

PRINCIPAL NEWS - Term 3 Week 7

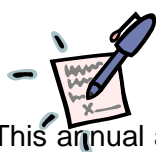
Congratulations to **Mary Duong** and **Hannah Bills** who have been selected to attend the **National Youth Science Forum** in Canberra during January. Mary and Hannah have been selected into the Physics group in addition to the students who have been selected into the Biology group. This is a very prestigious forum which promotes high level achievement in science and offers the possibility of going on to the International Science Forum in London.

This week we are interviewing Year 11 candidates for the position of **School Captain** and **Vice Captain** in **2009**. It is expected that we will be able to announce the new appointees on Friday afternoon.

Lateness

A reminder to all students that the cold weather we have been having is not an excuse to be late to school. Late arrivals to class mean missed learning, interrupting the teacher and disrupting the lesson for the rest of the students. Teachers are finding it very frustrating that a number of Year 12 students, who are in their last six weeks of classes before the exams, are coming very late to their first lesson of the day. This is unacceptable and these students should not expect to be admitted to class late unless there is a very significant reason for their late arrival.

Jane Garvey



IMPORTANT REQUEST **THE 2008 PARENT OPINION SURVEY**

This annual and anonymous survey is currently being conducted in government schools across Victoria. **Mac.Rob** posted the survey to 150 randomly selected parents this week so that we can receive valuable information and feedback from our parent community.

In past years the data from this survey has been used to drive school improvement but we need to maximise the return rate.

If you have received the survey, it would really be appreciated if you could take the time to complete and return it to the school, as soon as possible.

Thank you

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Grampians Adventure Camp

Over three day weekend, **Melbourne High** and **Mac. Rob cadets** camped in the **Grampians National Park**. Renowned for its world-famous rock climbing regions, all cadets were able to scale the rock faces of the Grampians. Almost 10 different climbs were set up, ranging from level 13 to 22, which ensured everyone had the opportunity to challenge themselves. Abseiling was also an exhilarating activity which provided a stunning view over the northern Grampians before you walked yourself over the edge of the cliff.

Half-day and day-long walks tackled by the cadets included **The Pinnacle, Briggs Bluff, Mt Difficult** and **Major Mitchell**. These walks took us up steep scrambles to plateaus with splendid views, through massive boulders and windswept terraces, to the bases of cliff overhangs and past beautiful waterfalls (which we inevitably stopped and frolicked in). The Mt Difficult walk took the Year 10's to the highest point in the Northern Grampians – at 470m elevation.

To walk the Major Mitchell, the Year 11 and 12's woke up at 4am to ensure we had time to eat a hot breakfast, pack and walk a very steep 2km to the start of the walk in time to see the sunset. Unfortunately the clouds obscured the view; however, we did see glimpses of the sun throughout the wet and windy day. Ironically, the Year 9's and 10's, who woke up at 6am were able to see a stunning sunrise at base camp – a rich red on the nearby mountains. After the invigorating, yet tiring walks, we kicked around the footy and soccer balls, and sat around the fire strumming the guitar and sharing stories.

Bridget Pianta
Mac. Robertson Cadet



Standing under one of the waterfalls in the Pinnacle Walk.

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A Case of Identity

This exciting hands-on **Science activity** was organised by **Mr Rennie** for all Year 9 students on Monday August 28.

It enabled students to learn first hand how forensic science is used to help solve crime.

The presenter, Lucy Shammy from Sydney, guided the students through the crime investigation activity. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all students.



A SINFONIA OF SLICES

A **cake stall** is to be held at recess on Wednesday 3 September by **Friends of Music @ Mac.Rob**.

Music students, please bring cakes and slices. Other Mac.Rob students, please come and enjoy them.



**SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS
In
STATE FINALS**

The **Senior Table Tennis team** defeated Heatherhill High School in the State Final held recently at MSAC. At the completion of the singles competition, teams were locked at 3 games all. Mac.Rob won both of the doubles matches and became the **state champions** winning 5 games to 3. **Congratulations** to **all the team members** and the coaches **Mr Choo** and **Mr Mannix**.

The **Senior Badminton team** was defeated by Glen Waverley Secondary College in a tightly contested final held at MSAC on Friday 22 August. Mac.Rob easily accounted for the other teams in the earlier stages of the competition as did Glen Waverley High School. Astute observers gave Mac.Rob little chance in the finals with the Glen Waverley team mostly made up of national and state players. At the completion of the singles competition Mac.Rob was 3 games to 1 down, with **Tracy Liu** being our only winner. Mac.Rob won both the doubles matches and lost narrowly overall by 8 points. **Congratulations** to the **team members** for their achievement of being the **second best team in the State**.

The **Intermediate Badminton** team finished a creditable **third in the State Championships**. The team easily accounted for two of the teams in the round robin stage of competition but was defeated on points by Kurnai Secondary College to finish in second place in the pool. They played against Kangaroo Flat Secondary College, in the semi-final and lost this in a closely contested match. This was an excellent result as most of the team commenced as beginners and developed their skills throughout the year.

The **Senior Netball team** was competitive in their matches in the State Championships winning 1 match and losing 2 others in the round robin stage of competition. The **Senior Hockey team** is to play this Thursday in the **State Championships**.

The Senior Students are to be congratulated for their excellent achievements in sport

Mr Webber



Mr Webber
and the
Badminton
team



COMMUNITY PLAN 2007 – 2017

First Year Report Card

Albert Park
St Kilda Road
Middle Park
Balaclava
East St Kilda
Elwood
Port Melbourne
Garden City
St Kilda
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The Mayor and Councillors invite you to a community forum to report back on implementation of the first year of the Community Plan.

The Port Phillip 2007-2017 Community Plan sets out agreed community priorities developed at the 2007 Community Summit. These priorities influence Councillors when they set their top priorities for the Council Plan each year. This forum will report on actions taken, seek feedback on how we monitor progress and examine community involvement and participation.

Guest speaker Jim Diers (USA), former Director of the Seattle Department of Neighbourhoods, is internationally recognised for his work in building participatory democracy and community leadership. Jim is visiting Australia to work with several communities to strengthen community connections and participation.

WHEN : September 9, 2008

7—9pm (light supper afterwards)

WHERE: St Kilda Town Hall

Corner Brighton Rd & Carlisle St, St Kilda

RSVP: 9209 6777 or email rsvp@portphillip.vic.gov.au

Please register to help us organise seating and catering

For more information visit

www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/community_plan

WHERE: Kingsway Courtyard, MacroB
Outside Performance, Weather Permitting, Dress Warmly

WHEN: 10 -13th September

TIME: 7.30pm

TICKETS: \$18 Adults
\$15 Students
\$55 Family
2 Adults, 2 Students

Tickets available at
www.mhstix.com.au
OR
at MHS or MACROB
general offices



Mac.Rob and MHS present
COMBINED SCHOOL PLAY

KING UBU

by Alfred Jarry
translated by Kenneth McLeish
Presented by Special Arrangement
with Dominie Pty Ltd

FORTHCOMING EVENTS: TERM 3



Week Eight:

Sunday 31 August - Tuesday 2 September	Sydney Girls Exchange
Wednesday 3 September	Friends of Music Cake Stall
Friday 5 September	Year 11 Formal – Evening

Week Nine:

Wednesday 10 September - Saturday 13 September	Combined Play - Evenings and Saturday Matinee
Wednesday 10 September	Fun Run at Albert Park Lake—after school

Week Ten:

Tuesday 16 September	School Council
Wednesday 17 September	Music Staff Concert 7.30pm—School Hall
Friday 19 September	Last day of Term 3 2.20pm Finish

Term 4

Week One: Monday 6 October	Term 4 commences
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Term 3 Holiday Workshops

Open to all students in Years 9, 10 & 11

“Exam Preparation”

These popular small group workshops are designed for students who want to prepare for the end of year exams. Held at MLC Kew from 30 September.

Advanced Reading skills
Study Skills
Essay Skills

Class sizes are limited -Early Booking is essential.

Enrolment hotline: **9318 3888**

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