

PRINCIPAL NEWS



Welcome back for the final term of 2008. The Year 12 students are experiencing their last school term and have their last classes on Wednesday 22nd with Year 11 classes also finishing that week. The **VCE Unit 4 final examinations** begin shortly after that so the preparation and revision for those is in full swing. I don't have to remind our self motivated students about the need to study for the exams but I have encouraged the students at assembly on Monday to ensure that they have regard to their health and wellbeing and maximise their resilience by eating well and getting eight hours of sleep every night to enable their brains to function at optimum level during this demanding time. **The Valedictory** for our graduating students will be held on the evening of the 22nd and we look forward to seeing the students and their parents on this very special night.

Sunday 5th October was **International Teachers Day** and I have suggested to students that they think about thanking the teachers who have helped them during the year for their assistance and support during this week. We all thrive on positive feedback and a little appreciation goes a long way in inspiring our hardworking teachers to continue their efforts. I am told by many students about how 'totally amazing' the teachers at Mac.Rob are but I know they would love to hear this themselves.

Speech Night, one of the highlights of the year where we celebrate our ongoing culture of high achievement is rapidly approaching and rehearsals are in progress for the massed singing which is so impressive.

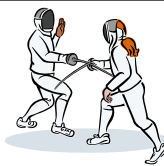
On Wednesday evening, I attended a **Monash University function** to hear about the benefits of the Monash Passport being introduced. Unlike the Melbourne University Model, there will be a strong emphasis on offering double degrees and as these are very popular with our students it will be a big point of differentiation between the two tertiary destinations favoured by many of our students in future years.

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Congratulations!



AMY REYNOLDS TO REPRESENT AUSTRALIA IN THE SPORT OF FENCING.

Amy Reynolds [9A] has been chosen to represent Australia in the upcoming **Youth Olympics** and in the **Commonwealth Junior Fencing Championships**. In recent weeks she gained a second place in the Oceania Junior [Under 20] Epee Championships and a first place in the Oceania Junior [Under 20] Epee Team Championships. **Congratulations Amy** upon your achievements. We look forward to receiving news of your success in International competitions.

Reminder to all Students — Public Transport Courtesy

Students are reminded that when travelling on the public transport system – on trains, trams and buses - they are required to offer their seat to full fare paying passengers and the elderly when there are no other seats available.

Careers



Year 10 Excursions.

In the last week of Term 3 two excursions were held for Year 10 students. On Tuesday 16 September there was a **Careers Day at the Zoo**. Students heard from zoo keepers, resident veterinarians, and education and conservation officers. They were given advice about obtaining work experience or employment with the zoo and which pathways provided the best chance of a career working with animals. Following lunch they were able to go behind the scenes with the keepers of Australian bush animals or the brown bears, and hear more about the enrichment schemes used by the keepers to enhance the life of these animals.

On Thursday 18 September twelve Year 10 students travelled to **Deakin University** in Burwood to take part in the **Healthier Nation Seminar**. They worked in small groups with students from a number of other schools and Deakin health science students and academics to investigate a current health issue such as climate change or childhood obesity. They were taken on a tour of the campus and attended a lecture on nutrition. Following lunch and time to research, they gave group presentations to faculty and students.

In Term 4 there will be a second **Careers Day** in the **Police Force** and a visit to **Monash University** to investigate course in business, design and arts.

New Undergraduate Degree Course for 2009. ANU is offering a new Bachelor of Genetics. Students can apply for this new program through UAC using code 138600. It does not appear in the printed UAC guide however, details of the program are available at www.uac.edu.au.

ACU Course Information Evening, Melbourne Campus, 115 Victoria Parade Fitzroy, Wednesday 17 December, 5.30 pm.

Ms Irene Serpless
Careers Teacher

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Annual Ceremonial Parade

**Melbourne High School Cadet Unit,
Ceremonial Band and
415 Squadron Australian Air Force cadets**

All members of the school community are invited to attend the final parade of the Cadet Unit - which will showcase cadet dress and bearing prowess, as well as music from the ceremonial band. This parade, **will be the last inaugural Mac. Rob cadets' slow march, as part of the Cadet Unit.** The parade will take place in the presence of **Brigadier M. Rreden AM CSC, Commander Land Warfare Development Centre.**

The ceremonial parade will take place on Thursday 16 October 2008, commencing at 6.30 pm, on the MHS Hockey Field. Guests are asked to be seated by 6.20 pm.

A light supper will be provided in the Hockey Pavilion at the conclusion of the parade. Parents are asked to **RSVP to Melbourne High School** if they are going to attend the Parade and supper.

If any parents are able to assist with the organisation of the supper could they please contact **Colin Axup** on **9826 0711**.

We hope to see you at the parade, which is an important part of the cadet calendar.

Mac. Rob Cadets 2008.

LRC Loans Update

In preparation for upcoming examination period, the LRC calls on the cooperation of students to ensure resources are returned and made available for the whole school to use.

Please assist the school by following these guidelines

- **Year 12 students** are asked to clear **all their loans** by the end of week 1, Term 4, Friday October 10. No further circulation for Year 12 students will occur after this date.
- All VCE resources, regardless of who has borrowed them, need to be returned by the same date, Friday October 10.

The LRC thanks students for their cooperation and wishes all students great success in their examinations.

Mr Nuccio Gurciullo
LRC



Western Chances Scholarship

Western Chances was founded in 2003 with the aim of providing scholarships to enable talented young people in Melbourne's West to pursue a talent or interest and realise their potential.

Scholarships are provided through a bi-annual (April/May and September/October) grant process. Scholarships are merit based and average about \$1,000 per successful scholarship applicant.

Scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the Western Chances Board to applicants who best meet the criteria and demonstrate their passion to develop their talent. The catchment municipality areas from which scholarship applicants can be nominated are Brimbank, Hobsons Bay, Maribyrnong, Melton, Moonee Valley and Wyndham local government areas.

Scholarship application forms are available to download from our website at www.westernchances.org.au during the scholarship round opening.

The young person needs to be:

- Able to demonstrate talent or ability, that given the opportunity could develop further.
- From a socially, economically disadvantaged background, (demonstrated by eligibility for Education Maintenance Allowance, Youth Allowance, AB Study, Parent Health Care Card or other evidence of financial need).
- From primary school age to 25 years.
- Nominated by a representative of an organisation such as a school, welfare agency, community organisation etc . (school principal, teacher, referring professional).
Applications will not be received directly from a family member or individual.
- Attending a State School or Tertiary Institution.

Please ensure you read through the **Western Chances Eligibility Guidelines** to make sure you meet the criteria. [If you decide to apply, please see your Level Co-coordinator as you must be nominated.](#)

The Go Show – presented by Western Chances

Western Chances is delighted to introduce you to this new opportunity from Footscray Community Arts Centre, who are producing **The Go Show** as part of the Melbourne International Festival of the Arts. They have a couple of shows happening on Tuesday 21 October 2008 at 7pm and 8pm and are offering tickets. It's a fantastic show, which celebrates the western suburbs, art, sport and the things that we're all passionate about. It's very accessible and **IT'S FREE!**

The audience will arrive at Footscray Station by 7pm (or 8.15pm depending on which show they're attending) and then will be taken by bus on a magical, theatrical tour of Footscray, complete with tour guides. The bus will stop at various iconic sites around Footscray, where the audience will be treated to performances by renowned artists as well as community groups, with a few surprises thrown in.

The Go Show is a very physical show with singing, dancing, martial arts and even skateboarding. The show runs for just over an hour and is suitable for young and old people alike. It's inspiring, fun and informative!

Artists and groups performing in the Go Show include:

- **Jungle City** (predominately young performers from the Horn of Africa community)
- **Vovinam** (young performers in traditional Vietnamese martial arts)
- **Burmese Choir** (Karen community)
- **Ethiopian Women's Society**
- **Horn of Africa Network**
- **Dambai Dancers**
- **Brown Roots** (performers from the Polynesian community)
- **Art Life and Art Day West** (performers with disabilities)
- **Split Lip** (young skateboarders)
- **Senior citizens** from Croatian, Russian, Hungarian backgrounds
- **Taler Alerce Cultural Workshop, Chilean Dance** and the **Western Bulldogs cheer squad**

The performance of the Go Show will go for approximately an hour and a half and the audience will be returned by bus to Footscray Station.

If you have any queries or wish to make a booking, please contact Justine Donohue of the Footscray Community Arts Centre on;
0422 266 193 or **9362 8809**
Mondays and Wednesdays.

Mac.Robertson Girls' High School

CREATIVE ARTS EXHIBITION

2008

ART

MEDIA

VISUAL COMMUNICATION AND DESIGN

PHOTOGRAPHY

DIGITAL ART

Opening Friday October 17

5-9pm

Gymnasium Complex

Ensemble Music Performances
Refreshments Provided

FORTHCOMING EVENTS: TERM 4



Week Two:

Thursday 16 October

Cadets Annual Parade

Friday 17 — Monday 20 October

Mac.Rob Creative Arts Exhibition

Week Three:

Tuesday 21 October

School Council 6.30 pm
Parents Association 7.30 pm – Function room

Wednesday 22 October

Last day of Year 12 classes
Year 12 Valedictory Dinner 5 pm — Palladium at Crown

Thursday 23 October

Year 12 Breakfast and Farewell Assembly
Last day Year 11 classes

Friday 24 October

Year 11 farewell activities

Friday 24 — Thursday 30 October

Year 12 study period

Week Four:

Monday 27 October

Year 11 study day

Tuesday 28 October—Friday 30 October

Year 11 Exams

Friday 31 October

Year 12 Exams commence



Student Accommodation

A current student is seeking accommodation from November 2008 until February 2009. If you are interested in providing accommodation please contact Mrs. Baldock; the Student Welfare Coordinator on **9 864 7713**.



Education Maintenance Allowance

The second instalment of **Education Maintenance Allowance** is now available for collection. Please come and collect your cheque from Mrs. Baldock in the Student Welfare Office as soon as possible.

Gillian Baldock
SWC