Diary Dates

June 28 Tuesday 9 am to 10 am  
Parents Carers and Friends invite parents for coffee & a chat

June 30 Thursday 5pm to 6pm  
Aboriginal Parent Information Session

June 30 Thursday 7 pm to 9 pm  
Senior Arts Showcase, Shedley Theatre Elizabeth

July 8 Friday 2.15 pm Students dismissed

July 25 Monday 8.45 am Term 3 commences

August 3 Wednesday 2.30pm to 7 pm Parent/Teacher Interviews

Newsletter

Congratulations to our year 8/9 boys 5 a side soccer team who won the state finals.

The team were undefeated all day and beat Underdale in the grand final 3-0.

Well done and thank you to our staff members Theo Tsiounis and Tom Dittmar who coached the boys throughout the lead up rounds and finals.

Front row—Mohamed Bility Jnr, Adoni Mutanda, Taylor Martyn, Alex Rositano, Samir Ligara, Hussain Rezaee, Sajad Ali Ahmadi and Tom Dittmar.
Principal’s Report

It was great to see so many of our parents and carers at our recent Special Education Campus Parent Workshop. Representatives from Minda Inc. were our guest speakers and they were able to provide some relevant information about the disability care services they can provide for our school leavers. Next term we are planning to take a group of parents and carers on our school bus to a workshop which will be held at Minda Inc. Details will be sent to you once they become available.

Please join us for the Parents, Carers and Friends Committee meeting which will be held on Tuesday 28 June at 9am in the Administration Building 1 (Dark Blue).

Roma Mitchell Secondary College Scholarships for 2016 – 2017

I am pleased to be able to announce that Roma Mitchell Secondary College has received a donation from a member within the local community, and as a result, is offering an opportunity for four $500 RMSC Scholarships. Students who win a scholarship can access the funds through the school for the purpose of educational costs, such as school fees, laptop, iPad, camps, excursions or uniform.

The scholarships will be available to one student per campus (i.e. Girls’ Campus, Special Education Campus, Middle Years Co-Education Campus and Senior Years Co-Education Campus), who are currently enrolled at Roma Mitchell Secondary College.

The student must meet the following criteria:

- High level of attendance (90% and over)
- Positive attitude towards learning
- Wearing the school uniform with pride
- Upholds the school values
- Financial hardship (i.e. School Card or similar)

To nominate for the scholarship:

- Nominations can be made by a staff member, parent, carer or student
- Recipients will remain confidential
- Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified by the school

How to apply:

- Please contact the school for an application form, or go to the website and download the application form.
- Applications close Term 3 Week 3, Friday August 12, 2016 at 4pm.

Sandy Richardson
Principal
Curriculum Report

Hopefully your sons and daughters are making good progress with their learning and you were able to discuss their midterm Snapshot grades with them and with their relevant teachers. Teachers in all areas spent a considerable amount of time talking with students about how they could improve in their subject.

Please remember you can contact subject teachers or myself at any time in the year if you have concerns about your child’s learning or progress in any area.

Accessing student school reports

You will receive your son/daughter’s report this term via Daymap rather than in the post. The instructions on how to access student school reports are included in this newsletter as an insert.

Parent/Teacher interviews

We will hold Parent/Teacher interviews on Wednesday August 3, from 2.30 pm until 7pm. As usual booking information will be posted home. It was wonderful to see so many parents attending our Interview Night this term and we are hoping for good attendance next term. If you have any issues making bookings for interviews, please contact me.

Interviews for Co Education and Girls’ Campus students will be held upstairs in the Dark Blue Building and interviews for Special Education students will be held in the Special Education Campus.

Karen Fitzpatrick
Deputy Principal
Special Education Campus Report

I would like to thank those caregivers who attended our recent Special Education Campus Parent Meeting on June 15. The presentation by Gai Daw from Minda was well-supported by parents and very informative for staff who attended a separate session later in the day. Gai’s presentation highlighted how far we have come in relation to creating opportunities for success for people living with an Intellectual Disability in South Australia whilst also highlighting the challenges ahead. Their new office is located next to the National Disability Insurance Scheme offices on Elizabeth Way in Elizabeth. Initially it will focus on the delivery of Allied Health Services such as Psychiatry, Psychology, Occupational Therapy, Speech Pathology, etc. They have also secured premises for Day Options and Alison Pazios will arrange for caregivers to visit this facility in the coming months as part of our transition tour program. Minda have a history of offering high quality information sessions for caregivers and they are to extend this into our region. The next discussion topic for these groups will be around the financial issues faced by young people with a disability and their caregivers. This is scheduled for August and once we confirm the time and date we will send home a note in the diary to all caregivers. We will also arrange to transport caregivers to the morning meeting in Brighton as we are aware that this is one of the most important and complex issues which our caregiver community faces.

On Thursday June 16 we entered three teams into the Basket SA Carnival held at Pasadena High School. There was a real sense of anticipation in the days preceding the carnival and lots of excited conversations about representing the school and performing as a team. The three teams comprised of students from across all campuses who had nominated to participate in this annual event. Whilst this was a new experience for many students it was clear that a number have benefited greatly from their engagement with sports clubs and societies outside of school. These benefits often go far beyond the acquisition of skills and this was clear to see in relation to their social and emotional responses throughout the day. Those who attended clearly enjoyed the day and upon their return the classrooms were awash with talk about how smart they looked, stories of individual success, recounts of team success, and of the new connections they had made.

On behalf of the students I would like to thank Alison Pazios for her organization of the event and both Katie Day and Emma Russo for their support of the students during the day.

Andrew Gilsenan-Reed
Girls’ Campus Year 8 Camp

Week 2 this term saw the year 8 Girl’s Campus students pack their bags, meet at school on a Sunday afternoon and travel to Adelaide Beachfront Caravan Park Semaphore to put their tent skills to the test. The girls arrived with Ms Hawksley, Ms Seman, Mr Wilson, Ms Pearce, Ms Vegter and Ms Petrov and were full of energy and excitement as they struggled with the tent pegs and succeeded in setting up their tents for the night. They ate a great dinner prepared by Ms Overell before watching a movie in the Semaphore SLSC for the night.

Ms Clelland joined the fun that night and made sure she had her torch at the ready if anyone needed help during the night! The next morning, after a windy walk to the West Lakes Aquatic Centre the girls were joined by Ms Prideaux and girls from the District Special Class to commence a days full of aquatic activities.

Due to the wild and windy weather, the first two sessions were spent in the shed doing aquatic activities as it wasn't safe to be on the water. Back at the camp site, Ms Petrov, Ms Vegter and Mr Wilson braved the conditions to hastily pull down the camp site as everything left behind was at danger of being damaged by the weather! The afternoon saw the girls finally out on the water and able to complete some activities. The camp was a good experience for the girls as some had never slept in a tent and sleeping bag before. We managed to make it back to school on Monday afternoon just before the storm hit and everyone made it safely home. What an experience.
Co-Education Senior Years Campus

There has been a strong focus this term on consolidating student learning. Students in year 11 and year 12 have been involved in preparing and participating in mid year exams and finalising assessment tasks for semester 1. Year 10 students have been involved in working on completing assessment tasks for term 2 reports.

Students will be commencing semester 2 subjects on Monday 27 June (week 9). 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.

Year 10 IBMYP Personal Project

Our year 10 students have been involved in a wide range of activities to extend their knowledge and understanding through their personal project, based on their own area of interest. The Personal Project has given students the opportunity to demonstrate the learning skills they have developed while studying the IBMYP for the last three years.

Students are currently finalising their Project Reports that reflect on both their product and learning. Students will have the chance to showcase their learning through an exhibition which will be held at the same time as Parent/Interview night on Wednesday August 3, 2016.

Career Pathway Planning and 2017 entry requirements to University and TAFE courses

During term 3 students will be supported in Pastoral Care sessions to consider career pathways and entry requirements to University and TAFE courses. South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) requirements will also be explained. Students in years 10 and 11 will receive a 2017 Curriculum Handbook. Students in year 12 will receive information about their transition from school to post school destinations including submitting SATAC applications, attending University and TAFE Open Days, providing information for their Student Achievement Record (SAR) and updating their Transition Portfolio.
Year 10 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 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 2017. Students will be participating in interviews with a Uni SA undergraduate student during PLP lessons.

Subject selection days for years 10 and 11 students

Subject selection days will be held for all students in year 10 on August 11 and in year 11 on August 12. Students and member(s) of their family will be invited to attend an interview to provide counselling about Senior School subjects and assist students to make subject selections for 2017. More information will be made available outlining this very important process to ensure your son/daughter successfully completes their SACE and gain access to the post school pathway.

Transition planning for year 12 students from school to future pathways

Year 12 students will be involved in updating their Transition Folder that includes resume, school reports and certificates to support their transition from our school to future pathways. Also a Student Achievement Record (SAR) will be provided for all year 12 students. The SAR is a one page reference written by the care group teacher. SAR’s will be handed out to students at the year 12 Graduation and Awards Evening that will be held in term 4.

University and TAFE SA Open Days

Open Days provide students and member/s of family general information, course specific information sessions and campus tours.
2017 SATAC Applications

Staff at our school will support all year 12 students finalise their University and TAFE options and submit their 2017 SATAC applications.

As soon as University and TAFE SA Open Days and critical dates for undergraduate semester 1 2017 University and TAFE SA admissions is confirmed it will be forwarded to students.

If you require further details please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Pepe Bouzalas
Head of Senior Years
Co-Education Campus
Co-Education Middle Years Campus Report

Since our last newsletter students from years 8 & 9 have participated in a range of different activities including 6 excursions, 4 camps, immunizations, a year level assembly and a whole of campus assembly.

Despite some inclement weather 110 plus students from years 8 & 9 have participated in camps that involved the outdoor education elements of hiking, camping in tents and aquatics at the West Lakes Aquatic Centre.

Assembly

Students had a fantastic time and a power-point was presented at our campus assembly featuring 40 photographs of students participating in a range of fun activities.

Also at this assembly students who won the best male and female athletes at our School Sports Day in term 1 were awarded their medallions. They were as follows.

Top Year 8 Male – Riley Konecny
Top Year 8 Female – Shakila Issa
Top Year 9 male – Adoni Mutanda
Top Year 9 Female – Amber Elvin (absent from photo)

Darryl Ashby
Head of Campus
Middle Years Co-Education Campus
Student Representative Committee (SRC) Report

Since our last newsletter report the SRC have continued in working towards setting up meeting structures and communication processes which support the sharing of information from all of the sub-committees. These include Uniform Committee, Strategic Directions Committee, Fundraising Committee, Facilities Committee and Curriculum Committees.

We have also sent individual messages to Care Group teachers to remind them to remind SRC reps to read information to their class. Mr Ashby also writes on the door to each building of meeting details on the day of our SRC meeting.

Over the last month we have finalised the terms 3 and 4 SRC calendar that shows meeting times and major events. This will be presented at next weeks SRC meeting and presented to Governing Council as part of the next meetings report.

Representatives from our sub-committees have also been very active in providing a valuable student perspective to all aspects relating to school matters. Minutes from these meetings have been summarised and this information has gone back to Care Groups informing them of current events. However, this has not happened uniformly across all Care Groups and we are working with representatives to ensure that they represent their classes effectively.

Following next weeks Executive and SRC meetings we will have fundraising events for term 3 determined as well as student leadership opportunities announced for positions in supporting the transition of Year 7 students on Transition Days to our school.

In week 4 SRC representatives consulted with Care Groups on gaining feedback around lunchtime activities. This was presented at our last SRC meeting where students discussed what was good, bad and indifferent as well as suggesting other activities and sporting competitions that could be offered in terms 3 & 4. The lunchtime activities committee will now work with Ms Butterick in assessing which of these suggestions is feasible.

Anthony Steer & Francine Domingo – Governing Council SRC Representatives
The world of mathematics is often thought to be a world dominated by men. On Tuesday the 10th of May, I was nominated along with Suad Nehme, to take part in a day of mathematics at Adelaide University - a day designed specifically to target women in mathematics, and to give young girls the confidence to go forward in an area of expertise in which we often feel as though we cannot. It was a wonderfully organised day where we explored fractals and paradoxes and experienced some of the wonders of mathematics at Uni.

Speaking to some young girls, only a few years older than us, who are completing mathematics degrees at the university was really an eye-opener, exhibiting the countless opportunities we have before us. I encourage girls enjoying science subjects to continue going forth in their scientific endeavors. Do not be swayed by the stereotypes!

Regards,

Chloe Dziego.
Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME)

In Week 5, four students from Roma Mitchell Secondary College attended the AIME program; a dynamic educational program that is proven to support Indigenous students through high school and into university, employment or further education. AIME hosted by the University of South Australia Mawson Lakes Campus, provides Indigenous students with the skills, opportunities, belief and confidence to grow and succeed.

One Year 10 student said that so far the program has improved her teamwork and communication skills. Students will attend the program on a monthly basis for the remainder of the year. Our next AIME program will be on Friday July 1.

Thank you to Ms. Wood and Jamahl for accompanying students to AIME earlier this term.

SACE Pathways Conference

On Wednesday June 15 Year 10 students Justice and Tiarah attended the annual SACE Pathways Conference at Uni SA’s City East Campus. The day was spent learning about the range of further study opportunities that each of Adelaide’s universities and TAFE has to offer.

Aboriginal students from all over Adelaide represented their schools at the conference. Justice and Tiarah commented that it was a good experience to see what it is like at a university campus.

Thanks to Mr. Davey and Ms. Afshin Pour for accompanying the students on the day.
Today’s Thinkers Tomorrow’s Leadership Program

The Aboriginal Education team would like to remind our families about our upcoming meeting about the ‘Today’s Thinkers Tomorrow’s Leadership’ program for students in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 on Thursday 30 June at 5pm in the library. Please contact Julie or Jamahl for further information on 81614600.
Aboriginal Summer School for Excellence in Science and Technology (ASSETS)

Aboriginal Summer School for Excellence in Technology and Science (ASSETS) is a nine-day residential program for high-achieving Indigenous Year 10 students with an ongoing leadership and support program to nurture students through Years 11 and 12.

The Aboriginal Education team would like to inform our Year 10 students’ families about the Aboriginal Summer School for Excellence in Science and Technology (ASSETS) which will be hold from the 14-22 January 2017. Programs are held in Adelaide with a focus on cultural, academic and personal development. Students who are interested must answer the application questions around their interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) along with supporting documents from the school. Applications are open from 13 June to 31 July 2016.


For more information please contact Sarah on 81614600.

Sarah Afshin Pour
Aboriginal Education Coordinator
Congratulations to the overall winners of the day

Roma Mitchell Secondary College

On June 20 Roma Mitchell were invited to participate in the Netball SA Inclusion Carnival at Priceline Stadium. The carnival is aimed at providing all participants with an opportunity to experience netball in a fun and inclusive environment whilst competing against other schools. Roma Mitchell remained undefeated the entire day and finished the carnival at the top of the leader board. The students were also lucky enough to meet Carla Berrego who plays for the Adelaide Thunderbirds.
Ice Factor Tournament

The Ice Factor Program runs through each term with students learning the skills of Ice Hockey along with life skills. The term is finished with a tournament where all the schools come together to play in an all day competition.

Bradley Rowe, Neil Oppelentisima and Aiden Moore were all participants in this program for a number of years. On finishing at Roma Mitchell last year they were so involved in the sport that they continued to play in the Junior League.

They were members of the winning state league team the Falcons. Bradley and Neil were also selected to be in the South Australian State team to play in Western Australia.
SSSSA Cycling Tour

The Secondary School Sport SA Cycling Tour championship was held at McLaren Vale and Sellicks Beach on Thursday 19 and Friday 20 May. The tour consisted of four stages - Stage 1 10km Time Trial; Stage 2 Road Race (17 – 68kms); Stage 3 Criterium; Stage 4 Road Race (12 - 24km’s).

We had 3 competitors, Albert Beauchamp in B grade, Brayden Porter in C grade, and Kahlia Dalfsen in girls B grade. The best-performed Roma Mitchell student was Braydon, winning the overall C grade tour, and winning 2 stages on the way.

Albert and Kahlia, both worked hard in B grade boys and girls. Ethan McLean went along as the official event bike mechanic, a role that kept him busy right to the end.

Overall the students represented the school in an outstanding manner, competing in good spirit.

Photos below show Ethan hard at work with Albert offering expert advice and Braydon winning a stage.
Fundraising

We are selling the Entertainment Book to raise funds for shade trees. If you wish to order an Entertainment Book you can order online at


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, books will be available from May 2, 2016 for the price of $65.00 and can be obtained from the front office, Administration Building (dark blue building).

Rachael Wieland
BUSINESS MANAGER
School Holiday Fun
11 - 22 July 2016
Hey kids, join us for some fun these school holidays. All activities are FREE.

Sculpting
Tuesday 19 July
10.30am-11.30am or 11.45-12.30pm
Make a sculpture with your paper and your imagination. You will need to come both Tuesdays for this activity. Children must be accompanied by an adult or two. No booking essential.

Junior Chefs
Tuesday 14 July
9.30am-10.30am
Cook a meal that you can then cook at home and impress your family. For children aged 6-10. No booking essential.

Making paste paper
Wednesday 10 July
9.30am-12.30pm
Make your own paste paper and decorate it with rice paper. For children aged 7-12. No booking essential.

Ball Skating
Tuesday 19 July
9.30am-10.30am
Skate in the Community Centre. For children aged 6-12. No booking essential.

School Holiday Futsal Clinic
Join us for the school holidays for a Futsal clinic hosted by Football Federation SA.

Develop basic fundamental skills in a fun and friendly environment with qualified trainers.

Where:
- Children grade 5-10: Thursday 14 July, 8.30am-10.30am
- Youth grade 11-18: Friday 15 July, 8.30am-10.30am

Where:
At the Kilburn Community Centre, 59 Gladstone Avenue, KILBURN.

Cost:
FREE

For more information and to book contact Steve on mobile: 0408 568 810 or email: sfay@ffsa.com

Women’s group
For women of all ages & cultures: to meet, share and learn from each other

LEARN * SHARE * TRAIN * EARN * COMMUNITY MARKET * SOCIALISE

Tuesdays 10am-12 noon. Activities provided for preschool children.

Week one Tuesday 5 July
- Let’s discuss what you want from this program.
- Make some jewellery with guidance from a tutor.
- The library staff will present a ‘story time’ session for pre-schoolers.
- Take home some fruit, yoghurt and bread donated by local services.

Week two Tuesday 12 July
Fatimah Mubarak
- Celebrate the end of Ramadan.
- Feel free to ask all about Ramadan.

The activities are FREE
Contact Christine for more information on 8405 6730 or christine.kowalsky@portfesa.gov.au

Around the World in 90 Minutes
Sun 24 July 1-3.30pm
Kilburn Community Centre, 59 Gladstone Ave, Kilburn.

Port Adelaide City Band will be playing music from countries around the world.
- FREE - Afternoon tea provided - Meet with the band members and artists in this community.

Shaping a better future locally and globally