



## NEWSLETTER

### PRINCIPAL NEWS

#### Report writing

Last Friday was the state wide report writing day and our reporting process is proceeding smoothly with reports now being proofread prior to printing and checking by teachers and the Level Coordinators. On Monday 22 June, we are finishing at 1.30 to allow for teachers to work on checking all reports. At this point we are all on track for distribution at the beginning of next term. I would like to congratulate the teachers on the smoothness of the reporting process and thank them for all the work they have put into completing assessments and report writing.

#### Entrance Examination

The annual entrance exam for Year 9 was conducted last weekend at the Royal Exhibition Building by the VCAA who have been given responsibility for the selection of students into the three selective schools next year. Our Registrar, **Ms Marina McAlpine**, reports that all went very smoothly.

#### Leadership positions

Following consultation with staff about the job descriptions, we are proceeding with the advertisement of eight Leading Teacher positions next week with the positions closing at the end of the first week of Term 3 to allow applicants to write applications over the school holidays. We have also offered professional development to our teachers this week on writing effective applications and preparing for a job interview.

#### Examinations

Although it is now difficult to know what the progress of the flu epidemic is given that testing is no longer being conducted in the same way, it would appear that very few of our students have been affected and students were able to sit the examinations and the GAT last week with few problems.

#### Eleanor Davis Leadership Development Program

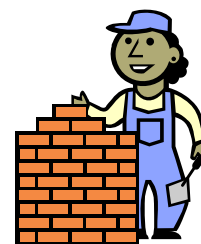
My mentoree in the Eleanor Davis Program, Assistant Principal Michelle Roberts from Cheltenham Secondary College is currently on her first placement here shadowing me as Principal. Her project is centred on leading her school's Performance and Development Culture accreditation and she is talking with us about how we approached it here as well as developing insights into the workings of Mac.Rob. I am finding that working with her is a valuable exercise in reflection and am enjoying the exchanges greatly. Michelle will return for another placement later in the year toward the end of the program which finishes in September this year.

#### Ms Jane Garvey

#### Parents



The **Building Fund** is tax deductible if paid by the end of Term 2





# Cross Country Team



On the cold, bleak Saturday of 13<sup>th</sup> June, our **Cross Country** team again went into battle, this time taking to the roads for the **Annual Victorian Road Relay Championships** at La Trobe University in Bundoora. Mac.Rob had two Under 18 teams entered in a highly competitive mixed field. The race was conducted with each of the four runners in a team running 3km. Again, Mac.Rob showed that we can mix it with the best, as the top five teams were all private schools and were only separated by less than a minute at the end. Our first team lead for the first two legs but unluckily came in 4<sup>th</sup>, just out of the reach of a medal. However, we were able to take confidence from the run as a preparation to obtain our goal to represent Victoria in the **National Championships**, that is, if we manage to qualify in next month's Victorian Champs at Bundoora.

Look out for the next instalment of our growth in the Victorian Schools running scene.

**Mr Ryan Mannix**

**Physical Education Teacher**

## STAFF MORNING TEA



Dear Parents

**Parents@MacRob** is putting on a **Staff Morning Tea** on **Friday 26 June**, the last day of Term 2.

We put on these morning teas to thank our glorious teachers and support staff for the great work they do in educating and supporting our daughters. We like to show them that we greatly appreciate what they do.

Volunteers are needed to help with the setup and serving of morning tea, or by providing a sweet or savoury dish to be served.

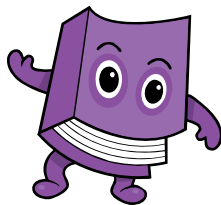
Volunteers can turn up between 9:00 am and 9:30 am in the staffroom. Dishes can be delivered to the school by your daughters or by yourself before 8:30 am on the morning.

Please respond to [parents@macrob.vic.edu.au](mailto:parents@macrob.vic.edu.au) or call **0429 801 486** for more details if you can help.

Regards,

**Ganga Fernando, Angela King and Jeremy Hunt**

## Withholding Reports Of Students With Overdue Resources



Dear Parents,

The Learning Resource Centre (LRC) is a community resource and requires students to adhere to circulation procedures to ensure the fair circulation of resources amongst the whole school community.

A number of LRC policies have been devised, in consultation with the SRC and the Education Sub Committee, to promote responsible use of LRC resources.

They include:

- students who have overdue resources have their borrowing rights suspended until the resource is returned.
- each week a note, with the names of students who have overdue resources, is placed in form rolls. Students are asked to respond to this note by returning, replacing or renewing the book. In the case of a discrepancy, students are asked to see one of the LRC staff.
- at the end of each semester students who have overdue books, and who have not responded to the overdue notices, have a letter sent home to their parent/guardian.

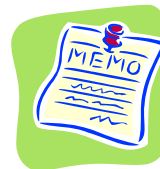
students who don't return, replace or renew overdue resources have their reports withheld.

The LRC has been pleased with the recent level of student civic responsibility, in regard to adhering to circulation policies. Statistics show that in 2003, on average, there were 480 items overdue at any one time. In 2009, on average, there are 165 items overdue at any one time. This is quite an improvement, especially as the borrowing of resources has increased by 32% over this period.

We hope you support our endeavours to provide a rich and responsible learning culture.

**LRC Staff**

## EARLY DISMISSAL TIME



Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you may well be aware the end of semester results are presently being finalised. To enable form teachers to collate information for follow-up assistance to students, on **Monday 22 June students will be dismissed at 1.10pm.**

**Reports** will be sent home on **Friday 17 July**, together with information regarding the second Parent/Teacher interview appointment times.

A reminder also, that **Friday 26 June** is the **last day of Term 2. Students will be dismissed at 2.30pm** on this day.

**Mrs Lisa Fitzgerald**

**Acting Assistant Principal**

## An Invitation to the Mac.Rob

### VCE SOLO PERFORMERS' (UNIT 3) RECITAL

**Tuesday 23 June**

**5 pm—7.15 pm**

**Function Room**

**Light refreshments will be served**



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The Mac.Robertson  
Girls' High School  
and  
Melbourne High School  
Monday 27 July  
7.30pm

Tickets: 9699 3333

[www.melbournerecital.com.au](http://www.melbournerecital.com.au)

or at the venue

Adults \$25 Students & children \$20



## WINTER CONCERT REHEARSAL TIMES

Date	Group	Venue	Time
Mon 22nd June	Carmina Choral Rehearsal  (ie. Mac.Rob -Chamber Voices & MHS Singers)	Mac.Rob	3.30 – 4.30  (or 4-5)
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> June	New Work Choral Rehearsal (MHS and Mac.Rob).	Mac.Rob (Theatre or Hall)	3.30 – 5.00
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Carmina Choral Rehearsal	MHS	2.30 -3.30
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> July	New Work Choral Rehearsal and New Work Orchestral Rehearsal	MHS	3.30 – 5.00
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Combined Strings	Mac.Rob	4.00 – 5.00pm
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July at MHS</b>			
	Brass Ensemble	MHS Music Depart- ment	10.00-10.45
	Stage Band	MHS Music Depart- ment	10.45-11.30
	Combined Strings	MHS Hall	10.30-11.30
	Carmina Burana-Voices & Instruments	MHS Hall	12.00-1.15
	New Work – Voices & Instruments	MHS Hall	1.30-2.30

**SMALL GRANTS 2009 – A Parents' Association Initiative**  
**(Ends 26 June, 2009)**

**Dear brilliant Mac.Robians — Yes, Students AND Teachers!!!**

**Did you miss out on a Mac.Rob Activity?  
Or can you think of a new one?**



**For Example:**

**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 –  
**Bring new experiences of learning – something you did not get to do because of it not being available**

**Involve additional exploration of knowledge – e.g. through attending external events and conferences**

**Extend participation by students, teachers and parents**

**Will not become operational without this assistance**

**Please download application forms and detailed criteria from the Parents Association website.**

**When you have completed your application:**

**1.) Make a photocopy for your record**

**2.) Lodge the original at the General Office**

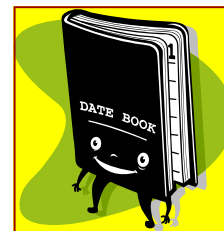
**3.) Make a note of the name and person who dates and signs your form**

**4.) Submit the application to the General Office by Friday 26 June**

# Forthcoming Events

## Terms 2 & 3

### 2009



#### Week 10:

**Monday, 22nd June**

Shortened day for report collation - Students dismissed 1.10 pm

**Tuesday, 23rd June**

English Writing Competition

Soloists Music Recital, Theatre 5.00pm - 7.00pm

**Friday, 26th June**

**Last Day Term 2 - Students dismissed 2.30 pm**

**Saturday, 27th June**

French Exchange - 4 students from Paris arrive

**Sunday, 5th July**

French Exchange -3 students from Paris arrive

#### Term 3

##### Week 1:

**Monday, 13th July**

Term 3 commences

Whole School Assembly

**Wednesday, 15th July**

Year 10 English Presentation Macbeth, 8.30am Theatre

**Thursday, 16th July**

Year 9 English Presentation Romeo and Juliet, 8.30am Theatre

**Friday, 17th July**

Year 12 Formal

**Saturday, 18th July**

Cross Country School Championship

##### Week 2:

**Monday, 20th July**

Indonesian Exchange students arrive

**Tuesday, 21st July**

School Council Meeting, 6.30pm

Parents' Association Meeting, 7.30pm Mezzanine

**Friday, 24th July**

MacRob/MHS Cup - Hall

Victorian School Netball Championship

**Saturday, 25th July**

Japanese Exchange students arrive

##### Week 3:

**Monday, 27th July**

Winter Concert - Melbourne Recital Centre, 7.30pm

**Tuesday, 28th July**

SRC Celebrations of Kings Way's 75th Birthday

**Thursday, 30th July**

National Chemistry Quiz

**Friday, 31st July**

Aerobics State Championships