

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Adelaide Exchange

Our Adelaide visitors arrived on Sunday and the 99th exchange between our two schools commenced with a welcome assembly during which the Adelaide Teams put Mac.Rob on notice that after last year’s close result, this is the year for change and they reinforced this with a very enthusiastic chant. The competition has been excellent and Mr Webber said that despite the greater distance to some of the new venues, they have been proving very suitable for an exciting competition. As usual, the sporting spirit has been strong and owing to the excellent organisation and support from the teachers from both Adelaide and Mac.Rob, everything went smoothly. The overall results are shown in the table below. Next year is Adelaide High School’s centenary and we look forward to a very special exchange.

Event	Mac.Rob	Adelaide
Badminton	5 rubbers	1 rubber
Basketball	44 goals	33 goals
Chess	13 games	3 games
Cross Country	4 points	0 points
Debating	1	0
Football	18 points	20 points
Hockey	10 goals	0 goals
Netball	35 goals	19 goals
Rowing	0 races	2 races
Soccer	0 goals	3 goals
Softball	10 runs	16 runs
Table Tennis	5 matches (12 games)	5 Matches (11 games)
Tennis	0 rubbers	6 rubbers
Theatre Sports	54 points	51 points
Volleyball	3 sets	1 set
Overall Result—Mac.Rob 9 to Adelaide 5		

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University Scholarship

The Age Education supplement this week featured a section on university scholarships. One of the students featured was Lilian Pearce, one of our 2006 Year 12 students. Lilian is undertaking a Bachelor of Science (Natural Environment and Wilderness Management) at the University of Tasmania where she was awarded a scholarship after being alerted to these by Ms Serpless, our careers advisor. Lilian did not study science in VCE but did a bridging unit in life sciences because she is passionate about bushwalking and the environment. She says she has no problem with any of the botany, zoology, geography or genetics that are required because she says that it's easy to put in the necessary hours if you are interested in something and care enough. It is great to read about someone really enjoying what they are doing.

Jane Garvey

STUDENT WELFARE

Mobile Phones and Internet Usage

The Australian Government in conjunction with the Australian Communications and Media Authority have this week released guidelines for parents to help protect their children with usage of mobile phones and internet use. The website will provide parents information about how to reduce the potential of your child receiving an unexpectedly high mobile phone bill and advice concerning the possible risks posed via the internet.

The web address is www.acma.gov.au/mobileforkids

RED Day

On Thursday, 19 July and Thursday, 2 August all Year 9 students came to school wearing something red and took part in a RED Day Program. RED represents:-

R - Resilience

E - Empowerment

D - Determination

The two themes for the day were Body Image and Relationships. The students began the morning by viewing a program on 'Eating Disorders'. The students then worked in groups with facilitators around this theme. They had the opportunity to discuss the influence of the media and peer expectations on body size and healthy eating. After muffins and fruit drinks for morning tea the students watched a wonderful interactive drama presentation on 'Relationships' organised by Ms Ward and the Unit 1 and 2 Drama class. The final group activities were then undertaken with the facilitators. These were two very enjoyable mornings.

The facilitators commented very positively on the girls' enthusiasm, cooperation and ability to articulate their thoughts and feelings on these issues.

Gillian Baldock, Student Welfare Coordinator

CAREERS REPORT

Guest Speakers

On Wednesday, 1 August Mr Carl Walsh, Managing Director and business leader at General Electric (GE) spoke to Year 10H students about career development. He explained how his career had moved from humanities



and law to accounting and how he had worked in many different roles both in Australia and overseas. He encouraged students to select subjects and subsequent university courses in areas that they enjoy, as these are where they will experience success. He also outlined the history of GE, which was founded by Thomas Edison and outlined the company's current position in nanotechnology, health, finance and other areas. The students were able to ask many perceptive questions about the effects of globalisation and environmental sustainability which were both interesting and informative. A number of managers from GE will be making presentations to other Year 10 groups this term concentrating on leadership and career development.

On Friday, 3 August Laureate Professor, Cheryl Saunders from the University of Melbourne spoke to students about the new law program. The Melbourne JD (Juris Doctor) is a law degree offered at graduate level only and is part of the new Melbourne model.

Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT)

RMIT is holding seminars for careers and courses in:

- Advertising: 10.00 a.m. to 3.15 p.m. on Saturday, 25 August;
- Public Relations: 10.00 a.m. to 2.45 p.m. on Saturday, 8 September, Level 9, Room 16, RMIT, 239 Bourke St, Melbourne. Further information can be obtained from jenny.tserkezidis@rmit.edu.au or 9925 5658. Cost is \$55.00 and registration forms are available in the Careers Room.

University of Melbourne

'A careers in Psychology Information Evening' is being conducted on Wednesday, 19 September from 6.15 p.m. to 9.45 p.m. at the Prince Phillip Theatre, Architecture Building 133, University of Melbourne. Run by the Australian Psychological Society this will offer students insight into specialist areas of psychology. The event is free and bookings are not required.

National Drama School

Free Acting workshop at the National Theatre St Kilda, Saturday, 25 August at 2.00 p.m. Hear about the training offered by the National Drama School at this information session and workshop.

Email drama@nationaltheatre.org.au to register, minimum age 17 years.

Open Day Reminders

Saturday, 11 August at Holmesglen TAFE; and
Sunday, 12 August at Deakin (Warrnambool),
La Trobe (Shepparton and Mildura), RMIT, Victoria
University (Footscray) & William Angliss TAFE.

Irene Serpless
Careers Coordinator

PARENTS@MAC.ROB NEWS



MATHS at Mac.Rob
7.30 p.m. Tuesday, 21 August

At the August Parents@Mac.Rob meeting, the Convener of Maths, Mr Geoff Campbell, will present information about the teaching of maths at Mac.Rob. This is an opportunity to discuss this subject area in an informal setting, as well as make connections with other parents. This session will be held in the Function Room (situated at the top of the stairs in the gym building). Tea, coffee and some light refreshments will be provided. Please ring Marian on 0409 800 358 if you have any queries.

Year 9 Students with an Interest in Science, Engineering or Technology

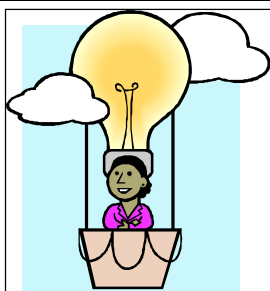
Any Year 9 student with an interest in science, engineering or technology is welcome to attend *The Siemens Science Experience*, a three-day hands-on science program.

A program will be conducted in almost all Australian universities in 2007/2008 for students who will be entering Year 10 in 2008. Each program includes a wide variety of practical activities and presentations by leading scientists and engineers. The cost of the three-day program is \$95.00. Further information and application forms are available from the school's Science Department, Rotary Clubs and from www.scienceexperience.com.au **Any student currently in Year 9 may enrol.**

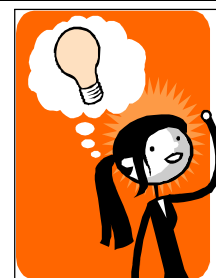
Andrew Rennie, Science Coordinator

Small Grants 2007 – A Parents' Association Initiative (Extension to 18 August, 2007)

We are extending your chance to get funding to organise a Mac.Rob Activity



For example:
Debating
Arts
Music
Sports
Community building
Cultural
(Insert your ideas here!!!)



Here is your chance to create and lead your own opportunity and take others with you on the journey!!!

Parents@Macrob Small Grants support, through financial assistance, projects which –

- Bring new experiences of learning – something you did not get to do because of it not being available;
- Involve additional exploration of knowledge – e.g. through attending external events and conferences;
- Extend participation by students, teachers and parents; and
- Will not become operational without this assistance.

Please contact the General Office for application forms and detailed criteria.

When you have completed your application:

- Make a photocopy for your record;
- Lodge the original at the General Office;
- Make a note of the name and person who dates and signs your form; and
- **Submit the application to the General Office by Friday, 18 August (this is the final deadline for this year).**