I’m Back!

It’s great to be home!

It feels like I’ve been away a long time. I have seen from emails and school newsletters that everything has been going smoothly at school. Whilst I’ve been away I’ve been busy collecting resources for the school’s Spanish program and talking up our school to other schools across South America. I had attempted to create some short videos to show the students aspects of South America but the internet speed let me down in some of the countries and I had difficulty getting them up on youtube. I’ll spend the next week finalising them so that the children can see them during Spanish lessons.

It was quite strange to see gum trees on the heights of the mountain range the Andes. I had never appreciated before that the Spanish and Portuguese came to Australia in the 1700’s and took seeds from a range of plants. In Ecuador I saw bottlebrush, melaleuca and eucalyptus trees! I also had the opportunity to see Macchu Picchu, one of the experiences on my bucket list! It was amazing. So too was the Galapagos islands, I saw animals in the wild that before I had only seen in a zoo!

It is my aim that the student’s of Morphett Vale East don’t just learn a language at school. That they see how we connect with the world, understand which countries speak Spanish and that children on the other side of the world have the same concerns and wishes that they do. I have spoken with teachers from 5 countries and hope that we will soon be able to set up a sister school with one of them.

Carolyn Mildrum
Primary Swimming

Notes and invoices have gone home with all year 3, 4 and 5 students. Swimming lessons will be held at Noarlunga Pool in two sessions from Tuesday 21st till Friday 24th June. Payment (or arrangements to pay) must be made before Friday 17th June or your child will be unable to participate.

School Uniform

As the cooler weather sets in we are noticing lots of students wearing “non uniform” clothing to school. Please remember that our students are required to be in full school uniform at all times. We are fully stocked with both styles of jumpers for sale in the office and also have some second hand items available.

Staff Car Park

The Local Council have designated areas to allow parents to park for a short time to allow pick and drop off of students. The staff car park cannot be used for this purpose as staff are not available to monitor this area and we need to ensure that it is safe from moving vehicles at the busy times of the day to ensure the safety of our foot traffic. Thank you for helping keep our students safe.

School Fees

Reminder statements will be sent out at the end of this month (30th June). Please contact Mia in the Finance Office if you require a school card application or need to set up a payment plan.

All families with unpaid fees, or without an agreed payment plan, will be sent to DECD debt collection in Term 4.

A reminder that School Card Applications MUST be submitted YEARLY. Cut off for School Card Applications is the end of Term 2. Forms are available from Mia in the Finance Office.

A message from the Environment Committee

The Environment Committee have been collecting litter from around our school for the last few weeks. We have found a lot of litter, especially along the fence lines.

At the last committee meeting, we conducted a litter audit. Out of the litter we found for that week, there were 95 non-recyclable food packages (eg. chip, chocolate, lolly packets).

Can you please remember to put your rubbish in your pocket at Recess and Lunchtimes and help keep our school litter free or try to not bring rubbish to school?

Many thanks,
The Environment Committee
Come & Try Guitar  
Tuesday June 21 at 12-15pm

Are you in year 5/6/7 and want to learn something new?  
Are you interested in learning to play the Guitar?

Come along and join in on a demo lesson on Tuesday June 21 at 2.30 in the OSHC room.  
Sit in on the lesson and see what it involves. Perhaps even have a try yourself.

Parents are welcome to come along and find out what their child can already do or simply listen in and find out more about the program.

Lessons are FREE and run by Geoff Barreau, (Instrumental Music Service - South)

Attendance -  
What sort of start is your child getting?

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Classes start at 8.45am!  
Please ask us about help with getting your children to school on time
Room 3 have been learning about being safe and unsafe. We talked about how to be safe in the carpark at school. Here are some photos of room 3 students demonstrating safety in the carpark.

*Wait by the car for Mum and Dad*

*Walk on the path*

*Stop at the driveway and look for cars*

*The yellow path is the safest place to cross the carpark*

*Wait at the gate*
Soccer results from 21st May.
U6 (Blue) – Win
U7 (Blue) - Win
U8 – Win
U9 – Win

Netball results
B Grade won their first game of the season 27-9.
C Grade won their second game 13-2
E Grade had a draw in their second game

Gift Dance at Mitcham

The Gift Dance Program at Mitcham Girls High School offers girls the opportunity to develop their skills and passion for dance performance. Students develop creative, technical and physical understanding and an appreciation of dance as an art form.

With intensive and skilful coaching students become successful performers. Our Gift dance teacher is recognised as a leader in Dance Education. She has had professional experience with teaching expertise in ballet, contemporary dance and jazz dance technique, including choreography for musical theatre productions and national choirs. She has also played a significant role in the development of the SACE Dance curriculum and the management of Dance assessment in South Australia.

For those of you who love dance and want to share and develop your gift, Gift Dance at Mitcham Girls High School is for you.

Audition date: Monday 4th July 2016, 11:30am

Please register your interest at:
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