

PRINCIPAL NEWS

On Monday, we welcomed the teachers and students of **SMAN1 Serang – Serang State Senior High School**, which is one of the leading schools in **Indonesia**, for a visit. After an official welcome, speeches and an exchange of gifts, we were treated to a special display of dancing from the Indonesian girls wearing traditional costumes and dancing to their national music. We are unable currently to have exchanges to Indonesia owing to the travel advice from the Australian Government, but this is a great opportunity for our students to practise their Indonesian language skills and learn from the visiting students about the country and its customs.

On Tuesday, all the teaching staff attended an **Asthma Education Program** conducted by the Asthma Foundation as part of the Asthma Friendly Schools Program. The aim of the program is to contribute to the quality of life, health outcomes and wellbeing of students. The approach includes minimising potential asthma triggers within the school environment, for example mowing lawns during recess and lunchtimes and attention to strong smelling cleaning agents as well as assisting students to implement their Action Plans when they experience symptoms. Teachers were instructed about the use of individual Asthma Action Plans and the administration of the various drugs used to treat the condition. Over 2 million Australians suffer from asthma which is a condition that can have sometimes fatal consequences if it is not managed effectively.

This week I am also attending a **Principal's Conference** focusing on the integration of Information and Communication Technology into the curriculum with other principals from the Inner South Principals' Network.

CONGRATULATIONS — FIRST PRIZE WINNER!

Congratulations to **Hilary Hunt** in Year 10 who won first prize in the junior division of the **Problem Solving Competition** run by Victoria University School of Computer Science and Mathematics.

DEBATING SUCCESS

Congratulations to our **B Grade Debating Team** who won the **Grand Final of the Debating Competition**. The speakers were **Antonija Kurbalija, Gifar Hassan** and **Bebe D'Souza**. **Caitlin McInnis** and **Sharline Cheng** didn't speak at the final debate but helped prepare the case, and have been a part of the team throughout the year and have made a significant contribution. **Students in A, C and D Grades** also had a very **successful year**.

Students at MacRob are indeed fortunate to have the opportunity to develop their skills through a program of coaching from ex - students, some who have been members of the State or National Debating Teams. **Yvette Arnott**, the teacher who looks after Debating and Public Speaking, is also to be congratulated for her ongoing support and encouragement of all the students

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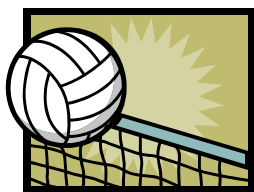
On Tuesday October 14, four Year 10 students attended a **Careers in the Police Force** day. They arrived at Police Headquarters on Flinders St where they were given an overview of recruitment procedures for different branches and an outline of opportunities within policing. They then travelled to the Water Police Squad in Williamstown where they learnt how the force dealt with emergency situations and toured the boats and equipment areas. Lunch was in the police canteen at The Police Academy in Glen Waverley which was followed by a tour of the firearms training complex, the gymnasium and fitness track, police chapel and so on.

Creative Media Summer School at RMIT: Explore your creativity this summer. Workshops available in photography, games, film making and more. Bookings at www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au.

Ms Irene Serpless



Victorian Volleyball Schools Cup Gold Medallists



Congratulations to the following girls who competed in the 3-day tournament:

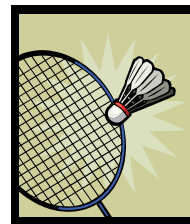
Claire McDermott (captain), Akshita Sundaresh, Michelle Vuong, Krystina Emmanouilides, Miranda Hornung, Carmaine Ng, Eleanor Everist, and Claire Fitzpatrick.

Some of the members of this team have worked their way from Bronze to Silver and through to Gold, over the past 3 years in this competition.

A real achievement. Well done girls!

Ms Erin Lambert

BADMINTON TEAM — 3RD PLACE IN THE ALL SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS



Mac.Rob competed successfully in the **All Schools Badminton Championships** held at MSAC on Thursday 9 October. The school competed in the Premier Division and won four of their six matches. The team defeated Notre Dame College, Toorak College, Firkbank College and Santa Maria College 6-0 but lost in a close match to Glen Waverley Secondary College by 3 points, and to Haileybury College 6-0. The team is congratulated for these achievements.

A **special thankyou** to **Chiu Pin Ho** who has captained the team throughout her time at this school and today defeated the number two Australian player. Unfortunately she was up against the number one ranked player from Haileybury and was not able to lift herself to victory.

SENIOR CRICKET TEAM WIN NORTHERN ZONE FINAL



The **senior cricket team** defeated Mildura Senior Secondary College to win the **Northern Competition**. The match was played at Bendigo in fine conditions. Mildura batted first and was dismissed for 57 runs. The chief wicket takers were **Amanda Jenkins** [3 wickets for 0 runs] and **Vidhya Uddaiyar** [2 wickets for 17 runs]. Vidhya also took an excellent catch and was a very neat wicket keeper. Mac.Rob achieved the total of 57 runs with the loss of 3 wickets with **Amanda Jenkins** holding the innings together and finishing Not Out 14. **Debra Loughnan**, the captain of the team, scored 13 runs.

The team will now play the winner of **Western Zone** to determine who will play in the **State Final**. This match will be played on Wednesday 15 October at the Oak Park Sport Centre. The final will be played on Thursday 16 October at Silcock Park, Croydon.

Mr Russell Webber

Would you like to reduce the amount of conflicts you have with your child?

Are you concerned that your child's behaviour is getting harder to manage?

Who's



Has your child been threatening you, hurting you, or breaking things you value?

the Boss?

Reclaiming Calm and Respect in Your Family

The group aims to:-

- Provide parents with a supportive environment in which they can share their experiences of parenting.
- Offer parents an opportunity to develop new strategies for managing their child's behaviour.

For further information, or if you would like to come to the group, please contact Trish on 9690-9144 or Garry 9525 1300

FORTHCOMING EVENTS: TERM 4



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 31 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

Week Five:

Monday 3 November	Year 10 Study Day
Tuesday 4 November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Wednesday 5—Thursday 6 November	Year 10 Exams

Week Six:

Tuesday 11 November—Thursday 13 November	Duke of Edinburgh camp
Thursday 13 November	Earth & Cosmos excursion
	Middle School Music Soiree 6.30—8.30 pm Theatre
	New Parents Information Evening—7.30 pm Hall