

NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Welcome back for the 2009 academic year to all our students but particularly the students new to the school.

I also welcome the **new teachers**; Ms Anne Stout who is our new Head of Middle School and teaches Art and the Independent Learning Project in Year 9, Mr Karl Russell who is Year 12 Coordinator and teaches Economics and Business Studies, Ms Martha Goodridge-Kelly who is Year 11 Coordinator and teaches Biology and Chemistry, Ms Karen Cheong who is Year 10 Coordinator and teaches Music, Ms Anne Tinney who is Head of Health and Physical Education and teaches Physical Education, Ms Roxanna Sandulache who is Head of Mathematics and teaches Mathematics and Physics, Ms Marian Haddrick who teaches Drama and English, Ms Kelly Emerton who teaches Biology, Science and Physical Education, Mr David Page who teaches Accounting and Multimedia, Ms Alicia Rodriguez who teaches French, Ms Susan Yates who teaches French and English Language, and Dr Alice Andreu who will be teaching Biology, Chemistry and Science. We warmly welcome back Ms Chizuko Inoue-Andersson who is Year 11 Coordinator and teaches Japanese and Music. I look forward to working with our new staff this year and seeing them settle into and enjoy this great school and its marvellous students.

The new Departmental start of year arrangements saw our teachers involved last week in professional development activities. With the week including three days of extreme heat and the ensuing transport chaos, it was indeed fortunate that students did not commence classes until this week. Our professional development focussed on planning action research projects in key improvement areas of our Strategic plan. All professional development in state schools is now carried out at the beginning of the year with one additional day during the year, which this year is 12 June.

Mac.Rob is also forced to close because of the Grand Prix Race in Albert Park on Thursday 26 and Friday 27 March. This year we will have the Athletic Sports on the Thursday so that students will miss only one day of school and the teachers will have a professional development day off campus on the Friday.

The start to the year has gone very smoothly and already there is a strong sense that everyone has settled into work for the year as you move about the school. Thank you everybody for contributing to a very good start to 2009.

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EMA Applications

Applications for EMA 2009 are now available from Mrs. Baldock in the Student Welfare Office. The application must be returned to the SWC Office by Wednesday 25th February with an attached photocopy of your current Health Care Card.



Gillian Baldock
SWC



Shinwa x Mac.Rob Japan Exchange 2008

It would be impossible to sum up the entire exchange in one word. When we arrived in Japan we were 7 girls ready to take on an adventure. In three short weeks we discovered just how big that adventure would turn out to be.

In less than a month we had lived a mind blowing experience. It was a complete change in lifestyle, to anything and everything we had grown accustomed to. We quickly made multiple new friendships at school, while strengthening established friendships both with our host sisters and with the Mac.Rob girls we travelled with.

Everything seemed like a small challenge, staying up late talking, getting up super early to walk to school, trying new foods, keeping up with the fast paced Japanese, but we took on each new challenge and treasured every one of them, every detail, became fun and exciting in a new country.

On exchange, we were given an invaluable gift - insight into the Japanese culture, one which will sink very deeply into our minds. We were also able to create new friendships, ones which crossed different cultures but are just as special as if they lived next door.

We would like to especially thank Mr Sawaki for organising and accompanying us to Japan, as well as Ms Garvey who visited whilst we were on our trip. It will truly be an experience which will create a lasting imprint on each of our lives.

Jenifer Nguyen Year 11 (2008)

Year 12- 2008 First Round VTAC Offer.

All 255 of our Year 12 students from 2008 received a first round VTAC offer.
(One student chose not to apply)

The figures below only relate to offers made in Victoria. Many students would also have received offers from interstate courses, but these offers are not disclosed to the school. Applications for interstate courses by our students have again increased, particularly in the areas of health and law, and many students have received offers from three or more states.

Congratulations to the class of 2008 for their well deserved success.

Types of Courses

Health	47
Arts	60
Commerce	26
Science	27
Biomedicine	26
Law	29
Engineering	10
Arts/Commerce	8
Environments	10
Commerce/Science	2
Architecture	1
Veterinary Science/ Animal Science	2
Design	7
Total	255

The category Health includes

Medicine	14
Pharmacy	8
Physiotherapy	7
Optometry	7
Nutrition	3
Health Sciences	4
Oral Health	1
Radiography	2
Dentistry	1
Total	47

Universities

Monash	109
Melbourne	107
RMIT	16
La Trobe	9
Swinburne	5
Deakin	7
Victoria	1
TAFE	1
Total	255

Irene Serpless Careers

Year 9 Learning Resource Centre Orientation Purpose & Aim

The LRC will be presenting an orientation program to all 2009 Year 9 students. Students will not only be introduced to LRC resources and procedures, they will also learn about the information literacy process. The process utilizes the following steps; Defining, Locating, Selecting, Organising, Presenting and Evaluating. The skills obtained during these sessions can be utilised in all faculties and at all year levels and will assist in equipping students to become independent learners.

Program outline

The timing of the program is during the alternate weeks of the Year 9 school camp. A full day has been devoted to the program. Areas covered during the day include an induction to;

- resources and services available in the LRC,
- the use of IT software and hardware provided by the school,
- advance search techniques to assist students to locate both traditional and electronic resources,
- criteria for the selection of quality resources,
- and the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Students will be given tasks which utilise higher order thinking and a team approach to problem solving.



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The Einstein Factor

The Einstein Factor will be recording two special episodes aimed at kids who have a specific area of knowledge on which they will be quizzed. On April 17, 2009 at ABC Melbourne studios, we will be recording two separate episodes; one for contestants aged between 9-12 years and the other episode for contestants aged between 13-15 years.

Applicants must be between the ages of 9 and 15 years, inclusive, as of April 17, 2009 and have the permission of their parent or guardian to apply. Successful applicants require one parent or guardian to be present for the taping on April 17th at the studio. Successful interstate applicants will be flown to Melbourne courtesy of the ABC along with one parent or guardian.

If you think you could be a future young Einstein Factor contestant, please visit our website abc.net.au/einsteinfactor and follow the link to the online application form. Or you can call us on (03) 9524 2492. **Applications close midnight, Sunday February 22, 2009.**

The programs will be conducted along the regular format and rules of the program – each applicant needs to nominate a Special Subject (usually a hobby, pastime or area of interest) and also have a good general knowledge. As these episodes are special events and not part of the regular series, the winners will not progress to a Play-off or Final.

For these two specials, all questions will be tailored to the age limits of the competition.

Auditions, either in person or by phone, will be held during February and March. An audition will include a brief test on the nominated Special Subject and a short general knowledge quiz.

Good luck!

STUDENT MEDICAL MANAGEMENT PLANS

With the start of the new school year it is important that all the student medical files are up to date.



Students with the following medical conditions ;

Anaphylaxis Allergy
Asthma
Diabetes
Epilepsy

are required to bring in a **current management plan** signed by a Doctor .

Please forward the management plan to the First Aid Officer, Paula Glover.

NEW

Support MacroB

International Night!

Saturday March 21
7pm-11pm
Mezzanine, MacroB

2009

Parents@MacroB welcomes a new exciting event to celebrate multiculturalism to end the SRC's Multicultural Week. The night will consist of international foods, prizes and entertainment!

But we need YOUR help!

Please volunteer! :)

We are also looking for performers from different cultures... dancing, instrumental, singing etc.

This event needs parent involvement

- there is a job for every willing worker:

- chopping, frying etc.
- hall and table decorations
- cleaning, washing, tidying up
- advertising, sponsors, raffle donations
- experience in cooking/food handling

When you can help:

- All throughout term 1
- Friday March 20
- Saturday March 21 day and/or night

Contact Ganga and Saman Fernando

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City of Melbourne is proud to present

“HEALTHY ADOLESCENCE”

With

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg (PhD)

Free Parent Information Session

**Venue: The Supper Room
Melbourne Town Hall
Swanston Street
Melbourne**

Date: Thursday 26 February 2009

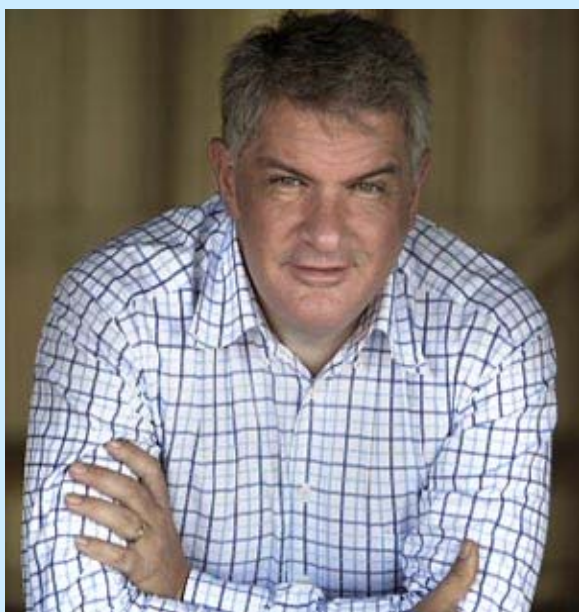
Time: 6.30—8.30pm

RSVP: Monday 23 February 2009

No Cost: Bookings Essential

Email: ralc@melbourne.vic.gov.au

Phone: 9328—8953



Michael Carr-Gregg appears by arrangement with Saxton Speakers Bureau

Michael Carr-Gregg works as a consultant psychologist currently practising in Melbourne.

He is a founding member of the National Coalition Against Bullying, he is also the chairperson of the NCAB's cyber safety committee and an official ambassador for the Australian Council for Children & Youth Organisations Inc, the National Depression Initiative—Beyond Blue as well as Mindmatters—one of the 16 youth suicide prevention programs run by the Federal Government.

Michael Carr-Gregg has extensive experience in the media and is currently a regular on the top rating 'Sunrise' program on channel seven and on Melbourne radio. He is a frequent contributor to the Australian Print Media.



Guide Dogs Victoria 

Open Day
Sunday 1st **March**
10am - 4pm



Located on Chandler Hwy, Kew (Melway 45B1)
Free Parking off site with shuttle bus service

Meet Wags the Dog and loads of our adorable puppies for
Guide Dogs Victoria's Annual Open Day.

With Guide Dog demonstrations, live entertainment, giveaways,
show bags, competitions and loads of fun activities for the kids,
Open Day is a fantastic family day out.

Entry via gold coin donation

Visit www.guidedogsvictoria.com.au for full details and parking in-
formation or phone **9854 4444**

Sorry — No Pets Allowed



FORTHCOMING EVENTS TERM I - 2009



Week 2:

Tuesday 10— Friday 13 February

Year 9 A ,B, C, D, E, Camp

Wednesday 11 February

Morissby Assessment— In Hall, Year 10 A B C D E

Year 10 Science Incursion, Theatre
1.45 —4.15pm

Friday 13 February

Morissby Assessment— In Hall, Year 10 F G H I

Week 3:

Tuesday 17—Friday 20 February

Year 9 F, G, H, I, Camp

School Council -
Parents Association Meeting, 7.30 pm—Function
Room

Week 4:

Thursday 26 February

Immunisation for Year 10 students

Friday 27 February

School Census Day

Week 5:

Sunday 1 March

New Parents BBQ

DAV Debating Trials— Kingsway

Wednesday 4 March

Swimming Trials—Prahran Pool 12.50—3.30pm

Friday 6 March

Year 10 Geography Field Trip

Week 7:

Monday 9 March

Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 10 March

Swimming Sports at MSAC

Week 8:

Monday 16—Saturday 21 March

Multicultural Week

Saturday 21 March

Parents Association International Dinner—evening

Week 9:

Thursday 26 March

School Athletics Sports—Olympic Park

Friday 27 March

Grand Prix necessitates closure of school. Students
not required

Week 10:

Wednesday 1 April

House Chorals Rehearsals

Friday 3 April

Last day of Term 1