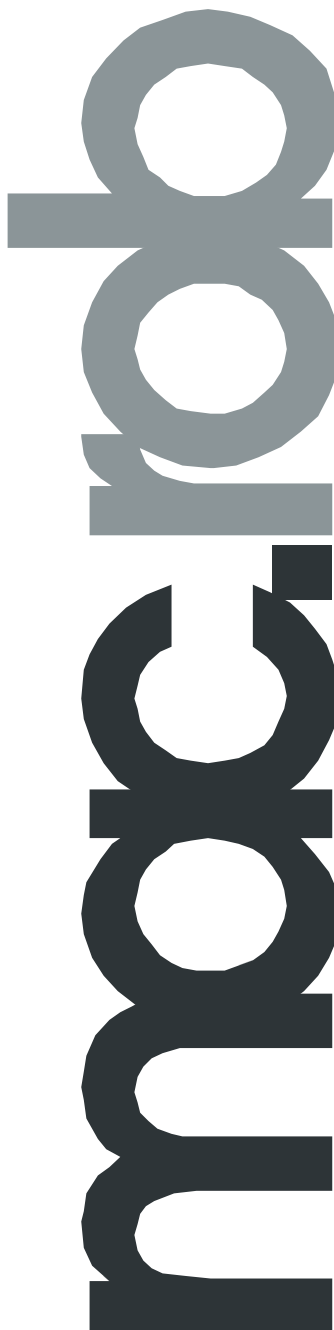


## NEWSLETTER

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## Principal News

The Minister for Consumer Affairs, the Honourable Tony Robinson MP, member for Mitcham and Minister for Consumer Affairs was welcomed to Mac.Rob for the Consumer Stuff Challenge Awards presentation last Wednesday. He presented the award to the winners from about 12 schools including the overall winners from Mac.Rob. Jennifer Duong of Year 9 who won the individual prize was also named as the inaugural winner of the Consumer Affairs Award for Excellence which will be presented to her at a special ceremony in November. Congratulations to our consumer savvy students and their Business Studies teacher Ms Inoue on their fine effort.

Year 10 students have been engaged in a dancing frenzy over the last week in their Dance Off competition with the final being held in front of a packed audience in the theatre during Tuesday lunchtime. It was clear that the audience loved seeing their teachers dancing with the classes and I think the teachers probably enjoyed the activity as much as the students. Well done to 10A for their winning Emo V Ja'mie act and Ms Cook as winning teacher and thank you to Ms Lambert for her work with the students to organise this event.

*Jane Garvey*

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## Chemistry News

### Australian National Chemistry Quiz

On Monday, 8 October Mr David Aschner from the Royal Australian Chemical Institute presented High Distinction Awards to Year 11 and 12 students for their performance in the Australian National Chemistry Quiz. To earn a High Distinction students had to be in the top ten percent of students. 36 of our Year 12 and 24 of our Year 11 students earned this award and were presented certificates by Mr Aschner.

He also made a special presentation to Joanne Britton, whose result was truly outstanding. This year there were 117 788 entries from 1 382 schools. World wide (yes, the quiz is sat in many overseas schools) 800 Awards of Excellence were awarded, so Joanne was in a very select group.

Distinction Certificates were presented in class to those students who were in the next 15 per cent of students, and Credit Certificates to the following 15 per cent of candidates. In addition, four Year 9 and Year 10 girls earned High Distinctions in the Junior Division of the Quiz and were presented their certificates at a Year level assembly on Monday.

The School joins the Royal Australian Chemical Institute in congratulating all of our awardees.

### Chemistry Challenge Team Chosen

Two Mac.Rob students will spend two days at the Victorian College of Pharmacy late this month.

Sally Egan and Rachel Scott will join 18 other high achieving Year 11 chemistry students in a competition to develop the best hand cream. The two day hands on workshop explores the science behind everyday products. Having gone step by step through the product development cycle using formulation chemistry and physiology Sally and Rachel need to work out which ingredients to use and how to process them to make the best moisturising cream. They will present their final product to a panel of experts.

## **Australian Science Olympiads Chemistry Scholar**

The Board of Australian Science Innovations has invited Year 11 student, Rachel Stott, to be an Australian Science Olympiads Chemistry Scholar, based on her outstanding performance in the National Chemistry Olympiads Qualifying Examination.

Rachel is being offered an accelerated programme of learning in science which will primarily serve to train and select the 2008 Australian Science Olympiad Team. This will involve 17 days during January at the Australian National University. Following this programme the Australian Team, to compete at the Chemistry Olympiad in Hungary, will be selected.

Rachel's teachers and the wider school community wish her well as she undertakes this challenge.

*Andrew Rennie*  
*Science Coordinator, Curriculum*

## **The Alliance Française Berthe Mouchette Competition**

Each year all French classes take part in the Alliance Française Berthe Mouchette Competition. This year First Prizes are awarded to Vaishali Chaudhary in Year 11 for the oral exam and Louisa Selvadurai in Year 9 for the written exam, along with Caitlin McCoy in Year 9 who won the Committee Prize for the best candidate in Year 9. Second Prizes are awarded to Gifar Hassan of Year 10 for the oral exam and Caitlin McCoy of Year 9 for the written exam. Third Prizes go to Monique McLellan of Year 10 and Nupur Jaiswal of Year 9 for the oral exam and Madeleine Barrow in Year 9 for the written. The award of prizes will take place on the evening of Wednesday, 7 November at 7.30 p.m. at the Glen Eira Town Hall. Congratulations to the above students as well as to the two Year 12 French classes where 26 of the 36 participants received First Class Honours in the oral exam. Félicitations!!

*Mme Frenchard Smith*

## **Well Spoken!**

Earlier in Term 3, nine Mac.Rob students of Indonesian entered the Victorian 'Sayembara Speaking Competition'.

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Hafsa Zarook of year 11 was successful in taking out third prize in this Statewide competition. Sitara Paul, Shriya Rattan and Samantha Chow of year 10 also made it through to the State Finals. Congratulations also to Celene Pang, Marion Tissera and Alison Youssef (year 11) as well as Natasha Podesser and Rachel Vorlander (year 9) for their great performances. A final list of results is yet to be released. Selamat! & Well Done!

*Rebecca Kristanto*  
*Indonesian Teacher*

## **Exchange Students & Host Families**

Exchange students from Italy, Belgium, France, Holland, Germany, Brazil, Japan, Norway and Sweden are hoping to be able to stay with families, who would enjoy sharing their lifestyle and having a new experience, as of next February. If you would be willing to add a 15 to 18 year old girl or boy to your family for a half, one or two semesters, so beginning a life-long relationship with the person you choose and their family overseas, please ring Klaus Schumann on (03) 97584279. Your call will be very welcome as there are still many students waiting to be placed. You are asked to provide for one extra at mealtimes and a share-room or own room.

If interested in becoming an exchange student yourself, please ring the above telephone number.

*Klaus Schumann*  
*WEP Community Co-ordinator*

## **Careers News**

### **Careers at the Zoo**

Nine Year 10 students attended a Careers at The Zoo Day last Thursday. They heard from a range of zoo staff including keepers, vets, environmental educators & conservationists.



Avi Kaplan 10D with Honduran milk snake.

Some of the more unusual careers included curatorial divers and nutritionists. The zoo's role in sponsoring conservation and animal related projects in South East Asia and other areas was well explained.

Students were also encouraged to apply for work experience at the Zoo, and examples of both good and bad job applications were discussed. In addition, the importance of volunteer work was stressed as a way of distinguishing yourself as a potential applicant. Following lunch we broke into two groups to visit up close with either the gorillas or bears and their keepers.

### GAP Activity Projects—Volunteer Overseas

Make a difference and discover the world. GAP offers 17 – 25 year olds the opportunity to undertake a volunteer project in one of 16 different countries. A GAP Information Night is being held to give students the opportunity to speak with ex-GAPpers, parents of GAPpers and GAP volunteer staff from 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, 18 October at Wesley College, St Kilda Rd, Melbourne. To register visit the website [www.gapactivityprojects.org.au](http://www.gapactivityprojects.org.au) or enquire with Angela Cox at [acox@gapactivityprojects.org.au](mailto:acox@gapactivityprojects.org.au).

### Bar and waiting course at Box Hill Institute

Box Hill is running a Bar and Waiting Short Course designed for Year 12 leavers. This is a two and a half week full time course, commencing on Monday, 3 December. On completion students receive their Responsible Serving of Alcohol Certificate, Basic Food Hygiene Certificate and a Certificate of Participation. On successful completion of the course fully paid work is organised with Spotless catering at the MCG. Contact [barwaitingcourse@bhtafe.edu.au](mailto:barwaitingcourse@bhtafe.edu.au) or see [www.bhtafe.edu.au/barwaiting](http://www.bhtafe.edu.au/barwaiting). Cost: \$380.50 plus uniform. Please note you must be over 18 years at 25 December, 2007.

### Careers in Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)

VCE students and parents are invited to attend an Information Evening hosted by Swinburne University. Find out about careers available, how a career in ICT involves working with people to solve business problems, the predicted ICT skills shortage in Victoria, and why companies are demanding qualified and skilled ICT graduates. The evening is from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 19 December at the AGSE Building, Level 2, Lecture Theatre 207, Hawthorn campus. For Information/Registration please visit [www.swin.edu.au/ict/vce.php](http://www.swin.edu.au/ict/vce.php)

### Siemens Science Experience

Registrations are now open for the RMIT Siemens Science Experience in January. The program is three-days of science, engineering and technology activities for students in Year 10 in 2008. You can experience university life first hand by attending lectures and taking part in practical laboratory sessions from 22-24 January 2008. Please contact Turan Bellamy on 9925 3699 or at [turan.bellamy@rmit.edu.au](mailto:turan.bellamy@rmit.edu.au) Further information can be obtained through [www.scienceexperience.com.au](http://www.scienceexperience.com.au)

*Irene Serpless*  
*Careers Advisor*



### Parents@Mac.Rob would like to invite you to LUNCH

To help parents make connections with other Mac.Rob families in the northern/western suburbs, Linh and Tam Phan are hosting a parents' get together over lunch. This is a great opportunity to enjoy the company of other Mac.Rob families in your area.

**When:** 12.30 p.m. on Sunday, 21 October  
**Where:** 16 Peppercorn Court, Hillside  
Mel Ref: map 356 K1

Please bring some food to share. RSVP to Marian on 0409 800 358.

### A Summary of Important VCE Dates

Oct	23	* Yr 11 & 12 Assembly (2.00 p.m.)	
	24	* Last day Unit 3/4 classes * Yr 12 Valedictory function	
	25	* Yr 12 breakfast & farewell assembly * Last day Unit 2 classes	* Yr 12 Study commences p.m.
	26	* Year 11 break-up morning	* Year 12 Study break

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**Total payment enclosed: ..... \$**

Orders will be available for collection from the school at the  
**conclusion of the final assembly on December 19<sup>th</sup>.**

All inquiries to: John Gebbie, Coordinator, *Friends of Music @ Mac.Rob*.  
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