Diary Dates
• 14 March Morning Tea with Principal 9.00 am
• 14 March Soccer nominations for Year 2-7 close
• 25 March – Old Scholars AGM/Luncheon
• 28 March – Winter Basketball nominations for Year 2-7 close.
• 30 March – Nomination for Football, Hockey and Pedal Prix close
• 02 April – Year 6/7 Aquatics
• 11 April – End of Term early dismissal @ 2.30pm
• 13 – 15 May – NAPLAN testing
• 20 May – ICAS Computer Skills
• 23 May – Student Free Day
• 26 May – Student Free Day
• 28 May – Principal’s Tour @ 9am
• 05 June – ICAS -Science
• 09 June – Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
• 10 June – ICAS – Writing
• 11 June – ICAS - Spelling
• 16 June – Year 7 Canberra Trip
• 04 July – End of Term early dismissal@ 2.30pm
• 21 & 22 July – Student Free Day
• 23 July – Start Term 3 @ 9 am
• 29 July – ICAS English
• 12 August – School Photo Day

Traffic Monitors
Week 8, 17 March, 2014
AM: Nathan Mitchell, Annaliese Gibbs, Jordan Opperman
PM: Rosie Pagram, Ned Griffith-Morgan, Uta Oshikiri

Week 9, 24 March, 2014
AM: Antony Tancredi, Michelle Rupert, Ellen Sarris
PM: Kallen Woodcock, Samuel Soetratma, Katerina Tsimbinos

Dear Families,

In our week 3 newsletter we included an article requesting the commencement of an International Education Advisory group for our school. Our purpose is to find ways in which the parents of our international students can be more involved in the decision making of the school, and for the school to be more mindful in the way we work with our students from international backgrounds. It has been obvious to us that as a general rule, our international families do not get highly involved with the school.

The proof of this was made clear when not a single person arrived for the meeting!

Rather than make the presumption that no-one came because there is not a need, the school is of the belief that we need to do more to encourage these families to take the first step.

As a consequence, next week every family of international background will be receiving a personal letter inviting them to a meeting, and the school will provide a free crèche – as this is another factor for families with no other support here in Adelaide.

While all families are welcomed, we particularly want strong representation from our internationals so that we can start to put in place strategies to make them feel more welcomed into the school, especially at decision making level. The meeting will be on Wednesday 26 March from 7 til 8 in the i-centre. Any other parents wishing to attend are also welcome to use the crèche – please let the front office know for numbers.

Professional learning opportunities
The Washington trip last week was a wonderful opportunity to work at a senior level with the IB, and our meeting had the new Director General Siva Kumari in attendance – she was most...
impressed that Australasia was represented at the meeting and it was a salient moment to talk and work with her. Next week, 4 staff will be attending the regional conference in Singapore, at which it is our pleasure to present a workshop on the model of collegiality that the school has been developing. Our focus for some time has been the strengthening of the collegiate culture of the school, and we are humbled by the offer to present this work to school leaders from the Asia Pacific region.

The school has also been invited to present our work on collegiality in our science programme at CONASTA, the science teachers association, during their conference in Adelaide in July. Again, this is a great chance to present our model for delivering science our unique way and this not only adds to the reputation of the school in the wider community, it also strengthens the very culture on which we are working. For Emma Vaughan, Ella Blake and Diane Winterling travelling to Singapore, and for Anthea Ponte presenting at Conasta, with me, we all look forward to some exciting new professional learning time.

School App
We are at 345 downloads. Have you got yours on the smartphone yet? Go to your play store, apple or android, and download today so you can keep in touch with events and newsletters at the school. It’s free!!!!

Brett Darcy

IBPYP

Congratulations to our Sports Captains for 2014: Jack Atherton, Matthew Beahan, Chris Cayzer, Eleni Dalkos, Masha Gvozdeza, Kate Moroney, Rosie Pagram, William Warrick.

These students will not only Captain our sports day teams but will assist with sport administration throughout the year.

On March 24th these students and our SRC executive will be participating in an all-day training session at the school called “Play at Lunchtime.” This involves training as leaders to organise games for other students in the school yard during recess and lunch. The PALS program is primarily about developing leadership skills and putting their skills into action for the greater good of the whole school.

Next week all Year 3-7 classes will be participating in a session through Life Education titled “bCyberwise.” The session focuses on cyber safety, cyber ethics and building positive relationships with friends online and offline. The students will explore a range of issues such as password security, risks of sharing personal information, how to communicate respectfully both online and offline and strategies to handle cyberbullying.

Please ensure you have returned the signed consent note for your child to take part (Year 3-7 only).

Note: The Life Ed van is available for parents to visit on Friday 21st March from 9 – 10. Feel free to call in and find out what your child is learning.

Diane Winterling
Deputy Principal
IBPYP Coordinator

Music & Japanese News

Interviews
Specialist teachers are available for interviews on Tuesday 1st April until 7.30pm or other at other times by negotiation. Please contact –

- Music Christine.Narroway761@schools.sa.edu.au
- Primary/Middle School Japanese Niki.Peak144@schools.sa.edu.au
- Early Years Japanese Bridget.mcarthur52@schools.sa.edu.au

to book your interview

Music Support Group
The next meeting of the MSG will be held in the staff room in Week 8, Friday March 21st at 2.30. We will be beginning our planning for this year’s Winter Concert. Anyone interested in attending can email me or just come along. Looking forward to meeting any new members.

Festival Choir
The awesome new ‘ising’ 2013 Festival Choir t-shirt order forms have gone home. Please return these as
soon as possible to enable us to have our t-shirts before the end of term. Thank you to Anne Moroney for managing this process.

Assisting Artists

The Primary School’s Music Festival also promotes small groups or individuals with talent and will be auditioning people to take part in the Festival as Assisting Artists. If you are an individual or group who would like to take part please contact me or check on the Music Festival’s website www.festivalofmusic.org.au/

Looking forward to seeing you at the MSG meeting or make an appointment for an interview in week 10.
If you need to contact me Christine.Narroway761@schools.sa.edu.au

Chris Narroway

School Notices

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening times

The Uniform shop is open on:
Tuesday Mornings 8.15 – 10am
Friday Afternoons 2.00–3.45 pm
Order forms available from the Front Office

Special –
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REMINDER
PAYMENT OFFICE OPENING TIMES

MONDAY 8.30 – 1.30
TUESDAY 8.30 – 1.30
***WEDNESDAY CLOSED***
THURSDAY 8.30 – 1.30
FRIDAY 8.30 – 1.30

School Fees are now overdue.
Please send payment as soon as possible or contact Tania or Helen for payment plan.

Payments can be dropped in the payment box on a Wednesday only.
Receipts will be held at the office if required.
Bizgate is now back on line, sorry for the inconvenience.

MITCHAM GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAY

MONDAY 12TH MAY 2014: 9:00-11:00am & 5:30-8:00pm

Mitcham Girls High School was established fifty years ago as a girls’ school for South Australian Secondary Students.

It is the only single sex, public school that is unzoned; therefore, students may enrol at Mitcham irrespective of where they live.

Mitcham Girls High School offers a comprehensive program to cater for all students as well as the following Gifted and Talented Programs: Academic, Dance and Soccer.

For more information please go to www.mitchamgirlshs.sa.edu.au.
2013 Year Book

We still have a few more copies of the 2013 year book available for sale. Just call in and see Helen to purchase a copy. Cost $18.00.

Entertainment books arriving early in April! Watch for more news.

Sports News

Winter Sport

Registrations are due for all Winter Sports for Year 2-7 by the following dates:

**Soccer** is due 14 March, 2014
Football is due 30 March, 2014
**Winter Basketball** is due 28 March, 2014
Hockey is due 30 March, 2014
Pedal Prix is due 30 March, 2014

Forms are available from the Sports Information Notice Board Near Room 6 or can be downloaded from the website.

**Winter Basketball Yr 2-7, Terms 2-3**

Registrations are due for all players wishing to be involved in the Life-Be-In-It program at Unley High School. Match times are:

- Year 2-3: Tuesday 4, 4.40, 5.20, 6pm
- Year 4-5: Thursday 4, 4.40, 5.20, 6pm
- Year 6-7: Wednesday 4, 4.40, 5.20, 6pm

Please see sports pin up board for more details. Registrations close on Friday March 28. No late applications after this date will be accepted unless teams haven’t been filled.

All new players are welcome.

Please contact Donna Groth – 0414 833 734 if you have any queries.

Soccer

Soccer nominations have been extended until Friday 14 March. Players still needed for Year 2, 3, 5, 6, & 7 and Year 6 & 7 Girls. Students must be 7 before 21 March, 2014.

We also need parents to volunteer for coaching and managing the teams. Without this support children cannot play sport!

Community News

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All students are carefully selected, will attend a local high school, have their own spending money and can bring your family to life!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PHONE Jenny ON (08) 85662203
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review service: Know Before You Load

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Colonel Light Gardens Primary School
Windsor Avenue, Colonel Light Gardens  SA

Tickets $22.00

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/EMPD

Attendance certificates will be available
Speakers and more details to follow soon.
Room 13

Art With
Evelyn
(Claudia’s Grandma)