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Principal News

Mac.Rob VCE Students 2007 awarded 12 Premier's Awards

Our Year 12 students of 2007 have made us very proud this week as they received a total of 12 Premier's VCE awards for outstanding academic achievement at the ceremony conducted at the Palladium at Crown on Thursday.

We congratulate each of the girls on this achievement. Four of the students were selected as Top All-Round VCE High Achievers with one of these four also receiving an Award in Art and in English. The subject awards are given to the top few students in the state in each subject and there are usually about 30 Top All-Rounder awards given.

These awards reflect the productive learning relationships between the students and their teachers. It is the purposeful teaching, individual attention, fostering of confidence, coaching and development of strategies that goes on over the students' years at Mac.Rob which help our students to do their best. Our teachers are enormously proud of the outstanding achievements of their students and the Premier's awards are a wonderful demonstration of the productive learning partnerships formed between them. I commend the excellent contribution of all our teachers to fostering our learning culture. Many of the teachers attended the award ceremony to see their pupils receive their awards.

Congratulations to:

- Misty Brozgul as a Top All-Round VCE High Achiever;
- Anna Lam as a Top All-Round VCE High Achiever and in Art and in English;
- Jean Lu as a Top All-Round VCE High Achiever;
- Wei-Jie Yang as a Top All-Round VCE High Achiever;
- Sarah Blundy for Environmental Science;
- Justine Carey for Environmental Science;
- Esther Faine-Vallantin for History;
- Hannah Gould for English Language;
- Nancy Khav for Chemistry; and
- Matilda Reynolds for Environmental Science.

West Side Story

Last week saw the culmination of months of work and rehearsals with the joint musical production of West Side Story in the Memorial Hall at Melbourne High School. The depth of artistic talent in both our schools is amazing. This was a clever and spirited production which engaged the audience thoroughly for a highly enjoyable night of theatre. I congratulate the cast members on their excellent performances and especially the quality of the singing which was outstanding. The choreography was brilliant against a very clever set and the orchestra played beautifully; all in all, a terrific production.

We congratulate Director Amy Porter and Musical Director Claire Nicholson, Vocal Director Curtis Bayliss, Assistant Director Joan Porter, Assistant Choreographer Kylene Cook, Assistant Vocal Director Angus Grant and Stage Crew Coordinator Michael Sharkey on their success and thank the costume designers, stage crew and teachers who gave time to supervise the rehearsals over the many weeks it takes to bring a production of this size together. This is an annual event with a long history which is looked forward to by the communities of both schools and is a great collaboration between the two schools. Well done all those involved.

Jane Garwey

Thank You—West Side Story

Dear Jeremy and Jane,

I wish to congratulate everyone involved in the production of West Side Story. It was a brilliant display of so much talent, commitment and appreciation of this most relevant, powerful story.

I would also like to commend the cast and crew for their after-party 'act'. They were in high spirits, exhausted and thirsty - not necessarily auspicious conditions for a gathering. But I was so impressed with the friendly, sensitive, mature and considerate manner in which they conducted themselves. They are a fine bunch of young people. If only we could see them on the front pages of our newspapers!

Yours faithfully,

Fiona Colin

Parent, Melbourne High School

Chamber Voices Win Eisteddfod

The MacRob Chamber Voices competed in the Boroondara Eisteddfod on Friday, 9 May. The 25 selected singers were awarded First Place! The singers are in Years 9 through to 12 and their voices are carefully matched to achieve maximum balance and blend. They are also selected for the security of their intonation which is so important in unaccompanied part-singing. Undoubtedly our Chamber Voices win in the "a cappella" section of the Eisteddfod. Congratulations to each member of Chamber Voices!



House Chorals' Raffle for Sri Lankan Orphans

On Wednesday, 16 of April, the night of chorals, Yr 11I held a raffle to raise money in order to buy school supplies for girls at the Sri Yasodhara Devi Balika

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Nivasa Orphanage in Sri Lanka. The youngest of the girls is only one and a half years of age and many of these girls have become orphans because of the Boxing Day tsunami, poverty and the civil war that has been raging for over 20 years. Not only does this orphanage home these girls, it provides them with everyday necessities, education and transport. By being able to supply each orphan with basic educational supplies, we hope to not only ease some of the financial strain on the orphanage but to also put a smile on these orphans' faces who have already been through so much. In order to buy every orphan school supplies, which we estimate will be about \$15.00 for each, we still have quite a bit of work to do to raise the money needed to cover the costs of the school supplies, and also for their transportation over to Sri Lanka. A special congratulations to Ai Peng, the winner of the grand prize of a beautiful pot plant and a jar of lollies. We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who bought a ticket on the night and also to 'Flowers of Distinction' for donating this wonderful pot plant.

Nayomi Naranpanawa,

Year 11J Social Service Representative

Careers

Building Melbourne Seminar

On Thursday, 22 May six students from Year 10 travelled to Deakin University's Waterfront Campus in Geelong for a Building Melbourne seminar and workshop. Students formed five studio teams and worked on producing a model of the following buildings—The Shrine of Remembrance, The Eureka Tower, The Melbourne Museum, Federation Square and The Australian Academy of Contemporary Arts. The 3D physical models were then aligned and positioned within the city of Melbourne footprint which included the city grid and the Yarra River. Students also heard from the Chair of Architecture, Professor Des Smith who outlined career opportunities in building and architecture.

Lunchtime Speakers

Monash University:

On Monday, 12 May, Jamie Mc Donald, Manager of Marketing and Recruitment at the Faculty of Law, Monash University outlined the many combined courses available with Law at Monash and went through the graduate outcomes of students from the course.

On Tuesday, Andrew Owen, Events and Promotions Officer from The Faculty of Information Technology and Jacqui Hoare, from Business and Economics gave presentations.

Catherin Higgins from the Science Faculty and Alastair de Rosario from Arts spoke to students on Thursday. Alastair discussed the many specialised Arts degrees available at Monash including Global Arts and Arts, Criminal Justice.

Finally on Friday Alannah Harris from Engineering, and Tom Hazell from Art and Design gave talks. Tom outlined degrees in Architecture, Interior Design, Visual and Fine Arts and was able to provide students with advice for presenting their folios for selection into these courses.

Our thanks to Monash for arranging these speakers. Many Faculties commented that Mac Rob is one of the biggest providers of students for their courses.

The Age Journalism Seminar

Wednesday July 16, 6.00 – 7.00 BMW Edge Federation Square This seminar will include print and electronic media. Bookings are essential, cost \$12.50, www.education.theage.com.au/sales

RMIT

Years 10-12 students interested in a career in medical science can find out what happens by visiting a laboratory where third year Laboratory Medicine students at RMIT complete their professional practice (including major teaching hospitals). If you are interested in the laboratory investigation, diagnosis, treatment & monitoring of disease and want to learn more about the role of the medical scientist, visit www.rmit.edu.au/medical-sciences/lab-visits; Tour Dates: 7-11 July; Registration closes 13 June. Information: Merilyn Lennox, 9925 7075, Merilyn.lennox@rmit.edu.au.

RMIT's 'Experience Engineering' programs offer Yr 11-12 students the chance to see how engineering changes the way we live. These hands-on workshops will also give a feel for university life.

**Aerospace, automotive, mechanical and mechatronics - 10am-4pm, Thursday 3 July; at Bundoora East campus, Cnr McKimmies Lane/Plenty Rd; Cost: Free (including lunch); Registration by 15 June: www.rmit.edu.au/aero-mech; Information: 9925 6022.

**Electrical and computer –9.30am-4pm, Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 July (two identical days); City campus, Building 10, Level 7, Room 27; Cost: Free (including lunch); Registration n by 15 June: www.rmit.edu.au/sece/prospective/experience Information: Lorraine, 9925 2766

Irene Serpless
Careers Advisor

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

Semester 1 EMA cheques are now available for collection from Mrs Baldock in the Student Welfare Office.

Gillian Baldock
Student Welfare Coordinator



School Tours for Prospective Students & Parents

- Friday, 30 May 2 – 3pm
- Tuesday, 10 June 11am – 12 noon

*(Bookings are essential for all School Tours—
contact Registrar's office 9864 7755)*

Entrance Examination for Year 9, 2009

- Saturday, 14 June 12.30-4pm
at Royal Exhibition Building, Carlton

Entrance Examination for Years 10-12, 2009

- Friday, 6 June (times to be determined)
at The Mac.Robertson Girls' High School



PORT PHILLIP

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND SAFETY

The school has been asked to make the following request of parents:

Parents dropping off their daughter in the Albert Road Service Lane are requested not to block access to:

- other vehicles wishing to drive into or out of the parking bays
- the 2 way through traffic in this lane



Forthcoming Events

Monday, 26 May to Friday, 30 May

Health Week

Monday, 26 May

Senior Students Music Soirée

Thursday, 5 June

Writing Competition—Yr 11 & 12 Students

Monday, 9 June

Queen's Birthday (Public Holiday)

Tuesday, 10 June

* VCE Study Day

* Year 9 Red Day—9A to 9E

Wednesday, 11 June to Friday, 13 June

Year 12 Exams & GAT

Thursday, 12 June

Writing Competition—Year 9 & 10 Students

Friday, 13 June

Report Writing day—students **NOT** required at School

Mac.Rob
Senior Music Students
present a
Soirée

Monday, 26 May
from 7.30-9pm
in the Hall

Admission is free!

**Parents, students and friends are
warmly invited to attend.**

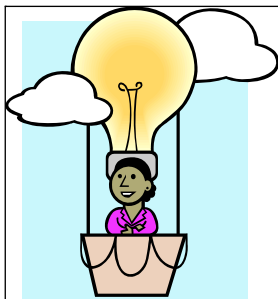
**There will be a raffle on the night, with a
\$100 Westfield voucher as 1st Prize and an
Avon products basket as 2nd Prize.**

**Tickets will be \$2 each or 3 tickets for \$5.
Supper by gold coin donation.**

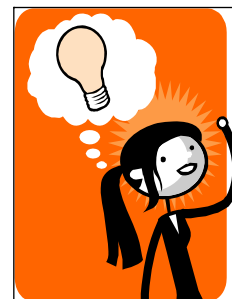
Small Grants 2008 – A Parents’ Association Initiative (Ends Friday, 13 June 2008)

Dear brilliant Mac.Robians (Yes, students AND teachers) !!!

Did you want to organise on a Mac.Rob Activity? Can you think of one?



- Debating
- Arts
- Music
- Sports
- Community building
- Cultural
- (Insert your ideas here!!!)



Here is your chance to create and lead your own opportunity and take others with you on the journey!!!

Parents@Macrob Small Grants support, through financial assistance, projects which –

1. Bring new experiences of learning – something you would like to do but isn’t available yet.
2. Involve additional exploration of knowledge – e.g. through attending external events and conferences
3. Extend participation by students, teachers and parents
4. Will not become operational without this assistance
5. Would benefit from up to \$200 financial support.

Please contact the General Office in term 2 for application forms and detailed criteria.

When you have completed your application:

1. Make a photocopy for your record
2. Lodge the original at the General Office
3. Make a note of the name and person who dates and signs your form.



Igniting Innovative Ideas!

Applications are now open for The Foundation for Young Australians for **Spark Fund** granting round for young people.

The Spark Fund financially supports young people aged 12-25 years to 'ignite an innovative idea' which makes a positive contribution to the community and enhances their skills and experiences.

Individuals or small groups of young people aged 12-25 years, may apply for a Spark Fund grant. Applications can be made at any time and the Selection Committee will meet to decide on applications received.

Applications for the next round of The Spark Fund need to be received by **Monday, 30 June 2008.**

Potential applicants can find out more by logging onto www.youngaustralians.org or by calling 03 9670 5436 or 1800 252 316.