



Roma Mitchell
Secondary College



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24/8	Co-Education Camp 8CA, CD, CG 24/8—26/8	11/9	Principal's Tour - Girls' Education-Campus - Commences 9.15am Curriculum Committee 1:45
25/8	Showcase Art—Golden Grove Recreational Centre 7.00pm	16/9	Final Year 8 Girls' and Boys' Vaccination
31/8	ASSOE Transition Day 31/8-2/9 Co-Education Camp 8BC, E & F	17/9	Principal's Tour - Special Education Campus - Commences 9.15am
2/9	Uniform Committee Meeting Governing Council Meeting	18/9	Principal's Tour—Co-Education Campus Commences 9.15am
3/9	Finance Advisory Meeting	24/9	STEM Presentation Evening
4/9	Pupil Free Day	25/9	Last Day of Term Early Dismissal at 2.15pm
7/9	School Closure Day	12/10	Term 4 commences
9/9	Aboriginal Parent Meeting		

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Principal's Report

Welcome to our new students and families for Term 3. Already this term we have held successful parent / teacher interviews and our SAGE / Pathways Information Evening. Thank you to the families who came along and contributed to these events.

As you may be aware, the tenure of a Principal at a Government school such as ours is usually about five years. My tenure as Principal of Roma Mitchell Secondary College will finish at the end of this year. The RMSC Principal's position, to commence in 2016, was advertised at the end of last term and I am delighted to announce that I have been reappointed as Principal of RMSC for the next five years.

Farewell to Lauren Foote

Lauren Foote, our Pastoral Care Worker for the Girls' Campus, was farewelled at the end of last term. We thank Lauren for her dedication and commitment to supporting our students and their families over the last five years and wish her well in her new career as a Police Officer. Matt Neale is working in her role until the end of Term 3. Lauren's position is being advertised and the new Pastoral Care Worker will start in Term 4.

Congratulations to Jamahl Liddle

Congratulations to Jamahl Liddle who has been appointed to our school as an Aboriginal Secondary Education Transition Officer, Level 3, for the next two years.

Welcome to our new Italian Language Assistant

We welcome to our school John Ciarfuglia, who has been assigned to our school as an Italian Language Assistant by the Dante Alighieri Society of SA. John will be working with our Year 8-10 Italian Language classes every Monday during Term 3. He will be able to bring relevance to our teaching programs and new insights into the students' knowledge of current life in Italy.

SA Excellence in Public Education Awards

Congratulations to Julia Calabrese, Christy Slater, Alison Pazios and Mel Lamb who were nominated for an award. Nominees have the chance to win a professional learning experience. We wish each nominee good luck in the selection process.

Maths Specialism for STEM

I am excited to announce that our school has been selected to develop a Maths Specialism for our STEM Focus. We have received a grant to work with UniSA, Adelaide University and RMIT University to develop teaching and learning programs which will support students to develop their skills, knowledge and understandings to undertake and achieve in the higher level maths in the senior years. This will guarantee entry to a STEM Tertiary course. Mathematics is the basis of all STEM careers and essential for all high performing creative and sustainable futures. Students with tertiary qualifications in Maths and STEM are better positioned to lead the emerging high technology industries which will have long term economic benefits for the state. State, national and international skill and workforce demands have identified shortages in STEM related capabilities.

Science Technology Engineering and Maths (STEM) Year 6/7 Program

Our STEM program for the Years 6/7 students from Nailsworth Primary School and Prospect North Primary School were so successful last term, we have decided to run another program for Year 6/7 students from our local feeder primary schools. Students from Blair Athol B-7, Enfield Primary, Hillcrest Primary, Klemzig Primary, Mawson Lakes School and Northfield Primary School commenced this program last Wednesday. In Term 4 we will offer an all girls Year 6/7 STEM program. Years 6/7 primary school female students across the state will be able to apply.

First Place in the UniSA Innovation Challenge

Congratulations to our UniSA Innovation Challenge team, Jacinta Jeffries, Kaitlin Newell, Hitarthi Pandya, Dhawni Patel, Hija Restor and Nathan Farmers, who have just won a trip to Washington DC. These senior students, with the support of a number of their teachers, and in particular, Monika Mangla and Stammy Overell, worked incredibly hard in their own time over 7 months to compete in six UniSA Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) challenges against six other secondary schools. Points were accrued for each challenge and the overall winner was announced

at the Mawson Centre last Wednesday. We are very proud of this significant achievement of our students and thank UniSA for their sponsorship of this amazing prize. Our students will travel in October to Washington DC to visit the Smithsonian Museums, the world's largest museum and research complex, with 19 museums and 9 research centres.



*Kaitlin Newell, Jacinta Jeffries,
Dhawni Patel, Hija Restor, Hitarthi Pandya,
Nathan Farmers*

Parent Opinion Survey

A parent opinion survey will be sent via email to all families who have supplied an email address to our school. This is a great opportunity to provide feedback to the school. We will appreciate all of your comments and use your recommendations to further improve our work with your children. This information will be used to report to our school community in our Annual Report.

Quiz Night

Our first Quiz night will be held on Friday 18 September 2015 at 6:30pm for a 7pm start and finishing by 10pm. Tickets are \$10 each and all funds raised will go towards outdoor shade structures and seating. If you are interested in purchasing tickets or making a donation, please contact the school.

We look forward to seeing you on the night.

Sandy Richardson
Principal

Curriculum Report

Our parent / teacher interviews held in week two

this term proved very popular with hundreds of families coming in to discuss their son or daughter's progress. Increasingly we are having more parents coming in to our interview evenings and we know this really helps students improve their grades. Last week families of year 10 and 11 students in the Girls and Co education campuses were also invited in to discuss course counselling for 2016 subjects. Special Education families are being invited in this week to do a similar process.

Communication between teachers and parents is a powerful way to support young people and this week families in the Coeducation and Girls' campuses will also receive copies of our mid term Snapshot Grades which give families an indication of how their son or daughter is progressing in each subject. If the grades indicate a problem students and teachers have a few weeks to work together to improve the grade. Our teachers will spend the next week giving students specific feedback about how they can improve their grade.

If you have any issues about your son or daughter's learning or wellbeing at school you can contact subject teachers or me on 81614600. If you would like an interpreter in any language to help communication with the school this can also be arranged.

Parent Teacher interviews in Term 4 will be held on Wednesday 21 October.

Karen Fitzpatrick
Deputy Principal

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education

During the school holidays in the first week of July, organisations and communities from around Australia celebrated NAIDOC week. NAIDOC week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The week is a great opportunity for us to participate in a range of activities and to support and celebrate our local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. Each year there is a different theme and the theme from this year is 'We all stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate'.

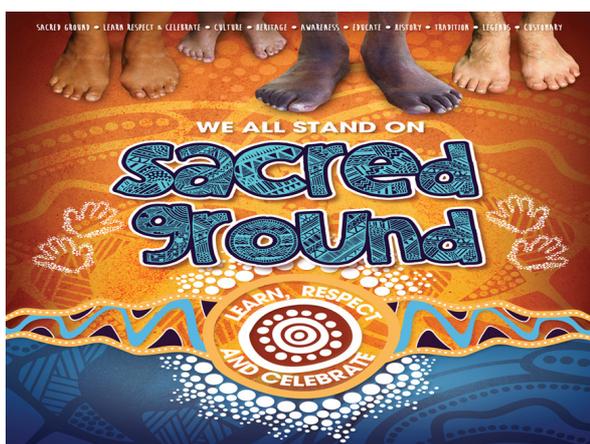
This year the theme highlights Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' strong spiritual and cultural connection to land and sea. It is an opportunity to pay respects to country; honour those who work tirelessly on preserving land, sea and culture and to share the stories of many sites

of significance or sacred places with the nation.

As the oldest continuing culture on the planet, the living culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is intrinsically linked with these sacred places. Sacred places can be a geographical feature like a river or lake, a beach, ceremonial grounds, galleries of rock art or engravings or places used for gathering for cultural practices.

Our school is fortunate to have such a range of staff and students from different cultural backgrounds. In the spirit of NAIDOC week we would like to acknowledge and celebrate the diverse group of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students we have at our school.

A school event will be held in Term 4 to recognise and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.



Sarah Afshin Pour
Aboriginal Education Coordinator

Special Education Campus

In recent years we have made a number of significant changes to our curriculum. Whilst these changes have been numerous and varied the most significant has been the introduction of Literacy and Numeracy blocks along with the adoption of the Australian Curriculum. During this time teachers have worked hard to ensure that the key lifeskill of communication, in a variety of forms, remains at the very heart of all of our programs. Although we have continually reported on progress in this area we have only recently introduced assessments aimed at tracking individuals, classes, and cohorts. This data is reported to parents in written reports and

used by teachers to inform individual curriculum planning.

Our most recent data from Semester One shows:

- 75% of our PECS student made significant progress through their personal program.
- 58% of students have already progressed through a complete level of the reading scheme.
- 91% of students have improved their sight word knowledge.

Whilst the results are promising we know there is still much work to be done as we seek to equip all students with a means to engage with their world

Although the full national rollout of the National Disability Insurance Scheme will not be completed until 2018-19 its effects are already being felt by a number of our students and caregivers. It represents the most significant change in Disability funding in the country's history and it will impact significantly on the options available to both students and caregivers. On 16 September at 1pm we will be hosting an information session for both caregivers and the wider community so they can:

- Hear detailed information about the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)
- Learn about becoming involved with the Scheme
- Hear from your local National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) staff member
- Ask questions

Teachers will also attend an information session later in the day as part as their professional development. Our aim is to provide all members of the team that support each student with the information and support necessary so they can continue to work together to achieve success in these changing times.

Andrew Gilsenan-Reed
Head of Campus

Girl's Education Campus

Welcome to our third term which has started off in our usual busy fashion. This is the term for the year 8 camp. The girls in year 8 have attended the camp at Woodhouse Activity Centre, Piccadilly in the Adelaide Hills.

The camp activities are an important part of year 8 and the following years because they help to establish relationships between all the girls. We organize different activities for team building that

rely on the girls working with different groups of students.

Each year the year 8 group return from camp with a better understanding of each other and a memorable experience as part of starting secondary school.

Thanks to Louise Mather who acted as the Head of Campus for the last five weeks of last term while I was on leave.

Louise is the senior leader for Maths and Science and has always been committed to improving the participation and success of girls in all these areas. She enjoyed her experience of working much more closely with the girls in all year levels of the Girls' campus and we all look forward to seeing her in this campus more often in the future.

Congratulations again to all the award winners for the last term. The following girls have recently received their certificates:

Certificate of Excellence – Yr 8

Adelle Sison
 Laura Mckeown
 Sangna Joshi
 Ishuman Kaur
 Kira Calligaris

Certificate of Merit – Yr 8

Erica Weir
 Nhu-An Le
 Andrea Casoyla
 Mia Gibb
 Noor Al Maliki

Certificate of Excellence – Yr 9

Evalyn Zhang
 Tayla Kelly

Certificate of Merit - Yr 9

Leanne Nguyen
 Torie Bristow
 Jemma Cleere
 Ngan Ha
 Macha Apolonio
 Sofia Kennedy

Certificate of Excellence - Yr 10

Vanessa Thai
 Dhvani Patel
 Hija Restor
 Hitarthi Pandya
 Brooke Johnston
 Tomoe Sakashita
 Lynn Tran
 Jacinta Jeffries
 Maryam Entazami
 Karishma Shah
 Hoai Nguyen
 Lucy Sobey
 Shiela France
 Zaynab Al Hakeem
 Sonali Gupta
 Jessica Leach
 Kaitlin Newell
 Tamara Grujic

Certificate of Merit – Yr 10

Camille Vipinosa
 Angel Batanga
 Irene Baltazar
 Tayla Morris
 Charlotte Coley

Certificate of Excellence - Yr 11

Arisa Robles Rangel
 Suad Nehme
 Francesca Castandiello
 Helen Sau
 Emma Talabani

Certificate of Merit – Yr 11

Bethany Newell
 Zeel Patel

Certificate of Excellence – Yr 12

Shamsiya Mohammadi
 Saneen Shahzad
 Criscell Del Rosario

Certificate of Merit - Yr 12

Narelle Hain

District Special Education Class

Certificate of Merit, Reading

Jessica Robertson
Larissa Easter
Chloe Stubbings
Britney Thompson-Horrocks
Claudia Hunt
Chantelle Herbert
Karly Lor
Skye Brooks
Oly Par Aicawm

Certificate of Merit, Vocabulary

Chloe Stubbings
Larissa Easter

Certificate of Merit

Oly Par Aicawm

Our New Year 8 students for 2017 have registered for enrolment next year so we will be running an information night and interviews for each student later this term.

If you have submitted your registration for your daughter in the Girls' Campus please look out for the information packs that will be coming to you in the next week or.

If you have not received a package in the next 2 weeks please contact us so that we can make sure you have the materials as soon as possible.

In closing I would like to say thanks again to Lauren Foote our Christian Pastoral Support Worker for all the great work she has done with the girls at the Girls' Campus and at Gepps Cross Girls High School over the last 7 years. We have had some very sad moments as we farewelled Lauren however we wish her all the best in her training program at the Police Academy.

The selection process is underway for a person to replace Lauren in this role and she should be in place next term. In the meantime we are very lucky to have Matt Neale working in this role on Mondays and Tuesdays while Ellie is maintaining the 2 lunchtime groups for girls until the end of term.

Judith Clelland
Head of Girls' Education Campus

Co-Education Senior Years Campus

Certificates of Academic Excellence and Merit.

Congratulations to the following students who received Certificates of Academic Excellence and Academic Merit for Term 2:

Year 10

Academic Excellence

Heather Badger
Ishani Shah
Marnie Pohl
Elise Anderson
Tiffany Afif
Ashish Patel
Mohammad Khazayee
Jarrah Smith

Academic Merit

Chelsea Benincasa
Patrick Smith
Abram Baker
Richard Vo
Phong Nguyen
Megha Brahmbhatt
Calvin Nguyen
April O'Brien
Rushil Shah

Year 11

Academic Excellence

Suraj Shukla
Sheradyn Matthews
Chloe Dziego

Academic Merit

Kimberly Wood
Christian Lysandrou
Christine Gadlan

Year 12

Academic Excellence

Mahala Ferguson
Yash Barot

Academic Merit

Michelle Keesmaat

Nischal Kharel

Angel Long

SA Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) take powerful RAP message to Year 11's

Firefighters from the South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) will be taking a powerful road safety message to year 11 students on Thursday 3 September 2015.

The firefighters will be delivering the MFS Road Awareness Program (RAP). The date will be delivered to The MFS RAP, supported by RAA, Motor Accident Commission (MAC), Adelaide BMW and the Australian Professional Firefighters Foundation, is a successful program presented by MFS firefighters in Secondary Schools throughout metropolitan Adelaide and regional areas.

The MFS firefighters present a hard hitting and emotional RAP where they give the students the opportunity to see the consequences of bad decision making. Their message is through "Concentration and Commonsense" and that almost all road crashes are avoidable. The MFS believes that if we start with new drivers at 16 years old, we can create a positive generational change in driving attitudes, decision making and behaviours, giving our students the opportunity to significantly reduce the carnage on our roads.

Since 2011 there has been a significant reduction in fatalities in the 16-19 year old age group. From 2007 - 2010 an average of eighteen 16 – 19 year olds lost their lives on SA roads annually. In the years 2011-2014 this number reduced to an average of five fatalities per year. While this figure is still too high the MFS believes that this reduction reflects potential generational change in the age group, showing our young people are leading the way in improving road safety behaviours.

The program is a classroom presentation, which takes students through the realities of road crashes. A feature of the presentation is a road crash survivor relating his or her experience and making an impassioned plea for the students to learn from their mistakes.

As road users we get to choose the risk – but we don't get to choose the consequence. Our young drivers will learn to be road users with good attitudes make smart decisions and understand that safe behaviour on the road is their

responsibility.

Firefighters will deliver the RAP Presentation at Roma Mitchell Secondary College

Date: Thursday 3 September 2015

Time: 11.05 am – 12. 50pm

For more information please contact:

- Rod Campbell (MFS RAP Program Co-ordinator) ph. 8204 3703 or
- Chas Thomas (MFS RAP Program Co-ordinator) ph. 8204 3618

Pepe Bouzalas
Head of Campus Senior Years

Co-Education Middle School Campus

Term 3 is a very busy term for Middle School students. We have year 8 camps taking place in weeks 6 & 7, the introduction of the IB Personal Project for Year 9's and the continuation of the Child Protection Curriculum for both year levels. We also see the start of a number of Year 7 transition initiatives that will involve many of our Year 8 students acting as mentors for these students. Students will also be looking at career options in line with interests and abilities when we start the 2016 subject selection process in a few weeks time.

At the end of last term we held year level assemblies where we were able to celebrate the achievements of some of our students who have done particularly well in Term 2.

Below we have a series of three photographs of students who achieved:

IB Awards for their class in the categories of :

- IB Open Minded Certificate
- IB Reflective Award
- IB Thinker Certificate

All of these students received Certificates outlining their achievements and these can be placed directly into the Student Portfolios in preparation for their Year 8 & 9 'Roundtables ' in week 9 of Term 4 this year.

IB Open Minded Certificate

Erica Thorn
 Tamika Naylor Vane
 Chelsea Hobby
 Alise Uwimana
 Adoni Mutanda
 Ehsan Hussain
 Izabella Mellors

IB Reflective award

Liam Hefferman
 Emma Purcell
 Nathalia Naya
 Alek Rositano
 Hassan Mohamadi
 Gilliam Restor
 (Absent—Kelsey Gosling)

IB Thinker Certificate

Hadi Musawy
 Vy Tran
 Dorothy Kasemire
 Shekeba Ahmadi
 An Le,
 Justin Falkiner
 Shree Ravikumar Mellors

IB Open Minded Certificate

L to R—Erika Thorn, Tamika Naylor Vane, Chelsea Hobby, Alise Uwimana, Adoni Mutanda, Ehsan Hussain, Izabella Mellors

IB Reflective Award

L to R—Liam Hefferman, Emma Purcell, Nathalia Naya, Alek Rositano, Hassan Mohamadi, Gilliam Restor, (Absent—Kelsey Gosling)

IB Thinker Certificate

L to R—Hadi Musawy, Vy Tran, Dorothy Kasemire, Shekeba Ahmadi, An Le, Justin Falkiner, Shree Ravikumar Mellors

Year 8 Academic Merit

Ermac, Ria
 Dinh, San
 Tran, Vy
 Purcell, Emma
 Barnett, Leyla
 Le, An
 Southwell, Amy
 O'Brien, Bianca

Year 9 Academic Excellence

Chhabra, Arpit
 Smith, Hannah
 Hossin, Tasnim
 Singh, Dakshdeep
 Reyes, Bianca
 Duggan, Matt

Year 9 Academic Merit

Singh, Dilpreet
Panchal, Vivek
Tsegaye Demissie, Abiy
Madhusudan, Anagha

Darryl Ashby
Head of Campus

Career Pathways

Career Pathway Planning

Career Awareness Program – Journey Investigation Chats (CAPJIC)

Our school is working in partnership with the University of South Australia (Uni SA) to assist Year 10 students with career planning activities as part of their SACE (South Australian Certificate of Education) Personal Learning Plan (PLP) subject. The Career Awareness Program – Journey Investigation Chats (CAPJIC) engages with students to raise awareness and aspirations for future career pathways. It will support students to make relevant subject choices for 2016. Students have been participating in interviews with a Uni SA undergraduate student during PLP lessons.

SACE & Pathways to Higher Education Evening

Thank you to all students and their families who attended the SACE Pathways to Higher Education evening on Tuesday 4 August. Staff from RMSC and Uni SA provided information to support students and families understand the SACE, University and TAFE pathways. Uni SA Student Ambassadors from diverse cultural backgrounds led discussion groups in English, Arabic, Nepali, Vietnamese, Dari, Farsi, Persian, Hazaragi, Hindi, Kirundi and Tagalog-Filipino. This event was very successful and the feedback received highlighted how important it is to provide information to assist students and families make informed subject selections for 2016.

SACE Board Achieve Magazine

As our students progress towards year 12, there are a lot of important decisions to make relating to future study, training and career options.

To help year 11s and their families prepare for this important year of schooling, Achieve magazine has now been provided to these students. The magazine, which the SACE Board provides for each student, complements our school's course counselling sessions.

We would encourage you to ask your son or daughter for a copy of Achieve as it can help spark useful conversations about their progress in the SACE, how to succeed with their year 12 studies and meet the requirements for university and TAFE courses.

This edition of *Achieve* also covers:

- The Research Project
- Keeping up good study habits
- Assessment in Stage 2 of the SACE
- Recognising other forms of learning

Year 12 results

A PDF of the magazine is available to download at this address www.sace.sa.edu.au/achieve

SATAC Applications

Students in Year 12 have received information about their transition from school to post school destinations including South Australian Tertiary Admission Centre (SATAC) applications.

Critical dates for Undergraduate Semester 1 2016 university admissions:

- Applications open for Semester 1 2016 admissions
- Wednesday 30 September 2015
- Early closing date for most undergraduate courses

Students must apply by this date to save paying a late fee.

Year 10 Career Pathways Excursion - Adelaide Zoo and Botanic Gardens

On Friday 26 June a group of Co-Education and Girls' Campus students went to the Botanic Gardens and the Adelaide Zoo. It was designed to explore and learn about the different career pathways associated to working in either the zoo or garden setting.

When we arrived at the Zoo, we were introduced to our two tour guides; one from the Zoo and one from the Botanic Gardens. As we were such a large group, and there were two tours to do, we divided into two groups – Girls' Campus went with Matt Neale and Miss Lyons and Co-Ed campus went with Ms Overell and Mr McLean. Co-Ed started with the Zoo and Girls' started with the Botanic Gardens.

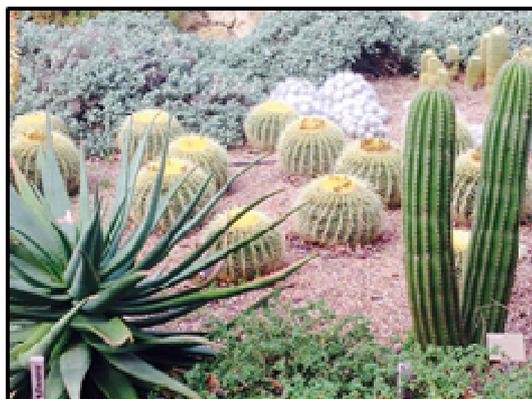
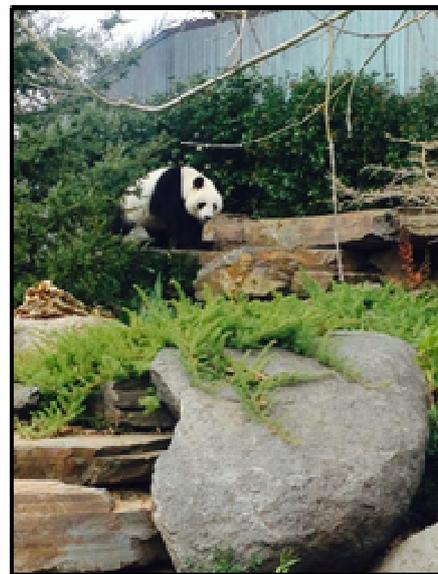
At the Botanic Gardens, we went through learning the different names and species of plants and also their country of origin. As we went through the different sections, our tour guide also informed us of the multiple jobs that are required to take care of each section. It was surprising to find out that it's not just about looking after plants to keep them alive.

After we finished the tour, we were given a booklet and had an activity of finding QR Codes that were placed around the garden. We had to use a mobile phone to scan the code, which linked us to a YouTube video that had someone talking about the job that they do.

When we finished at the Botanic Gardens, the two groups met back up for lunch, then, we switched tours. The Zoo tour was a little less structured. The tour guide gave us a map and told us where to meet him in an hour's time. This was good because it gave us a chance to see all the animals such as lions, giraffes, hippos and more. He also let us sit and watch the Macaw show; it was amazing.

After an hour we met up at the Education Centre where the man showed us multiple different videos on YouTube about all the jobs that are associated with the Zoo. Again, there is a lot more than just looking after the animals. As there were a lot of students there who hadn't been to the Zoo before, the guide wrapped up the teaching early and took us to see the Pandas, we were all in awe.

Overall, it was very entertaining and a useful excursion. It helped students to understand which careers are associated to the Zoo and Botanic Gardens. I hope RMSC offers this excursion for the Year 10s next year; it was an amazing experience.



Kheiria Sulaiman 10GB

International Programs

As part of my duties at RMSC, I oversee the college's International Programs. There are three main areas that involve;

Short- and long-term visiting, overseas students (the International Students Program)

Short-term International Teacher visits to RMSC

Short-term overseas school visits by RMSC

students.

At any point in time, we have a number of visiting students from overseas, who enrol for periods ranging from a term up to five full years. In upcoming newsletters I will have more information about some of these students.

We also regularly host visits by teachers from overseas schools, either in groups or individually. In the last week we have been fortunate to have hosted Mr Moriaki Kato, visiting us from the Yokohama Schools District in Japan. He is a Special Education teacher, who spent time in all Campuses, in order to observe our methods for delivering curriculum. He was able to share ideas with our teachers and has expressed how impressed he has been by our staff, students and facilities. These visits require a lot of support behind the scenes, and I'd like to acknowledge Ms Charlotte Eastland, who was able to host Mr Kato while he was in Adelaide.

Finally, I'd like to advertise our planned student exchange with Kamisu High School, in Japan, in 2016. There will be a small group of students from Kamisu, who will be needing Home Stay accommodation in February next year for two weeks, whilst they spend time as students at RMSC. During April school holidays, a group of up to 10 students from RMSC will hopefully be visiting Kamisu in Japan on a return visit. In order to keep costs down, the intention is that those students visiting Japan will be the ones who were able to host visiting students. The program is initially open to students in Years 10, 11 or 12 in 2016, who are / have) studied Japanese language at RMSC. Invitations for expressions of interest in the program will be coming out shortly, so please keep alert for more information as it comes out.

Sean Venning
Assistant Principal

Extra Curriculum Activities

Children's University; Engaging Roma Mitchell Secondary College Learners

This semester sees Roma Mitchell Secondary College run the Children's University program for Year 8 students. Children's University is run by Adelaide University and the program that has been designed to engage students in learning beyond the classroom. For example, involvement in before school, lunch time or after school programs and activities and involvement in community programs

and volunteering. Children's University is aimed at showing students that learning is continual and doesn't just occur within the walls of the scheduled lessons. Student's work towards completing a minimum of 30 hours of extra learning to be able to attend a Graduation Ceremony at Adelaide University on November 19 to acknowledge their extra learning achievements.

Hours roll over to Year 9 so the more hours they accumulate the higher the accolades they receive at graduation. It is an exciting new venture for the school and we are thrilled to see that 40 students across all campuses have signed up to the program.

Megan Butterick
House Coordinator

Masa Quiz Night

On 5 August, Roma Mitchell Secondary College's junior and senior students were given a great opportunity to attend an exciting and entertaining Math Quiz night. This amusing night was sponsored by the Mathematical Association of South Australia (MASA). It brought to us not just quiz questions on mathematical and general knowledge, but more importantly, it provided us with a means of developing support in our teams using communication skills between different students. This was lots of fun which was enhanced because we brought food along but it also challenged us with Maths at the same time. Although we did not receive any awards that night, I believe we gained a lot more than simply Maths experience: this was a building block of friendship, teamwork skills and communication. I realised the importance in the study of mathematics.



Shirley Peng
Year 12 Student

House Names Confirmed

After much anticipation and many hours and months of research, meetings, lengthy discussions and consultation with respective families we are very happy to announce that the Roma Mitchell Secondary College houses now have official names. At the recent whole school assembly house captains made history by drawing a name at random. The names chosen to represent our school were not taken lightly, Roma Mitchell Secondary College wanted to select role models who had made great achievements in their chosen field and people we felt represented the school values well.

The Red House is now named after Mary Lee. Lee worked single-mindedly for political and social reform and was an advocate for Women's Rights. She led reform for legal changes in women's sexual and social status. The Green House represents Howard Florey who was an Australian pharmacologist and pathologist who shared the Nobel Prize in 1945 with fellow colleagues Sir Ernst Boris Chain and Sir Alexander Fleming for their role in the development of penicillin. The Blue Team is named after Ruby Hammond. Ruby was an Indigenous Rights campaigner and the first Indigenous South Australian to seek election to Federal Parliament. Hammond belonged to the Tanganekald group of the Ngarrindindjeri people of the Coorong. Finally Sir Douglas Nicholls is proudly attached to the Yellow House. Sir Douglas Nicholls was the first Indigenous player to play AFL for the Victorian Interstate team and the first Aboriginal person to be knighted and later also received the honor of being appointed Governor of South Australia.

Health and PE

Government House Visit

On Thursday 23 July, the Roma Mitchell Secondary College Ice Hockey team "the Blue Machine" were invited as part of the Ice Factor Program to visit Government House to meet the Governor Mr Hieu Van Le and Mrs Le. It was a really great opportunity for the students to meet the Governor and to be able to have a tour of this impressive building and garden.

The Governor gave an inspiring speech where he spoke of growing up to the soundtrack of war and where he pointed out that if a man who came illegally on a boat with nothing could become

Governor because of his efforts, then the sky is the limit for the students with all of their opportunities.



Senior players Bradley Rowe, Aiden Moore, Neil Opolentisima, and Jacob Vickery with Mrs Le

Specialist Cycling Program

The Talent Search Campaign is starting for the build up to the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo. Talent 4 Tokyo aims to identify high school students with the right physiological attributes that are required for success in elite level sport, and provide these students with the opportunity to reach their full potential. Testing was conducted by the SIS teachers with the Cycling and Football specialist classes. There were some outstanding results and 12 students were selected for the second round of testing to be conducted by SASI within the school. The students competed in a 20 meter Sprint, a 20 metre Shuttle Run, a Vertical leap test plus measurements of height, weight and arm span. Moses Kwhead, Zach Snell, Zac Rademacher, Managi Mutanda, Stephen Bates, Andrew Mills, Dieudonne Munyonde, Tynan Crawford, MJ Sainsbury, Ilham Ahmed, Elijah Neri and James Colangelo were identified as having some desirable results, and will be retested shortly. This is one more step toward selection for a final squad in various sports.

Testing continues to chart our own student's progress on the indoor bike over 2000 metres and 500 metres. In the last session conducted on the indoor bike, a number of Personal Bests were again recorded.

There were also 4 school records set. Albert Beauchamp broke the Year 11 2,000 metre record and over 500 metres, records were set by Sean Boyle (year 8), Lei Gu (year 10), and Jaaron Fishlock (year 11). Well done to these boys, the hard work they are doing on the bike is paying off.

Dave Gomer
Specialist Sport Coach

Specialist Football Program

This term the Specialist Football classes have been involved in a number of competitions including Futsal and Knock Out Soccer.

Our senior boys recently qualified for the Interstate Futsal competition by finishing in the top 3 schools in the State.

It was a great experience for our students getting the opportunity to play against St Monicas College in Melbourne. However our students were unable to replicate their performances in State finals with a number of key students absent from the competition.

Our Year 8/9 boys also participated in the state Futsal finals and finished in 4th position after finishing top of their group. The boys played exceptionally well for most the day, however they were unlucky to lose the semi final in a penalty shoot out.

Further to this the Year 8/9 boys also participated in the State Knock Out competition and were beaten in the second round by Gleeson College. The boys once again played exceptionally well and although they dominated the game they were unable to take their opportunities and lost the game 4-3.



Theo Tsiounis
Specialist Soccer Coach

Sports News

Hockey Carnivals

In the last six weeks there has been a lot of hockey at Roma Mitchell Secondary College. The school has entered Junior boys and girls teams in the annual VISTA 7a-side competitions held at Golden Grove where our boys came 3rd and our Year 8/9 girls took out the competition for the second time!

We also entered three teams in the State Knockout competitions run by SSSSA. Our junior boys tried hard however were outclassed by a stronger team from Trinity. Although losing the boys had fun and experienced what it was like to play on a full field against strong players. While some players were in awe it was encouraging to see our junior players working hard, staying positive and practicing some of the new skills they had learnt.



Roma Mitchell Secondary College also entered a senior mixed team and a Senior boys team. While our senior boys had a hard challenge against some quality opposition (playing against a number of State representatives and also a Junior Australian player in the opposing sides), they played well in parts and experienced what it is to play top-level hockey. Our mixed team had more luck in the games narrowly losing to Henley High, and finishing with a victory against Adelaide High. Again, it was a fun day had by all participants and as a bonus the senior students brought back some skills that they can pass onto the younger students at Roma Mitchell Secondary College.

School Sport in term three is targeted at giving seniors their last chance to represent their school before their focus becomes exam preparation.

Vista weekly sport saw us take on the vista zone schools in the north east in a range of sports from badminton to basketball to soccer. All teams have been representing their school in excellent spirits.

During the term Roma Mitchell Secondary College has participated in both boys and girls AFL, a whole range of full field and small sided soccer carnivals as well as hockey carnivals for seniors juniors and mixed teams.



Senior Mixed badminton was a fantastic carnival with boys and girls playing together in a new, really fun competition. Senior girls and boys have both played in the Zone and KO basketball carnivals and achieved excellent results.

Our Seniors have taken on state champs in Table Tennis and Indoor Cricket with mixed success.

Girls played a hard fought draw against teachers in a Student verses staff game. All agree the best player was Mr Hernes.

Overall, it has been a fantastic term of sport and I encourage any student who has not yet tried out for a team to give it a go, it is a great experience representing your school.

Philip Hernes
Sports Coordinator

The Arts

Art Show Case

Roma Mitchell Secondary College will be holding an Arts Showcase evening that will be held in Week 6, Term 3. There are approximately 120 students studying arts participating in this event. The students have been preparing for this event for many weeks and with the support from their Art teachers will be presenting their skills and talents in Dance, Drama, Music, Visual Arts or Media Arts.

This event will be held on Tuesday 25 August 2015

at the Golden Grove Arts Centre (GGAC). The Golden Grove Arts Centre is part of the Golden Grove Recreation and Arts Centre complex located on The Golden Way at Golden Grove.

The evening performance for family, friends and staff will commence at 7pm and conclude at approximately 9:00pm. There will also be an exhibition from the Visual Arts' students from our Girls, Co-Education and Special Education campuses and this artwork will be on display in the Foyer from 6.25pm and during intermission. Theatre doors open at 6:40pm with a 20-minute intermission when the Food and Hospitality VET class will provide coffee, biscuits and cake.

For those students who have been selected to perform, a letter has been sent home, explaining the details around rehearsals on 25 August, which will be held at the GGAC. On the evening of the performance, parents/caregivers will need to bring their student back to the venue by 6pm and pick up their student at 9.00pm.

Tickets can be purchased from Building 1, Administration at a cost of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Tickets will be available for purchase from Week 4. We expect tickets to sell quickly so please buy your tickets as soon as possible.

2015 Singer's Day Workshop and Performance

Three of our students were selected to participate in a 2-day Workshop by the Instrumental Music Service (IMS) at Adelaide High School. The Singer's Day consisted of workshops and a final performance for the public by the combined students from many schools. The students have returned with more confidence and performance skills and impressed the audience at our recent full school assembly with their performance of 'Change your life'. Here is an account of Singer's Day from one of our students, Jarra Smith:

I was one of the student representatives for RMSC at Singer's Day 2015. Singer's Day was definitely a very memorable, amazing and educational experience where I gained many new friends and singing techniques and skills. The songs I learnt were for the alto part of the choir, this means group specifically for the medium ranged singers. The songs were: 'Java Jive', 'Cups', 'Change Your Life', 'Scarborough Fair' and 'Sunny'. These songs were very different to one another, but all shared the quality of being a great song to perform with a choir. I became friends with students from many

schools such as Henley High School, Adelaide High School, Urrbrae High School and many more. I also met some very talented singers that were teachers. To break up the final performance we had some Year 12 soloists from different schools perform in-between choir songs; they were all fantastic and incredibly talented. The final performance was so great to be a part of, and I am so glad I got the privilege to perform with such an amazing group of singers and people. The lovely harmonies of the choir surrounding me, and being able to be part of those harmonies, filled me with joy. I know for sure that I will be going to Singer's Day again for as many more years as I can! I don't think every singer would enjoy such an event if they were not into pop, jazz or up-beat songs, because those genres are the ones performed at Singer's Day. Overall I would say that Singer's Day was an amazing experience and I cannot wait to do it again next year.



From left: Phong (Dominic) Nguyen, Jarra Smith, Laura Booth

Northfield Primary School Visits

We have been delighted to be able to provide our Food Technology Kitchen in the Middle School Co-ed Campus to support a program run by Years 6/7 teachers from Northfield Primary School. This program involves the primary school students developing their own food business to raise money for the Red Cross. The students arrived here on the day and were introduced to Safety in the Kitchen and then spent the day preparing and cooking their planned recipes to sell at a later date.

We look forward to an ongoing partnership with Northfield Primary School in the future with all the year 6/7 classes.



Delia Krcmarov
Senior Leader
Arts and Design & Technology

Library News

As the cold winter still bites, we begin to see a glimmer of sunshine through the windows of the Library. The Premier's Reading Challenge is finishing on Friday August 21. We would like to collect the forms and process them so that the students' certificate and medal will be available for presentation in October.

We are beginning to collect items for our Technology display which will present a focus on how technology has changed the way we live our lives. Science Week begins in Week 5 and we hope to have many different and interesting displays in the Library.

We are continually updating our collection with new fiction and non-fiction books and with new signage coming soon; this will assist students to find resources easily.

Our magazine area is slowly improving and we look forward to purchasing magazines that will compliment students' subjects as school i.e. fitness, cycling, photography.



Peter Evans
Teacher Librarian

Student Leadership

World Vision Youth Conference

On Thursday, 18 June, a few SRC and Key Club members attended the World Vision Youth Conference with Mr. Vijonivic and Lauren Foote. The conference was held in the Entertainment Centre at Hindmarsh and was World Vision's one-day leadership event, designed to inform and empower students who are passionate about being a voice for justice in the world.

The conference deeply informed students about global issues of poverty, hunger and injustice. While at the conference, students heard many inspiring quotes such as: the circumstances of your birth, should not determine the course of your life. Students also learned that in the real world, ten percent of people have more wealth than the rest of the world combined. Here is another quote students heard, Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power - Abraham Lincoln.

The conference placed more fuel in the passion and heart of students for those less fortunate. All students and teachers that attended the conference aimed to work to the best of their ability to spread awareness.

It was an amazing opportunity to empower schools and student to stand for the world they want to see.

Dhruvi Patel
Year 11 Student

SRC Newsletter Report

Since the last newsletter the SRC has been active on a number of representative fronts. Committee members from Uniform Committee, Strategic Directions Committee, Facilities Committee, Lunchtime Activities Committee and Fundraising Committees have met and reported back to the SRC group.

There are 5 new SRC initiatives that are planned during the rest of this term. These are:

- Seeking feedback from students who attended the National Young Leaders Day earlier this year to ascertain viability of attending the 2016 conference.
- Twenty Year 10 students from SRC participating in the UniSA experience day to be run in conjunction with the Smith Family on the 21st

August.

- SRC representatives participating the Reconciliation Conference to be held at Alberton Oval later this term. This will be a combined project working with the school Aboriginal Education Team.
- Investigating the formation of a 'Student Girls Group' that will meet at lunchtimes fortnightly to discuss issues relating to them.
- Community projects 'Action for Change' to be conducted through SRC as part of MY IB program. Mr Hernes presented the concept and we will work with students to gain new ideas throughout this term.

Accompanying these 4 new initiatives will be the on-going committee work from the 5 committees mentioned above.

Darryl Ashby
Head of Campus – SRC Convenor

Finance

2015 Materials and Services Fees are now overdue.

Payment can be made by cash, credit card, eftpos, cheque and direct debit (see information below).

Direct Debit

The school is now also offering direct debit payment plans. Payments can be made from your nominated bank or credit card account. Payments can occur weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

If you think this payment option will assist you in finalising amounts outstanding for school fees, laptops, uniform or Year 8 camp please contact the Finance Manager on 8161 4600 to arrange a suitable time to set up an instalment payment plan.

Friendly Reminders

Laptop Commitment to Pay Plans: the third instalment is due to be paid by 27 August.

Year 8 Camp payments are now due, please contact the Finance Manager if you would like to arrange an instalment payment plan for camp.

Thankyou to families who have already made payments.

School Card

Parents/Caregivers are reminded that a new School Card application must be submitted every year. Forms are available at Student Services.

Please contact Student Services on 8161 4644 if you require any information regarding eligibility or assistance with completing the application.

Approved School Card applicants are relieved from paying the Material and Services Charges.

Uniforms

Total School Wear

Shop 24 Clovercrest Plaza
429 Montague Rd
Modbury North, S.A., 5092
Ph: (08) 8396 6465

Sale

Roma Mitchell Secondary College Uniforms

Short and Long Sleeve Shirts:

- Short Sleeve Shirt \$22.00
- Long Sleeve Shirt \$25.00

(Old style fabric only. Limited Sizes)

Roma Mitchell Secondary College Seniors Jumpers for Year 12 students only

Regular price \$82 on sale for \$69.70 (Until Sold Out)

Limited Stocks Available

Sizes, Quantities and Campus Colours as listed below.

SIZE	CO-ED KNITTED JUMPER 2052a-03d 2050w-z03d	GIRLS KNITTED JUMPER 2052a-03d 2050w-z03d	SOUTHERN CAMPUS KNITTED JUMPER 2052a-03d 2050w-z03d
'8'	-	2	-
'10'	1	-	-
'12'	2	-	-
'14'	4	-	-
'16/S'	7	-	-
'18/M'	4	1	1
'20/L'	-	1	-
'22/XL'	4	-	-

Parent News

Quiz Night

On Behalf of the newly formed Fundraising Committee I would like to inform you of our first upcoming event. We will be holding a Quiz Night on Friday September 18, starting at 6.30pm and finishing at 10.00pm. On the night there will be many exciting games for prizes along with the quiz questions. Our experienced Quizmasters for the night will be: (drum roll) Adrian Simmonds; Darryl Ashby and Daniel Gale. Tables will accommodate 8 people. Tickets will cost \$10 each. The theme for the night is dressing in your favourite sports team colours. This could be football, soccer, netball.... whatever is your favourite team.

This event is licensed for BYO, so students are welcome with a parent or carer and are expected to sit in their family group. Obviously teachers will be having too much fun and won't be able to look after anyone else's kids! Available for purchase on the night will be tea, coffee and soft drinks. The event is BYO nibbles and drinks (supper).

Presently we are seeking donations for prizes. If there is anyone in our school community who can donate non-perishable goods, suitable gifts, vouchers or money we would appreciate it! They can be dropped off at the Front Office during school hours, or posted in.

So put the date in your diary (September 18). Brush up on your trivia knowledge, and book a table for a night full of fun.

Money raised through this event will assist with the purchase of seating and shade in the school grounds.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Geraldine Barclay
Fundraising Committee

Keep Your Kids Smiling

Dental Care is FREE for most school children and ALL preschool children at the School Dental Service.

All children aged 0-17 are welcome.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au or call us now on 82228222.

Woolworths Earn and Learn 2015

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to purchase educational and sports resources for our school.

From Wednesday 15 July to Tuesday 8 September, we will be collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). If you have any stickers please bring them to Student Services.

At the end of the promotion, we will be able to purchase some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students.

If you would like to know more please visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

Contact Information

The school office is open between 8.30am and 4.00pm each school day. Our friendly staff will help you with any questions or queries.

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