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Principal News

State Cabinet Ministers visit Mac.Rob

The SLAP group (Students Learning About Politics) has been very active this term in securing visits from prominent politicians. Last Thursday in the midst of the upheaval caused by the resignation of the Premier and Deputy Premier, Treasurer and now Premier, John Brumby kept his appointment with the political interest group and this Thursday, the Minister for Education Resources, Jacinta Allan, visited for a lunchtime talk with the group. Given that our students are known to ask penetrating questions, so much so that Lynne Kosky last year light-heartedly declared a Year 10 group “scary”, it is great to see our politicians willing to meet and engage with our young citizens.



Plain English Speaking Competition

Congratulations to Kellymaree Butler on winning the semi-final of the State Plain English Speaking Competition. Kellymaree was a member of last year's World Debating winning team and has been a member of the National Debating Team for several years. At the time of writing, there is keen anticipation on the part of a group of eager students, Ms Yvette Arnott and I who are all looking forward to attending and supporting Kellymaree in the final of the State competition at Treasury Place on Friday morning. We wish her all the best. We are very proud of Kellymaree's achievements which make her the third finalist from Mac.Rob in each of the last three years.

99th Adelaide Exchange

We are keenly awaiting the arrival of the Adelaide High School students and teachers for the annual exchange and competitions. This year we host the girls and the Melbourne High School boys travel to Adelaide. The exchange fosters some strong friendships between our students and the competition is fierce but always sporting. This time next week we will know where the Prefects Cup will be displayed for another year.

Jane Garvey

Australian National Science Competition Results

The annual science competition yielded some excellent results. Of the 418 Mac.Rob students competing, there were 15 High Distinctions, 70 Distinctions and 171 Credits.

The High Distinction awardees are:

Year 10	Year 9
Maggie Quach, Megan Jennings, Nicola Jing, Lucy Feng & Janani Paramanatham.	Alice Bisits, Lilian Chan, Vivien Dunn, Nikki Green, Hilary Hunt, Zhuyi Lee, Alexandra Marks, Robyn Molyneaux, Nishani Nithianandan, & Louisa Selvadurai

James Richards
Science Coordinator

Cork Recycling for Melbourne Zoo

The Mac.Rob environment program is collecting corks in support of The Melbourne Zoo's *Corks for the Elephants* appeal. We encourage all parents (and students) to send any corks they have along to school. Friends of the Zoo will collect these corks. They then sell them to a recycling company. The cork is granulated and used to make such items as floor tiles, notice boards, horse-float mats, non-slip boat decking paint, place mats and the cores of hockey and cricket balls. Funds raised are used to upgrade zoo facilities.

So please, bring in your corks and help the elephants! *Plastic as well as regular corks from bottles and jars are suitable.* The drop off point is near the lift next to the Lakeside walkover.

Rebecca Kristanta
Environment Manager

House Drama Festival

The 57th Annual House Drama Festival took place on Wednesday, 25 July 2007. A series of One Act plays were written and performed by the students—one by each House.

The first to perform were Naiads with *Vandalising Verse*. In this, poet William McGonagall is destroying Poet Land and Emily Dickinson,

Lord Byron and John Keats are trying to save it.

Next were Oreads with *Big Brother Presents: Australia's Biggest Idol*. This was a satire on the life of television programmers.

The third play was by Dryads. In *The King of the Jungle*, they explored the power struggle between peacock, monkey and snake over who will take the throne.

Nereids were next with *Nancy Drew and the Black Ballroom*. Nancy finds herself thrown into the crazy world of her imagination when she is set on the trail of a dangerous killer.

The adjudicator, Professor Peter Fitzpatrick remarked on the quality of the writing of the plays which were all written by the students and the acting and directing talent on display. Best Actor was jointly awarded to Sharon Chua of Naiads and Maritza Sibanda of Dryads. Best Directors were Jessica Terrill, Ari Brown, Danielle Panaccio and Kirsty Kearney of Dryads. The Dryads play *The King of the Jungle* was awarded best play on the night.

Thank you to the drama representatives, directors, scriptwriters, stage managers, cast, crew, house captains and staff who helped before and during the night.

G Clarke
House Activities Coordinator

Forthcoming Events

Week 4

Monday, 6 to Wednesday, 8 August	• Adelaide Exchange	
Thursday, 9 August	• VCE Information Evening	Year 10 Students and Parents. Hall - 7.30 p.m.

Week 5

Thursday, 16 August	• Curriculum Day • Winter Concert rehearsal • Winter Concert	Students NOT required at school. Dallas Brooks Hall - all day. Dallas Brooks Hall - 7.30 p.m.
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Week 7

Monday, 27 August	• Parent/Teacher Interviews	2.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.
Tuesday, 28 August	• School starts later at 9.20 a.m.	

An invitation from

**Mac.Robertson Girls' High School
and Melbourne High School**

Winter Concert

**Dallas Brooks Hall
Thursday, 16 August 2007 at 7.30 p.m.**

The Winter Concert is a testament to the exceptional commitment and talents of our combined music faculties.

Items will include the combined Concert Band, Stage Band, Brass Ensemble, Symphony Orchestra & String Orchestra, as well as Choral items from each school. The evening will conclude with a massed choir of over 250 voices from Mac.Robertson Girls' High School and Melbourne High School with a 120 piece orchestra performing selections from *Les Miserables*.

Tickets still available until Friday, 10 August 2007

Adults \$15, Concession \$10, Family \$40



**The Mac.Robertson Girls' High School
and Melbourne High School
Winter Concert Ticket Order Form**

Name: _____ Form: _____

Please supply _____ Adult _____ Concession _____ Family

Total \$ _____

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Payment can be made in either cash or cheque, made payable to Mac.Robertson G.H.S. Tickets may be purchased from Mrs Lion in the Music Office at Recess (please see notices in the daily Bulletin).