



NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Fourteen Premier's Awards for the class of 2008

On Tuesday I accompanied a group of teachers to the ceremony for this year's **Premier's Awards. Students from our class of 2008** received a total of fourteen awards, a Top All-Round VCE High Achiever award and thirteen individual subject awards. This represents the greatest number of prizes the school has received in these annual awards and is a tremendous achievement on the part of the students. We have written to each of them to congratulate them.

The **Top All-Round VCE Achievers** are students who have achieved study scores of 46 or higher in at least five VCE studies in the current year and the year immediately prior. The individual subject awards are given to students with a study score of 50 with individual graded assessment scores used to determine the order of merit and identify the top five students or in the case of Maths and English, the top ten students. The awards made to our students are:

- **Justine Carey** – Visual Communication and Design
- **Evelyn Choy** – English Language
- **Christine Demiris** – Literature
- **Bebe D'Souza** – Media
- **Sally Egan** – History
- **Eleanor Everist** – Languages other than English, German
- **Hannah Gould** – Philosophy
- **Hannah Gould** – Top All Round VCE High Achiever
- **Noor Kennedy** – English Language
- **Noor Kennedy** – International Studies
- **Scarlet Luk** – Literature
- **Larissa Ocampo** – Literature
- **Janani Paramanatham** – Biology
- **Vivien Truong** – International Studies

The ceremony, which was held in the new Melbourne Convention Centre, acknowledged the work of the individual students and also their teachers' and parents' roles in encouraging and supporting them during their VCE Studies. The ceremony was opened by the **Governor of Victoria, Professor David de Kretser AC** who compared the number of hours required to qualify for the VCE certificate, approximately 7500 in Year 12 and nearly the same in Year 11, with the hours required to become a Master Chef on Television, as an example of the way in which society undervalues academic achievement.

The Premier, the Hon John Brumby MP, spoke with pride of the achievement of Victoria's high achieving students and hoped that they would go on to contribute to our society and help make it a better place in which to live. He also spoke proudly of the convention centre which is the first six star energy efficient public building of its type in the world.

Mac.Rob is tremendously proud of our hardworking high achievers and wishes them well in their continuing education and looks forward to learning about their brilliant careers.

(Photos over page)

Ms Jane Garvey

STUDENT VET REPORT UPDATE

Student VET Reports will be posted to parents by next week.

Thank you.

Mrs Serpless
Careers



Premiers Awards

Premiers Awards recipients and their teachers



A Championship Race



After countless early mornings, running endless kilometres, holiday training sessions and battling wet and cold conditions, the school's cross country team finally took on their goal race of the season on Saturday 18 July at **The Victorian All Schools Championships**, Bundoora.

The race is a culmination of the best runners from all schools across Victoria. Stacked with amazing competition, our girls in their first serious year in the championships ran an amazing 3rd place in the u/17 girls team! As well, our junior u/15 team also ran a solid race. The girls have put Mac.Rob on the map in terms of school distance running and will now build on this result for even bigger and better things. It just shows that **hard work + belief = SUCCESS.**

A big **congratulations** to the following for their efforts:

Laura Rose Donegan 10F

Lucy Hodgkinson 10F

Georgina Oakman 10F

Catlin McCoy 11A

Alison Bird 10I

Michelle Liacos 9H

Jasmine Liu 9I

Catriona Nguyen-Robertson 10B

Mr Ryan Mannix

Sports Teacher



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> Invention Convention
from idea to enterprise



Earlier this year, I attended the **Questacon SmartMoves Invention Convention** in Canberra. It is a program designed to help innovative students around Australia develop and realise their inventions. My Physics teacher, Mrs. Sandulache urged the class to participate, so I did.

Entering was simple, as all it required was an idea for an invention or an innovative way of improving an existing product and an email to Questacon with the idea attached in any form. I sent in a 2 page essay. Actually I had planned to make an animation but didn't finish and in desperation, fixed one up in the half hour left!

Despite my (literally) last minute entry, I managed to make it into the program. Questacon organized and paid for my meals, accommodation and all transport, including the flight over. Within a month, I was in Canberra!

For 5 days, myself and the other 30 participants from around Australia were mentored and tutored in the ways of business and innovation, by some of Australia's most successful inventors. With 5 meals a day and regular trips to all the tourist sites Canberra has to offer (including a night time visit to Questacon), I had a fantastic time.

On the Thursday night before I left, the whole IC crew was invited to Questacon for a Gala Dinner where we were to 'meet and greet' with Australia's science 'bigwigs' including the director of CSIRO, and Bernie Hobbs, one of the Panel from the New Inventors who would later pick students (who had finished prototypes) from the Invention Convention to appear on their show.

All in all, it was a great week and I urge anyone interested to visit Questacon's website smartmoves.questacon.edu.au and to apply for next year.

Hilary Hunt 11E

Year 9 Subject Selections

On **Wednesday 29 July**, there will be an assembly for Year 9 students to discuss subject selection for 2010.

Students will be given information about the elective subjects on offer at Year 10, requirements for Year 10 courses and advice about how to make decisions regarding their subject choices. Following this, the girls will be given the 2010 Elective Handbook and Course Selection forms, which contain all the information they need to make their selections.

Parents and students are encouraged to look through and discuss this information carefully so that the girls are assisted in making the decisions that are most appropriate for them.

Parents and students are welcome to contact Ms Stout with any questions about this process either by phone - 9864 7782 or by email at: anne.stout@macrob.vic.edu.au

Ms Anne Stout
Head of Middle School

Literary Tour of England, 2010

An information session has been scheduled for **Tuesday August 11**, at 5.30pm in the theatre to provide details of the proposed tour and to address any concerns parents and students may have at this point. We warmly invite you to attend this session in the school theatre to find out more about the tour before registering a definite interest. A draft itinerary will be available for students to take home next week.

Ms Deborah Stringer

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

Newsletter Insert: READ FOR 30 DAYS – CELEBRATE 30 YEARS!!

There's still time for students to join in the celebrations of the 30th year of the MS Readathon. Due to popular demand the reading period for the 30th **MS Readathon** has been extended! Students can now read for any 30 day period during the months of June, July or August. Here's how to get involved:

Click online for free registration and receive a **FREE** MS Readathon wristband

Flick through books during the months of June, July or August (you can count books from other reading programs too)

Collect sponsorship donations from family and friends and collect some terrific rewards

Visit www.msreadathon.org.au or call 1300 677 323 for more details.



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MS is a disease of the central nervous system affecting more young Australians than any other neurological condition. 001793R14662

MUSIC NEWS

The Mac.Rob. / MHS Winter Concert is just 3 sleeps away!

Sunday 26 July

Rehearsals are at MHS as follows



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

Monday 27 July

Dress Rehearsals / Sound Checks are at the Melbourne Recital Centre in Sturt Street, South Melbourne

Arrival Times

All instrumentalists: 8.45am

All Choristers: 9.15am

All performers have been given written instructions with details of the Dress Rehearsal and the Evening performance.

They have also been given floor plans of the Ground Floor and Level 1.

These plans are detailed and must be brought to the morning rehearsal and the evening performance..

WINTER CONCERT UNIFORM

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

Top: Plain black $\frac{3}{4}$ 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





Forthcoming Events

Term 3

2009



Week 3:

Monday 27 July

Winter Concert - Melbourne Recital Centre, 7.30pm

Tuesday 28 July

Welcome to Japanese Exchange Students and teachers

Wednesday 29 July

SRC Celebrations of Kings Way's 75th Birthday

Thursday 30 July

Year 9 Assembly—Hall 1.40 pm—2.10 pm

Friday 31 July

National Chemistry Quiz

Aerobics State Championships

English Competitions Periods 1 & 2

Competition Commences at 8.55 am

Week 4:

Sunday 2 August

Adelaide Exchange

Thursday 6 August

Australasian Mathematics Competition

Week 5:

Tuesday 11 August

Japanese Exchange students depart

Thursday 13 August

Friends of Music Meeting 6 pm—Function Room

Friday 14 August

French students from Paris depart

Indonesian Exchange students depart

Year 11 & 12 Alliance Francaise Competition

Week 6:

Tuesday 18 August

School Council Meeting 6.30 pm

Wednesday 19 August

Parents Association Meeting 7.30 pm

Friday 21 August

Physics Olympiad

House Drama

Year 11 Social

Week 7: HEALTH WEEK



Wednesday 26 August

Biology Olympiad

Thursday 27 August

Parent Teacher Interviews 2.30 pm—8 pm

Friday 28 August

Late Start to school—Students to arrive by 9.10 pm