



NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL NEWS

As Term 2 concludes we are all looking forward to the break after a demanding term. I would like to **thank the teaching staff** for their timely completion of reports and the **education support staff** for their contribution to overcoming some of the software problems which threatened to delay the printing. The reporting processes are now concluding with the student coordinators reading the reports for the students in their level and making final comments ready for distribution at the beginning of next Term.

Last night I had the pleasure of attending the **VCE Music Solo Performers Recital** in the function room. Each of the seven musicians produced excellent performances as part of the requirements for their course. We were treated to four pianists playing the music of a range of composers, a percussion performance on drums and xylophone, and performances on flute and Clarinet.

The students were clearly highly engaged in their work and gave their audience a most enjoyable program of music which left me feeling confident that their studies will be rewarded with suitably high grades. I thank them for a great recital and pay my compliments to the teachers who are guiding them to achieve such excellence.

The **Parents Association** is giving a **morning tea for staff** this Friday to thank them for their work with the students. This is very much appreciated by the staff, who enjoy the lovely food provided and also the recognition of their efforts. The Parents Association is to be congratulated on this great contribution to staff morale.

The **second semester** has already commenced and teachers will be giving students guidance about study for the break during this week. I encourage all students, particularly those doing VCE Unit 4 subjects, to use this time to consolidate, reorganise, plan ahead and revisit performance goals in preparation for third term. A strong focus on the essentials of their work next term will yield real dividends in the final results. It is also important for the girls to have a break and enjoy some leisure. I hope that everyone has a good holiday and returns fresh for **Term 3 on Monday 13th July**.

Ms Jane Garvey

Motivational Thoughts For The Day



Every student can learn - just not on the same day or in the same way

The only real mistake is the one from which we learn nothing

Determine what success really means to you

Never believe you don't have what it takes



A Literary Tour of England—2010



The proposed overseas tour for 2010 is a **Literary Tour of England**. The tour will take place during the last week of Term 2 and the mid year holidays, and will be **open to students in Years 10, 11 and 12 next year**.

The tour will take in sites made famous by authors in their literature or by adaptations of their literature to film and television. It will include such places as **Somerset, Wiltshire and Dorset**, famous as **Thomas Hardy's 'Wessex'** in novels such as *Tess of the d'Urbervilles* and *The Mayor of Casterbridge*; **Bath**, a key location in many **Jane Austen novels**; **Stratford-upon-Avon**, birthplace of **Shakespeare** and home to the **Royal Shakespeare Theatre**. The **Lakes District**, scenic home to poet **William Wordsworth** and children's author **Beatrix Potter**; and the **Yorkshire home** of the **Brontë sisters** and the inspiration for the properties of **Wuthering Heights** and **Thrushcross Grange**, in **Emily Brontë's Wuthering Heights**.

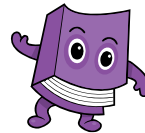
The tour will also visit **London** to explore its connections to authors **Charles Dickens** and **William Shakespeare**, including a visit to the **Globe Theatre**, and the many poets and authors honoured at **Westminster Abbey**. Other highlights of the tour include general sightseeing around these areas, such as **Oxford, Stonehenge** and, of course, **London**.

The recent changes to VCE English emphasise the importance of understanding how writers construct meaning in set texts and how social, historical and/or cultural values are embodied in texts. The Literature course also demands that students understand the views, values and contexts of set texts and are able to closely analyse specific features of texts, including setting, to enable them to construct a personal interpretation. The proposed Literary Tour will prove invaluable to students as it would provide them with personal experience of the settings and contexts of various texts, enhancing their understanding of the texts and their ability to write about them, as well fostering a deeper appreciation of literature in general.

The approximate cost of the tour will be in the vicinity of \$6000 and girls will need a passport which has been current for 6 months at the time of the departure in late June. There will be an information session early next term which will provide interested students and parents with an itinerary and further information about prices and conditions. We hope to see you there.

Ms Deborah Stringer

Withholding Reports Of Students With Overdue Resources



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

Cross Country Success

On Thursday the 18th of June, the school cross country team ventured out to Heidelberg for the **Northern Zone Cross Country Championships**. The team continued to build on its reputation as one of the schools most successful and hard working teams by dominating the day's events. Competing against slightly weaker opposition than the last few meetings at the Victorian Championships, our strength showed. The teams won both events we had entered, which were the under 16 and under 21 - 3km races. Both teams received gold medals and the individual medal winners were:

Michelle Liacos U/16- 1st.

Alison Bird U/16- 2nd

Rosie Donegan U/21- 1st

Lucy Hodgkinson U/21- 3rd.

Our open team actually had four runners in the first seven, which shows that hard work and dedication is the key to success.

Well done to everyone who ran to their limits on the day.

Mr Ryan Mannix

Students In The Photo

Under 16's

Michelle Liacos 9H

Alison Bird 10I

Jasmine Liu 9I

Catriona Nguyen Robertson 10B

Manon Gahan 9H

Jing Wu 10E

Under 21's

Lucy Hodgkinson 10F

Laura Rose Donegan 10F

Georgina Oakman 10F

Caitlin McCoy 11C

Candice Todd 10A



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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

or at the venue

Adults \$25 Students & children \$20



WINTER CONCERT REHEARSAL TIMES

Wed 15 th July	Carmina Choral Rehearsal	MHS	2.30 -3.30 pm
Wed 15 th July	New Work Choral Rehearsal and New Work Orchestral Rehearsal	MHS	3.30 – 5.00 pm
Thurs 16 th July	Combined Strings	Mac.Rob	4.00 – 5.00pm
Sunday 19th July and Sunday 26th July at MHS			
	Brass Ensemble	MHS Music Department	10.00-10.45 am
	Stage Band	MHS Music Department	10.45-11.30 am
	Combined Strings	MHS Hall	10.30-11.30 am
	Carmina Burana-Voices & Instruments	MHS Hall	12.00-1.15 am
	New Work – Voices & Instruments	MHS Hall	1.30-2.30 pm

Education Maintenance Allowance New Applications Only

Applications for EMA are now available from Mrs Baldock in the SWC Office.

Please return the application by **Friday 7 August** with a photocopy of your Health Care Card.

If you have already applied for EMA in Term 1 you do **not** need to reapply.

**Mrs Gillian Baldock
SWC**



REMINDER

Adelaide Exchange 2009

Sunday August 2—Wednesday August 5

Students are reminded to return the form relating to the billeting of Adelaide students. We need to **accommodate 70 students** and only 20 forms have returned to the school.

Further enquiries can be addressed to Mr Webber in Term 3.

**Mr Russell Webber
Sports Coordinator**

HOW GREEN CAN YOUR HOUSEHOLD GO??



Save our planet and help our school at the same time!

We're looking for families who want to do their bit for the planet and have fun at the same time! **The GreenHouse Games are coming to Mac.Rob and we want you to take part.**

By making simple changes, like using compact fluorescent light globes or choosing an energy-efficient washing machine, **your family can make a difference.**

And, you have the chance to win prizes for your family and our school along the way.

What is the GreenHouse Games?

The GreenHouse Games is an eight-week competition between selected Victorian primary and secondary schools where families take action at home to save energy and water, and reduce waste.

Our school is entering a team and every family is invited to join in.

The challenge is to reduce your home's yearly greenhouse gases by at least one tonne (20,000 black balloons). In Victoria, the average household produces over 12 tonnes (240, 000 black balloons) of greenhouse gases every year.

How do the GreenHouse Games work?

After completing a short online questionnaire, your family will be given a personalised list of sustainable actions for your home. Actions attract points related to their greenhouse gas savings. The more actions you take, the more points you earn!

Each week your household completes a quick, online progress report from the previous week.

Some of the actions in the GreenHouse Games are:

- keeping showers to less than four minutes
- turning off appliances at the switch when you're not using them
- composting your food and plant scraps
- leaving the car at home for short trips and walking, cycling or using public transport instead
- recycling household waste.

Fantastic prizes up for grabs

Register early and you'll receive a Sustainability Welcome Pack, valued at \$50, to get you started.

Each participating family will also go into a weekly draw to win **Bunnings vouchers** to the value of \$100. Families who reach a 1 tonne greenhouse gas reduction during the challenge will go into a weekly draw to win Bunnings vouchers to the value of \$200.

In addition, schools will be rewarded with 'energy kits' based on the number of families joining the GreenHouse Games. The more families that join, the more kits a school receives.

The energy kits can be used by students in the classroom, and by families to help them during the GreenHouse Games.

At the end of the challenge, the school with the highest overall greenhouse gas savings, and the school with the highest household average greenhouse gas savings, will each **receive \$2000 cash** to put towards a school sustainability initiative.

What does it cost?

Nothing. It will probably even save you money.

How can my family enter?

Register online at greenhouse-games.vic.gov.au in the 'Schools Challenge' section with the **Access Code: MG3004**

Dates

Family registration opens 15 June 2009.

The GreenHouse Games run from 20 July to 13 September 2009.

Sustainability Victoria

SPORT REPORT

The **Senior Badminton, Hockey and Table Tennis Teams** have all been successful in the **Northern Zone Competitions**. The Badminton Team defeated Viewbank Secondary, Lalor Secondary and Reservoir District Secondary Colleges, convincingly winning each match 6 games to 0. The Hockey Team also had convincing wins, defeating Viewbank College 4-0 and Lalor College 4-0. The Table Tennis did not need to play a match as all the other teams defaulted. **All of the teams will play in the State Finals in Term 3.**

Mr Russell Webber
Sports Coordinator

City of Melbourne is proud to present

Creating Resilient Families

with **Andrew Fuller**

Evening Parent Information Session
Free!



Venue:

The Supper Room, Melbourne Town Hall,
corner Swanston and Collins Streets, Melbourne

Date:

Thursday 23 July 2009

Time:

6.30 to 8.30pm

In today's world, resilience and emotional intelligence are skills that can contribute more to career and life success than academic intelligence.

Clinical psychologist **Andrew Fuller** will discuss the active ingredients of resilience, how parents can develop these in children, building self-esteem, dealing with set-backs, creating happy kids and parenting the 'click and go' generation.

Described as someone who "puts the heart back into psychology", Andrew works with many schools and communities in Australia and internationally, specialising in the wellbeing of young people and their families. He is the author of *Tricky Kids*, *Guerilla Tactics for Teachers*, *Help Your Child Succeed at School*, *Raising Real People (ACER)*, *From Surviving to Thriving (ACER)*, *Work Smarter Not Harder* and *Beating Bullies*.

Andrew has also co-authored *The Heart Masters* – a series of programs for the promotion of resilience and emotional intelligence used in over 3500 schools in Australia and Britain.

No Cost – Bookings Essential
Email: ralc@melbourne.vic.gov.au
Phone: 9328 8953



Forthcoming Events

Term 3

2009



Week 1:

Monday 13 July

Term 3 commences

Whole School Assembly

Wednesday 15 July

Year 10 English Presentation Macbeth, 8.30am Theatre

Thursday 16 July

Year 9 English Presentation Romeo and Juliet, 8.30am Theatre

Friday 17 July

Year 12 Formal

Saturday 18 July

Cross Country School Championship

Week 2:

Monday 20 July

Indonesian Exchange students arrive

Tuesday 21 July

School Council Meeting, 6.30pm

Parents' Association Meeting, 7.30pm Mezzanine

Friday 24 July

Mac.Rob/MHS Cup - Hall

Victorian School Netball Championship

Saturday 25 July

Japanese Exchange students arrive

Week 3:

Monday 27 July

Winter Concert - Melbourne Recital Centre, 7.30pm

Tuesday 28 July

SRC Celebrations of Kings Way's 75th Birthday

Thursday 30 July

National Chemistry Quiz

Friday 31 July

Aerobics State Championships

Week 4:

Sunday 2 August

Adelaide Exchange students arrive

Wednesday 5 August

Adelaide Exchange students depart

Thursday 6 August

Australasian Mathematics Competition

Week 5:

Tuesday 11 August

Japanese Exchange students depart

Friends of Music Meeting 6 pm—Function Room

Thursday 13 August

French students from Paris depart

Friday 14 August

SRC Winter Sleep Out—Gym

Indonesian Exchange students depart

Year 11 & 12 Alliance Francaise