

Principal News

Mac.Robertson Girls' High School Students awarded 11 Premier's Prizes

At Thursday's Award ceremony, eleven Mac.Rob students were presented with Premier's Prizes. The top few students in each subject or in smaller subjects, the top student and the top few of those who demonstrate overall excellence, are given these awards which represent the very highest achievements in VCE. These awards are also a tribute to the work of the teachers at Mac.Rob who over the four years that most students attend the school provide them with a challenging and stimulating learning environment. We congratulate the following students on their outstanding achievement:

- **Eleanor Brodie** for LOTE - Indonesian Second Language
- **Anna Dutka** for Philosophy
- **Jessica Forrest** for Top All-Round Achiever
- **Peonie Gebbie** for History
- **Longzhen Han** for Hospitality (VCE VET)
- **Bethany Hislop** for International Studies
- **Helen Kaganov** for English Language
- **Lam-Lan Lucy Ngo-Thai** for Economics
- **Hannah Smith** for Philosophy
- **Timea Stan** for English Language
- **Jasmine Temple-Smith** for Community Services (VCE VET)

A number of these students' teachers and I were able to attend the ceremony held in the Regent Theatre and we were very proud to see them on stage. Well done everyone!

State Debating Grand Final

In further good news, Victoria won the National Debating Grand Final on Saturday, 26th May. **Kellymaree Butler** (Year 11) was superb in her performance on the day. Congratulations **Kellymaree**.

Jane Garvey

Friends of Music @ MacRob invite you to the
Music, Mulled Wine & Mince Tarts Evening

in the School Hall on **Thursday 7th June** from 7.30pm - 9.00pm



Tickets \$20 from the Music Department or at the door on the night. This promises to be a delightful evening and will raise funds needed to allow Friends of Music to make the final payment on the grand piano.

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Debating and Public Speaking News

Victoria Wins National Schools Debating Championship!



Kellymaree debating
at the National Championships

On Saturday, 26th May Victoria debated against Western Australia in the National Championship Final on the topic: 'That the United Nations has failed'. The Victorian team, in which **Kellymaree Butler** (Year 11) was the first speaker, demonstrated vast knowledge and incredible skill to defeat Western Australia. **Kellymaree** spoke with her usual eloquence, clarifying ideas skilfully and constructing a strong case.

MacRob was fortunate to host part of Round Five of the tournament earlier in the week and were able to watch debates between Victoria and the ACT, and WA and NSW. **Kellymaree** was the second speaker on the Victorian team and inspired the many students watching her.

Kellymaree has again been chosen for the Australian team and will travel to Seoul for the World Championships. Kelly represented Australia last year and with past Mac.Rob student **Vivienne Jones** who served as the Australian team captain, defeated Ireland in the Grand Final. We wish **Kellymaree** every success in the upcoming Championship and congratulate her on her many, much deserved, successes so far!

Mac.Rob Girls Win Model United Nations Assembly!

Bebe D'Souza (Year 10) and **Christine Cader-Rice** (Year 11) represented Pakistan in a United Nations Assembly held over the weekend of May 26th – 27th. They put forward some extraordinary motions and managed to win the competition while arguing in favour of policies such as public executions and child labour!

Bebe and **Christine** will travel to Canberra to serve in the Grand Final United Nations Assembly. The final will be held at Old Parliament House. We would like to thank the Albert Park Rotary Club for their generous support of both students and wish **Bebe** and **Christine** every possible success!

Congratulations **Stephanie Nithiananda** and **Madeline Barrow**!

The regional finals of the **Junior Rotary Public Speaking Competition** were also held this month at Legacy House. Two Year 9 students from Mac.Rob, **Stephanie Nithianandan** and **Madeline Barrow** presented idealistic and passionate speeches on the day and we are thrilled to announce that **Stephanie** was the winner and **Madeline** the runner up! Congratulations both girls!

In news from abroad - we would also like to congratulate ex-Mac.Rob students, **Elizabeth Sheargold** and **Sarah Kemeny**. **Elizabeth** and **Sarah** represented the **Melbourne Law School** and won the **European Law Students' Association Moot Court Competition on WTO Law** in Geneva earlier this month. **Elizabeth** won the award for the Best Orator and has also been awarded an internship with the International Chamber of Commerce in Paris. We are fortunate to have **Elizabeth** coaching our Year 10 debaters and offering ongoing support to the Mac.Rob Debating program.

2007 has been a busy year for our debating teams and students involved in public speaking. The debaters began the year very well and I would like to especially congratulate the new debaters to the school – the Year 9s. The Year 9s are being coached very ably by ex-Mac.Rob student and World Champion debater **Vivienne Jones**. We were thrilled to see all of the Year 9 teams win their first round and wish them and all teams success in the upcoming rounds!

Yvette Arnott, Debating and Public Speaking Co-ordinator

Science News

Year 12 student, **Diana Sandulache** has been accepted into the International Science School (ISS) in Sydney. She will spend two weeks during the July holidays experiencing a wide range of science based activities including forums, conducting experiments, field trips and attending social events run by the ISS. **Diana** will be one of 100 Australian and around 50 international senior science students. We wish **Diana** every success in her pursuit of a challenging and rewarding science career.

James Richards, Science Co-ordinator

Headlice

We have had reports of headlice at the school. Information on the treatment and detection of headlice is available on <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/headlice>. Unfortunately headlice does not go away in High School. Early detection and treatment will help prevent the cycle of infestation that is characteristic of headlice. We rely on student and parent co-operation in arresting this outbreak as soon as possible. If you have further enquiries or problems with headlice please contact **Paula Glover**, First Aid Officer on 9864-7759.

Guten Tag MacRobians!

My name is **Eleanor (Ellie) Everist** and I was in 9G last year. I would be in 10G this year if I wasn't living in Germany as part of a Rotary Exchange. Rotary International is a 'worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world'. As part of their work, Rotary offer an Exchange Program for students aged 15-18. A Rotary Exchange involves living in a foreign country for a year, attending a school and living with a number of families in the surrounding area. There is a little bit of travel involved (for example, I will do a Europe Tour for the whole of August - I'm so excited!) but the emphasis is on living in a community and learning the native language.

Since 20th January I have been living with a host family in Germany in a town called Fulda (pop. 60,000), one and a half hours by train from Frankfurt am Main in the state of Hessen. I attend a school called the Winfriedschule Gymnasium in Fulda and am about to move to my second host family. I am sad about this, as I like my first family a lot and they live two minutes away from my school. My next family live just out of Fulda in a small village and so I have to take the bus to school. Even though it's nowhere near as far as I travel everyday to Mac.Rob, I'm still not looking forward to it! One thing that I am looking forward to, however, is my trip to Berlin at the end of the week for 7 days with Rotary.

I did not speak any German before I left but, after only 4 months, I can have conversations and answer the phone without any problems. I get a bit homesick sometimes but I just try to stay busy and then it is less overwhelming. It was definitely hard at the start (and still is) to deal with things like homesickness and not understanding the language but despite the hard times I have had so much fun, so many new experiences and learnt so much that it has made it worth missing one magical year at Mac.Rob to come here. Exchange is 'the time of your life' so if you're interested, check out the Rotary website (http://www.rotary.org/programs/youth_ex/index.html) and please email me with any questions you might have at ellie.eve@hotmail.com.

Viele liebe grüße für euch alle von
Ellie Everist, xox

Girls In Volunteering (G.I.V)

Peter Mac Cup

On Saturday, 12th May 33 Mac.Rob girls volunteered for tin rattling, collecting public contributions in and around the MCG for the annual Peter Mac Cup. The girls received free food vouchers and free entry to the match against Carlton and Collingwood.



A total of **\$32,540** was collected on the day by our Mac.Rob students and 400 other volunteers who helped out. The donations collected go towards the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre to help with research, quality treatment and support to patients and their families.



Thank you to all the girls who gave up their Saturday morning to volunteer, it was a highly enjoyable and successful day.

Emma Ho, Year 12

Student Absentee Line

Reminder to parents/guardians that the telephone number for student absences is 9864-7759. The answering machine will take your call in the morning and **Paula Glover** in the Sick Bay will answer your call after 8.30am. Please remember to leave your daughter's year level and form group, your name, a contact number and if you could spell your surname that would be very helpful. An explanation of absence and expected day of return is also required.

Student Leadership Update

Student leadership has been a busy machine at Mac.Rob so far this year. To start the year off - class elections were held for the positions of Form Captain, SRC, Social Service Environment and Ethos Representatives. Over 160 students were elected to take up these positions of leadership at the school, along with the 8 SRC Year Level Executive positions and 24 School Leaders positions.

Since the elections were finalised the girls who took up these positions have been very active indeed. While the Year 12 School Leaders have been busy looking after their individual portfolios, perhaps the busiest of groups, the Student Representative Council, has already run a plethora of events at the school. Some of these include:

- Battle of the Sexes Debate with Melbourne High School
- SRC Camp
- Annual Trivia Night
(Fundraiser for the Mac.Rob Lord Mayor's Charitable Trust Fund)
- Year 10 Breakfast
- Year 11 Happy Day
- Melbourne High versus Mac.Rob Soccer Match
- Multicultural Week

Along with these events the girls have been leading the organisation of the Year 12 Formal and Year 11 Social.

Students at Mac.Rob have also been involved in various other leadership activities, some applicable to particular year levels. Such activities have included: The Reach Rusted Program, Ultimate Leadership Workshop, Global Leaders Conference, UNIFEM International Women's Day Breakfast, Alliance of Girls' Schools Conference and International Women's Day Breakfast, The University of Business Studies Camp Scholarship, Future Leaders Forum, Australian Girl Guides Mentor Breakfast, Westbourne Grammar Leadership Conference and the Lord Mayor's Charitable Fund: Youth in Philanthropy Program.

Many of these activities are open for students to apply for and similar activities are regularly advertised on the Student Leadership noticeboard and in the school's daily bulletin. Students are encouraged to look out for information regarding the soon approaching National Leadership Camp in Canberra, which is available to all students to attend, as well as the 'Steps to the Future' Forum for Year 10 students.

Co-Curricular News - New opportunities!

Music, Drama, Sport, Debating and House activities have continued to deliver wonderful opportunities for students at Mac.Rob this semester. In response to interest from students to extend our competitive sport program, particularly in the areas of softball and netball, a second type of competition (in addition to the normal inter-school competition) has been established. This term the school House System has integrated a softball competition (next term it will be netball) into their program to provide more opportunities for students to 'have a go' at some of the more popular sports at school. All students are encouraged to take note of when their House is playing during lunchtimes so they can participate. All are welcome to get involved and play!

Ms Kylene Cook, Director of Student Leadership and Co-Curricular Program



drama@
Mac.Rob
 presents

the year 12 drama ensembles
 based on the theme of

the 7 deadly sins

4 ensemble performances
 devised and performed
 by year 12 students

the theatre
 monday
 june 4th
 at 6-9:30 pm

6.00pm 'three'
 6.30pm 'faries'
 7.30pm 'noh'
 8.15pm 'george'

Careers

On the afternoon of Wednesday, May 23rd all Year 12 students travelled to The University of Melbourne for the annual Tertiary Information Service Event. They listened to a panel discussion on selection for courses, enrolment, course fees and transition to university. They were then able to collect information from and ask questions of the many universities and TAFE colleges which attended the event.

Our lunchtime guest speaker on Thursday, May 24th ex-Mac.Rob student **Rose Vu**, who is a trainee with the accounting firm KPMG spoke to Year 12 students about interviews and applications for traineeships with the company.

Last week all students in Years 11 and 12 should have received a program for the Career Your Lifestyle Expo to be held at MSAC on the evening of Tuesday, June 5th. The evening program is free and both parents and students are invited to attend. Additional programs are available from the Careers Room.

The University of Melbourne is holding a number of evening information sessions for parents and students on the Melbourne Model. These include:

- Tuesday, June 5th - Glen Waverley
- Wednesday, June 6th - Parkville
- Monday, June 18th - Moorabbin
- Wednesday, June 20th - Broadmeadows

Admission is free, but registration is required. For more information including starting times and venues go to <http://melbournemodel.unimelb.edu.au> or telephone 1800 801 662.

Irene Serpless, Careers Advisor

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday, 5th June	- English Writing Competition, 8.30am to 9.30am Year 11 Literature Excursion, 10.20am to 3.30pm Year 10 Careers Expo, 12.30pm to 3.30pm
Wednesday 6th June	- Alliance Française, Year 9 and 10, 9.00am to 12.30pm Year 9 Study Skills, 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Thursday, 7th June	- Year 11 Visual Communication Excursion, 8.30am to 12.30pm Year 10 Macbeth Performance, 8.30am to 10.30am Music Fundraiser, "Mulled Wine & Mince Tarts", Hall, 7.30pm
Monday, 11th June	- Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday, 12th to Wednesday, 13th June	- Year 12 Exams
Wednesday, 13th to Thursday, 14th June	- Duke of Edinburgh Camp
Thursday, 14th June	- GAT Report Writing Day - Students not required at school
Friday, 15th June	- Gardasil Immunisation - 2nd Round
Friday, 15th June to Sunday, 17th June	- Philosophy Camp
Saturday, 16th June	- Year 9 2008 Entrance Examination, Exhibition Buildings Music Tour Farewell Concert, Hall, 6.00pm to 9.00pm
Monday, 18th June	- Bivouac Briefing for Cadets (MHS), 3.30pm to 6.00pm
Monday, 18th June to Tuesday, 19th June	- Duke of Edinburgh Camp
Wednesday, 20th June	- Years 10, 11 and 12, 2008 Entrance Exam, 1.30pm to 4.00pm
Thursday, 21st June	- Music Tour departs - Years 10, 11 and 12, 2008 Entrance Exam, 1.30pm to 4.00pm - Auditions - Combined Play (Theatre), 4.00pm to 6.00pm
Friday, 22nd June	- Auditions - Combined Play (MHS), 3.30pm to 5.30pm

FINAL FUND-RAISER FOR GRAND PIANO

**THE FRIENDS OF MUSIC @ MAC.ROB INVITE YOU TO JOIN US IN A LOVELY
"CHRISTMAS IN JUNE" EVENING**

ENJOY

MUSIC, MULLED WINE AND MINCE TARTS

**Thursday, 7th June at MacRob
7.30 – 9.00pm**



Be entertained by the delightful music of our talented students, sip mulled wine on a cold winter's night and enjoy a gourmet mince tart or two, by boutique baker, "Brioche by Philip".

Get together a table of 10, or come on your own and join a table of new friends.

Venue: MacRobertson Girls' High School, School Hall
Tickets: \$20 (includes 2 drinks, mince tarts and music)
Extra mulled wine available to purchase
BYO other drinks & food to share if desired

PLEASE support this event to allow Friends of Music to make the FINAL PAYMENT on our new grand piano.
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MUSIC, MULLED WINE AND MINCE TARTS

Detach this slip, add your cheque or cash and place both in a clearly labelled envelope showing the name and form of the MacRob student.

Orders are to be handed in to a member of staff in the Music Office by **Tuesday, 5th June**.

I would like tickets @ \$20 each and enclose cash/cheque (made payable to Mac.Robertson G.H.S.) for
\$.....

Name of student: Form:

