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## National Apology



In light of the National Apology on Wednesday, 13th February, we asked Uncle Larry Walsh, a father of two of our own students and a prominent member of the Aboriginal community in Victoria and Australia, to speak at Assembly on Monday, 11th February. Uncle Larry Walsh is a member of the Taun-wurrung tribal clan nation, as well as a member of the Kulin Nations. He is a director and trustee of a group called the Koorie Heritage Trust and is an Aboriginal broadcaster on both 3CR and 3KND, a social and community activist, a cultural consultant and educator; a story-teller and an Aboriginal oral historian.

He is responsible for identifying, then advocating for the recognition of Aboriginal people from around Australia as having mental, emotional and social problems that began when they were removed from their families and from their times in orphanages. We now know these people as the Stolen Generations. He has also curated and toured with a number of exhibitions, notably 'My Heart is Breaking' in conjunction with the Public Records Office.

Uncle Larry gave us a unique perspective on the National Apology and his moving account captured the audience's complete attention and caused some tears. He drew on his own experiences as well as those of his friends and relations. Uncle Larry told us of a woman named Lisa who was a member of the Stolen Generations and attended Mac.Rob. Hearing about Lisa, who has unfortunately passed away, made the reality of what Uncle Larry was talking about hit closer to home for many of the students. Uncle Larry helped many girls to open their eyes and ears and to take a positive step towards the future - even a small step such as listening to previously unheard voices.

Uncle Larry Walsh is one of 15 representatives chosen to represent Victoria at the National Apology and he took the journey to Canberra on Tuesday, 12th February to see the opening of Parliament and the National Apology, not only for himself but also on behalf of those who did not live to see their efforts rewarded.

*Isobel Roberts-Orr and Danielle Panaccio*

## ATTENTION YEAR 10,11 and 12 PARENTS

Volunteers wanted to welcome new families to the school at the **Year 9 Welcome BBQ on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> February**. If you can help out with setting up, cooking and serving, clearing up or all of the above, between 9.00am and 3.00pm on the day please contact me on 0409 800 358 or email me at [parents@macrob.vic.edu.au](mailto:parents@macrob.vic.edu.au)

**Marian Bierenbroodspot** (parents@macrob)



## INVITATION to NEW & CURRENT PARENTS



Parents@macrob would like to invite new and current parents to the first Parents Association meeting for the year on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> February.

Parents@macrob provides a great opportunity to meet with other parents, as well as staff from the school. It is also a lovely way to be involved with your daughter's school. Meetings are held at 7.30pm in the Function Room (first floor of the gym building) on the third Tuesday of each month.

Our first meeting will primarily be an introduction to parents@macrob and 'drinks and nibbles.' If you have any queries please contact me at [parents@macrob.vic.edu.au](mailto:parents@macrob.vic.edu.au)

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## Careers

### Morrisby Report for Year 10 Students

All Year 10 students completed the three hour Morrisby Report testing of reasoning, verbal, numerical, perceptual, spatial, and mechanical abilities last week. The data will be matched with the information from the Morrisby Vocational Questionnaire to produce an individual twenty page report for each student, with career suggestions based on both their interests and abilities.

To gain maximum benefit from the report parents are invited to attend an information session where the reports will be explained and where there will be a chance to have any questions answered. The information evenings are to be held in the first week of Term 2.

10A to 10E	Monday, April 7 <sup>th</sup>
10F to 10I	Thursday, April 10 <sup>th</sup>

A letter will be sent home later this term asking you to confirm your attendance.

### Careers in Sports Medicine

Sandringham Sports Medicine Clinic is offering a free careers session on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> March from 1.00pm to 2.30 pm. Workshops will be available on Sports Physiotherapy, Osteopathy, Podiatry, Myotherapy and Sports Nutrition. Register online at [www.sportsphysio.com.au](http://www.sportsphysio.com.au)

### Folio Preparation

RMIT holds a number of folio preparation courses in advertising, graphic art and design, interior decoration and many more. Interested students can book at [www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au](http://www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au) or pick up a brochure from the Careers Room.

**Irene Serpless, Careers Co-ordinator**

15th February 2008

## **Education Maintenance Allowance 2008**

EMA applications are now available from **Mrs Baldock** in the Student Welfare Office.

The application needs to be returned to **Mrs Baldock**  
with a photocopy of a **current Health Care Card attached**.

Applications for EMA are due by **Wednesday, 27th February**.

**No late applications can be accepted.**

Thank you.

**Mrs G Baldock**  
Student Welfare Co-ordinator

## **Forthcoming Events**

<b>Tuesday, 19th February</b>	<b>School photo 'catch up'; day for students in Years 9A-E and those absent on Wednesday, 6th February. School Council Meeting, 6.00pm Parents' Association Meeting, 7.30pm</b>
<b>Friday, 22nd February</b>	<b>Year 10 immunisation and first round Gardasil for Year 9 and 10 students.</b>
<b>Sunday, 24th February</b>	<b>New Parents BBQ - 11.00am- 2.00pm (lunch provided).</b>
<b>Friday, 29th February</b>	<b>School Swimming Sports - MSAC (students dismissed at approximately 1.00pm).</b>
<b>Wednesday, 5th March</b>	<b>'Friends of Music' Meeting, 6.00pm.</b>
<b>Monday, 10th March</b>	<b>Labour Day holiday.</b>
<b>Tuesday, 11th March</b>	<b>School Council AGM.</b>
<b>Thursday, 13th March - Friday, 14th March</b>	<b>Grand Prix - student free days.</b>
<b>Thursday, 20th March</b>	<b>Last day - Term 1. Tour to Greece and Turkey commences</b>