hannah McGrath
Scientific Studies	Ashlee Parrott
Visual Arts - Art	Arisha Silverlake
Visual Arts - Design	Sydney Schultz
Vocational Education and Training	Carly Williams
Women's Studies	Zoe Panteladis
<b>MAJOR AWARD RECIPIENTS</b>	
Long Tan Award - Year 10	Zuha Faisal
Long Tan Award - Year 12	Cecilia Ronson
Zonta Scholarship - Year 10 to 11	Saskia Walsh
Zonta Scholarship - Year 11 to 12	Michela Skipp
Soroptimist International Eastern Districts Youth Award - Year 9	Sahithya Paramasivam
Soroptimist International Eastern Districts Youth Award - Year 11	Hayley Meyer
Dantalis Award	Kavya Malhotra
Ann Millhouse Scholarship	Brianna Wallmann
Hughes and Loveday Sports Award	Sydney Schultz
Rotary Performing Arts Award	Chanel Duval
Rotary Community Studies Award	Carly Williams
Mitcham Inter Church Council Commitment to Study Award	Catriona Main
Leading Ambassador Award	Ashlee Parrott
Elliott Citizenship Award	Alina Jansons
Caltex Medal	Caitlin McNamara
Student of the Year Scholastic Achievement Award	Skye Hartman-Kearns
<b>YEAR LEVEL PRIZES</b>	
Year 8 Bank SA Prize	Aastha Kumar
Year 9 Champion Education Prize	Sahithya Paramasivam
Year 10 City of Mitcham / Margaret Ward Prize	Tamrah Steer
Year 11 KW Wholesale Stationers Prize	Hannah McGrath
<b>CONTRIBUTION TO THE SRC</b>	
Contribution to SRC	Alina Jansons
Contribution to SRC	Caitlin McNamara
Contribution to SRC	Ashlee Parrot
Contribution to SRC	Cecilia Ronson
Contribution to SRC	Sydney Schultz



# STEM

## FIRST Tech Challenge and Subs in Schools National Finals

At the end of Week 7 a group of 10 students flew to Sydney to compete in two National competitions.

The first competition was the First Tech Challenge where our team, the RoboVengers, competed against teams from across Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia and Tonga. Overall, the girls finished 30th at the competition but learnt a lot about themselves and what they can do to take the team to the next level in 2019.

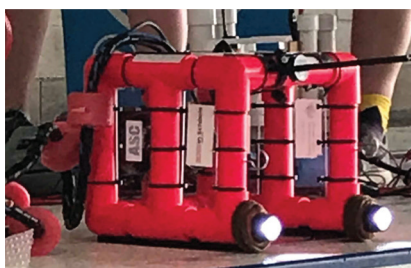
The second competition was the Subs in Schools National Final where the team competed in the Large ROV category. It was Mitcham's first attempt at this competition and we qualified for the National Final after finishing 3rd at the State Final held at the Royal Adelaide Show.

The girls have worked extremely hard since the State Final on improving the ROV as well as their marketing and engineering portfolios.

This resulted in the team, "Sub Squad", finishing 2nd overall in the Large ROV category. A massive achievement and the girls should be very proud!

If you are interested in either of these competitions in 2019, please see or email Mr Brooks for more details. Follow both teams on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.

**Simon Brooks**  
STEM Coordinator



# Science

## 2018 Earth and Environmental Science Summer School: 10 – 19 December

Congratulations to Georgina Thompson, Aastha Kumar and Janay Will who have been selected to attend the upcoming 2018 Earth and Environmental Sciences Summer School. These students will be treated to 8 days of lecture briefings, supported by field and laboratory practical work which will be used to introduce, explore and develop new concepts. This geological knowledge will then be applied to problem solving with STEM applications.

Students will gain an insight into the processes affecting planet Earth by visiting an operating Copper/ Gold Mine at Kanmantoo, Brukunga mine; which is under rehabilitation in the Adelaide Hills, and various other geologically significant locations on the Fleurieu Peninsula.

**Liz Rogers**  
Science Teacher

# Science

## Mitcham Girls First LEGO League State Competition

On Saturday 10 November, 20 Year 8 Gift Science students took part in a full day LEGO League competition at Immanuel College. The student teams of "Space Beavers" and "Space Psychos" participated in 3 divisions of the competition: Robotic Missions, Project Presentations and Team Work Skills (Core Values).

The girls performed well at the competition and are to be commended on their spirit and resilience. An accumulation of 9 weeks of hard work, team building and problem solving saw the girls learn important lessons in collaboration, effective communication, computer programming and gracious professionalism.

Well done girls!

**Emily Halls**  
Science Teacher



## ConocoPhillips Science Experience

Students participated in a 3 day STEM workshop at UniSA Mawson Lakes, looking at how Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics can be used to reduce the housing crisis in developing countries.

With the use of virtual reality (VR) headsets, the group identified some of the housing issues in developing countries before designing investigations into passive solar design, power distribution, water filtration and water quality testing to find ways to develop an eco friendly and environmentally sustainable housing development model.

The final part of the program involved groups discussing their findings and presenting this information to the rest of the participants.

**Liz Rogers**  
Science Teacher





# Middle School News

## Year 8 GifT Museum Excursion

Once again, we can only commend the efforts to which our girls go when pursuing their interests. Many, many successes this year: excursions, competitions, performances, volunteering, stretch and challenge in their learning; these are only some of the activities that our girls have embraced and which are a testament to their spirit and enterprise. A very good year indeed!

As the Senior School finishes their year with exams and a flurry of activity, students in Years 8 and 9 are still focused on their studies. Highlights of their work this year will be on show on Tuesday 11 December, in our "Celebration of Learning". Families and friends are warmly invited to attend this exhibition at the school between 10:00am and 2:00pm.

On behalf of the Middle School, I thank their Care Group teachers: Laura Harvey, Paul Wise, Lee Shaw, Vanessa Cole, Mark Whitehorn, Sharyn Clarke, Liz Rogers, Kerry Jordan, Melissa Hsu, Chloe Fox and Cristina Vaudo; and Year Level Managers: Dana Thomas and Mike Elliott, for their efforts this year as we strive to make our girls' experience at Mitcham valuable, engaging and memorable.

Enjoy the holiday break and stay safe!

**Zinta Ozolins**  
Assistant Principal  
Middle School



# Senior School News

## PLP Mock Interviews

This semester's PLP students were involved in a mock interview process as part of their assessment task. They were required to write a cover letter for a hospitality or retail position and include a resumé, then attend a job interview. For the most part, the students were interviewed by community members who donated their time.

A comment by the interviewers is that they have seen a steady improvement in the way the girls present themselves both in their dress and their confidence.

Many thanks again to the City of Mitcham, the Zonta Club of Adelaide, Regional Career Alliance (ISCA), and parents for donating their time and valuable expertise.

**Jill Olifent**  
Wellbeing Leader & Pathways Co-ordinator



# Music

## Music Showcase

The Spring Showcase was the last for the year and promised to be wide and varied; many parents came to support their daughters and experience their musical explorations.

The Contemporary Music Workshop Piano group opened with a very polished multi-media performance of a 1957 work for four pianos. It set an adventurous and innovative tone – one that was to continue throughout the evening. The live performances began with the orchestral students and the Chamber Group performing a traditional tune. There were some delightful solo moments from Adela Teubner (concertmaster) and Riku Takahashi (Soprano Sax) in a very diverting and playful *Marco Takes a Walk*. It was a brilliant opportunity for our junior students to experience the excitement of performing with a large ensemble in front of a large crowd. The next work premiered the group's variation on an Avante-Garde Orchestral piece *Seventy-Four* (1992) – from the repertoire of the renowned American composer John Cage. Some courageous extended techniques and tremolos from Kate Frith (violin) and other members of the group added some real interest to this very complex and constantly evolving soundscape.

The Mitcham Girls String Quartet has been in formation throughout the year, and this was their first public performance. It was outstanding, with the ensemble allowing each performer to respond to another's line seamlessly. It is an exciting time for the eight-strong Mitcham Girls string ensemble with more string players set to join next year!

It was also the Choir's first Showcase appearance under the direction of Francesca Greenwood. Their performance was professional and well-choreographed with some enjoyable physical movement incorporated into the presentation. Harmonies were sophisticated, and the girls relaxed and rejoiced in their singing. With Ms Dodd in fine form on the piano, the songs received great applause in what was an entertaining first showing. Well done to all!

Hannah Wilkinson (clarinet and piano) and Breanna Liebelt (flute) treated us to some first-rate Chamber Duets with some very accomplished performances drawn from the Baroque and Video Game repertoire. The clear articulation and sympathetic performances were the highlights with both players responding to each other in a refined and elegant recital.

These pieces heralded the return of the Contemporary Music Workshop. The group had been tasked to interpret some complex 20th Century Flute pieces. Modern music can be hard to grasp, and the group thought a narrator would be a good way of accessing this intimidating sound world. Enter Saskia Walsh with a charming adaptation of a forgotten Grimm's Fairy Tale. Interspersed with their rhythmically (and harmonically) challenging flute interpretations, the group drew laughter and amusement to well-delivered lines, ending with an exuberant final curtsy. The group had unquestionably risen to the challenge with their composition *The Mouse, The Bird and the Sausage (and the Dog)*.

Hannah provided us with our first solo performance and we all drifted off into the sublime musical atmosphere she created for us before it was time for the Contemporary Music Workshop to re-appear with a well-balanced rendition of two *Berio Folk Songs*. Willow Rist (voice), Yui Nakahara (piano) and Adela Teubner (violin) performed *Two American Folk Songs* with the required maturity and restraint - successfully juxtaposing the simplicity of the piano, the aggressive rustic violin and the more familiar folk tune mood from which the work is derived.

The second half began, and it was time for some Rock and Roll; the school musicians did not disappoint. The Year 9/10s, the Year 11s and the Concert Band had selected some classics to entertain and the audience loved it. Along with *Uncouth Youth's* change of socks, we heard some great riffing from Riku in *Disorder* (not to mention her phenomenal rendition of *Moanin'*). Sophia's *Disorder* ending was a standout – and well deserved after the tempo she had kept up! Other pieces contained some excellent lead guitar work from Saskia in their *Kiss* tribute and some deft piano work from Nyari in *Under Pressure*. The Bass section (Odette and Tahlia) just powered throughout - really driving things along and supporting the vocals delivered strongly by Lilyan and Willow. With Saskia's last *Psycho Killer* solo still ringing, the performers came out for a final dance – some keen and some not so keen. It was all great fun. Chanel Duval dimmed the lights and it was over for another year.

**To order your DVD, a brilliant snapshot of a year in Music at Mitcham Girls, please contact the Finance Office and make payment of \$7.50.**

**Alan Cook**  
Music Teacher



# Sport

## School Sport Update

### 2019 House Captains

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as House Captains for 2019. Students were voted for by their peers, with each nominee's leadership qualities from PE lessons and School Sport also factored into the elections. All students are worthy leaders and will play a big role in the organisation of their Houses in next year's Swimming Carnival, Sports Day and House Sport activities. Year 8 Captains will be chosen at the Year 8 Camp early next year.

#### MITCHELL

**Year 9 Captain/Vice Captain** – Christina Mower/Kate Frith

**Year 10 Captain/Vice Captain** – Madeline Walpole/Madeleine Wallace

**Year 11 Captain/Vice Captain** – Bethany Stidston/Annalise Stidston

**Year 12 Captain** – Hayley Meyer

#### SPENCE

**Year 9 Captain/Vice Captain** – Cadence Cooper/Amber McKellar-Stewart

**Year 10 Captain/Vice Captain** – Michaela Collins/Hayley Adams

**Year 11 Captain/Vice Captain** – Poppy Craig/Zarlie Lynch

**Year 12 Captain** – Claire Collins

#### FRASER

**Year 9 Captain/Vice Captain** – Rosie Thompson/Taylah Brennan-Jones

**Year 10 Captain/Vice Captain** – Ane Van Der Merwe/Izzy Haines

**Year 11 Captain/Vice Captain** – Rosanna Barani/Tamrah Steer

**Year 12 Captain** – Amelia Thompson

### Term 3/4 Southern Zone Sport

The Southern Zone After School Sport program has concluded for 2018. In the Term 3/4 season, Mitcham fielded teams in the Year 10/11 Volleyball, Year 8/9 Badminton and Year 8-10 (boys) Indoor Soccer competitions. All teams were highly competitive in their respective leagues. Mitcham's Indoor Soccer team competed hard against boys, our Badminton team just fell short of a spot in the Grand Final, and our Volleyball team finished runners-up after losing the Grand Final 2 sets to 1 against Seaview.

Thank you to all players who contributed to MGHS's after school sport this year as well as all coaches and officials who helped run the program throughout the year.

### Year 10 and 11 Aquatics

In Weeks 4 and 5 of Term 4, our Year 10 and 11 PE students headed to West Lakes to participate in an Aquatics program. The Year 11 students completed 3 days of Aquatics where they were involved in kayaking, sailing and windsurfing. The Year 10 students participated in kayaking and sailing over their 2 days. The experience was thoroughly enjoyed by all and provided students with an opportunity to try different activities in a fun environment!

### 2018 School Sport Summary

This year was very busy for the MGHS School Sport program. We were able to maintain our participation in the Southern Zone After School Sport program throughout the year by participating in several sports including netball, volleyball, badminton, soccer, indoor soccer and basketball. 2018 also saw students taking additional opportunities to play sport through our involvement in a number of Zone Carnivals. These carnivals saw students involved in many different sports of their choice including football, badminton, cricket and beach volleyball.

Along with Zone Sport Carnivals, MGHS increased its involvement in the School Sport SA Knockout Competitions with participation in netball, badminton, Twenty20 Cricket, indoor cricket, soccer, indoor soccer, outdoor 5-a-side soccer, football, volleyball and basketball. There was a mixed bag of results with a handful of our teams qualifying for the state finals. All teams represented MGHS at an elite level and made the school proud with their participation. A highlight of the year was our swimming team winning the F-Grade Swimming Championships!

Another initiative introduced this year, to continue to build on student's participation and opportunities in sport, was "Sports Week". Several of these "Sport Weeks" were held throughout the year where House Captains nominated different sports to be played over the week during lunch time. This allowed the students to be involved with sports they enjoy but don't always get a chance to participate in as well as to help promote physical activity within the school. They were provided with the opportunity to have their say on the sports they would like to see included in Sport Week and as a result there were a significant number of students playing sport and being active at lunch time, which of course is very pleasing to see!

Overall, 2018 has been a successful one for MGHS sport with interest growing in different sports whilst our established teams develop further to go to the next step in 2019 and beyond. We will strive to make 2019 School Sport bigger and better for students and continue to provide them with opportunities to involve themselves in more sport and take their sport to the next level.

**Stephanie Henson, PE Coordinator**  
**Dimi Sianis, Sports Assistant**





# Whole School

## Mobile Data Surveys

Dear Families,

The use of smart phones in class has been discussed on many occasions at Governing Council. At the last meeting the results of the surveys, which were sent to you earlier, were also discussed.

It seems clear from the surveys that both parents and students want a strict policy on the use of phones in class. The majority of students indicated that they want phones banned in classrooms, but they want to be able to check/use their phones at recess time.

Summary of discussion:

- Some teachers and some students tell us they use the phone for educational purposes. Members of the Governing Council asked why they are spending more than \$1,000 to purchase a computer if students resort to phones.
- The use of the phone to look up websites which are blocked is illegal, so this cannot be used as a reason either.
- Some students tell us they use the phone to take a photo of what is on the board. This can be done using their computers or by the teacher using the smart board to email the work to the whole class.
- Some teachers appreciate that Ms Ralph, Ms Jordan and Ms Swan are very strict about the use of phones in class and want all other teachers to do the same.
- Research is now starting to confirm that continually looking at the phone can lead to mental health issues or obsessive behaviours and it also interrupts student learning.

The Governing Council moved and passed the following motion:

**"That from the commencement of 2019 Term 1 student mobiles will be turned off prior to the commencement of Care Group (at 8:40am) and will not be used in any class, including Care Group.**

**At the beginning of each lesson they will be placed in a box provided by the school and will be collected at the end of the lesson. They must not be turned on between lessons.**

**Students are permitted to use their phones at recess time only. Use of phones will not be permitted at lunch time."**

Regards,

**Antoinette Jones**  
**Principal**

## Student Representative Council

During Care Group this term students from Years 9, 10 and 11 nominated and gave speeches highlighting how they will represent their fellow peers as members of the 2019 Student Representative Council.

Congratulations to the following students:

### Year 9

Elspeth Atkinson  
Madeleine Conry  
Leela Cotton Kenny  
Ashlee Greig-Brown  
Harishta Poliseti  
Rebecca Swanson

### Year 11

Deeti Arora  
Zuha Faisal  
Vidhi Jani  
Maryam Mushtaque  
Amna Sajjad

### Year 10

Laiba Bajwa  
Brooke Burns  
Michaela Collins  
Bonita Coventry  
Isabella Saba

### Year 12 Executives

Claire Collins  
Hannah McGrath  
Hayley Meyer  
Gabriella Hosn  
Rebecca Cid





# Community

## Music Theatre Camp 2019 – *The Greatest Show*

With the end of year and January school holidays looming, award-winning production company Pelican Productions is once again excited to present MTC 2019 – *The Greatest Show*. In its fifteenth year, MTC takes the best of the best from Broadway and the West End and presents a music theatre performance like no other.

This year's performance includes scenes from one of the newest shows on Broadway *Mean Girls*, the hugely popular *Greatest Showman*, and old favourites *Cats*, *Fame*, *Pippin*, *Madagascar* and *Mamma Mia*. With performers from schools and universities around the state, the talent is really incredible. It will be starring some of our students Sunny Caulfield, Jessica Morton, Emma Turner and Jessica Wildy who would love to see some familiar faces in the audience!

### When:

**Friday 18 January – 7.30pm**

**Saturday 19 January – 11:00am, 3:00pm, 7:30pm**

**Sunday 20 January – 1:00pm, 5:00pm**

### Where:

**Westminster College Theatre, Marion**

Enjoy the very best of Broadway and the West End in one incredible show. Secure your tickets now at [www.pelicanproductions.com.au](http://www.pelicanproductions.com.au).

\* Check the booking page for which performers are performing in which shows

# Notices

## Mitcham Girls High School Uniform Shop

Open: Thursday 24 January 9:00am – 1:30pm

## Uniform Management Services

1/6 Montrose Avenue, Norwood

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## 2018 Year Book

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