

PRINCIPAL NEWS



The **VCE English examination** on Friday morning commences the final assessment period for our students undertaking Unit 3 and 4 subjects and we wish them all the best. The students I have spoken to are feeling confident that they are well prepared but understandably still apprehensive about undertaking this last task. Many of our teachers work as assessors for the VCE examinations and this gives them very valuable insights into the assessment process and enables them to bring these to their teaching and preparation of students. They too will be burning the midnight oil over the next weeks marking huge numbers of examination papers.

Friday 31 October is **International Teachers' Day**. As I tell student teachers every year, they have chosen a wonderful career. Our teachers have the privilege of working with some of the most able students in the state and enjoy having classes where learning is keenly sought and highly valued. Our girls are focussed and motivated and it is the responsibility of our teachers to set high expectations for them and encourage them to reach for the sky.

Teachers at Mac.Rob are called on to support our students in many ways and they spend many hours outside the classroom preparing work and working with individual students. They do this with enthusiasm and I would like to commend this work and challenge them to continue to find new ways, to enhance the learning partnerships they have developed within their faculties and with their students.

Teaching is demanding work and teachers carry huge responsibility for nurturing and challenging each generation of Australians as they mature in an increasingly complex and demanding society.

On International Teachers' Day, I thank them for taking up this challenge and for their contribution to the future of our students.

Jane Garvey

2008 SPEECH NIGHT

This year **Speech Night** is on **Tuesday 25 November** at **7.30 pm** in the **Town Hall**. Students have already received information about how to order their 2 complimentary tickets and any additional ones they require.

Rehearsals for the Speech Night singing have already commenced and the school is running a slightly adjusted timetable to allow additional rehearsals on most days.

Students are required wear their school blazer, winter skirt, white shirt, school tie, black tights or black knee-high socks and black school shoes to Speech Night. They should ensure that their uniform meets the high standard of dress required for this most important school occasion. They now have lots of notice to check if any cleaning or repairs of their uniform are necessary.

Ms Rebecca Vosper
Assistant Principal

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English & Writing Competition 2008

In June and August of this year, students from Mac.Rob entered the **ICAS University of NSW Writing and English Competitions**. As usual, entry to the Writing Competition was voluntary, but this year the entire student body was entered in the English Competition.

Twenty five students elected to participate in the **Writing Competition** and of these; **eleven were awarded Credits, eleven received Distinctions** and one student, **Danielle Weber in Year 11 achieved a High Distinction**, a result placing her in the **top 1% of the state**.

Both participation in the English competition and the results achieved were outstanding. Of the 799 students who completed the competition, **fifty achieved High Distinctions**, placing them in the **top 1% of results**. Of these students, **six received Gold Medals**, the **highest score** for their **year level** in the **state**. Our **Gold Medal winners** were;

YEAR 10:

Stephnie Nithianandan
Elizabeth Davies

YEAR 11:

Gina Yang
Sally Egan
Hespera Henzell

YEAR 12:

Maria Selvadurai

The Principal, Ms Garvey presented each of the **Gold Medal winners** with her **certificate** at the last **school assembly**. Each of the Gold Medal recipients along with two guests, has been invited to attend a **Special Awards Ceremony** at The Park Room Melbourne Park Function Centre, on Friday 28 November, at which the students will be presented with their Gold Medal, as well as a commemorative photo.

Further **High Distinctions** were achieved by:

YEAR 9:

Jodie Chia, Cynthia Huang, Mahita Iyer, Jennifer Liacos, Rebecca Low, Vineeta Maruti, Sarah Milton, Lauren Murphy, Anna Schneider and Tessa Tan.

YEAR 10:

Alice Bisits, Genevieve Bone, Kate Charters, Janet Egan, Jaclyn Fisticchia, Aisling Grey, Louisa Hermitage, Hilary Hunt, Alice Kennedy, Alexandra Klages, Zhuyi Lee, Jaymee Mak, Alexandra Marks, Leanne Ng and Saskia Solopotias

YEAR 11:

Hilary Bowman, Annie Cheng, Alana Cowling, Cathy Do, Eliza Gardner-Brunton, Olivia Graham, Emma Hoy, Nisha Iyer, Phuong Le, Monique McLellan, Stephanie Morley and Sonam Tashi-Tsepa.

YEAR 12:

Esther Faine-Vallantin, Sinead Gough and Olivia Liang.

As well as these outstanding achievements, **212 students received Distinctions** and a further **324 students received Credits**.

The English Faculty congratulates all our students on their exceptional efforts and achievements.

Deborah Stringer
English Co-ordinator





The 2008 Parents' Association Book and Uniform Sale is on Saturday 6 December this year between 9 and 12 pm.

If students want to sell books through us we will be collecting books between 11 am and 2 pm on 18 and 21 November (for Year 11 and 12 students only) and 24 November (all students) in the Consultation Rooms opposite the Hall, Level 2 Kings Way. We will also be collecting books all day on 27 November for all students.

Details of the text books we will be selling and collecting from students and the necessary documentation will be available within the next fortnight. Year 11 and 12 students can collect this at the General Office and the Senior School Office. We will also be making the booklists and forms available through the Newsletter which can be accessed online at any time on;

http://www.macrob.vic.edu.au/news_newsletter.htm.

Collection of uniforms is per the arrangements in the notice which was distributed to all students by Paula Glover. Please contact Paula at school on 9864 7759 for further information about this. Spare copies of the uniform lodgment forms are available at the General Office.

Students please consider selling your books and uniforms through us. This is our major fund raising activity and through this we are able to fund the Small Grant's Scheme, the end of year prizes, the Year 9 BBQ and the many other things we help the school with financially.

Summary

| Activity | Day | Time |
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| Collect Books | 18 th November - VCE only | 11.00 – 2:00 |
| Collect Books | 21 st November - VCE only | 11.00 – 2:00 |
| Collect Books | 24 th November - all students | 11.00 – 2:00 |
| Collect Books | 27 th November - all students | All day |
| Sell Books | 6 th December | 9:00 – 12:00 |

Remember the forms can be collected from-

- The General Office
- The Senior School Office

The online newsletter: http://www.macrob.vic.edu.au/news_newsletter.htm

- Year 9 and 10 students will receive this information in Form Assembly



SENIOR CRICKET TEAM FINISH THIRD PLACE IN THE STATE.

The **Senior Team** played against Pascoe Vale Girls' Secondary College on 15 October to determine who was to play in the state final. After 20 overs tight bowling by **Debra Loughnan**, **Vidhya Uddaiyar** and **Akshita Sundaresh**, this restricted Pascoe Vale to 48 runs.

After the drinks break one of the Pascoe Vale girls had an all out assault on our bowlers scoring frequently with fours which escalated the score to 175 runs for 5 wickets after 35 overs.

When Mac.Rob batted, **Debra Loughnan** and **Vidhya Uddaiyar** batted with skill and determination until they were dismissed while trying to increase the run rate. The other members of the team tried to meet the demands of the task but found the challenge too demanding and the team was dismissed for 113 runs.

SUPER 8 CRICKET TEAM NEARLY STEAL A VICTORY.

The **Intermediate Team** lost to Avila College in the final of the Super 8 competition held at Mulgrave Reserve on Wednesday 22 October 2008. They were defeated by this team by 20 runs in the round robin competition and they defeated Avila B team and Highvale Secondary College to earn an opportunity to compete in the final.

In the final Mac.Rob batted first and scored 48 runs for the loss of three wickets. The outstanding batswoman was **Elizabeth Howells** and all of the other team members batted with purpose and sound defence. When Avila batted everything went right for our bowlers with **Rachel Leng** securing 3 wickets in one over and all of the other bowlers making it difficult for Avilla to score and securing wickets as well. Despite this Avilla was just able to secure a victory by 2 runs.

All members of the team are congratulated for the way that they developed their skills during the day and directed their energies as a team to almost pull off an improbable victory.

Mr Russell Webber
Sports Coordinator



PARENT HELP NEEDED WITH SECOND HAND BOOK & UNIFORM SALE

Saturday 6 December is the Mac.Rob second hand book and uniform sale.

This event is our major fundraiser for the year, so we need your help to make it successful!

Parents@macro would appreciate your assistance for the following days,

Book Collection Days:

Tuesday 18 November 11 am—2 pm

Friday 21 November 11 am—2 pm

Monday 24 November 9 am—3.30 pm

Friday 5 December 9 am—12 pm (Setup Only)

Book and Uniform Sale Day:

Saturday 6 December 9 am—1 pm

Please contact Marian on **0409 800 358** or send an email to **parents@macro.vic.edu.au** if you are able to help.

Mr Jeremy Hunt
President — parents@macro

FORTHCOMING EVENTS: TERM 4



Week Five:

Monday 3 November

Year 10 Study Day
Canteen Closed

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

Week Seven:

Monday 17 November

2009 VCE Orientation Program Commences

Tuesday 18 November—Thursday 20 November

Duke of Edinburgh Camp

School Council 6.30 pm
Parents Association 7.30 pm—Function Room

Wednesday 19 November

Japanese Exchange Departs

Friday 21 November

Year 12 Exams Conclude

Week Eight:

Tuesday 25 November

RESEARSAL FOR Speech Night—Town hall
commences 8.45 am for all students

SPEECH NIGHT—Town Hall
Commences 7.30 pm

Wednesday 26 November

Report Writing Day
Students NOT required at school

Friday 28 November

Last day for Year 10 Students