



NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Welcome back for the start of Term 3. Although we are experiencing a bout of cold weather, the holidays seem to have refreshed people with lots of smiles evident this week.

Earlier this week I received news that five of our students had achieved **perfect scores** in the **Rio Tinto Big Science Competition**. Congratulations to **Thao Le 10E, Barbara Mitula 9H, Helen Niu 9D, Sharon Tran 10A** and **Joanna Wang 10E**. The three Year 10 students have been invited to a presentation at the **Australian National University** to receive their awards and will be accompanied by Mr James Richards. I congratulate these girls on an outstanding achievement.

At assembly this week we welcomed our **French Exchange students**. We have seven students from our sister school at Ermont in Paris, eight from Michel Montaigne in Bordeaux and a student from Nice. The exchange students are here for six weeks and our host students will go to France toward the end of the year to stay with them in return. We hope our visitors will have an enjoyable time with us and we have planned a number of activities and excursions for them, including a visit to Sovereign Hill in Ballarat this week. This is a busy time for exchanges with the **Japanese exchange students** also arriving soon, followed by the **Indonesian exchange students**. In addition we have the **Adelaide High School Exchange** in three weeks time. Mr Russell Webber is currently seeking families willing to billet Adelaide High School students to enable this historic exchange, which has been going since 1911, to proceed this year.

Reports are being checked and signed this week. It was the intention to issue them on Friday but with a significant number of students out of the school that day, they will now be issued on Monday.

Ms Jane Garvey

parents@ macrob

Meeting on Tuesday 21 July 2009
7.30 pm

Mac.Robertson Girls High School
Function Room – Gym building

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising
3. Correspondence
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Regional Gatherings - social committee
6. PA Web-site
7. Small Grants Report- Student Grants : future directions
8. Morning Tea with Teachers, post event report
9. Principal's report
10. Other business
11. Date of next meeting

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





Senior Basketball Finalists



For the first time in many years, possibly ever, the **Senior Basketball Team** has made it to the **State Finals** to be held in August. The team played some very good consistent basketball beating Mill Park 45-39 at Coburg.

This follows a very good result in the **Victorian College Championship** where Mac.Rob came second to Box Hill Secondary, a 'basketball specialist' school. The finals for that event will be on the 30th July at Mill Park.

Good luck for the finals!

Mr James Richards
Basketball Manager



VCE NEWS



VCE course selection for 2010

The process of course selection, for current Year 10 and Year 11 students, is already under way.

Current Year 10, moving into Year 11 in 2010

Year 10s have already received quite a lot of information which relates directly to Senior School subject selection:

- The detailed Morrisby Report, with subsequent follow up
- VCE information sessions where students had speakers on each VCE subject area
- In-class sessions with our Careers Counsellor, Ms Serpless, in which she issued and discussed Job Guides, tertiary courses and their pre-requisite subjects, calculation of the ENTER and related things such as subject scaling

What is yet to come?

- Issuing of end of Semester 1 reports (Monday 20 July)
- A Parent Information evening next Thursday – 23rd July. All students received a letter about this evening in Form Assembly this week
- A whole year level session next week with Mrs Kelly (Head of Senior School)
- In-class sessions with current Year 10 Coordinators, Ms Stout (Head of Middle School) and Mrs Kelly in which there will be plenty of opportunity to ask questions of interest to both the whole class and also individuals
- An opportunity to make an individual appointment with or without parent/s on August 13, to speak with Mrs Kelly or Ms Serpless
- Opportunities to individually discuss matters with Mrs Kelly, Ms Stout, and the Year 10 Coordinators during the school day

The deadline for submitting Year 11 2010 course selection is Friday 21 August.

Current Year 11, moving into Year 12 in 2010

Last term, Year 11s discussed some aspects of Year 12 course selection in a sub school meeting.

All students received a folder of information last year which remains extremely relevant to course selection for Year 12. The folder contained, among other things:

- A VCE Handbook 2009-2010, containing MacRob's requirements for course selection, and also descriptions of the content of all subjects offered
- Tertiary Course requirements for 2011, the year in which most students will begin a course
- A booklet explaining ENTER calculation

All students should refer to this folder of information.

There is also an opportunity to make an individual appointment, in school time, with the Year 11 Coordinators (Ms Goodridge-Kelly and Ms Inoue-Andersson), with Mrs Kelly, or with Ms Serpless. It may be particularly relevant to discuss the recent Semester 1 performance with a Year 11 Coordinator.

The deadline for submitting Year 12, 2010 course selection is Friday 21 August.

Any questions on any of these matters may be addressed to Mrs Kelly (Head of Senior School) either by phone (9864 7770) or email: kelly.christine.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

**Mrs Christine Kelly
Head Of Senior School**



MUSIC NEWS



WINTER CONCERT REHEARSAL TIMES

Sunday 19th July and Sunday 26th July at MHS

Brass Ensemble	MHS Music Department	10.00-10.45
Stage Band	MHS Music Department	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



A FUGUE OF FLAVOURS

A **CAKE STALL** is to be held at recess on **Wednesday 22 July** by *Friends of Music @ Mac.rob.*

Music students, please bring cakes and slices.

WINTER CONCERT UNIFORM

Uniform to be worn by all Music performers in the Winter Concert

Top: Plain black ¾ sleeves with a round, square or V-neck

Skirt: Long black worn to the ankle

Shoes and stockings: Plain black. No T-Bars please!

Scarves: Music scarves in Mac.Rob colours are worn. The cost of a scarf is \$20 from the Music Office

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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





Take the challenge of a weekly action to lessen your household's greenhouse gas emissions.

Join the Mac.Rob team at: www.greenhousegames.vic.gov.au and login with our access code: MG3004

Week 1: Energy tips: Switching off – it's an easy win!

If you want to save money by being more sustainable – be energy efficient! So this week how about making a big effort to change over your globes and turn appliances off at the switch. It will get you some easy points to start your team's GreenHouse Games tally and you'll start making a difference to your electricity bill.

Household lights

SV Smart Way 01 - Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent globes (You'll find the rest of SV's 10 Smart Ways in your GreenHouse Games Welcome Pack)

Compact Florescent Light globes (CFL's) are cheaper than you think: 18 W CFL: \$24, 65W halogen: \$74 and 100W incandescent: \$93 (purchase plus running cost comparisons operating for 10,000 hours at the same light levels)

Stand-by

Australians spend more money to power home audio products when in standby than when actually in use.

To cut down on stand by:

- o Turn your appliances off at the wall
- o Buy Energy Star compliant electronics (they use 75% less energy when in standby mode than standard appliances)
- o At work and at home, turn off your monitor even if you are leaving it for 10 minutes.

Some big wins

Smart Way 02 - Set your thermostat to 18 -20 degrees C in winter

Smart Way 09 - Insulate your ceiling and walls

- o It will cool your home by up to 7 degrees C in summer and warm it up by up to 10 degrees c in winter.
- o Cover your windows – with curtains, double glazing, an acrylic pane or by attaching a membrane to the inside window

Heat only the room/s being used, and don't forget to close your bathroom door!

Smart Way 10 - Install a solar hot water system when your hot water system needs replacing

- o Electric systems are very inefficient and produce four times the GHG emissions of all other systems so install an energy efficient hot water system
- o Solar hot water systems have a 5 year pay back period, and there's a rebate as well!
- o Insulate hot water pipes & tank – ask a plumber to do it but also check the warranty first

Use wind and solar power – dry your clothes on the line!

Smart Way 07- Switch to Green Power

Registrations for the Greenhouse Games School Challenge close this Sunday 19th July at 6pm.



Forthcoming Events

Term 3

2009



Week 2:

Monday 20 July

Tuesday 21 July

Indonesian Exchange students arrive

Premiers Awards - Melbourne Conference Centre

School Council Meeting, 6.30pm

Parents' Association Meeting, 7.30pm Mezzanine

Saturday 25 July

Japanese Exchange students arrive

Week 3:

Monday 27 July

Tuesday 28 July

Thursday 30 July

Friday 31 July

Winter Concert - Melbourne Recital Centre, 7.30pm

SRC Celebrations of Kings Way's 75th Birthday

National Chemistry Quiz

Aerobics State Championships

Week 4:

Sunday 2 August

Wednesday 5 August

Thursday 6 August

Adelaide Exchange students arrive

Adelaide Exchange students depart

Australasian Mathematics Competition

Week 5:

Tuesday 11 August

Thursday 13 August

Friday 14 August

Japanese Exchange students depart

Friends of Music Meeting 6 pm—Function Room

French students from Paris depart

SRC Winter Sleep Out—Gym

Indonesian Exchange students depart

Year 11 & 12 Alliance Francaise

Week 6:

Tuesday 18 August

Wednesday 19 August

Friday 21 August

School Council Meeting 6.30 pm

Parents Association Meeting 7.30 pm

Physics Olympiad

House Drama

Year 11 Social

Week 7:

Thursday 27 August

Parent Teacher Interviews