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## Principal News

The head of the History Committee, Mrs Susan Sherson, this week hosted a thank you lunch for our school historian Dr Pauline Parker in appreciation for her work in writing our school history, "The Making of Women". Dr Parker was presented with a bound copy of the history and a photograph of her with the Governor, Dr David De Kretser at the launch of the history at Government House. This was the last meeting of the History Committee whose work over a number of years is now completed and I thank each member for their support of this project, especially Mrs Sherson whose energy and determination ensured its success. Dr Parker is leaving Australia next year to spend two years as a volunteer aid worker in Africa and we wish her all the best for this venture.

The Inner South Principals Network, to which we belong, is, this year as its conference, organising a trip to a Dalton school, Ascham, in Sydney to explore their pedagogical ideas and teaching and learning model, which emphasises ownership of learning by the individual student. Assistant Principal Ms Marilyn Smith and I are looking forward to attending on Friday.

I would like to say how pleased I was to receive some great feedback about students travelling on the St Kilda Road trams this week for their thoughtfulness and courtesy in giving up their seats to older passengers. I have received a very nice message from the recipient of one of the seats who was very appreciative indeed and wanted to let us know what lovely students we have. Nice one girls.

*Jane Garvey*

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## 2007 Speech Night

Next Tuesday, 27 November is our 2007 Speech Night. We have been busily preparing for this very special occasion when all members of the school community, parents, present and past students, teachers, as well as friends and supporters from the wider community, gather to acknowledge and enjoy the talents and achievements of our students. In particular, it is a night to farewell our 2007 Year 12 students and celebrate their time at the school. The grandeur of the Melbourne Town Hall provides a very appropriate setting for this most important school event.

Because of the importance of Speech Night for all concerned, students are requested to ensure the highest standards of behaviour and dress. They are required to wear immaculate school uniform, comprising their blazer, winter skirt, white shirt (tucked in), school tie, black tights or black knee-high socks and black school shoes. Students have been asked to check the state of their uniform beforehand in case any repairs or cleaning are necessary. Your assistance with this would be greatly appreciated.

During the day on Tuesday all students must attend a rehearsal at the Town Hall. Year 9 students need to report to their Year Level Coordinators at 8.30 a.m. and students in Years 10-12 must report to their Form Teachers by 8.45 a.m. We expect to finish the rehearsal by 12.15 p.m., however, students involved in musical performances will need to stay until approximately 1.30 p.m.

In the evening the program will commence at 7.30 p.m. sharp. We have requested that everyone be seated by 7.15 p.m. and that mobile phones are turned off.

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing a memorable Speech Night with you all.

*Ms R Vesper, Assistant Principal*

## Stock Market Success!

A selection of students from Years 9-11 entered the ASX Sharemarket Trading Game, whereby they bought and sold shares, listed on ASX stock market. Each student started with \$50,000 and traded over an eight week period, finishing on 7 November. Su Ying Xie from 11K did exceptionally well, ending up with \$55,752.21. Overall Su Ying came fifth in Victoria and 20<sup>th</sup> in Australia, out of a total of 13473 players! Below are Su Ying's tactics:

"After deciding to be a 'sitting duck' early on in the game, I looked either for shares that would rise slowly and surely or traditionally strong shares that have dropped recently. With a little research and the realisation that there was a resources boom, I bought in on shares of Paladin Resources, Worleyparsons, Oil Search and BHP Billiton, on which I 'sat' and watched for several weeks disregarding the short term falls.

However, after America's Dow Jones' sharemarket crashed one Friday, I immediately sold all my shares and avoided most of the damage that could have been. Once I had ascertained that the sharemarket was once again on the rise, I bought back shares in Paladin Resources and Oil Search while trying my luck with Beach Petroleum and Lihir Gold which paid off with the price jump towards the close of the competition."

Congratulations to Su Ying for her success.

*Fiona MacAlpine*

*Work Experience Coordinator*

### Melbourne Symphony Orchestra (MSO) 2008 Concert Season

**Special price tickets for students &  
parents**

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Collect a form from outside the Music Office and  
return it (with payment) by Thursday, 29 November

## Forthcoming Events

### 2007

November 27	Speech Night
November 28	Report Writing Day— <b><i>Students NOT required at school</i></b>
November 29	* Peer Support Training * French Exchange departs
November 30	Year 10 - last day
December 3 to 14	Year 10 Work Experience
December 4	Orientation Day for 2008—new Year 9 students
December 8	Parents' Association Second-hand Book & Uniform Sale
December 9 to 14	Australian Volleyball School Cup
December 19	Final Assembly
December 21	End of Term 4

### 2008

January 29	Term 1 commences— Student Free Day
January 30	Year 9 students commence
January 30 to 31	Year 12 Monash University Camp
January 31	Years 10 and 11 students commence

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Orders open now until November 30th  
Orders available for collection morning of final assembly, December 19th

Stollen available in two sizes: 450g @ \$14.00; and 900g @ \$22.50  
*('Best before' date: 2-3 months from delivery)*

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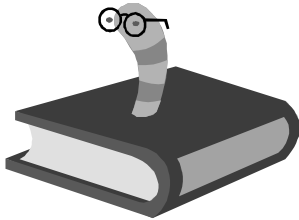
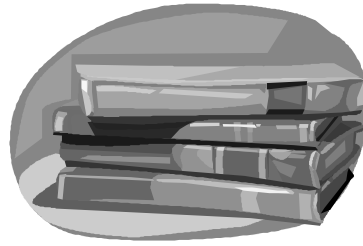
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Orders will be available for collection from the school at the conclusion of the final assembly on December 19th.  
All inquiries to: **John Gebbie**, Co-ordinator, *Friends of Music@ Mac.Rob*.  
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**BOOK COLLECTION DAYS**  
*(in consultation rooms 4&5)*

Monday, 26 November	–12pm – 2pm
Friday, 30 November	–12pm – 2pm
Friday, 7 December	– 9am – 3pm

**Uniforms** may be dropped off outside the General Office after Speech Night.

Please note that there is paperwork to be completed when dropping off second hand goods. It is available on the [parents@macrob](mailto:parents@macrob) website or from the General Office.

**Second hand Book and Uniform Sale**  
**Saturday, 8 December**

**9am - 12pm**

(cash and credit card facilities available)