



Roma Mitchell
Secondary College



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Diary Dates

9/11	Uniform Committee 1.30pm	23/11	Strategic Directions Committee 9am
12/11	Finance Advisory Committee Meeting 4.30pm	25/11	Graduation/Awards Night 6pm
13/11	Special Education Campus Leavers Dinner	26/11	Facilities Meeting 1.30pm
16/11	Pupil Free Day	27/11	Year 11/12 Transition Day
18/11	ATSI Transition Day Governing Council 6pm	3/12	Special Education Campus Concert 1pm
19/11	Year 7 Girls' Education Transition Day Year 9 Girls' Campus Aquatics Day Children's University Graduation	4/12	Curriculum Committee Meeting 1pm
20/11	Year 7 Co-Education Transition Day Year 9 Co-Education Campus Aquatics	11/12	Last Day of Term 2.15pm Dismissal

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

A number of functions and events have been planned throughout term 4 to celebrate student achievement and success. We look forward to seeing you at our Year 12 Graduation Ceremony and Awards Evening which will be held in our Gymnasium on Wednesday 25 November. Thank you to all of the families who attended our term 4 parent/teacher interview night.

Assembly Celebration for the Year 12 Students

A very successful whole school assembly was held on Friday 30 October where we acknowledged the achievements of our 180 Year 12 students and wished them well in completing their assignments and sitting their exams over the next few weeks. Following the assembly the students undertook a fun and relaxing day at Greenhills Adventure Park in Victor Harbor.

Special Education Campus Celebrations

Our Leavers Dinner will be held at Mawson Lakes Function Centre on Friday 13 November and the Concert is planned for Thursday 3 December. All families are invited to attend.

Quiz Night

Thank you to our Governing Council who supported our very successful fundraising event. We would also like to thank our families, staff and the local community (the list of sponsors are provided in the Newsletter) who donated prizes and to all those who attended our Quiz Night. It was a fantastic night with over 100 people attending and dressed in their favourite sports colours. We raised over \$2,000 for outdoor shade and seating.

Yourtutor

DECD have recently approved the Yourtutor contact with our school. The service will be funded by the school and students will be able to access online tutoring free of charge after school hours. Students will receive information soon about how to access this service.

North East Community Day

On Saturday 7 November our school will participate in the North East Community Day held at the Hillcrest Community Centre. This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase our school and to promote our specialist programs. I hope you can come along to join in the fun.

Parent Opinion Surveys

Thank you to all parents who completed the Numeracy Opinion Survey that was sent to you at the end of last term. The next opinion survey has recently been sent to you. We are currently in the process of reviewing the E Technology Policy and would like some feedback from you about this.

National Gonski Week

The Hon. Kate Ellis, Shadow Minister for Education, Shadow Minister for Early Childhood and MP for Adelaide, visited our school last week

as part of the celebration for National Gonski Week. During her visit she met with students and staff and acknowledged the good work of our school in using this funding to support our students in their learning.

She shared with us an extract of the speech she made in Parliament on Wednesday, 16 September where she made reference to our school.

Ms KATE ELLIS (Adelaide) (09:35): I rise today to share with the parliament some thoughts on the importance of teaching STEM in our schools, and to share some experiences from the wonderful electorate of Adelaide that I am so lucky to represent in this place. In the near northern part of the Adelaide electorate is a fantastic school, Roma Mitchell Secondary College, and they have been leading the way on teaching science in schools. This has recently been demonstrated by the fact that a group of six year 10 and 11 students have won a University of South Australia competition and will now get the opportunity to fly to the United States for a study tour—a fantastic achievement for anyone, but particularly year 10 and 11 students. These students will head to Washington DC where they will get the exciting opportunity to visit landmarks and to continue their studies.

This brilliant success by a local school in the Adelaide electorate shows the hard work of teachers, the dedication of students and the recognition from school leaders of the importance of teaching science, technology, engineering and maths in our schools. This accomplishment highlights the importance of placing a priority on teaching skills in STEM in our classrooms. I am incredibly proud to be part of a party that is committed to investing in STEM, in research and in innovation to build and sustain the jobs of the future.



Sandy Richardson
Principal

CURRICULUM REPORT

On Wednesday 21 October we held another very busy Parent/Teacher interview evening. It has been pleasing to see so many of our parents attending our Interview Evenings throughout the year. It helps us enormously to support our students, when we are working in partnership with our families.

This week teachers are entering mid term Snapshot Grades and these will be discussed with students and sent to families from Wednesday 1 November. If you would like to discuss any issues raised by the Snapshot Grades please feel free to email the relevant teacher or call me on 81614600. We are looking forward to celebrating our Year 12 **Graduation and Awards Night on 25 November**. The event starts with light refreshments at 6pm and takes place in our Gymnasium from 6.45pm until approximately 9pm. All of our school community are very welcome to attend. The families of our Year 12 students will receive invitations within the next few days. Please RSVP to Carol McLaughlin on 81614600

Karen Fitzpatrick
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

SPECIAL EDUCATION CAMPUS

I would like to thank all caregivers who attended our report evening on 21 October. It was a very busy evening with many caregivers attending to discuss the finer details of the post-school pathways which we have secured for our largest ever cohort. It was also a pleasure to discuss the progress that many of our students have made on their personal journey to securing their 2015 NEP goals.

The 2015 Leavers Dinner will be held on 13 November at the Mawson Lakes Hotel & Function Centre. This annual event is the highlight of the year for many of our leavers as we gather to celebrate their contribution to the school. We believe the occasion will create a special memory for both students and their caregivers as they prepare for the next stage of their journey. Another date for the diary is our Christmas concert which is scheduled for Thursday 3 December at 1pm. All Special Education classes will be performing and there will also be a display of students' artwork.

Term four is always a busy time of year as we both seek to secure pathways for our leavers and

prepare thoroughly for the new academic year. The first noticeable changes for many of our students are the induction days which will be held on Tuesday 24 November and Tuesday 1 December. We will of course prepare students for the forthcoming changes and we do seek your support as we move through this process. We are currently planning our classes and timetables for 2016 and we will forward information to caregivers about classes, teachers, and classrooms for 2016 once they have been finalised.

Andrew Gilsenan-Reed
Head of Campus

CO-EDUCATION CAMPUS SENIOR YEARS

Term 3 Certificates of Academic Excellence and Merit

Congratulations to the following students who received certificates of excellence for term 3:

Year 12
Academic Excellence
Angel Long, Michelle Keesmaat

Academic Merit
Hassan Al Helou, Blayze Wilsdon

Year 11
Academic Excellence
Suraj Shukla, Dhruvi Patel, Sheradyn Matthews, Luke Quinzi, Christing Gadlan, Dakota Nixon

Academic Merit
Lochie Phillips, Nathan Farmer, Jethro Webber, Taya Baker

Year 10
Academic Excellence
Elise Anderson, Tiffany Afif, Marnie Pohl, Ishani Shah, Heather Badger

Academic Merit
Chelsea Benincasa, Jarra Smith, Calvin Nguyen, Abram Baker, Jack Harris, Han Trinh, Rushil Shah, Patrick Smith,, Jake Dichiera, Viren Shah, Ashish Patel, Jasmine Newmarch, Shaun Fernando, Richard Vo, Stephen Manuel, Duy Le

Pepe Bouzalas
Head of Senior Years

Co-Education and Girls Campus

Term 4 is a very busy time for all our students. Preparation for end of year arrangements has already commenced and the following information is to let you know about the following events that involve Senior School students

Year 12 end of year arrangements

Students must wear full school uniform when attending school for any reason. This includes attending school for exams or scheduled subject or study lessons or returning books.

Return of books (library and text books), laptop and laptop charger, combination locks and collection of year book

It is expected that all students will return laptops and laptop chargers and books (library and text books) to the library when they have completed all subject work requirements.

Students will need to clean out lockers and remove combination locks and return to the library. Parents will receive a notice of overdue items that need to be returned by students as soon as they finished their studies or exams.

The final day for the return of all books, laptop and laptop charger and combination lock is by Wednesday 18 November 2015.

Year Books will be available for collection from the Library on Friday 11 December 2015 from 9.00am until 10.30 am.

Year 12 Graduation Evening

Year 12 students and parents/carers are invited to celebrate the achievements of our students at the Year 12 Graduation and Awards Evening to be held at the school in the Gymnasium on Wednesday 25 November 2015 at 6.00 pm for a 6.45 pm start.

Year 12 students will be recognised for years of study, completion of their senior years and special recognition eg subject and special awards. Year 12 students are expected to wear full school uniform.

Please contact Carol McGlaughlin at the school to let us know if you will be attending this event by no later than 16 November 2014.

Stage 2 SACE Results released

The release date for the 2015 SACE Results is

Tuesday 15 December 2015. Staff will be available at the school in the morning to support students and parents with any queries regarding Stage 2 SACE results including possible changes to University and TAFE pathways.

Year 11 End of Year Exams

Semester 2 end of year exams will be held at the school for year 11 students and will commence Tuesday 17 November 2015 and end Friday 20 November 2015. General information relating to exam week and an outline of the exam timetable will be issued to students.

Year 11s begin Year 12 subjects

To support students make a smooth transition from year 11 to year 12, all year 11 students will commence their year 12 subjects on Monday 30 November 2015.

Year 10 Round Table Discussions

The final Personal Learning Plan (PLP) assessment task requires all year 10 students to participate in a round table discussion. Students will need to demonstrate their learning to their teacher and parent/carers. The panel will ask students a range of reflective questions that are structured around the SACE capabilities.

PLP round table discussions will be held in the Library on Thursday 12 November for Girls Campus students and Friday 13 November 2015 for Co-Education students. No scheduled classes will be held on this day for year 10 students. The round table discussion will take 15 minutes and we would like all year 10 parents/carers to participate. Students are expected to wear full school uniform.

All year 10 students have received a letter about the year 10 round table discussions and it includes a section for parent/carers to complete details about your preferred appointment time.

Pepe Bouzalas

Head of Senior Years

Judith Clelland

Head of Girls Education

GIRLS' EDUCATION CAMPUS

Our fourth term has started with numerous activities and changes. Hung Doan the year level leader for year 8 and the Learning Technology and Data Management Senior Leader will be on leave for the first four weeks and we welcome James Wilson and Sedat Arkun into the role. Both Sedat and James are sharing many of Hung Doan's responsibilities. If you have any queries about year 8 issues please contact James Wilson and if you

have any queries about the reports and upcoming snapshot assessment please contact Sedat Arkun. There are an incredible range of activities for this term including Round Table Assessments for years 8 and 9 and 10. The interviews of our year 7 students before their Transition Day on 19 November are still going on and we hope to have met all our families for next year by the time Transition Day is completed.

There are many students who have again performed remarkably well through the term 3 assessment period. Congratulations to the following students for their great efforts.

YEAR 8

Excellence Award

Adelle Sison, Ishuman Kaur, Sangna Joshi, Mia Gibb, Nhu-An Le, Laura McKeown, Kira Kalligaris, Erica Weir, Fatima El Cheikh Khalil

Merit Certificates

Noor Maliki, Andrea Casoyla, Alison Woodward, Helen Tran

Year 9

Excellence Awards

Tayla Kelly, Evalyn Zhang, Jemma Cleere, Sofia Kennedy

Merit Awards

Samiha Tahsin, Leanne Nguyen, Ngan Ha, Torie Bristow

Year 10

Excellence Awards

Vanessa Thai, Dhvani Patel, Brooke Johnston, Hija Restor, Karishma Shah, Hoai Nguyen, Lynn Tran, Jacinta Jeffries, Lucy Sobey, Zaynab Al Hakeem, Hitarthi Pandya, Maryam Entazami, Tamara Grujic, Tomoe Sakashita, Thao Ha, Tayla Morris

Merit Awards

Madeline Phillips, Ami Kanazawa, Sonali Gupta, Kaitlin Newell, Camille Vipinosa, Jewel Panagopoulos, Charlotte Coley, Lauren Steed

Year 11

Excellence Awards

Arissa Robles Rangel, Francesca Castandiello, Helen Sau, Suad Nehme, Xuan Le, Alyssa Barbieri

Merit Awards

Olivia Carmichael, Hana Musa

YEAR 12

Excellence Awards

Shamsiya Mohammadi, Criscell Del Rosario, Narelle Hain

Merit Awards

Chloe Leslie, Saneen Shahzad

Judith Clelland

Head of Campus

CO-EDUCATION MIDDLE YEARS

Things have settled quickly for students in the middle school with lots of fine work being produced at the start of this term. The school has been a very busy place with middle school students saying good bye to our exiting year 12 students at their final assembly. Our middle school has their term 4 assembly in week 6 on the Wednesday and we already have a number of performers rehearsing excitedly for this day.

At our year level assemblies we presented a significant number of students with their Academic Excellence and Academic Achievement Awards. Please see photographs below.

Year 8

Academic Excellence

Justin Nguyen, San Dinh

Academic Achievement

Ria Ermac, Leyla Barnett, An Le, Vedant Paija and Amy Southwell



Year 9

Academic Excellence

Tasmin Hossin, Hannah Smith, Daksheep Singh, Arpit Chhabra, Matt Duggan, Bianca Reyes and Anagha Madhusudan.

Academic Achievement

Tatsat Mehta, Abiy Tsegaye Demisse, Aatif Sunasra, Dilpreet Singh, Sabrina Afroz, Moriba Maxime Loua and Vivek Panchal

On the Friday of week 6 we have our Year 7 transition day occurring. On this day all of the Year 9 students will be attending an Aquatic day at West Lakes Aquatic Centre. We hope to bring you lots of photos and stories from this day.



In our next edition of our newsletter we will be talking about Year 8 & 9 roundtables that occur in week 9 of this term and how we would like to see as many parents as possible attend on these days.

Darryl Ashby
Head of Campus

IB MYP PERSONAL PROJECT

As part of the IB Middle Years Programme all Year 9 students have an exciting opportunity to undertake a Personal Project. The Personal Project is an independent piece of work where the students choose a topic that is of interest to them. It is a chance for them to do what they want to do! They are expected to spend 25 hours of independent learning time in the completion of their Project.

This experience will give them the opportunity to use the skills and knowledge they have been developing as part of studying the IBMYP to create and share something that is of interest to them as individuals.

The benefits of doing a personal project are that students:-

- can take ownership as the topic is their own choice
- get to share and celebrate their learning and outcome with others
- participate in a sustained, self-directed inquiry within a global context
- generate creative new insights and develop deeper understandings through in-depth investigation and learn by 'doing'

- demonstrate the skills, attitudes and knowledge required to complete a project over an extended period of time, gaining independent learning skills
- communicate effectively in a variety of situations
- appreciate the process of learning and take pride in their accomplishments.

We are now underway with the Project and students have been working with their care group teachers to develop their Goal and decide on the Product or Outcome they hope to achieve. Students have now begun the planning stage of the Project where a supervising teacher guides them through.

Parents have received a Guide and letter explaining the project, which was included with the Report sent home at the end of Term 3. (Please contact the school if you have not received these documents.)

Students will be notified who their Supervisor will be early in Week 4. Students and Supervisors will have a number of meetings through the project to monitor progress, the first of which will take place in Week 5. The first meeting, which parents and caregivers are invited to attend will take place on Wednesday 11th November from 2:25pm-5pm in the Library. Supervisors will be making contact to arrange a suitable time.

We look forward to the continued support of the community with the Personal Project and to seeing some fantastic Personal Projects completed in Term 2 next year. Students will have the opportunity to present their projects in an exhibition, details of which will be given next year.

Rachel Warnes
Personal Project Coordinator

SPORTS NEWS

Ice Factor Tournament

The Ice Factor Programme runs through each term with the 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 a day long competition.

The team went in with lots of confidence, they had been training well, had a good team and we were hopeful of a good result. We also had a brand

new goalie in Tim Sayers-Bishop. As it turned out it was a baptism of fire for Tim. He did really well in game time, but ended having two penalty shootouts, including the grand final! He pulled off the first, but the quality of the opposition was too much and we fell short by one shot to come in second. Great job by all players, especially Tim who shone under pressure. The team was awesome and we were awarded the Spirit Cup for our positive approach to the tournament.

We have one more chance this year to take the big award, before our Year 12 players move on.



Tense time on the bench!

SIS CYCLING

Talent 4 Tokyo

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. After two rounds of testing Moses Kwead and James Colengelo were invited for final sport specific testing on Saturday 24 October. They both attended and commented how hard it was, both were pretty tired afterwards. They now have a 50% chance of being awarded a SASI scholarship for Cycling, Canoe Sprint, Volleyball or Rowing. Good luck, it is a great opportunity if it comes up.

SSSSA Mountain Bike Challenge

We took a small team of 8 students to compete at Craighburn Farm at Blackwood. It is conducted at a very tough hilly course and there are lots of students who specialize in MTB. Our students ride our MTB's a lot for fitness in the State Sports Park, but our course does not have the technical difficulties we face at Craighburn. Nevertheless our

students did a great job competing fiercely and having fun (in a painful way!) We also entered two teams, both of which were racing in a higher age group than most of the team members. Well done to the U19 team of Albert Beauchamp, Daniel Chiuchiolo and Braden Porter who came in 3rd place.



Fraser Mills hard at work

Dave Gomer
Coach

LIBRARY NEWS

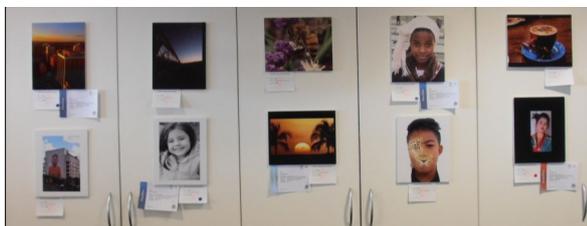
Term 4 is shaping up to be as busy as any other term. Our Online Curriculum Library that we are building will be launched shortly. There will be a Portal on the Roma Mitchell Secondary College website that will allow students to access our library collection and many other databases not only at school but from home as well.



Our Technology display has created tremendous interest, with staff adding items to further enhanced the old technology and showing students how all the items that were used in past years can now be accessed through one item – the mobile phone. Items like cameras, photocopiers, overhead projectors, slide projectors etc. Current technology allows students to access various sources of current information in conjunction with our vast non-fiction book collection.



The New Book display is continuing to have new and interesting novels added. The Librarian and some students are adding comments on post-it notes to the books to encourage further interest. The non-fiction section is enhancing and covering subjects that students will be researching for their work.



Years 10, 11 and 12 photos that were entered in the photography section of the Royal Adelaide Show are now on display in the Library and this adds a further interest for students who may look at taking up photography. The students have taken a wide range of photos and achieved many prizes at the show.

The Premier's Reading Challenge in 2015 achieved a new Roma Mitchell Secondary College record with over 140 students across the school completing the pleasurable task of reading. Our students have now been entered in the challenge as Bronze, Silver, Gold, Hall of Fame and Readers for Life to receive medals from the Premier's office and these medals will be presented to the students later in the term. Thank you to those teachers who encouraged their students with this challenge.

Book Returns – Year 12s are in the process of returning their books as they have nearly completed their schooling, apart from exams. All students need to return their texts to the Library before the end of term, so that the staff can make preparations (cleaning and mending) the books so that they are available for the beginning of 2016.

Peter Evans
Teacher/Librarian

UNIFORMS

Second-Hand Uniforms

Devon Clothing Totally Schoolwear has introduced two options for families to sell and buy second-hand uniform items. The options are:

Option 1

Register uniform items with Totally Schoolwear Clovercrest by filling in a second hand uniform registration form available from Totally Schoolwear Clovercrest or Roma Mitchell Secondary College. Once the form is completed return it to Totally Schoolwear or alternatively the school can return it to the shop on your behalf.

If families are interested in buying a second-hand uniform item they can contact Totally Schoolwear Clovercrest. The shop will check their database and give out the relevant information on how to purchase the uniform item. This option is now available for families to use.

Option 2

Register online with the Sustainable School Shop www.sustainable-schoolshop.com.au. Once registered, families are able to enter the uniform item they wish to sell or buy online.

Please contact the school if you have any queries about the second hand uniform service.

Uniform

A reminder to parents/caregivers that on Wednesdays from 2.15 till 4pm in Student Services (Red Building), students are able to access the school uniform fit range to try on uniform before ordering from Totally Schoolwear. Our Student Services staff are happy to help you with sizing.

Rachael Wieland
Business Manager

FINANCE NEWS

Final notices have now been issued for outstanding 2015 M&S Charges. Please contact the Finance Manager on 81614600 to arrange a payment plan as soon as possible.

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 fourth instalment was due to be paid by 26 October. Thankyou to families who have already made payments.

SCHOOL CARD 2015

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. **The closing date for applications is 13 November 2015. Applications cannot be accepted after this date.**

Carmel Hall
Finance Manager

QUIZ NIGHT DONATIONS

Roma Mitchell Secondary College would like to thank the following companies and individuals for their generous donations for our successful Quiz Night.

Chloe Lyons
Entertainment Book
Hungry Jacks Ingle Farm
Karen Cameron
Paint Supply SA
Alex Jefferies
Daniel Gale
Leetgeek
Melissa Wienert
RAA
Vinossity
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Sefton Park Foodland
Spotlight
Adrian Simmons
Fiona Houldsworth
KW Wholesalers
Mawson Lakes Hotel
Mike Turtur cycles
Lions Brewery
Geraldine Barclay
Veena Madan

YOURTUTOR

Great News Yourtutor is back.

We have 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 2015 to 2016.

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 will soon be 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



Are holding a Dance Party!!!!

Where:- Golden Grove Arts & Recreation Theatre

When:- Friday, November 13, 2015

7pm til 10pm

For:- Young people aged 11 – 17 years

Admission tickets are \$5 and available from the door from 6.30pm.

Childsafe environment

Canteen available

Fully supervised by Police and Police volunteers

Enquiries??

Contact the Holden Hill Crime Prevention Section

Ph 82076025