



NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL NEWS

One of the aspects of our student group that I most admire is their strong sense of social justice and their willingness to work hard to assist others in need. Most weeks I find myself signing cheques directed to a variety of organisations engaged in supporting the victims of fire and flood, children in need and in danger, refugees, helping people experiencing depression, alleviating poverty and supporting the homeless, addressing disadvantaged young people, not to mention a range of other organisations who work with animals, projects aimed at improving the environment and conquering diseases.

This is a body of students with a big heart and the determination to make a difference. Although ours is not a wealthy community, it is able to raise considerable amounts of money through sheer hard work and determination. Our students recognise that every small amount counts toward the total and the various fundraising activities and food stalls they hold, each generate good returns for effort. It is this effort that I would like to recognise and give the highest praise.

Yesterday I received a letter from **Frontyard Youth Services** in the city which is a high volume crisis service assisting young people who are homeless, at risk or facing multiple barriers. The letter thanked the students who had donated several hundred transport tickets noting that compounding the issues faced by many of these young people is the financial burden of purchasing transport tickets and that many of them had accumulated overwhelming debt as a result of transport fines so that this was a particularly useful donation. It seems to me that this is a fine example of the compassion and thoughtfulness which characterises our student body. Long may it continue!

Congratulations to Ishara Fernando and Janet Egan of Year 11 who have each been **awarded a magnificent scholarship by the Society for Australian-German Student Exchange** which allows them to spend 10 weeks in Germany which includes a special tour of Berlin.

The selection committee commended each of the girls on their outstanding performance in an interview with eight panel members. What a splendid achievement!

Ms Jane Garvey

ADELAIDE EXCHANGE NEWS

Mac.Rob students competed against Adelaide High School in 15 Sports in Melbourne from August 3—5 August.

The exchange was keenly contested with fair play and excellent sportsmanship being features of the exchange. Results for most events were close with Mac.Rob winning 8 of these contests and Adelaide High School 5 with two contests drawn. Adelaide H.S easily defeated Mac.Rob in the Football [69-7] and Mac.Rob was not challenged in Chess [15 ½ to ½], Cross Country [29-5], Hockey [10-0] and Table Tennis [6-0].

There was a surprise result in the Rowing with Mac.Rob winning this event for the first time in the living memory of those currently connected with the school. Special thanks to Zoe Hogg and Kath Bennett from the YWCA Rowing Club and Ms Rodriques for their contributions toward this success.

A summary of the results and of the winners of the most valuable player awards is included over leaf Thank you to staff and students from both schools for making the exchange of 2009 a memorable and enjoyable experience. Special thanks to the parents from Mac.Rob for billeting the Adelaide students during the exchange, to the student leaders, Linda Ho and Megan Jennings, and to the coaches of the sport teams.

Mr Russell Webber



Adelaide Exchange



Table 1: Results of Competitions between Mac.Rob and Adelaide High School.

Sport	Mac.Rob	Adelaide H.S	Most Valuable Player	Coaches
Badminton	4	2	Jing Wu	R. Webber
Basketball	21	21	Amanda Jenkins	J. Richards
Chess	5 1/2	1/2	Shuyu Wang	L. Andersson
Cross Country	29	5	Rosie Donegan	R. Mannix P DeLosa
Debating	1	0	Bebe D'Souza	Y. Arnott
Football	7	69	Miranda Hornung	M. McAlpine L. Harvey
Hockey	10	0	Caitlin Campbell	R. Webber
Netball	30	33	Megan Jennings	A. Tinney
Rowing	2	0	Danielle Weber	A. Rodriques P. Delosa
Soccer	0	1	Miranda Hornung	G. Clarke
Softball	16	16	Olivia Rog	K. Russell P.DeLosa
Table Tennis	6	0	Linda Ho	R. Mannix
Tennis	3 [16]	3 [18]	Olivia Wan	A. Tinney
Theatre Sports	55	44	Caitlin McInnis	M. Haddrick
Volleyball	1	2	Miranda Hornung	J. Stephenson

JAPANESE EXCHANGE NEWS

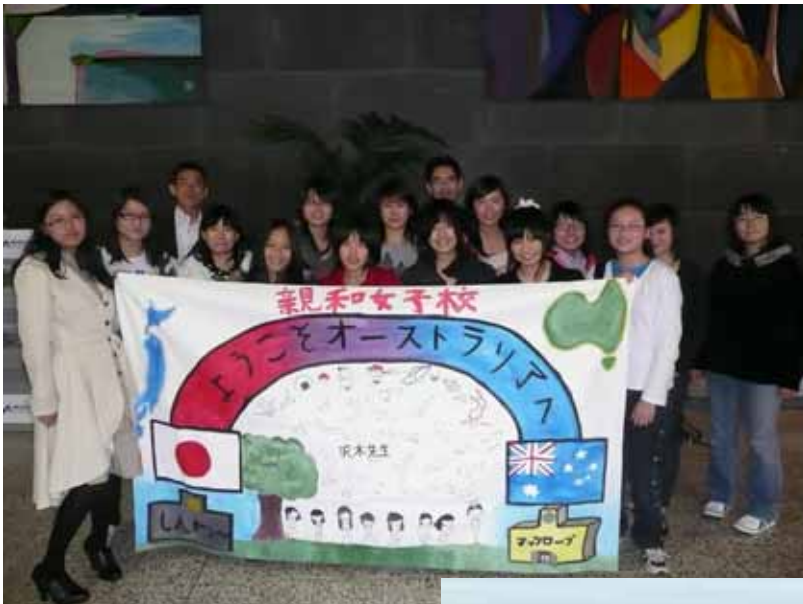
Seven Shinwa girls arrived in Melbourne on 25 July and stayed with Mac.Rob students for two and a half weeks. During this time Year 11 and 12 students studying Japanese were able to practise their language skills and most importantly break through the language barrier to make good friends.

Our Japanese classes suddenly became livelier with their arrival and we spent lessons cooking pies, making piñatas, scavenger hunting, doing trivia and teaching them aspects of Australian culture (such as having a barbeque). Mr. Grant also took them around the city while teaching them Aussie slang. Apart from Japanese classes, the Shinwa girls and the Mac.Rob host sisters also had the opportunity to go on excursions to the Botanical Gardens and go surfing in Torquay, which was an exciting event.

On the weekends the Mac.Rob host sisters took the Shinwa girls to Australian icons around Melbourne like Sovereign Hill, Werribee Zoo, Victoria Market, the NGV and DFO.

Overall the Shinwa Exchange was a success with students from both schools forming firm friendships with each other. We were sad to say goodbye to the Shinwa students this week, with lots of tears and hugs. **Special thanks** to Mr. Sawaki, Mr. Yokoyama, Ms Akins and Ms. Garvey for making the Shinwa Exchange an enjoyable and wonderful experience for students from both schools.

Michelle Wong 11C



Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to 9E who won the 2009 Premier's Reading Challenge Form Competition. The students of 9E read a total of 2655 books. In second place was 9A who read 2502 books.

All forms made a fine effort with a total of 11408 books read across the whole of the Year 9 level. The **Premier's Reading Challenge Form Captains;**

9A Claire Wong, 9B Kavya Raj, 9C Kashmi Ranasinghe, 9D Akane Saneyoshi, 9E Sashani Fernando, 9F Emily Rankin, 9G Nicole Da Cruz, 9H Michelle Liacos, 9I Dilini Imbulana and Yr 10 Kayla Milana assisted in the management of this challenge and I would like to thank them and their English teachers for their support.

Congratulations also go to **Janet Duong** and **Anna Hua** who won the **Individual Award**. They both read 300 books each.

The students from 9E will be taken to the **Writers' Festival** to hear the authors Chris Wheat and Kate de Goldi discuss the use of humour in their writing. This excursion is planned for the morning of Tuesday 25th August. 9E and 9A will also be treated to a luncheon this week.

Students who meet the criteria for the official PRC will receive a certificate of participation and will have their names published in 'The Age'.

Students who have not returned their verified reading list to Mrs Fitzgerald, need to do so before the 27th of August.

Photos to follow in next week's newsletter

Ms Lisa Fitzgerald
LRC Coordinator



Global Leadership Conference Report

On Friday 12 June, **The World Vision Global Leadership Convention** was held at the Etihad Stadium in Melbourne.

Rosie Heselev 9B, Danielle Brydges 10H, Fay Lui 9E and I attended. The day was amazing and insightful. We learnt of the inequality that encompasses our world and experienced a taste of it through a series of role-plays. We felt the impact of the global food crisis as best as we could. At the time of the conference, we learned that there are 90,000 million people in the world who go hungry everyday, and since then, I have gained ways of learning more.

Just last week I discovered that the number has grown to one billion people in just over a month. The day was empowering, the speakers even more so. It made me want to act.

Act — Lead — Change

Three steps, sounding so simple, and yet so difficult to enforce. The day was about learning how, and now. Following the help of the GLC, we can become the kind of leaders and global minded citizens we need to be, now more than ever.

Jessica Miral 11D



Mac.Rob students do well in the National Geographic Australian Geography Competition

Earlier this year students in Years 9 and 10 sat the **Australian Geography Competition** sponsored by the National Geographic Channel. This demanding competition challenges students to analyse and interpret a range of unseen geographic data in map, visual, statistical and graphical formats. Much of the material is not taught formally within the Victorian Essential Learning Standards curriculum. The results are therefore a testimony to the abilities of students in the school.

The results have been published and we are pleased to announce that in the Intermediate Division the school received 101 credits, 59 distinctions and 79 High Distinctions. These were awarded to:

Amy Fforde	Amanda Dissanayake	Shrist Dhir
Angela Zheng	Nhu Nguyen	Anita Liu
Kisa Chen	Whitney Chen	Genevieve Aldridge
Angela Kumar	Helena Niu	Anneaelis
Rakhee Subramanian	Sarah Brown	Jessica Dick
Greta Nash	Peranevi Thayaparan	Ariana Lim
Bronwyn Luong	Myriam Vinot	Angela Ng
Genevieve Borg	Janet Duong	Rebecca Tee
Simrata Nand	Laura Janes	Sharon Tran
Swetha Prabhakatan	Emily Licklitter	Elizabeth Howells
Ling Zhu	Lucy Yang	Nancy Phung
Catriona Nguyen-Robertson	Rose Lin	MI Fung Lee
Daniella Lee	Vivien Le	Sabrina Huynh
Fatima Haider	Shannon Davidson	Krita Sridharan
Rosie Selhorst	Sybilla Carr	Michelle Liao
Sinali Kaggodaarachichi	Jessica Lose	Jodie Chia
Juklia Liang	Sara Casey	Grace Langshaw
Charlotte O'Leary	Himasha Walgama	Hasini Walpola
Alicia Ware	Annie Waters	Kamilla Chylinski
Mahita Iyer	Rebecca Liu	Manoshi Perer
Vivian PHan	Jennifer Liacos	Vanessa Cheng
Christie Li	Viveka Nainani	Georgina Oakman
Naomi Peck	Anna Schneider	Keshini Thiyagarajah
Lauren Murphy	Sophia Ordonez	Vineeta Maruti
Danielle Brydges	Jennifer Dinh Nyugen	Lydia Chew
Rebecca Low	Georgina Lupson	Cheryllyn Chong
Charlotte Langdon		

All of the students are to be congratulated on their fine efforts

Mr John Stewart

Leader – Humanities and Geography Teacher

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Meeting Tuesday 18 August 2009 at 7.30pm
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. Teacher's address—Michele Dean: Food Technology
6. PA Web-site update
7. Parents Association Grants Policy – Voting on Proposal/s
8. Social Committee
9. Principal's report
10. Uniform and book sale
11. Other business
12. Date of next meeting



Sandringham
Royals
Baseball

Sandringham Royals Baseball Club
want **YOU** to give baseball a try.

We want girls from 14 years and
over to come and give our sport a go.

For Fun, for Friendship, and for
Families!

Current Players & Coaches will be on hand to help you get the best experience you can.

**WOMEN'S BASEBALL
COME AND TRY**

22nd August 2009
10.00am - 12.00pm
Tjilatjirrin Reserve
(formerly Tulip Street Reserve)
Tulip Street
Sandringham

Forthcoming Events

Term 3 2009



Week 6:

Tuesday 18 August

School Council Meeting 6.30 pm
Parents Association Meeting Function Room
7.30 pm

Wednesday 19 August

Physics Olympiad
House Drama 7 pm

Friday 21 August

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

Week 8:

Wednesday 2 September

Chemistry Olympiad

Friday 4 September

Winter Sleep Out—Gym

Week 9:

Sunday 6 September—Tuesday 8 September

Sydney Girls Exchange

Wednesday 9 September—Saturday 12 September

Combined Mac.Rob and MHS Play

Week 10:

Tuesday 15 September

School Council Meeting 6.30 pm
Parents Association Meeting Function Room
7.30 pm

Wednesday 16 September

Science Study Tour departs

Friday 18 September

Last day Term 3

Winter Concert on DVD—\$25

Act now and order your DVD. Order forms are available from the Music Office and Music Staff.