

Roma Mitchell Secondary College



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DIARY DATES

June 2014

- 10th Year 11 Exams Commence
- 11th Co-Education Parent Meeting
- 12th Year 12 Exams Commence
- 16th Year 10 Work Experience Week
- 19th Finance Meeting 4pm - 5pm
- 19th Curriculum Committee Meeting 5pm - 6pm
- 23rd Semester 2 Commences
- 25th Special Education Parent Meeting 9.15am
- 25th Governing Council 7.00pm

July 2014

- 4th Last Day of Term Early Dismissal 2.15pm

Term 3

July 2014

- 21st Term 3 Commences
- 22nd Year 8 Immunisations
- 23rd Year 9 Immunisations
- 30th Parent Teacher Interviews

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

During the last few weeks we have held a number of parent forums. Thank you for your participation in the Special Education and Girls' Education Campuses parent meetings and the Aboriginal Family meeting. The feedback you have provided will be shared with our Governing Council, relevant committees and staff.

Parent Forum – Cyber Bullying

Families from all three campuses are welcome to attend the Parent Forum on Cyber Bullying on Wednesday 11 June 6pm - 7pm in the Resource Centre. Kiera Nolan, our school Psychologist, will give a presentation about "Cyber Safety and

how to assist young people to protect themselves."

Following this parent forum the Co-Education Campus Parent meeting will be held from 7 to 7.30pm

Korean Students Study Tour

We are very excited that our school has been selected by the International Education Services for the second year to host a group of fifteen Year 8 and 9 students from South Korea. These students will be visiting us for three weeks from 27 July to 17 August. Sean Venning, Senior Leader, International Programs has provided some details about this visit within this newsletter. If you are

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interested in providing a home stay for a student please contact Sean Venning on 8161 4600.

Committees

Interested parents and caregivers are welcome to join our school committees. Currently we have staff, student and parent representatives for each committee; however we are able to accommodate additional representatives. The details each committee is provided below. If you are interested in nominating for a committee please contact Carol McGlaughlin at the school. The dates of our term 2 and 3 meetings are indicated below.

Strategic Directions

Tuesdays 9-11am 27 June (Fri), 18 August, 15 September

Curriculum

Thursdays 5-6pm 19 June. 31 July 11 September

Uniform

Tuesdays 2-3pm 17 June, 12 August 9 September

Strategic Directions Committee Report

At our recent meeting the committee discussed ways we could improve our signage and communication with the community about important events and information. The committee has decided the school needs a larger name sign at the front of the school and an electronic information board. Designs are being discussed with the staff, SRC, Parent Groups and Governing Council.

Posters about our school values, which were designed by the committee, are now displayed within each of the classrooms. School Values Totem Poles for the yard are being designed and feedback is being sought by the various groups.

The committee has developed a School Motto and have proposed the following which is based on our school vision.

Roma Mitchell Secondary College – “Shaping a better future locally and globally”.

Uniform Committee Report

The Uniform Committee has been working closely with the SRC to design a school cardigan for girls and boys. Feedback from the students has been very positive. A senior's cardigan has also been proposed and feedback is being sought by the students.

Staff Update

Louise Mather is acting as Head of Campus, Co-Education Senior Years whilst Pepe BouZalas is on Long Service Leave (until end of term) and Noel Hernes as Senior Leader, IBMYO and Gifted & talented Program whilst Sean Rankin is on leave until the end of the year. Jamahl Liddle has been appointed as Aboriginal Secondary Education Transition Officer (ASETO). He is replacing Reg Ingram who is now working as an Aboriginal Cultural Consultant for DECD.

Sandy Richardson
PRINCIPAL

CURRICULUM REPORT

Visit by Indonesian Teachers.

Roma Mitchell Secondary College has been pleased to host a group of teachers visiting from Indonesia. All the teachers have come from various parts of Indonesia and have a strong interest in finding out about Australian schools and the Australian Curriculum. Eight teachers have been with us over the past two weeks and we will be hosting another group of eight teachers later in the term. Our school was selected by the Department of Education and Child Development as an ideal site for international visitors to do some learning about quality teaching. The Indonesian teachers have been visiting many of our classrooms and talking with our teachers and students. They have given us very positive feedback about how welcoming our students and teachers have been and how much they are learning about quality teaching. Ina Nur, one of our language teachers has been an excellent support as an Indonesian speaker, during this time.

Reminder

All parents are welcome to attend the Curriculum Meeting 19th June 5 - 6pm.

Karen Fitzpatrick
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

SPECIAL EDUCATION CAMPUS

Earlier this term two of our staff attended the Inclusive Learning Technologies 2014 conference in Queensland. The conference attracted speakers from across the globe as well as educationalists, health professionals, and parents from Australasia and South –East Asia. The conference highlighted the latest assistive technology and ways in which we can use our existing technology more effectively to secure successful learning outcomes for all students with a disability. Over the coming weeks those who attended will be presented with opportunities to share their new found knowledge with their colleagues as we continue to pursue new ways to engage and support our students.

The introduction of a dedicated Literacy Block in 2012 has led to measurable improvements in both student engagement and learning. It gave us the opportunity to celebrate achievement as students moved through both reading and PECs levels. This year we have added a dedicated 30min daily session to improving student achievement in the area of Numeracy. The results have been encouraging and I am pleased to announce that we have now adopted an internationally recognised numeracy program with a full range of resources that support the development of number and numeracy skills acquisition. The program will run in every special education class throughout all three campuses and it will offer us the opportunity to recognise and celebrate the learning of every student. We will be running a Numicon workshop for caregivers in term two where we will explore the resources and strategies to support your child at home. In the meantime caregivers can view the

resources simply by searching 'Numicon' on YouTube.

It is now a year since we pledged to enhance our communication with caregivers by providing feedback on the day via the homework diary. I believe this has had a significant impact on student engagement and led to measurable improvements in regards to student behaviour. I thank all those caregivers who have engaged fully with the process as your comments offer us a greater insight into your child's wellbeing and enable us to fully support them during the more challenging days, as well as sharing the stories of the fun-filled ones.

I would like to extend my thanks to those caregivers who attended our Parent / Caregiver Carers Forum on the 21st May. We regard these meetings as an essential part of our quest to continually improve the learning opportunities offered to every child with whose care we have been entrusted. The feedback on reports will be shared with teachers as we look to marry our statutory requirements with the needs of the carers and we will report back on this at our next meeting. The meeting also offered us the opportunity to discuss our recent curriculum developments, which I referred to earlier, and in time we will seek feedback on these exciting new developments. Our next meeting is scheduled for the 25th June and I would encourage all parents and caregivers to attend if possible.

Andrew Gilsean-Reed
HEAD OF CAMPUS

GIRLS' EDUCATION CAMPUS

The Girls' Campus has hosted a parent meeting last week that focused on assisting parents to support their daughters in using the internet safely.

The psychologist, Kiera Nolan presented the session for parents in the Resource Centre. Any parents who were unable to attend could seek information about the session by contacting Cathryn Pearce or Lauren Foote. Other sessions

to deal with the Internet safety will also be offered through other campus meetings.

Kiera is the psychologist currently working in the school every Friday. If you are interested in finding out more about the service being provided by Kiera, please contact Cathryn Pearce, Lauren Foote or me.

The school is fortunate to have also secured the services of a GP who will be based in the school for at least two mornings a term. At this stage the doctor will be here on Friday morning and his first session will be on Friday 20th June (week 8).

Please contact Julie Ayers in the front office of the Girls' Campus if you wish to make an appointment to see the GP at the school on that Friday morning. Making an appointment with Dr Neil Stanford will follow the same routines of a doctor's surgery. You will need to fill out a registration form and provide your medicare card. At this stage the GP will bulk bill. If you would like any more information about the GP service at the school please contact Judith Clelland or Cathryn Pearce also on 8161 4622.

We are very happy to welcome Lauren Foote back to the Girls' Campus this week. Lauren has been overseas competing in a range of athletics competitions which she will describe in more detail in a future newsletter. Thanks to Matt Neale who is the Christian Pastoral Support Worker in the Co-Education Campus who spent some time covering for Lauren's absence. Matt got to know many of the students in the Girls' Campus and provided timely support and guidance for quite a few.

Judith Clelland
HEAD OF CAMPUS

Volcanoes

Today we made volcanoes in Humanities. In the past few lessons we have been learning about tectonic plates and how they form volcanoes.

To make these volcanoes we used newspaper, plastic bottle and masking tape.

I enjoyed this activity because instead of watching a video about it we actually got to do it. The only thing I didn't like about this was that my hands now smell like vinegar, even after I washed my hand.

Maddison Kohn
YEAR 8 STUDENT

For this practical we worked in groups of 3-4. We first cut up a plastic bottle to make it a smaller bottle. We used newspapers to shape the bottle to look like a volcano. We added the ingredients such as vinegar, bicarbonate soda and food dye. Miss Bean included this experiment so we could understand more about erupting volcanoes. In class we are learning about volcanoes cooling down and making mountains. I liked how we got a chance to experiment and learn a little bit more about volcanoes. What I disliked about this activity was that it wasn't a big explosion as we expected.

Anushka Sidhu
YEAR 8 STUDENT

Today 16 May, during History, we discovered what would happen to active volcanoes when they erupt.

Before today, in our history lessons, we have been studying landforms and uses of landforms. For example: What are landforms? How are they formed?

So today during our lesson, I was surprised to hear when Miss Bean said we aren't doing writing but instead we will be making volcanoes. First we needed a bottle and lots of newspaper and then we stuck the paper on the bottle.

Second we would put food colouring, vinegar and bicarbonate soda together and then we would see what would happen. Our groups' volcano did a little explosion then stopped. We put too much of something in, but in the end we kicked ours over and saw everyone else's volcano. I think we needed more vinegar to make a big explosion.

Nikolah Vette
YEAR 8 STUDENT



Vivana Luzochimana, Katerina Matheo, Aimee Steed and Yasmin Mina

CO-EDUCATION SENIOR YEARS CAMPUS

Co-Education Senior Years Campus

This term there has been a strong focus on consolidating student learning. Students in year 11 and 12 have been involved in preparing for mid year exams and finalising assessment tasks for semester 1. Year 10 students have been involved in finalising their work experience placements and working on completing assessment tasks for term 2 reports.

Students will be commencing semester 2 subjects on Monday 25 June (week 9). This will happen after mid year exams and work experience. If your son/daughter is in year 10 or 11 they will be starting some new subjects and continuing with compulsory subjects and if they are in year 12 they will be continuing with subjects that they are currently enrolled in.

Co-Education Campus Senior School Assembly

An assembly was held on 23rd May. The program for the assembly included:

- Information presented by our Principal Sandy Richardson
- Acknowledgement and celebration of students who received certificates for academic, merit and excellence in attendance, uniform and diary organisation

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- Music ensemble presented by Lisa Pham, Annie Ly, Annelle Morton, Rejois Dilao year 12 students in Ms Forbes who performed "Mercy" by Duffy
- Student leadership reports presented by Lachlan (year 10 SRC) who spoke about lunchtime activities and Kim Nguyen (year 12 Prefect) who spoke about fundraising activities for the year 12 formal
- Information on Reconciliation presented by Aboriginal Education Coordinator Sarah Afshin-Pour
- Can Dance performance by students on the track Revolution.

Formal Fundraising

Year 12 SRC and Prefect students have worked really hard to make sure the year 12 Formal event was a memorable evening. To help support the Formal, students were involved in selling chocolates during recess and lunch times and worked closely with Hospitality students to sell hot chocolate and muffins during recess time.

Lunchtime activities

Staff and students are working together to grow the number of activities that we can offer to students during lunchtime. SRC students conducted a survey to find out what activities students wanted. A roster has been developed that involves SRC and House Captain students working with staff to provide activities for students to participate in during lunch times. This includes a 5-A-Side World Cup Soccer knockout competition, that involves one team from every care group across the year 8 to 12 Co-Education Campus.

Year 12 Study Area

As you aware our year 12 students have study lines or non-scheduled lessons each week. This is the time that students can study independently. We have currently reviewed our year 12 study area based on feedback received from students and staff and have made changes to provide a range of study locations for student to work in.



The study locations include:

- Building 9 Da Vinci Room - Additional literacy and numeracy support provided. Teachers and support staff working intensively with students to complete assignments
- Building 9 Common Learning Area - Quiet individual study or quiet group work
- Area between buildings 8 and 9 - Quiet group work. Students can eat or drink in this area
- Resource Centre - Quiet individual study.

Driver Application Form and Student Car Parks

Students who drive vehicles to school must complete an application form. The form can be collected from Student Services. The form will need to be signed by parent/caregiver and returned to the Head of Campus. On approval, a car park permit will be issued and the student's vehicle is required to be parked at the front of the school, in the designated student car park.

Year 12 Formal

A very successful Year 12 Formal was held on 6th June in the Star Room at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre. It was an amazing event that provided an opportunity for students to interact socially during the busy school year. Over 160 students and staff attended the event.

Parent Meeting

On Wednesday 11th of June a parent meeting was held in our Resource Centre. The purpose of the meeting was to provide parents with general information about what's been happening in our Co-Education Campus and an opportunity for parents to participate in a group discussion and provide feedback on Co-Education Campus issues. Thank you to all parents who attended this meeting.

Academic Excellence and Academic Merit awards (continued)

Due to an administrative and publishing error the following students were not acknowledged as receiving Academic awards in the previous Newsletter No.23 2014. Please accept our apology.

Congratulations to the following students who also were the recipients of academic awards.

Year 8: Academic Merit:

Arjun Jani
Nico Laguna Facal
Brandon Vorn
Arpit Chhabra
Khushi Jadhav
Hung Ngo

Year 10: Academic Merit

Aliescha Pham
Amanda Almogela
Alex Gettaw
Osayi Uwumarogie
Travis Middleton
Christian Lysandrou

Year 11: Academic Merit

Crystal Jurd

Year 12 Academic Excellence

Marco Kim

City Planning

Today we learnt about how we plan a city and what key factors may change the way we plan our city. We also learnt different perspectives on the way we plan because you have to think about what the community wants and the most effective way to put your buildings. Industrial and residential output is the main thing you have to think about when planning living space because you wouldn't want anyone to live close to a chemical toxin plant. Professor Rofe from the University of SA came into our geography lesson to teach us about all of the things I have covered.

Professor Rofe's Speech

Professor Rofe came into our geography class today and talked about city design. It was interesting to listen to and some people in the class answered and asked questions. I wrote some notes to help out with my geography

assignment. I would say it was one of the most interesting lessons so far.

Joey Tahana
YEAR 10 STUDENT



University of South Australia for the Year 11 Maths Experience Program

This year I was chosen to attend the University of South Australia Year 11 Maths Experience Program with Hein from the Girls Campus.

When we arrived there, we met many students from different schools. The University staff introduced the program and we playing a mini game to get to know each other.

In the session 1, we talked with Dr. Peter Pudney and worked on how to create a bridge using Excel. This was then printed out using 3D printers. Session 2, we enjoyed in the planetarium, learning all about the constellations, stars and planets from a very comfortable armchair. Our night sky guide took us through the solar system, stars and constellations, and discussed indigenous and traditional star lore and mythology. Session 3 was called *Math Can Take You Places*. I had the opportunity to interview guest speakers who have excelled in a career, which uses mathematics. The focus of the session for me was to find out how mathematics can influence career development across a range of careers.

In the last session we were learning about Euler's formula. The purpose of this session is to explain what Euler's Formula is and to

demonstrate its usage. At the end of this session I was able to write a complex number in exponential polar form and simplify complex numbers written using Euler's formula.

This program provided an opportunity for me to extend my mathematical knowledge in a fun and interactive way with other students with a similar interest. The day was varied, practical and extended our knowledge of maths.

Antonio Dao
YEAR 11 STUDENT

Pepe Bouzalas
HEAD OF CAMPUS SENIOR YEAR

CO-EDUCATION MIDDLE YEARS CAMPUS

Year 8 camp

Families would have received by now information about the up coming year 8 camps and invoices to pay. The camps are being held in week 5 for the Girls' Campus and week 6 for the Co-Education Camous students. The camps are being held again at the Woodhouse Activity Centre, Piccadilly in the Adelaide Hills.

Please contact mel if there are any questions about the camp and especially if there are any concerns about your student' welfare. The school should also be contacted about payment options if families are experiencing financial difficulties.

Middle School Assembly

An assembly of Middle School students was held this week to celebrate Reconciliation Week. Niwilli White Forest, one of our Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islander tutors explained to the students the history behind Reconciliation Week and the importance for us as Australians.

The opportunity was also taken to introduce to the students our international visitors from Indonesia. Ina Nur, a staff member who lived in Indonesia for many years and speaks the language fluently made the introductions.

We were delighted to listen to the year 10 band and watch the Can Dance troupe perform for us.

Stammy Overell
HEAD OF CAMPUS

SCHOOL NEWS

Korean Study Tour Host Families Needed

From the 27th July to 17th August Roma Mitchell Secondary College will be hosting 15 year 8 and 9 students from Korea. During their time here these students will be members of our school community and participate in a variety of academic, extra curricular and cultural activities. We are currently looking for families who would be willing to host one or two of these students in their home for the duration of their stay. Host families will receive some funding for each student they are willing to host. If you are interested in this opportunity please contact Sean Vennin on 81614600 by Monday 16th of June.

Sean Vennin
**SENIOR LEADER INTERNATIONAL
EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

Non Attendance SMSing

Roma Mitchell Secondary College is continually aiming to improve all student attendance, in an effort to achieve this we are activating a part of our newly installed system (DayMap) to automatically send SMS's to parents/care givers when their child has not been marked present before 9:00 am on a school day.

If your son/daughter is late to school (after 9 am) as of Wednesday 11th June the first listed parent/guardian in our system will receive via SMS a message that will read "Our records show that <student name> has not yet arrived at school on <date>. Please SMS student name and reason."

If you receive such a message, please reply with the reason why your son/daughter is absent.

Nathan Wieland
ICT MANAGER

Your Tutor and Skills Builder

We are very fortunate to have developed and delivered homework programs, which help facilitate and support students' learning at RMSC. These programs include; lunchtime homework club, after school homework centre in our school library and an online homework centre.

Firstly, we have dedicated staff that run homework clubs during lunchtime to support students with their learning across both of our Co-Education and Girls' Education Campuses. Students are able to access teachers for support in a range of subjects such as maths, science and languages. This program has been running for most of this year and will be ongoing until the end of the year.

Secondly, the after school homework centre in the library occurs from 3:30 to 4:30pm every Monday and Thursday afternoons, where students are able to access help from our dedicated teachers. Moreover, our school library is open until 4:30 Monday to Friday (except Wednesday) for students to access to do their homework at school. During this time there will be staff member(s) who are available for supervision and support of our students.

We have had a homework program known as "Yourtutor", where students from Roma Mitchell Secondary College have access to free online tutoring, after school. When students are stuck with their homework, they have free one-to-one help from **3pm to 10pm** every day (except Saturday). This online only service is provided by *yourtutor* (yourtutor.com.au), and our school is sponsoring this program for 2014.

The tutors in the online homework centre (YOURTUTOR) won't do homework for students.

Students can also access *SkillsBuilder*, which offers thousands of practice questions in Maths, Science and English.

All students have been issued with a personal access card with their individual login details, which contain all the information needed to connect.

Please contact me through email or by phone on 8161 4600 if you have any questions.

Hung Doan
SENIOR LEADER, LEARNING
TECHNOLOGIES, AND
DATA MANAGEMENT

Debating and Public Speaking

Debating Club has again been busy this year! We have a Senior team competing in the Debating SA Interschool Debating Competition, and we've had a great start to the season. Our team consists of Ayishm Shahzad, Saneen Shahzad, Sam Thu and Criscell del Rosario. The first debate was held in Week 2 of this term against Tyndale Christian College, and the topic was "That Manus Island is not the solution". The girls did a fantastic job and walked away with the win. Saneen was also awarded the "Debater of the Night" honour. The second debate was held in Week 5 and the topic was "That foreign aid is a waste of money". Again the girls did an amazing job but the debate went to Pulteney Grammar by just 2 points! The next debate will be in Week 8 and the girls are debating yet another difficult topic against Trinity College. We are incredibly proud of them and the hard work they're doing to compete so strongly at this level.

Thanks also go to John Thorpe for his regular and invaluable support of the team.

At the end of Week 5, we had 3 students participate in the Legacy Public Speaking Awards, at Legacy House in the city. Jacinta Jeffries, Charlotte Coley and Shaquira Brown presented 5 minute speeches and then gave a 2 minute impromptu speech. The competition was incredibly tough, and despite their best efforts the awards went to other schools this time. The Legacy Public Speaking competition is an annual event, and we are always looking for students who would like to have a go.

The school debating club also continues with students learning some of the finer details of debating, and practicing their impromptu speaking and rebuttal skills. This year's first Great Teacher Debate will be held in Week 9.

Debating Teachers - Annelise Gill, Charlotte Eastland, Alistair Ward and Chloe Wanklyn



Photo L-R: Ayishm, Sam, Saneen, Criscell



L-R: Shaquira, Charlotte, Jacinta.

Annelise Gill
ICT COACH

National Geography Competition

In March last term, forty keen students from both Girls and Co-Ed Campuses participated in the Australian Geography Competition. The Competition is a contest for Australian secondary school students, to demonstrate their geographical knowledge and skills. We have just received our results for the competition and we

are excited to say that all students performed well in the area of Geography. Every student who participated has received a certificate, congratulating them on their efforts. We are extremely proud of every student who participated in the competition and shows the enthusiasm of our students to learn and develop their skills in the field of Geography.

Alistair Ward,
ENGLISH/HUMANTIES TEACHER

CanDance 2014

The Roma Mitchell CanDance Team performed at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre on Saturday 24th May to raise funds for Research into Cancer. This was part of an event called CanDance for a Cure that began 4 years ago by Rachel Adcroft and so far it has raised over \$98,000 for the Hanson Institute for research into Cancer.

It was a huge show with many dance schools and a variety of dance styles: cheerleading, ballet, hip-hop and tap just to name a few. The RMSC students performing at Can Dance performed a 3minute hip-hop/contemporary dance to a song called Revolution.

It was lovely to see the students working on hair and make up throughout the day and helping to finish off costumes. The CanDance team were exceptionally well behaved throughout the whole day and night. From 9:30am rehearsals to the finale at 10:45pm, everybody had a good day and enjoyed the excursion lunch to Bonython Park.

Finally, the students took to the stage in their hip-hop attire and Jabbawoockeez inspired masks to a crowd of 1800 spectators. They gave a strong performance with the added stage lighting and projected images and effects. They stepped, jumped and spun around to reveal the word Revolution and the audience applauded. Next the students ran out for their finale dance joining all the other dance teams on stage and in the aisles. It was a great experience with such an uplifting and happy vibe.

Thank you to Ms Petrov for helping me with the choreography, sound, costume, teaching and organizing the event. To Ms Krcmarov and Ms Kirkman for supervision and support with this event and special thanks to the staff, including our Principal, Sandy Richardson and parents and friends that showed their support by being in the audience.

My interview with Mahayla Ferguson who participated in this event...

Qu1 What was your favourite part of CanDance?

Ans Performing on the stage and getting that feeling of achievement.

Qu 2 Would you do it again next year.

Ans Yes, Why? because it was fun. I like dancing and being part of the team.

Qu3 What are you looking forward to next term?

Ans Performing in the school musical at the Roma Mitchell Arts Centre in Golden Grove.





Adele Shannon
DANCE TEACHER

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER EDUCATION



For National Reconciliation week this year our Aboriginal Education team organised a display in the library about Aboriginal Identity, National Sorry Day and Reconciliation through Cultures.

Our team was also invited to speak at each of the campus assemblies about this year's theme, "Let's Walk the Talk".

Reconciliation is a chance to work towards the goal of building respectful relationships between Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples to enable us to work together to close the gaps (particularly in education, health and employment).

One of the main contributing factors is that Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples were not asked to help write the Constitution back in 1899 - the single most important document in Australia's history that created the Commonwealth and the States from the existing colonies and made Australia one nation.

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples have been excluded from this document and this has allowed discrimination to occur.

For more information about how to change this please visit: www.recognise.org.au



Thank you to the staff and students who attended the Reconciliation breakfast held in the staff room last Thursday morning.

On Friday the 23rd of May Year 12 students, Yutika Timothy-Nam, Kylie Watkins and Fatima Hussaini, along with staff Jamahl, Josie and myself attended the annual State Reconciliation Week breakfast at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

We would like to recognize Year 12 student, Rhiannon Murphy as one of the 25 students from around the country who travelled to Canberra for Aspiring Leader's Summit selected through her involvement in the AIME program. At the summit Rhiannon participated in Leadership and Teamwork activities and thoroughly enjoyed her experience.

Last week our Year 9 and 10 Co-Education students took part in the AIME (Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience) session at Mawson Lakes along with other secondary schools from throughout the Northern region.

Topics that were covered with students throughout the day included Respect, Empathy, Aboriginality and Identity. The students involved will continue to attend the Core sessions each Friday morning.

Thank you to the 4 Aboriginal parents who attended this term's Parent meeting last week. We would like to see more of our parents at future meetings. The next meeting will occur next term. The date is yet to be confirmed.

Our Parent Community & School Partnership agreement has been initiated. Surveys to staff have been given out and we will be giving more out to students and parents. There will be a Partnership committee developed once the surveys have been collated.



Year 12 students Kylie, Fatima and Yutika at the State Reconciliation breakfast last week.

Sarah Afshin Pour
ABORIGINAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR

SPORTS NEWS

Senior Volleyball Tournament

In Week 3, two skilled and enthusiastic senior teams participated in the North Eastern Volleyball Tournament at MARS stadium. Our boys team, led by Sedat Arkun played on Thursday 15th May. They played extremely well and fought hard, demonstrating the skills they had developed over many weeks of after school training. The girls team, led by myself, played on Wednesday 14th May. The girls were successful in the competition, winning first place undefeated in Division 2 of the competition. We are proud of every student who participated and trained every Thursday after school for the competition and encourage more students to come out and have a go at playing volleyball.

Alistair Ward
VOLLEYBALL COACH

Roma Mitchell Secondary College Students Make the State Football Teams

Congratulations to Suzan Kenyi, Ieisha James, Zania Rice and Kayla Lambert who have all been selected in the squad for the SSSSA/SANFL under 16 Girls State Team for Australian Rules Football. The girls will fly to Sydney to play in a carnival against the other states from July 19th to 26th. It promises to be an excellent experience for

the girls. As well as all the great football, there will be an Opening and Closing Ceremony, a Harbour Bridge Climb Excursion and some of the games will be played at the Giants Stadium the home of Great Western Sydney AFL team. We wish all the girls the best of luck.

Congratulations to Alison Atkins who has been selected to represent Secondary School Sport Sa at the School Sport Australia Football (Soccer) Championships held in Glenwood, NSW from August 23rd – 29th 2014.

Adam Carter
SENIOR LEADER SPORT

Roma Mitchell Cycling Students in Action!

Saturday May 31st and Sunday June 1st saw the running of SA's biggest race for local riders with the 40th running of the Berri Tour in the Riverland. Three Roma Mitchell students, Daniel Chiuchiolo, Daniel Luke and Albert Beauchamp had their first serious race, accompanied by team mate Matthew Holland.

Saturday's race is an all in handicap, with groups of riders starting at intervals depending on their ability. The strongest riders start last and need to catch the groups in front of them to sprint for the win. This is an event that requires good skills and experience definitely helps. The strongest riders managed to catch the out markers and took most of the placings, however Daniel Luke managed to sprint in for a very good 8th place.

Sunday's racing is a series of graded races where the riders all start together in their grade and race for the win. Daniel Luke had a very tough task having to ride A grade against the state's elite junior riders. He competed well and did his best.

In B grade Daniel Chiuchiolo rode a great race to break away early to hang on to win, Matthew worked well in the bunch to come home third.

This was a great effort by all of the boys. They should be proud of their efforts and hopefully this is just the start to a rewarding cycling career.



Dave Gomer
SPECIALIST SPORT CYCLING COACH

FINANCE NEWS

2014 Materials and Services Charges are now overdue. Statements for outstanding accounts have recently been sent home.

Payment can be made by cash, cheque, credit card or eftpos.

If you would like to make arrangements to pay by instalments please contact the Finance Manager on 8161 4600.

Thankyou to families who have already made payments.

SCHOOL CARD 2014

Parents/Caregivers are reminded that a new school card application must be submitted every year.

If you would like an application form or any information regarding eligibility please contact Meredyth on 8161 4666.

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

YEAR 8 CAMP

Invoices for the Year 8 Co-Ed and Girls' Camps have recently been sent home. If you believe you may not be able to pay the invoice in full before the camps (August) please contact the Finance Manager to arrange a payment plan.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- If you have previously signed a Commitment to Pay by Instalments, please ensure you make regular payments by the due dates.
- The second laptop instalment payment for 2014 was due on the 29th May. Please pay at Student Services.

Carmel Hall
FINANCE MANAGER

FUNDRAISING

Entertainment Book

We are selling the Entertainment Book to raise funds for Extra Curricular Lunchtime Activities. If you wish to order an Entertainment Book you can order online at <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/1678m40> you have the option to purchase a digital copy or a hard copy of the book which can then be collected from the school (you will need to produce your receipt at the time of collection).

If you wish to purchase directly from the school, they are now available for the price of \$65.00 and can be obtained from the front office, Administration Building (dark blue building).

Rachael Wieland
BUSINESS MANAGER

COMMUNITY NEWS

DENTAL CARE FOR YOUR CHILD

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE



The School Dental Service is the major provider of dental services for babies, children and young people under 18 years in South Australia. Around 130, 000 children attend every year.

The Commonwealth Child Dental Benefits Schedule for 2 – 17 year olds started in 2014.

ALL children are very welcome to continue to access dental care at the School Dental Service.

Dental care is FREE for most children and the School Dental Service will bulk-bill Medicare.

Children who do not qualify for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule can also attend – a small fee will apply for each course of general dental care provided.

School Dental Clinics are located across Adelaide and regional SA. To locate your local School Dental Clinic, and for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, visit

www.sadental.sa.gov.au

Holiday Activities for 7-12 & 13-16 year olds!!!

Join in great fun & make new friends at Active Ed's '*Time Travellers*' holiday camp to be held 16-18th of July (Toc H Campsite Victor Harbor).

20% off a full camp booking if you book by 30/6/14 and mention that you saw this in the school newsletter.

Prices start from \$40.00 for day attendance.

For more information, application forms & discount offers check out www.activeed.com.au or phone 8370 1500

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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