



A message from Deb ...

Imagine if ... there was no bullying...

Students across the school came together last Friday to talk about solutions to address bullying and violence. Their ideas were recorded on speech bubbles and have been displayed in our library.

This reinforces our commitment to our values of Respect and Fairness and our whole school focus on using Restorative Justice processes to address problems.

Working closely with our students, parents and the community we can have a key role to play in tackling bullying.

Open communication between home and school is a key aspect of ensuring our children are safe. At times children may not talk about an issue at school and we can't emphasise enough the importance of contacting us, should you be worried about events your child discloses to you. We are passionate about following up your concerns.

Program Achieve in the Preschool



I recently had the pleasure of visiting the two Preschool groups to introduce our Program Achieve puppets. The children shared with me what it means to get along with others, be persistent and organised and to have confidence. Preschool and Primary staff had Professional Learning in Program Achieve at our recent student free day.

Sports Day

Staff are working hard on all the preparations for Sports Day in week 11. A program for the day will be sent home in the coming weeks. Congratulations to the following students for being selected on their roles.

- Air** Captain - Kai & Lila
Vice Captain - Sascha & Ronan
- Fire** Captain - Sam & Skye
Vice Captain - Isaac & Ava

- Water** Captain - Toby & Abby
Vice Captain - Mack & Zara

- Earth** Captain - Kishna & Ginger
Vice Captain - James & Violet

The successful running of the day relies upon parent volunteers to help out with cooking the BBQ and cake stall. A note will be sent home next week asking for people to volunteer half an hour or an hour of their time. Thanks in advance for considering to be on these stalls.

Harmony Day ... thank you...

What a fabulous array of colour and culinary delights on offer at our Harmony Day Welcome Breakfast today.

Thank you to Catherine and the Student Learning Wellbeing Committee for organising such a wonderful community event.

Students are creating an article about this event for the next Newsletter, in week 10, so stay tuned.

Out of School Hours Sports



Out of School Hours Sports have well and truly kicked off for the 2018 year. The engagement and motivation of our children to participate is fabulous. We only have the diverse range of sporting activities on offer because of the commitment and dedication of our volunteer parents. Above is an early morning snap of our basketball players practicing. A big thanks to Tim Fitzgerald for being our Convenor of this group in 2018.

I will be on leave from Thursday the 29th of March until Wednesday 2nd May. While I am away Carrie Kingsborough will be the Deputy Principal and Nikki Smith will be Principal. I hope you all have a fabulous Easter and Autumn break. See you in term 2.

Kind regards
Deb Brassington Principal

Important Dates

- Thursday 22 March Canteen Committee 7:30pm in the staff room
- Friday 23 March OSHC vacation care early bird bookings close 6pm
- Monday 26 March Governing Council 7:30pm in the staff room
- Monday 26 March—Friday 6 April Student Learning Conversations
- Friday 30 March Good Friday
- Monday 2 April Easter Monday
- Wednesday 11 April Sports Day
- Friday 13 April Last day of Term 1—2:15pm dismissal

**PRESCHOOL AND SCHOOL FEES
ARE NOW OVERDUE.
PLEASE SEE MARION IN THE
FINANCE OFFICE TO PAY
IMMEDIATELY OR ARRANGE A
PAYMENT PLAN.
ACCORDING TO DECD POLICY
THE SCHOOL CAN ARRANGE
DEBT COLLECTORS TO FOLLOW
UP OVERDUE INVOICES.**

OSHC NEWS

The April School Holiday Vacation Care Program is now on our website and hard copies are available from OSHC or the front office.

Early bird bookings close on Friday 23 March
Bookings available after this date, however no discount will apply.

Full day: \$51.00
(\$56.00 after early bird closing date)
Half day: \$33.00
(\$38.00 after early bird closing date)



What every child needs for learning self regulation

- Being with calm adults who provide safety and security
- Having predictable routines and clear boundaries
- Being listened to and acknowledged
- Watching the adults in their life manage their own feelings and behaviour
- Knowing the names of feelings and being able to identify their feelings by name
- Having adult support when they are upset, tired or angry
- Having unstructured time to play and learn at their own pace

Year 6/7 Aquatics



Community Notices



**SUPPORT
OUR SCHOOL
AND GET COLLECTING**



We would love your help collecting Coles Sports for Schools for our school. Tell your friends and family to get involved as well, because the more vouchers we collect, the more sports gear our school will receive.



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2019 SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS INFORMATION EVENING

Thursday, 5 April 2018 at 6.30pm
George Cresswell Hall, Unley High School

Unley High School offers three Special Interest Programs for Year 8 Students in 2019. All programs are open for both in zone and out of zone student enrolments.

Interested families of current Year 7 students are invited to attend our Information Evening to learn more about these programs.

ROWING

Students study Rowing as a Physical Education subject and participate in Rowing Regattas.

FRENCH BILINGUAL/BINATIONAL

Students with age appropriate French language abilities study subjects in both the French and Australian Curricula.

FRENCH IMMERSION

Students learn French through an integrated program in the French language and Humanities & Social Sciences (HASS).

Gift Academic at Mitcham

The Gift Academic Program aims to extend, challenge and support girls in Mathematics, Science, Technology, English and Humanities.

In 2019 scholarships worth \$800 per year will be offered to prospective Year 8 students who sit the Higher Ability Selection Test (HAST) and are identified by the Council of Educational Research (ACER) as being academically gifted.

Students will be expected to continue with the Gift Academic Program in Years 9 and 10.

The Higher Ability Selection Test will be held at Mitcham Girls High School on Wednesday 23 May 2018 at 9.15am.

Please register your interest at
www.mitchamgirlshs.sa.edu.au

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